



Grand Valley Lakes News

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To The Residents of Grand Valley Lakes:

The POA has NOTHING to do with the newsletter. It's a voluntary thing Diane Lanier and I do. Money for its printing comes from ads, donations, or our own pockets. Grand Valley Lakes has never given us even a penny.

Perhaps you think you aren't receiving the paper since we haven't been printing monthly due to there being no activities to report on. We actually skipped two months in the heart of the pandemic. We are going to try to pick up monthly again maybe beginning in May.

We do not publish on a specific day of the month because we get our articles from many sources whose deadlines don't match ours and we try to be up to the minute in our reporting. Like many companies our timing also depends upon equipment and an outside printer.

For those people that do not receive the newsletter by email, we put the printed copy at the gate in a box that is labeled "Newsletter". We do not mail the newsletter because of the expense and we do not get paid enough to deliver house to house.

Please let me know if you have any questions contact me by phone or at jameswstone@yahoo.com.

Thanks,
Bill

Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department News

The State Fire Marshal's Office visited the Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department Station on April 22nd. They were expressing their appreciation for the work the Fire Department does and presented Fire Chief Tom Wein, II, a plaque commemorating the approval for a Grant that was used this year to purchase new equipment which will be used by his Firefighters. Keith Clanton, Vice-President and Firefighter did all the work associated with getting the Grant approved and Lona Coffee, President did all the follow-up work associated with it.

Pictured below is Fire Chief Tom Wein, II and Gary Farley, Assistant Commissioner of Fire Prevention for the state of Tennessee. They are standing in front of the Fire Department's 1985 Peter Pirsch fire engine.



Pictured below is, from left to right, Jim Tracy, Senior Advisor Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance; Keith Clanton, Vice-President and Firefighter for Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department; Tom Wein, II, Fire Chief for Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department; Jimmy Sain, Mayor of Hardeman County; Jennifer Peck, COO and Chief of Staff for Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance; Gary Farley, Assistant Commissioner of Fire Prevention for the state of Tennessee; and Tommy Perkins, District Field Liaison for Senator Page Walley of Tennessee.



Not pictured, but also attending from the state of Tennessee Fire Marshal's Office were: Mary Beth Gribble, Director of Programs and Policy; Baylie Scott, Assistant Director of Education and Outreach; Ali Fontana, Community Risk Reduction Coordinator and Andrew Diffie, Photographer.

May Board elects officers...

The GVL Board met May 14th for its regular monthly meeting. First order of business was election of board officers for this year. These are President Ron Scott, Vice President Stan Doyle, Secretary Nancy Burke, and Treasurer Donna McClarin. Lona Coffee was selected to fill the balance of Earl Butler's term.

The "End of School" party, hosted by Johnny and Tiffany Rustin, will be held on June 5th.

The GVL fireworks display will be on Saturday, July 3rd.

Tom Wein reported our Tennessee State Sanitary report scored 599 out of a possible 599! Security's jet skis are in the water. Maintenance is repairing the bulldozer and repairing roads..

The architectural committee reviewed and the board approved two requests.

Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department

Notice of annual dues for Fiscal Year June 2021-May-2022, news and financials for entire May 2019-June 2020 Fiscal Year and May 2020 thru March 2021 of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year was sent to all members.

We will have a visit from the State Fire Marshall's office this month (April).

If you have any questions or comments, please send them to email address feedbackforvfd@gmail.com

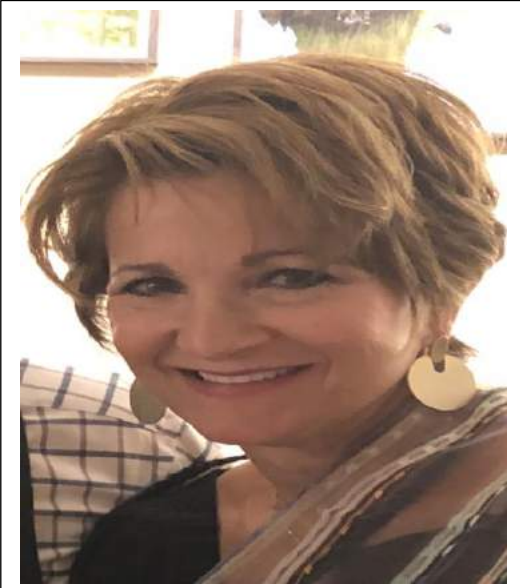
Please support your Fire Department by paying yours dues. Thank you !

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...And You Re-elected Barbara Parkhurst

Voters in Grand Valley Lakes expressed their confidence in candidate Barbara Parkhurst by re-electing her to the Property Owners Association Board of Directors. She has been instrumental in the POA Lodge make-over and the marketing of the property on social media to increase the exposure as a rental venue primarily as a wedding location but also as a more formal social gathering venue. Her efforts, supported by the Ladies ' and Men's Clubs have increased the rental income over previous years.

