



# Grand Valley Lakes News

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Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> is

Clean Up Day

In Grand Valley Lakes !

(details inside)

## **Ladies' Club getting ready for GVL Clean-up Day...**

The GVL Ladies' Club will participate in a Valley Clean-up Day scheduled for Saturday, October 24th. Everyone will meet at the Lodge at 9:00a.m.

At 11:30 the ladies will provide hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies for those who participate.

I hope we have a beautiful day with a great turnout!!

Submitted by

Jean Harrison, President



Yes, Virginia, there WILL be a Halloween Celebration!

Thanks to the efforts of Johnny and Tiffany Rustin, Grand Valley will be hosting a “Social Distancing Trunk or Treat”. If you would like to participate just come on up to the POA parking lot Halloween night at 6:00. No appointment or registration necessary. Bring a trunk load of treats, wear the scariest costume you can make or buy, and show up.!

If you can't actively participate maybe you'd like to donate something for goody bags. Candy, other treats or even money. These can be dropped off at the gate or left with Margaret at the office.

Tiffany says this is going to be an awesome event. The kids and even we adults need a little pandemic relief. Wear your mask, scary of course, be prepared to social distance, and come on over! Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00!!!

By the way! Spread the word!!

*Your Community Calendar for November 2020*

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**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** - Clean Up The Valley Day! We will meet at the Lodge at 9:00 a.m. And go from there!

**Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** – We will celebrate Halloween with a TRUNK OR TREAT Event in The parking lot of the POA Lodge beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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**Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> @ 2:00 a.m.** TIME CHANGES – We “fall” back one hour!

**Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.** The Grand Valley Lakes POA Board of Directors will meet at the lodge. It has been a long time and there are a lot of issues to cover!

**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.** The Grand Valley Lakes Men’s Club will meet at the Lodge and have breakfast and cover a lot of topics. All the men of the Valley are invited to attend the meetings!

**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.** The Grand Valley Lakes Ladies Club will meet in the middle room at the lodge. It has been a while since the ladies have been together and there is a lot to discuss.

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**Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.** Ladies Game Night at the POA Lodge!! Yeah!! We will social distance and use hand sanitizer. Feel free to bring your own drink and snack for yourself – we will not be preparing food to share. Let’s have some fun!

**Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** Thanksgiving Day – We have a lot to say grace over this year!

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October Board meeting covers variety of items...

As reported last month the lowering of the lake has been delayed due to the spillway being inoperable.

Tom Wein was able to determine the problem however professional divers will be required to determine the exact parts needed for the repair and to make the repair itself. Scheduling qualified divers has been a slow process but they are scheduled for mid-October.

The UTV identification program is in full swing. As of mid month there have been 42 stickers issued. If you own an ATV you now have less than 30 days to register. Remember to bring your vehicle to the office to have a picture made for the file. Also, the initial sticker is free.

Our new "private, for members only" web site is almost ready. When finished property owners in good standing will be able to get a password that will allow access. This site will contain information such as agendas for and minutes of board meetings, and financial reports. Members will also be able to pay dues on line using debit or credit cards.

The board changed an existing rule banning hiring relatives of board members or other POA employees.. The new ruling allows relatives to be hired but they cannot report directly to a family member. We have openings now. If you or someone you know would be interested in working in GVL security or maintenance, please get in touch with Margaret in the office.

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## Hey, Hey!! Good news!

Our gym is re-opening. Hopefully “reopened” by the time you read this!

First. You will have to get a new code. No big deal, just go by the office or call and get one.

Surprisingly few rules to follow:



No more than four folks at a time. Social distancing, please.

Sanitizers will be available. Please clean equipment BEFORE and AFTER you use it!

Keeping things clean is a priority so, please, cooperate on that score.

Please do not move the equipment! It's purposefully placed for social distancing!!

Please limit your visit to about an hour so others can use it.

Also note that there will be no pass-through to the restrooms in the kitchen area from the exercise room.



**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.

## **Men's Club pondering new fundraisers...**

The pandemic has delayed the annual Men's Club Fish Fry fundraiser but the need for improvements to the Valley go on. The October meeting was a discussion about the need for and ways to earn additional funds.

Since outdoor activities are more “pandemic defensible” a turkey shoot was brought up. It could be scheduled a couple of Saturdays before Thanksgiving. Actually there could be a couple or three different activities. A regular shoot where the number of pellets in the target area would be the winner of each round and then another shoot called “Drop the Turkey”. In this event, a turkey is suspended on a string. The shooter severs the string and the “turkey drops”. A raffle for a few items could be run as an accompaniment to the shoots. Maybe you have some other ideas? E-mail me if you do.

In case you wonder what we want to do next, just one idea planned is completion of the purchase and installation of new street signs throughout the entire valley. We've made a good sized dent in that project but there is still a lot more to do.

