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July Board Meeting covers a lot of ground in a short time...

- Our Helipad is now operational. It took a while but it's ready.
- The new web site is well under way and looking great!
- The restrooms at the beach have been repeatedly damaged by vandals. Several ideas are in the works for repairing them and monitoring the situation.
- We are looking into developing an area for residents to park their campers, pontoon or other boats, etc. Site selection is being considered plus attorney opinion as to liability issues. This is something GVL residents could use and appreciate.
- Community “blight” has been an ongoing concern and the board is seriously moving toward solutions.

Jim and Valerie Cowan are the recipients of the Ladies' Club Lakeside Yard of the month award for June.

Beautiful is one way to describe their property but that's obviously a bit of an understatement.



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Your Community Calendar for August, 2019

Friday, August 9th @ 7:00 p.m. The Board of Directors of the Property Owners' Association will meet at the POA Lodge. We will be conducting the business of the Valley. All property owners are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Saturday, August 10th @ 9:00 a.m. The Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club will meet at the POA Lodge to make plans for fund raisers and improvements in the Valley as well as for a good breakfast and fellowship. All men of the Valley are encouraged to come join us!

Saturday, August 10th @ 10:30 a.m. The Grand Valley Lakes Ladies' Club will meet at the POA Lodge. – everyone plan to attend as we review and move forward with fund raising plans and as well plans for social activities. Come and join us!

Saturday, August 17th @ 6:30 p.m. Ladies, we will be having a "Dirty Bingo" Night. Linda Parkinson, our hostess, tells us it is a cross between Bingo and Dirty Santa. Sounds like fun – Ladies mark your calendars and be sure to bring your friends!

Tuesday, August 19th beginning at 9:45 a.m. The Daughters of Encouragement Bible Study Group will begin their study of 2 Corinthians. If you are interested, contact Dotty Fulgham @ (678) 230-3650 for more information.

Saturday, August 31st from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Join us at the POA Lodge for the Annual Pancake Breakfast served by the Grand Valley Lakes Ladies' Club members. Tickets are Adults \$7.00, ages 4-7 \$5.00 and children 3 and under are free. For tickets contact Linda Johnson, Barbara Parkhurst, or Jean Harrison (901-351-5907).

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, October 5th, The Grand Valley Ladies' Club will host a Fashion Show and Luncheon at Lone Oaks Farm at 11:30.A M. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Models will feature Fall fashions from local and surrounding businesses. Select stores will have booths where merchandise can be purchased.



Yards as beautiful as this one make selecting Yard of the Month awful easy! Congratulations to Nicholas and Cheryl Paliaro for receiving the July award! Their hard work leaps out at you as you drive by!

Wow!! This may not be the Guinness Record for most blooms on a gardenia bush but it's got to be close! Myra Peace is shown standing in front of her bush or, more aptly, "tree".

Can you believe this?



A neatly manicured lawn, beautiful hanging baskets, white sand beach. All of these made Rick and Sandra Cagle's home a shoe-in to earn July's Lakeside Yard of the Month Award!

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JULY MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The Grand Valley Lakes Men's club met Saturday morning, July 13, 2019 at the POA lodge. We first enjoyed a breakfast of Bill Stone's famous sausage gravy and biscuits.

During the meeting we recapped the projects completed by the men's club recently. These included the new signage at the first corner after coming through the gate, and the new sign at the lodge. Both turned out beautifully. In fact, one resident recently remarked that it looks like we're an "uppity" lake community (even though we all know that we're as down to earth as we can be).

The second, and probably most ambitious from a manpower perspective, was an updating to the beach area. Men's club members, led by Earl Butler, assisted by Randy Powell and others, replaced all of the posts and supports for the picnic pavilions and made sure they are structurally sound for decades to come. Once the lumber dries sufficiently we will be painting them. The see-saws were painted and Larry Johnson installed new seats and handles on them. All of the slides and play equipment was pressure washed by Jerry Parkhurst and weeds were removed from the gravel around them. The crepe myrtles were trimmed back to hopefully help deter the vandalism of the rest rooms (being dealt with by the Board of Directors.) There is still drainage work and other improvements to be made that is probably beyond the scope of men's club involvement but we have made suggestions to the Board of Directors and our great GVL maintenance folks.

Bill Stone will be having some signs made to temporarily identify the projects "GVL Men's Club...Proudly working for the community."

We discussed ideas for upcoming projects and fundraisers and once we decide what our next contribution to our great community is, we will again be hard at work and let you know what to expect.

We meet the 2nd Saturday of every month (the morning after the monthly Board of Directors meeting) at 9:00 a.m. at the Lodge. Anyone is welcome to attend and we encourage all of our men as well as our younger men to attend to share your ideas about how we can contribute to the betterment of our Grand Valley Lakes community.



