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*Happy Fall Ya'll*

## **Board of Directors' Meeting for September, 2019**

The Board of Directors and attending residents were treated to a preview of Grand Valley's new web site. Stuart Cohen, a Valley property owner, has been putting the site together over the past few months and it's all but complete. Address? [www.grandvalleylakes.com](http://www.grandvalleylakes.com). Spend a few minutes browsing. You're going to like it! Stuart did this great job for no charge. Some future additions will include a facility for paying dues by credit card. In addition to the web site, Stuart is working on updating our Facebook page. There will be a private page accessible to property owners only. It looks great now BUT there's more to come!! Thank you Stuart!! What a great job!!

In other business, jug fishing rules were updated and adopted. The Board set November 9<sup>th</sup> as Grand Valley Lakes Annual Cleanup Day. The Men's and Ladies' Clubs will be helping organize and complete the project. Resident participation is encouraged. If you need help discarding some items, call the POA office. All you have to do to participate is show up at the POA Lodge November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

The Board is also looking into cleaning up abandoned/blighted properties. A Health Department inspector has been reviewing properties for the board and making a determination if they are habitable or uninhabitable. Based on his findings the board will be determining how to get these problem properties corrected.

The geese continue to be a problem. The Tennessee Wildlife folks advise residents to stop feeding these pests. In addition to creating a cleanup problem, they are also a health risk for swimmers and boaters. The board is considering rules banning feeding them and instituting fines for violating the ban. PLEASE STOP FEEDING THEM!

Jim Gehringer reported the Helipad is operational.

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*Your Community Calendar for October, 2019*

**Saturday, October, 5<sup>th</sup> – TIME CHANGE!!** Set your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed so you won't be late for church!!

**Friday, October 11th @ 6:00 p.m.** The Ladies' Club will host the quarterly Pot Luck Dinner. Bring your favorite dish and get to taste other favorite dishes from your neighbors and friends! The food is always plentiful and delicious and the fellowship is always great! Everyone is welcome to come and eat! And you can stay for the POA Board meeting that follows.

**Friday, October 11th @ 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, October 12th @ 9:00 a.m.** The Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club will be meet at the POA Lodge to discuss upcoming projects, fundraisers to pay for them and goals for improvement in the Valley. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend including our younger men to help us with our plans!

**Saturday, October, 12th @10:30 a.m.** The Grand Valley Lakes Ladies' Club will meet at the 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! We have had some fun, worked hard some of the time and always have good fellowship when we get together!

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**Tuesday, October, 15th @ 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Ladies' Bunko Night! We will be at the POA Lodge – and will we have fun! Bring your own beverage in your own drinking container – ice is available!

**Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – HALLOWEEN PARTY! KIDS GET YOUR “SCARE” ON!**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – Grand Valley Lakes Annual Clean-up Day!**

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## Grand Valley Lakes Ladies' Club September Meeting

The GVL Ladies Club meets the second Saturday of each month immediately following the Men's Club meeting. Our next meeting is September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am at the lodge. If you are not a member we hope you will join us. If you are a member please plan to attend on Saturday.

Some of the activities that are sponsored by the club are quarterly Pot Luck Dinners and preparations for memorials as needed, decoration of the Valley for holidays, occasional parties for the children, oversight for Ussery Cemetery, a group that welcomes New Comers to the Valley, ladies that send cards, visit shut-ins and the sick. We try to help when needed while making plans to pull together the community so we know our neighbors and have fun too!

All proceeds from the Ladies Club are used to make improvements in the Valley. Presently our focus is to update the POA Lodge. Thank each of you again for your support, for all you have done and for all you continue to do to make our Valley a wonderful place to live!



### **October is POTLUCK month!!!**

It's time for our quarterly Potluck Dinner!

Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> in the Lodge at 6:00 pm.

If you haven't attended one of these you've missed out on a lot of good fellowship, making new friends, eating some REALLY great food (not to mention some super-duper desserts!), and attending a board meeting if you want to stay!

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The September Yard of the Month award goes to **Earl and Rhonda Butler.**

If they ever move to the Valley permanently this yard will be a constant contender!

Question: While commuting to and from Memphis, where do they find time to accomplish these results?

Talk about a rebirth!!!

This wonderful home has received a total transformation by its new owners, **Chris and Tina Reisedge.**

We thank them for all the hard work that went into improving our lake frontage!



**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.

### **Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department Makes Changes...**

The GVAVFD met at the Lodge on Saturday, September 28th. Members voted on Board changes and information requested by their closing attorney.

Kat Sones will remain as Secretary and Tom Wein remains on the Board as Fire Department Chief. Lona Coffee will serve as President, Keith Clanton as Vice President, and Jess Bebee is a Board Member. This is the same Board, different roles. Lona will also act as Treasurer until someone is selected to assume that responsibility.

