

Grand Valley Lakes News

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Calendar of Events

June 1 Dues for GVL Volunteer Fire Department payment deadline

June 10 7:00 pm Board Meeting at the lodge

June 11 9:00 am Men's Club meeting at the lodge

10:30 am Ladies' Club meeting at the lodge

July 2 Men's Club Fish Fry

Pick up pork butts ordered from GVL Volunteer Fire Department

July 3 Boat Parade and Fireworks

July 4 Happy Independence Day!!



July 8 7:00 pm Board Meeting at the lodge

July 9 9:00 am Men's Club meeting at the lodge

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Grand Valley Lakes 50th Anniversary Celebration

The Grand Valley Lakes 50th Anniversary Celebration was a huge success! There was something for everyone to enjoy: games and a bounce house/slide for the children, face painting and temporary tattoos, display boards with historical information and pictures of GVL throughout its 50 years, a cake walk, and lots of food. There were prizes for the resident that has lived here the longest and the shortest amounts of time, as well as a prize for the person who purchased property here first.

A big thank you to everyone involved in planning and organizing this wonderful celebration! This event was so successful because of the many contributions of our wonderful community!



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Men's Club News

The Men's Club is continuing to grow! We now have 28 members. We invite more GVL men to join our group!

We are finalizing our plans for the Fish Fry on July 2nd. This is our major fundraiser and all of the money that is raised goes right back into the valley to improve the community for everyone. Some of the items that were completed in the past year are additional street signs being installed and improvements at the beach area (painting, remodeling of bathrooms, new seats on the seesaws). There are a lot more items on the agenda and your support of the fish fry goes a long way in completing these projects.

Here are a few that we would like to get accomplished this upcoming year:

- Replacement of fence at beach
- Installing cement pads under the pavilions to improve the use of the picnic tables
- Cleaning and assisting in the maintenance of the fountain at the gate
- Adding additional signage/improving the presentation of the front entrance

All of these items improve GVL for all, but it takes money and manpower to get them done!

This year, the tickets for the Fish Fry will be \$15 if you buy early and \$17 at the door. (Everything is going up...so buy early please). We will have tickets for sale at the office and we will have some events where we will sell them at the entrance on the weekends prior to the event. This year, we will be creating a drive through lane around the lodge to facilitate those who would like to pick up their food and eat at home. We ask that if you plan on doing this, please use the drive through lane so we can better manage the flow of people and provide an excellent experience along with awesome food!

P.S. Don't forget to purchase your Pork Butt from the Fire Department. Those funds support that very valuable organization to GVL.

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Ladies' Club News

The Ladies' Club has been busy finding ways to make the Valley a better place. We are still discussing the best way to operate the Food Pantry- suggestions from the community are welcome! Weeding and planting in front of the guard house are underway. Since the old storage building at the gate was removed due to deterioration, there has been no good place to put the things that were stored there. You may have noticed the clutter on the gatehouse porch. We are looking for a replacement shed so these things can be stored again. This will make the gatehouse itself (the first impression of our community) much more attractive. As usual, we will be providing desserts, and other help as needed, for the Men's Club Fish Fry in July. Looking to the fall, we are talking about a Chili Cook-off, maybe with a small crafts fair at the same time. If you're a "crafty" person watch for an update. We have lots of ideas and can use lots of help. Our club is open to all the ladies in the Valley and we welcome new members! We meet monthly, the Saturday after the POA Board meeting (almost always the second Saturday) at the lodge at 10:30.

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- ★ July 3 Boat Parade and Fireworks
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On Memorial Day, Mike Yopp paid tribute to our service men and women who have sacrificed all for our country. Mike played Taps at 3pm as a participant of the National Moment of Remembrance.

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☆☆☆ Boat Parade Theme ☆☆☆

One of the traditions of the GVL Fourth of July weekend celebration the Annual Boat Parade.

The votes are in and this year's theme is "Favorite Sports Team!" This includes any sport, any team so put your thinking caps on and let the creativity begin!



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Beach Restrooms Vandalized



The restrooms at the beach have been vandalized several times recently. The toilets have been stopped up by stuffing a roll of toilet tissue and paper towels in them multiple times. The plungers have also been removed. These restrooms were renovated last year and it is saddening that they are being vandalized. Having restrooms at the beach is a convenience for the entire GVL community. The time, energy, and resources wasted on cleaning up these messes could be much better spent on other improvements to GVL. Please contact the gate or office with any information you have that could help resolve this issue.