This issue of the Grand Valley News is sponsored in part by the Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club.

The Men's Club is a hardworking, fun-loving bunch of men who meet every second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the POA Lodge. These members have quickly become a creative force and a work force within our community.



There was lots of serious dishwashing, window washing, and other cleaning at the GVAFD clean-up day. Pitching in were (l-r) Cherie Parkinson, Jeanie Ferri, Donna McClarin and Angela Quinney.

Not only was there cleaning up going on inside the fire house, but also on the outside – to remove low hanging growth on trees and clear the building of dangerous limbs. It really was a WORK day for everyone that showed up!



FIRE DEPARTMENT WORK DAY WORKED!

The Fire Department Work Day was GREAT! About 30 folks showed up and worked like crazy. Outside and inside the Fire Station got a lot of sprucing up. We're not finished, but well on our way. Kenny Oake said he's going to find those paints they have on special (in the same color ranges) and we'll mix 'em all up and come up with a color for the inside. We'll have a Paint Day sometime in the future.

Tom had a lot of help with testing the equipment and arranging it back on the fire truck. There was lots of sweat and you couldn't even tell it rained a few minutes cause everybody was already soaked !

I'm going to attempt to list all of the names involved in the work:

Donna McClarin, Tom Wein, Keith Clanton, Bill Platten, Larry Johnson, Earl Butler, Jeannie Ferri, John Houser, Angela Quinney, Sherrie Parkinson, Ronnie Parkinson, Randy Powell, Nancy Burke, Don Burke, Nancy Scott, Ron Scott, Lydia Scott, Luke Scott, Kenny Oake (We missed Teena, she was sick that day. Hope you're better, Teena!), Christine Buccitti, Kat Sones, Jess Bebee, Jim Gehringer, two of Jim's nephews and one of their friends (really great to have their help) and Lona Coffee.

I know I'm missing at least 2 names and I am so sorry. Everyone that worked did a such a wonderful job; you could tell because everyone was either sweaty or dirty or both !

We even got a visit from Richard Cates. It was good to see him get out and say hello.

Thank you for all you did from the Fire Chief and Board of Directors.

GVL'S ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY BOAT PARADE

On July 4, 2019, 11 Grand Valley families participated in the Annual 4th of July Boat Parade. These boats were decorated above and beyond what the GVL community could have ever expected! So much hard work and time was put into these boats and many participants even dressed in full costume and had an incredible day of fun on the lake.

This year's theme was "Disney" and boats were judged on how the boats and people on the boats reflected the theme, enthusiasm of participants, and overall appearance of the boat. This year's judges, Mary Yates, Pam Hazelgrove, Dianne Sipes, and Earl Butler said that this was a difficult decision as all of the boats were incredible this year.

GVL would like to recognize all of the sponsors for this year's boat parade: Tilted Willow in Middleton, TN, Cuttin' Up in Middleton, TN, Bill's Florist in Bolivar, TN, L & S Boat Sales in Iuka, MS, Marine Boat Sales of Pickwick, Hometown Pizza in Middleton, Tn, Paul Seaton Boat Sales in Counce, TN, and Middleton Style Shop. These companies have been very generous and we greatly appreciate their help. We encourage everyone to help support these businesses as they were so excited and willing to help the GVL community. The year's boat prizes were as follows:

1ST PLACE – Painted Canvas from Bill's Florist in Bolivar, TN (valued at \$50), a free haircut and a \$35 gift certificate for manicure/pedicure at Cuttin' Up in Middleton, TN, a blanket from Marine Sales of Pickwick, a t-shirt and light up Yeti style cup from L & S Boat Sales in Iuka, MS

2nd PLACE – \$20 Gift Certificate from Tilted Willow in Middleton, TN, a \$20 Gift Certificate for Cuttin' Up in Middleton, TN, a t-shirt from Marine Sales of Pickwick, a t-shirt and light up Yeti style cup from L & S Boat Sales in Iuka, MS

3rd PLACE – Gift Certificate for a free specialty pizza from Hometown Pizza in Middleton, TN, a t-shirt from Marine Sales of Pickwick, over \$40 worth of hair products from Middleton Style Shop, and a light up Yeti style cup from L & S Boat Sales in Iuka, MS

4th PLACE – Disney strawberry cupcakes (Carla Doyle)

5th PLACE – Disney strawberry cupcakes (Carla Doyle)

Members of the GVL community and guests also participated in our first 4th of July Kayak and Paddle Boat Race. Prizes for these were:

1st Place – T-shirt from Paul Seaton Boat Sales in Counce, TN, and light up Yeti style cup from L & S Boat Sales in Iuka, MS

2nd Place – T-shirt from L & S of Iuka, MS and Disney strawberry cupcakes (Carla Doyle)

3rd Place – Disney strawberry cupcakes (Carla Doyle)

Many spectators and participants in the parade stated that this year's boat parade was one of the best ever and amazed how our small community came together to make this day a success. A special thanks go to our judges this year and Bubba Winkler, this year's Master of Ceremonies.