...And You Re-elected Ron Scott

Voters in Grand Valley Lakes expressed their confidence in candidate Ron Scott by re-electing him to the Property Owners Association Board of Directors. During his time as past-president he saw to improvements in the water system, maintenance capabilities, and the levee/stilling basin when upgrades were required by the State of Tennessee. Also during this time, in an effort to make it easier for property owners to pay obligations, acceptance of credit card payments was implemented.



...And You Elected David West

Voters in Grand Valley Lakes elected, with confidence, David West. David is not really a newcomer to the Valley. His mother had a house here – David and his family are re-doing the house and grounds so it will be ready for his retirement. We look forward to his input as a director on the POA Board.



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Spring is in the air, Its time to clean-up everywhere!

Our new Community Beautification Committee (CBC) is actively seeking volunteers to help improve the physical appearance of Grand Valley Lakes. Able bodied volunteers will team together to fix-up, clean-up, landscape and just improve the overall appearance of our wonderful community.

These crews will be comprised of men, women and hard-working teens that all want to see GVL shine like the hidden gem it is! No special skills required, just a desire for improvement!

If you would like to volunteer, call Stuart Farmer at 901-494-7806



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 May Meeting short and productive

The GVL Men's Club held its May meeting on Saturday, May 15th. First order of business was election of officers. George Harrison was re-elected President and was given the additional responsibility of Treasurer. Stuart Farmer was elected Vice President.

The Fish Fry Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 4th.

Following the meeting a large number of those in attendance adjourned to the beach to complete a much-needed project.

Membership and attendance have grown this past year in spite of the pandemic. Every man 18 years or older in Grand Valley is invited to join the club. No experience necessary!

Men's Club spends Saturday at the beach...

Jerry Parkhurst. Jim Cowan. David West. Jimmy Lomax. Lloyd Coffee. Earl Butler. Randy Powell. Stuart Farmer. Richard Burton. Paul Benoit.

Following their regular monthly these members adjourned to the beach where they spent the morning repainting/repairing the picnic tables and see-saws. The results of their efforts are obvious. Stop by and take a look!

This group spends a lot of time doing little and mostly big projects. There's room for you to come join them as they work to make our community a greater place to live!



...Another Project Done!

The men re-conditioned and repainted the see-saws at the beach. Looks like they had fun making them fun for the kids!



It Is That Time...

The Beach recreation area is open for the summer. It is always good to review the rules that govern the area.

Please be aware that guests must be accompanied by a member at all times. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a member at least 18 years of age or older.

Please be aware that there are NO PETS allowed on the beach. Do not bring glass containers of any kind to the beach.

Beach hours are **8:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m.**



Just a reminder...

It is all common sense. You are responsible for you and your guests.

Leave the area clean and neat for the next beachcomber!



...Another Project Done!

The Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club took on the project of reconditioning the picnic tables at the beach. They sure made them look good and fun!

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To GVL Property Owners:

The spillway gate, which regulates the water level in the lake, is not functioning and has to be replaced. If it were to fail, the lake would drain and there is the possibility that we would lose part of the levy, also, so it is important that it be replaced as soon as possible. On 2-23-21, the Board contracted with F&M Engineering in Savannah TN, based on their experience with spillways and water control systems. Their plan is to begin the work around June 15th of this year.

The current proposals for replacement total \$114,106 and \$149,860. A more precise number will be given to us by F&M Engineering before the work is started. Whatever amount we are given, we will be adding in 10% of the cost to attempt to cover unforeseen costs; that amount will be used to decide how much to pull from our accounts.

\$41,000 of the total cost will come from the PPP money that we received for COVID relief. Other options continue to be discussed, such as—select cutting some trees. The remainder of the money will come from our savings account. We will work out a repayment plan to ourselves with a 2% interest rate over the payback period.