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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 POALodge. These members are a creative, working team dedicated to improving the GVL community. Come to a meeting and help support the improvement of our community.

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May Board Meeting Recap

-After the reading of the minutes for last meeting and the treasurers report, the updates of events began. The GVL 50th Celebration is scheduled for 11-2 on Saturday May 21st. The board reminded residents that the petition to get Natural gas in the valley is currently at the office. If you have not signed the petition, please do so. You are not signing up to receive Natural Gas, you are only stating that it would be a welcome option for the residents of the valley.

-Lona Coffee will pass on information from BEA regarding their proposed internet service option. She is currently waiting for more information from BEA.

-The GVL 2025 committees are in action and currently have about 80 different ideas/suggestions from the community. About 55 were part of the initial brainstorm and another 25 have been added. By far, the largest portion is for the maintenance committee which has 55 items on their list as of right now. Clearly that is the highest priority of things to address. Each committee will be prioritizing their list and investigating how to complete it. This list is due June 10th from the committees to the board.

-The lake is almost full and the replacement of the ropes that hold the marina is about 25% complete.

-The road project is expected to start around the end of May/beginning of June. The cost for asphalt is increasing. The contractor will be working with us on the price, but the amount to complete will increase due to the increase in costs.

-The officers for the GVL board have remained the same.

-The board approved a \$1500 expenditure to have a professional grant writer seek opportunities and apply to the grants. This should allow us to fully understand what opportunities we may be eligible for, and then help us understand and execute the process to secure any available funding.

-There is a possibility that the state of Tennessee will be doing some site inspections to determine the water run off control measures in the valley. The board asks that all homeowners around lakes please review their property to see if they have run off material and work to address it. The main lake has lost about 6 feet of depth over time due to this issue.

-There are also new regulations in the state of Tennessee regarding wake boats. The board is fully investigating, but the regulation is that these boats must operate at least 200 feet away from the shoreline due to their higher-than-normal wake. Once the board fully understands the Tennessee law, any changes will be communicated.

-There is an issue with people vandalizing the beach bathrooms. The people that are responsible will be found and they may find themselves (or their parents) responsible for the cost of the

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May Board Meeting Recap Continued

damages. This impacts all of us in that we are spending resources and money on this and not able to spend that on other, more important projects. If you know who has been vandalizing, or see anyone vandalizing, please contact the front gate.

-The board reminds everyone that if there is any construction on your property, it is best to inform the office and the architecture committee to ensure that the project fully complies with the covenants of GVL. The architecture committee works really hard with the homeowners to assist them, so they get what they want in a way that works within the rules.

-Security had 3 dog calls, 1 reckless driver call and 1 person on an ATV after the 9pm curfew call.

-The Men's Club and Ladies Club gave their reports and then a reminder of the GVL dance was presented. The meeting was adjourned.



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Yard of the Month begins this month! The June winners will be announced in next month's newsletter. Good luck everyone and happy planting/yardwork/gardening!



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NATIONAL Water Safety MONTH

May is National Water Safety Month and somehow, we missed this important bit of information! I blame it on the craziness of the end of the school year! Anyway, this is too important to not share, so here it is- better late than never! This information is compiled from The American Red Cross, The Center for Disease Control, and Colin's Hope.

These Water Tips Can Save Lives

<p style="text-align: center;">Wear a Life A life Jacket</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Never Swim Alone</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Constant Visual Supervision</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Learn To Swim</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Learn CPR</p> 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"><p style="text-align: center;">These are some important water safety tips -but of course there are lots more! A quick search online can help you review tips that can help keep you and your loved ones safe!</p></div>

DROWNING IS FAST AND SILENT

DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE

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The American Red Cross has a Water Safety for Parents and Caregivers Online Course that focuses on developing an awareness of the risks of drowning and how to minimize those risks, especially for young children. This online course teaches parents and caregivers about the concepts of the circle of drowning prevention, water competency and the chain of drowning survival. It also provides guidance for applying water safety to common environments and situations where children are most at risk for drowning. This is a link to sign up for this free course [Water Safety for Parents and Caregivers \(redcross.org\)](https://www.redcross.org)

According to the CDC, "Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death for children ages 1 to 14, and the fifth leading cause for people of all ages. There's nothing better than a day at the beach or on the lake. But swimming in a natural body of water or enjoying the day on a boat can be risky. About half of all drownings occur in natural water settings such as lakes, rivers, or oceans."



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