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MEN'S CLUB

When this sign you see
You know that good things are
happening for you and me.
The Grand Valley Lakes Men's
Club is steppin' out;
Working here and there and all about
To make this a more beautiful place.
They are helping us put on our best
face
For folks that live here and those
that think they do.
So who has the manpower and tools
this job to do?
It's the Men's Club fixing things up-
that's who!



Ever cringe when you passed by the old street sign marking the Cove, Drive, or Road you live on?

Did you ever have a hard time figuring out what street you were driving on or what street you were turning on to? Or maybe this is not the place to turn?

In the beginning these were neat and different but time took its toll.....obviously.

The second large scale project the club took on was replacing all the old street signs with up-to-date metal ones.

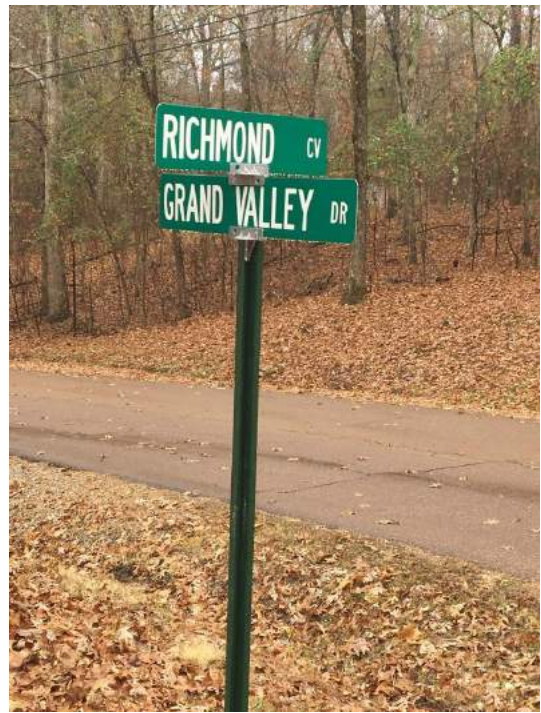
Half of these are already replaced.

The balance have been purchased and are on hand waiting for a few days of decent weather.

And you can read them whether it is day or night.

And you can tell which road you are on and which one you can turn onto.

What a welcome change... and a very needed one!



Your Calendar of Events for February/March

Friday, Feb. 11th @ 7:00 p.m. The POA Board of Directors will meet to conduct the business of the Grand Valley Lakes community.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. Hardeman County Arts Council presents their Mystery Dinner Show "Oh Please Don't Beam Me Up. Dinner is served beginning at 6:00 p.m. And the show starts at 7:00 p.m. Can you solve the mystery? Tickets are \$27 each. What a Great Valentine's Day date!

Saturday, Feb. 12th, @ 9:00 a.m. The Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club will meet

Saturday, Feb. 12th, @ 10:30 a.m. The Grand Valley Lakes Ladies' club will meet in the POA Lodge to make plans for the coming year.

Saturday, Feb. 12th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Valentine's Day Party for folks aged 10 to 17 at the POA Lodge

Friday, March 11th @ 7:00 p.m.. The Board of Directors of the POA will meet.

Saturday, March 12th @ 9:00 a.m. The Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club will meet

Saturday, March 12th @ 10:30 a.m. Ladies' Club will meet in the POA Lodge.

Saturday, March 12th Set your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed.

Sunday, April 17th – HAPPY EASTER!

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The Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club....

Where we've been, where we are, and where we're going.

For many years, the word on the street was, "Grand Valley can't have a Men's Club. It will never work. Men aren't interested in any club".

About six or so years ago ten men got together one Saturday morning and decided there COULD be a men's club in the Valley. They decided to meet monthly and plan ways to help improve Grand Valley Lakes.

They did start meeting monthly. They elected a president and a treasurer. There was no formal agenda, no minutes, no formal reports. They did, however, start having informal breakfasts. Along with breakfast came conversations about things they could do to improve the community. The ideas were plentiful. The funds were not. An agreement to pay \$60 per year dues created around a \$500 beginning bank balance. This was enough to open a checking account but not enough to do much improving.

Ideas flew. Among them were a raffle, bingo, turkey shoot, and the clear winner, a catfish dinner. Things began to move. It was surprising how many and what kinds of connections the members had to actually have a fish fry. While we're frying fish, how about having an auction? Yes! With an unreal amount of enthusiasm, planning, work, using contacts, asking for help, and hoping, that first year went off unbelievably well! They earned around \$3500 to \$4000. Now there was money in hand to start some of the projects they had discussed.

The first real project was replacing the main entrance, POA, and GVL Drive signs. This cost surprisingly little when viewing the results. Why? It was discovered hidden among all the planning was a group of men who are also very talented and were willing to use those talents in completing the project. The results were amazingly beautiful!

From that beginning the club has about doubled in size, tripled in ideas, and quadrupled in enthusiasm! The club now has around 20 members. The fish fry this year netted around \$6500. The replacement of old street signs with modern up to date ones will shortly be completed. There is a parking area for boat trailers, campers, or other vehicles close to being finished. Residents will be able to use this parking area for storage of these vehicles.

Into the future, the club hopes to establish a study center at the lodge for students living in the Valley. It will include computers, printers, and internet access. A covered bus stop shelter at the POA is planned. Creation of a camp ground for Scouts is being discussed. The lighting and electric receptacles at the marina are going to be updated and replaced. These are just some of the projects being seriously considered or which will be under way very shortly.