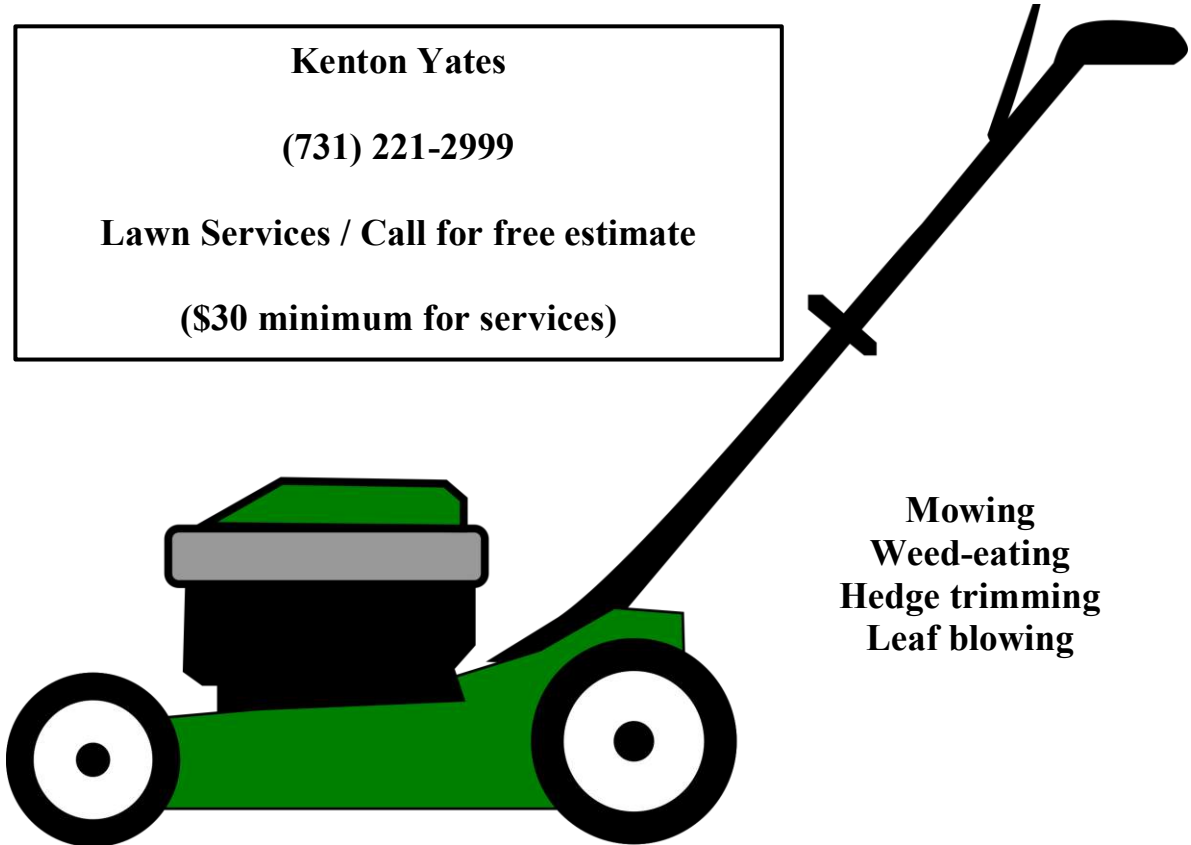
In order to lessen the amount taken out of our savings, each Board member has committed to giving some amount of money. We are asking that everyone who can, please contribute some amount of money; no amount is too small.

These funds can be given to Lona Coffee or mailed to her at 240 Teton Dr., Saulsbury, TN 38067. You can also leave it with Margaret in the POA Office; Margaret can also take credit cards.

Your additional money would be appreciated as soon as possible so that we can pull less out of savings. However, if you can't make the early June timeframe, we'll still take it and put it back in savings.

A MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE POA LODGE ON FRIDAY, MAY 28th AT 7:00 PM TO GIVE FOLKS DETAILS, LET THEM ASK QUESTIONS AND PRESENT ANY IDEAS ON WHERE THE MONEY COULD COME FROM AS WELL AS HOW LONG THE PAYBACK TIME SHOULD BE.

Thank you,
Your Property Owners Association Board



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Where are the children (and youth)?

There have been several comments lately about the lack of things for our children and teens to do here in the Valley. This is a concern of the POA Board as well. However, no one seems to know how many children live here, how old they are, where they live or what things they are interested in. That many unknowns make it very difficult to plan things.

To get a better idea of how many children and teens are here, a short survey will be available at the gate. If there are children or teens in your household, please take the time to fill out this survey. This can be done anonymously. However, we hope that some of you will be willing to help plan, supervise or raise money for activities. Ask your children what they would like to see. Maybe your teen would like to help with younger children. All suggestions are welcome. While our funds and facilities are limited, surely there are some things we can do for our kids.

Please take the time to fill out a survey and give us your ideas and support. Surveys can be turned in at the gate. Once we have your ideas, your suggestions and your offers of help, we can start planning for some fun.



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Grand Valley Lakes Children and Youth Survey

The GVL POA Board of Directors is interested in providing activities for all age groups in the Valley. However, we have only a very rough idea of how many children of different ages live here and in what areas. We are inviting all parents and other guardians to complete this short questionnaire. Thank you for your time and interest.

How many children/youth live with you and their ages? 0-2____, 3-5____, 6-9____, 10-13____,
14-18____

Are you ____ full-time, ____ weekend/vacation

Do you live _____ in front, mobile home section, _____ central, around the lake,
_____ around the golf course, in the back

If a park were to be built, what equipment would you like to see in it? _____

What would be a good place to have a park? _____

What activities are your children/youth interested in? _____

How could money for a playground or other activities be raised? _____

Would you be interested in serving on a planning or fundraising committee or helping with activities?

Name _____ Phone _____

email _____

Teenagers, would you be interested in helping with activities for younger children?

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Any other ideas or suggestions? _____

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