In order to accomplish a name change on the Deeds to the Fire Department lots, the closing attorney, per instructions from the State of Tennessee, requested a vote by members specifically dissolving the old fire organization. A vote was taken and the dissolution accomplished. Any items associated with that organization will be terminated. The one remaining item that is known is the checking account.

Members were given information on **Good RX** and **blinkhelp.com** to help pay for prescriptions. The Department wants to give members knowledge and tools to keep them healthy and informed.

Keith gave details on the Fire Department fundraiser. Tickets are available for \$10 each or three for \$25. There will be a drawing at the fire station November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Someone will be going home with a brand new .22 cal Henry lever action rifle valued at \$500. Tickets are available at the POA office and the guard gate. Ask any Board member for info!

Firefighter needs are being prioritized and the \$7,900 fund currently on hand will be used to equip and train them. Two additional firefighters have been added to the crew and hopefully one more in the near future. Also, please let the department know if you could train to be a First Responder. Work on the Fire Station is also a priority and help is requested from members.

Keith is working on grants. If you have any knowledge or have contacts that can help, please let him know. If you can work on one in particular, that would be good also. If you have any ideas that would help the department achieve a steady income for training and equipment, please let us know!

Kat will be heading up making sure we have all addresses in our service area. This is a huge undertaking that will have to be kept up. Please give her whatever help you can if she contacts you.

## **Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club September Meeting**

Men's Club considering next project(s)...

The September Men's Club meeting was filled with ideas for projects and fundraisers needed to pay for them. Replacing the old street signs was the hot topic. Members are researching the cost.

The club is also planning to participate, along with the Ladies' Club, in the GVL Cleanup Day on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Last year they removed several trailer loads of trash/debris and anticipate a repeat performance this year.

Several fundraising ideas were discussed. A turkey Shoot, a haunted hayride, and a smoked turkey sale were among those. The smoked turkey sale is being priced out to see if profits would justify the time, material involved.

Bill Richardson declared he was the best chili cook in the valley and dared anyone to challenge him. Well, Bill Stone did. Now maybe along about January or February we may have to have a chili cook off. We might just have to see if there are any other Grand Valley-ites bold enough to take up his challenge. Doubtful since these two old guys are pretty sure they're the best and that, no doubt, will scare off any would-be, pretender chili cooks. You know, if enough residents were foolish enough to actually jump on the "challenger band wagon" we might just have to have a chili dinner to eat it all. Actually, we could open it up to the greater community. Maybe there's a couple of other fish we could reel in. Right, Maggie?

The Men's Club meets at 9:00 on the second Saturday morning of each month. Every man in the Valley is welcome to join. Here's a good opportunity to have some fun, meet new friends, and make Grand Valley Lakes an even better place to live!

**Here's something new in our greater community!!**

**The "Gin Shoppe" in Grand Junction is now open!**

**This retail operation is now open 9-5 Thursday, Friday, and Saturday!**

**The Shoppe is stocked with a huge variety of arts, crafts, and general merchandise.**

**It's located on Highway 57 just north of Highway 368.**

**Stop by! You'll love it!**

## GET YOUR FIRE PERMIT **BEFORE** YOU BURN!!

Beginning Monday, September 23, 2019, a burn permit will be required to start an open air fire within five hundred feet of any forest, grassland or woodland. This is us in Grand Valley Lakes. Permits will be issued by phone or through our online system, if conditions allow. This permit requirement is in force until May 15, 2020.

A burn permit is not hard to obtain. Just call 731-658-2213 or go online at [www.burnsafetn.org](http://www.burnsafetn.org) to get your permit number.

Be sure to follow the [www.burnsafetn.org](http://www.burnsafetn.org) guidelines for any open air burning.

- **Check with local authorities to make sure there are no local restrictions on burning currently in place, especially in cities and towns that have their own burning permit system.**
- **Notify your local fire department and neighbors to let them know your plans to burn**
- **Do not burn on windy days (even if you are using a burn barrel!)**
- **Stay abreast of changing weather conditions**
- **Establish wide control lines down to bare mineral soil at least five feet wide around burn piles**
- **Keep fire containment equipment on hand during the fire (e.g. rake, shovel, water)**
- **Stay with the fire until it is completely out.**



## GVL Cleanup Day...

**Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup>** will be GVL's Annual Cleanup Day! If you have "stuff" you need to get rid of and but can't handle, call the POA Office and request someone pick it up on that day.

The Men's and Ladies' Clubs will be out picking up litter and hauling off things that need hauling. You are invited to be a part of the effort. Just show up at the Lodge at 9:00! Pick-ups and trailers are needed too. Got one? Bring it on!

Can't be there? Walk out your door and remove the trash/litter/debris around your immediate neighborhood. Last year's effort removed an unbelievable amount of trash from our community. We hope this year's effort will be even more successful!