Can you imagine how much time and effort went into this “show boat”, our first place winner?!

A big thank you to this year's boat parade judges! Mary Yates, Pam Hazelgrove, Diane Sipes, and Earl Butler did a super job made difficult by the quality of the entrants!



Every entry in the boat parade was colorful and unique and it sure was a fun day in the sun and on the water for Grand Valley Lakes folks!



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Something new this year was the addition of Paddle Boat and Kayak races. Several kayakers and teams of paddle boaters vied for the prizes. Event organizer Carla Doyle received as donations from area businesses. Carla and husband, Stan, did a super job putting the ALL of our boating events together!

Best Fireworks Show in Hardeman County!!

As usual the Grand Valley fireworks show was super outstanding!! An estimated crowd of around 300 enjoyed the display! Thanks to Tom Wein for making a trip to Pittsburgh, Tennessee to pick the fireworks up. Tom, assisted by Barry Joyner and Matthew Ince, put the show together. Keith Clanton, Johnny Rustin, and Alexis Cannon worked security to insure everyone's safety. Thanks to each one of these folks for again putting Grand Valley Lakes into the Hardeman County limelight!

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John Allen Brasfield, Jr.

Mr. John Allen Brasfield, Jr., age 77 of Grand Valley Lakes in Saulsbury, TN, passed from this life on Monday, July 8, 2019 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis.

A native of Staten Island, NY, Allen was born Friday, August 1, 1941 to the late John Allen Brasfield, Sr., and the late Beverly Hunt Brasfield Leng. He lived in Germantown, TN for 20 years prior to moving to Hardeman County in 2001.

He was a real estate agent for 25 years, and had been working with Keller-Williams Realty since 2009. He was also a prior owner of The Buyer's Agent Company. A veteran of the United States Army, he served from 1962 – 1966 and was stationed in both Korea and Germany. He was a member of Central Church in Collierville for more than 30 years, and was active in the Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club. His many interests included playing golf, listening to talk radio and jazz music, and helping his real estate clients with their needs. He loved teaching all the kids in his family how to snow ski, an activity he did not take up until in his 30's, and at one time, he had a private pilot's license. Allen, who was and is greatly loved, will be remembered as a kind and generous man who enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Turner Brasfield, whom he married on May 20, 1989, of Grand Valley Lakes; his son, John Allen Brasfield, III and companion, Victoria Reed, of Cleveland, OH; his brother, J. Hunt Brasfield and wife, Julia, of Morehead City, NC; additional family, John Gasquet, of Rohnert Park, CA; three sisters-in-law, Barbara (Kent) McDaniel of Rossville, TN, Ronda (Larry) Hogan of Oakland, TN and Peggy Cochran of Rocky Mount, MO; a brother-in-law, David Turner of Saulsbury; an aunt, Shirley Chartrand of Scottsdale, AZ; 18 nieces and nephews, including Shannon Green; and 28 great nieces and great nephews. Mr. Brasfield's family requests that all charitable contributions are sent to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org/donate) in memory of his mother, Beverly Hunt Brasfield Leng.



Roy Keys

A Memorial Service for our friend and neighbor, Roy Keys, was held at the POA Lodge on Saturday, July 27th. Roy touched so many lives in Grand Valley Lakes, his church, and beyond. "A friend to everyone who met him," said one neighbor. That statement summarizes Roy's personality. He befriended many, many area residents.

His congenial personality was always on public display as he helped his neighbors at the Grand Valley Lakes Area Trash Collection Site. He would virtually demand the opportunity to help everyone visiting there. Allow him to help you or face the "wrath of Roy"! He also served the community on its Board of Directors and was working toward an effective Neighborhood Watch Program.

Roy and Elaine, his wife of 11 years, attended Hebron Baptist Church. His active membership there allowed Roy to again add to his long list of friends while serving the Lord. He was a devout Christian and had no fear or hesitation expressing his belief in the saving grace of Jesus.

In addition to Elaine, Roy is survived by children Vic (Vickie), Derek, son-in law Jeff, Brianna (Joe), Justin, and Jillian (Lem). He also leaves behind 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, his sister Glenda (Fred), brother Ricky (Rita), many nieces, nephews and countless friends.

Roy was preceded in death by his wife JoAnn, and daughter Wendy.

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