A group of Men's Club volunteers met Saturday 10/17 and cut dead trees and brush off the main roads and carried them to the Valley fire pit. They removed three large trailer loads. No doubt you can see the improvement.

The club meets the second Saturday morning each month at 9:00 in the POA dining room. You are welcome to come join us, lend us your help, and pass along your ideas for improving our community.



Several volunteers from the Men's Club cut dead trees and brush along GVL main roads on Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>. Three of those (l-r) Earl Butler, George Harrison, and Randy Powell are shown with the last trailer load of dead trees as they prepare to head to the dump..

## Three Pepper Spiced Cookies

These easy icebox cookies get their "bite" from a combination of spicy ginger, several peppers, and some ground chile.

Source: Better Homes and Gardens



### Recipe Summary

Prep: 40 minutes    Chill: 4 hrs    Bake: 8 minutes @ 375    Yield: 60 cookies

### Ingredients:

½ cup butter, softened

1 cup of sugar

1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder

½ teaspoon ground ancho chile pepper

## **Cookies (cont'd)**

1/2 teaspoon of finely ground black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon of ground ginger  
1/2 teaspoon of ground cloves  
1/2 teaspoon of ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon of cayenne pepper  
1 egg  
1 Tablespoon of milk  
2 cups of all-purpose flour  
Medium grind black pepper  
10 ounces bittersweet chocolate, coarsely chopped  
1 Tablespoon of shortening

### **DIRECTIONS:**

In a large bowl, beat butter with electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Add sugar, baking powder, ground ancho chile pepper, the finely ground black pepper, ginger, cloves cinnamon and cayenne pepper. Beat until combined, scraping side of bowl occasionally. Beat in egg and milk until combined. Beat in as much of the flour as you can. Using a wooden spoon, stir in any remaining flour. If necessary, knead dough slightly to blend. Shape dough in a ball. Divide dough in half. Shape each half into a 6-12-inch-long roll. Wrap in plastic wrap or waxed paper, chill 4 to 24 hours.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Cut rolls into 1/4 -inch-thick slices. Place slices 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Sprinkle cookies with medium-grind black pepper. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are golden. Transfer to rack and let cool.

In a small saucepan, combine chocolate and shortening. Cook and stir over low heat until melted. Dip each cookies halfway in melted chocolate, shake off excess. Place chocolate-dipped cookies on waxed paper. Let stand until chocolate is set. Makes about 60 cookies.

If you have not tried "Fall Mix" or "Harvest Mix" you are missing one of the pleasures of the Halloween holiday. Mix roasted, salted peanuts in a one to one ratio with candy corn (yeah, I know it is a controversial treat...) and you get a sweet and salty treat that can't be beat. And if by chance you mix in a few chocolatey bits ( your choice of milk chocolate, semi-sweet) it goes all the way to fantastic! If you have a favorite bar mix just add those sweet nuggets of candy corn and sit back with the whole bowl to watch your favorite Halloween movie.

***ENJOY!***



**ATV/UTV registration is under way...**

The number of unsafe incident reports involving these type vehicles has increased substantially. These reports include destruction of property, speeding, and over occupancy of the vehicle. Although reported, it is difficult to identify the vehicle in question.

In our community setting, ATVs are convenient and a fun means of transportation, especially for teens. While this is true, it's also true Tennessee ranks seventh in the U.S. for ATV related deaths. ATV owners may not be aware of the behavior of family members driving their vehicles.

To address unsafe and destructive acts the board adopted an ATV/UTV registration policy. Every ATV/UTV type vehicle **must be registered by October 15<sup>th</sup>** (note: if you have not registered your vehicle **GET IT DONE** – there is no charge for the missed deadline, but it must be registered to be legal in Grand Valley Lakes!).

Following is the procedure:

1. A picture of every vehicle will be taken at the office and posted in a registration log book.
2. Every vehicle will be issued two numbered stickers similar to the current boat stickers and two digit year tabs. The stickers must be applied at the POA office. This information will also be posted in the log book.
3. Updated owner information including name, address, telephone number and e-mail address will be collected at registration. For privacy, this information will be kept in a separate file and will be available to authorized personnel only.

The initial registration is free. Annual updates of stickers will be \$2.00. Please note: The vehicle must be brought to the office for registration.

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## Guidelines for Lake Side Structures

All repair and new construction projects require a work order submitted to the POA office. The purpose of these work orders is to alert the Entrance Gate guards that the project associated personnel and materials are for approved projects.

All new structures within 30' of the lake side (rear) property line require a variance (examples - deck, gazebo, dock, boat slip, sea walls, etc.). The following information is provided to help with the planning and approval process.