The Ladies' Club will probably be serving free lunch. No exact word on that but we all know what these ladies are capable of.

Remember: This is YOUR community! Come out and help make it even more beautiful!!







Middleton United Methodist Church will restart their Senior Day bingo/lunch party on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30

Every senior is invited to join the fun!!

It's OK to bring a finger food potluck item and it's OK to not bring one!

The important thing? Just bring yourself! Come on down!



### Attention Crafters!!

### Attention Shoppers of Crafts!

Middleton United Methodist Church will be holding its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Craft Fair on Friday and Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

A vendor spot is \$35.00 and they are going fast!. Vendor apps are still available. E-mail Mary Cumberland at: [middletonumc@yahoo.com](mailto:middletonumc@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

This annual event has been steadily growing each year.

Food will be available. **Come see us!!**

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### Hey, Hey! Halloween is on the way!!

Tiffany and Johnny Rustin are planning a “**huge**” Halloween party for resident children and their friends!!

This is a “Trunk or Treat event” that will be at the POA. They need the support and help of the community to make this be an event that the kids will enjoy and remember.

This annual event is well attended (about 100 “kids” ) and we would like to keep it an annual event for our community and friends.

**Please call Tiffany at 731-203-4828** for information about what is planned; to let her know that you are bringing donations (Johnnie works at the gate and can accept these donations), to let her know that you would like to **participate in the “Trunk or Treat”** or to **offer your help with the games!**

They will need the following items (pick up a couple when you shop to help them out):

1. Candy! Lots and Lots of Candy!
2. **Volunteers!!**
3. Homemade Cakes for a cakewalk (or a cake you had some help with....Walmart Bakery).
4. Hot Dogs and Buns
5. Chips
6. Soft Drinks
7. Cupcakes and Cookies
8. Prizes for game and costume contest winners

Prizes could be small amount (\$5.00) gift cards. These would be prizes for game (Minute to win it” or “Ping Pong Booty Bounce”) winners.





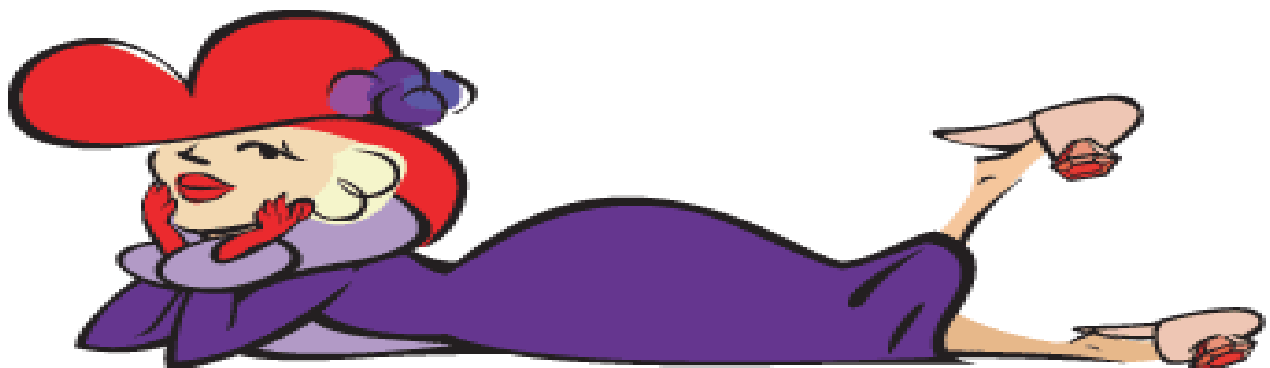
### The Red Hatters Are On The Go!

The Senoritas of the Sombreros Rojos adventured out to a ne eating establishment. The Country Club Bar and Grill located in the clubhouse at the Hardeman County Country Club. The food was plentiful and delicious!! We will try that one again. There was everything from shrimp (grilled or fried) to hamburgers with all the trimmings to dinner-plate sized baked potatoes with your choice of barbecued pork or chicken with everything but the kitchen sink!! Everyone had something different to eat and came away stuffed!! Then we made our way

to the Hardeman County Arts Council Theater to find our seats and enjoy “Beauty and the Beast, Jr.”. It was a wonderful show; the characters were well costumed and the singing was truly inspirational. What a way to spend an evening with a fine bunch of friends! Dinner and a play – can’t beat that!

These lucky folks who enjoyed the night out were (from left to right) Jimmy and Brenda Conry, Dot East, Louise Watkins (hiding in the shadows!), Myra Peace, Maggie Barrowclough behind her, Dot’s great granddaughter, Beth, John Houser behind and Diane Lanier. Not pictured are Gelene Kiethley, Helen Maloy, Tonya Wall and her friend, Alma.

We always try to include spouse and friends when we have an event. Ladies, come join us in our quest to support local businesses and find good times anywhere we go!



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