Hey, guys in the Valley! The Men's Club has played an important part in improving our community for you and your family! Why don't you come help?

**This edition of the Newsletter is devoted to the members of the Men's Club!
Thanks for all you do to make Grand Valley Lakes an even greater place to live!!**

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Paul Benoit	George Harrison
Jim Cook	David Parkinson
David West	Marvin Huffman
Mike Kelly	Terry Surratt
Jerry Parkhurst	Randy Powell
Larry Johnson	Lloyd Coffee
Jim Cowan	Jimmy Lomax
Stan Doyle	Jim Gehringer
Rick Burton	Stuart Farmer
Earl Burton	Billy Williams
Ron Scott	Bill Stone

These guys are the current members of the Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club. If you see any of them out and about, give them a big thanks for the job they are doing making GVL a great place to live! If you are a property owner in our community, come join them! Many are week-enders. If that describes your status, come on. The weekend is when the club meets and when the majority of their project work is completed.

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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.



It's A Party!....A Valentine's Party!

February 12th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the POA Lodge

Only Folks aged 10 to 17 are allowed!

We will have all kinds of refreshments from cookies to chips to snacks and drinks!

Put your "heart" into it and be there!

If you would like to donate, please contact Johnny @ 731-376-8333

A GREAT BIG "Thank You" to **Johnny and Tiffany Rustin** for all the work they do so that Grand Valley Lakes kids and their friends can have treats and fun on special days during the year. These are people a growing community needs. Let's support them in their efforts.

A Great Big Thank You

It is our custom in the last issue of the year to send a BIG “Thank You” card to those businesses and individuals who have helped us keep this newsletter going out to the residents of Grand Valley Lakes. We have worked hard to make this a newsletter that is informative and at times fun or funny. We take articles from residents and try to keep everyone informed about the business of the community and let you know about upcoming events. It has always been our intent to create a newsletter that is attractive and inviting to read. The staff thanks those listed below that helped us achieve our goals. If it is a local business please consider doing business with them on a regular basis; they have supported our efforts to give you this newsletter.

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The Grand Valley Lakes Men’s Club Part of our own community

**...and there are individuals within the community
that donate on a regular basis to help us keep going
through the tough times as well as the good times...**

**Gelene Keithly
Diane Lanier
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Bill Stone**

...and a GREAT BIG “Thank You” to our printer...

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... they have always made us look good for our readers!

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May 17, 2021

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.

Spillway Update:

Donations through December: \$ 42,800!

Thank you for your continued support

The new gate will be aluminum rather than steel per the recommendation from the engineering firm. The gate has been ordered and will require 16 weeks for completion. You may donate through the POA office!

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The Club's first project was replacing the front entrance sign which shows up on our masthead on the front page. Folks coming to look at property get a great first impression and know from the start GVL is a great community!

Then the club decided that the same type of sign should greet folks arriving at the POA Lodge to get information on the community and available properties.

Looks GREAT!

Can you just hear the visitors?

"Wow! GVL has a marina AND a beach?"

That's great! And a cemetery too?"

We need to hang that left and check it out!"



The POA Board had a pier built for the convenience of those launching their boats. The pier was great but there were no cleats to tie the boats while owners moved their vehicles. There were also no fenders to protect the boats secured to the pier. The men's Club installed both making a great ramp even better!

Seems like every time you turn around, BEA is spraying poison along our streets to kill the trees and other plants which may or may not threaten power lines. Ugly, ugly results. The men's club has spent time and effort removing some of the dead plants along Grand Valley Drive.





Have you noticed the renovated restrooms at the beach? What a difference!!! Check out these before and after pictures. Repaired and painted inside and out! For many projects, such as this one, Men's Club members not only donate their time but also supply the materials out of their own pockets!

While cleaning, repairing, and painting the inside, a couple of guys repainted the outside of the restrooms building also. Neat!



< Can you believe anyone would use this? Perhaps the condition led folks to not care about keeping it sanitary?

Amazing what a difference a > little new wallboard, fresh paint, and a couple or three men's club members can make!



Part of the beach project was repainting all the tables, benches and see-saws the same color. It looks fresh and it looks good!

< A new small BBQ grill was also installed.



Several men spent a lot of time and energy virtually rebuilding the three beach pavilions, tables, and toys. The improvement beginning to end was, as the old saying goes, "as different as day and night". This seems to be an on-going project since quite a bit of effort has been expended here over the past couple of years and more is planned.

Some members are never satisfied until the result is perfect.

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A somewhat hidden project completed by the club was repainting the exercise facility. An unsafe step from the street to the facility was reworked as well.

Paid any attention to the mirror over the fireplace in the lodge dining room? It was purchased by the men's club. A beautiful addition to the remodel!

Seen the chairs in the lodge dining room? The men helped the ladies recover over 100 of those old vinyl seats and backs to put the finishing touches on a great remodel on the inside.

Seen the lights outside the lodge dining room? Yep, it was those men again that wired and hung those beauties. Nice addition to the patio.



The Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club is just full of energy and possibilities. They also try to hold a fish fry and auction every year – the food is delicious; they have both silent and live bidding auctions that are as much fun to watch as they are to participate in—and they will think up more ideas for fund raisers so they can fund their projects for our community.

***Thank You to the
Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club!***

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