Package information required to request a variance:

- Drawing of planned project showing location of structure, natural shoreline, property lines, easements, and if needed, projection into lake. (Suggested drawing be large enough to show all dimensions)
- List of materials and pictures (if available).
- Letters from adjacent property owners (if needed).
- Survey information (if needed).

The package is then submitted to POA office. There it will be date stamped and forwarded to the Architectural Committee for consideration. The committee will review and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for a vote. The entire process should take no more than 30 days.

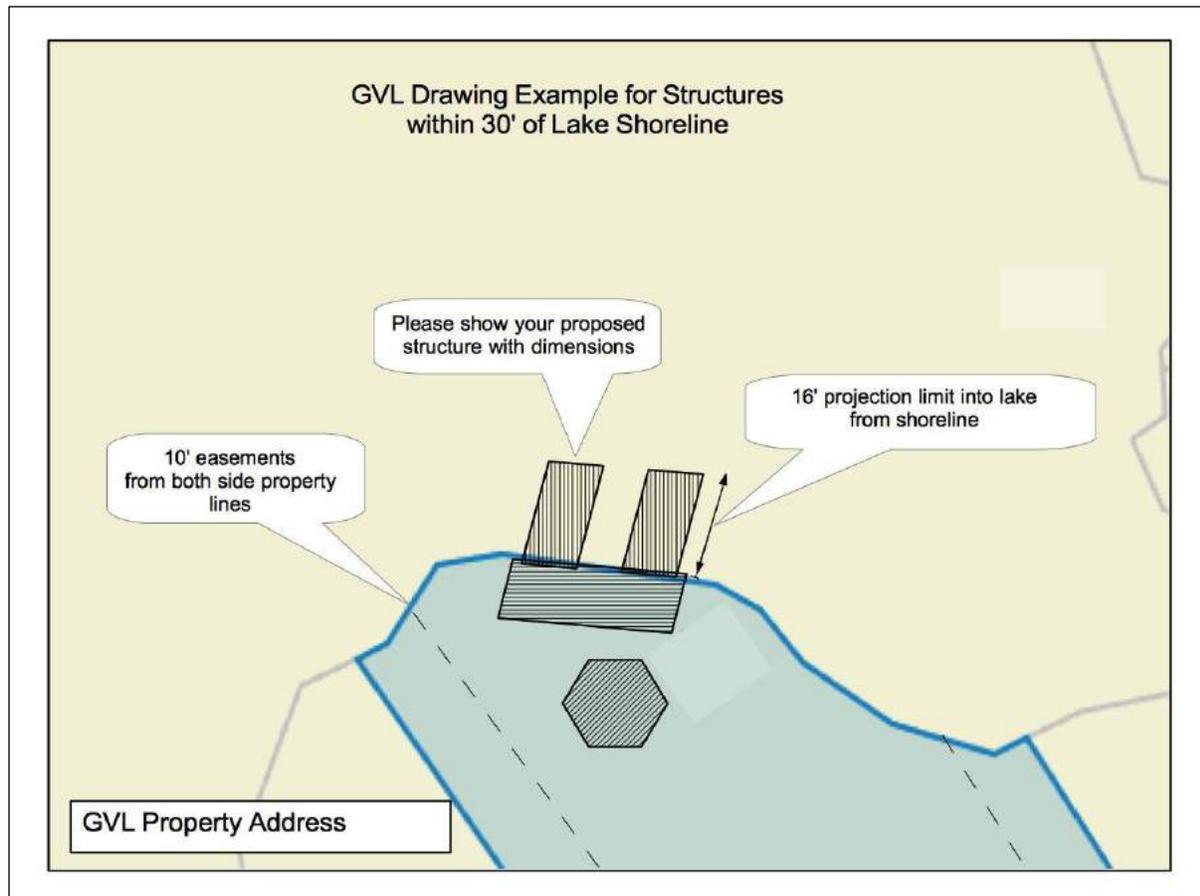
Normal guidelines are listed below:

- 10' easements from side lot lines to structures
- 16' limit for projection into lake from the natural lake shoreline
- Structure heights limit will not obstruct neighbor's views
- Structure material – wood or metal
- Siding material – wood or metal
- Roof material – composite shingles or metal
- Decking material – wood or composite (not sure about vinyl or metal)
- Colors for all – natural or painted similar to home
- Sea walls – wood, stone, or metal

Past Special Variances Allowed to Normal Guidelines listed below:

- Letter from adjacent property owner allowing the 10' side easement to be reduced to 0'. In this case, the property line must be verified with a survey and marked. The structure shall never cross the property line.
- In shallow coves, the 16' projection limit into the lake has been relaxed to accommodate shallow water and irregular shorelines. Must consider interference with access to the lake and views of neighboring properties.

Do not hesitate to ask for Architectural Committee assistance if needed. They can be contacted through the POA office.



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