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## Calendar of Events

There is no Board Meeting this month

There are no Men's Club, Ladies' Club meetings this month

December 10, 10:30am - Wreath Decorating

December 11, 3:00 pm – Christmas Caroling

December 17- Secret Santa Gift Distribution

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## Men's Club News

Our meeting this month was more social as we have concluded a very successful project year. As we socialized, we started brainstorming on projects to complete in 2023. The list grew pretty quickly and there are some great things we will put in our plan for the upcoming year. We were excited to add two new members to the group, Jessie and Cameron. We would love to add more younger members to the group.

Our next meeting will be in January of 2023. Dues will be due again at this time. Our dues are $60 for the year and every cent goes into the valley to complete the many projects we accomplish. If you are a student, your dues are free. (We want you to come join us, get involved, make new friends/contacts, and help us work hard.)
If you would like more information about the Men's Club send an email to gvlmensclub@gmail.com.

Come out and make a wreath with the GVL Girls' Club! Meet at the lodge on Saturday, December 10 at 10:30 am. Materials to make the wreath will be provided. Bring extra ribbon or ornaments to decorate how you would like! Please RSVP to make sure we have enough of everything.

Amy Williams 901-412-9129

## Ladies' Club News

The Ladies Club had their last meeting of the year on Nov. 12 at the lodge. We finished up some end of year business and started planning for next year. We provided cookies and cocoa for the tree-lighting at the entrance on November 20th and made plans for another caroling event on Dec. 11 at 3:00. *Mark your calendars and come join us for a fun and fulfilling experience.* Looking ahead to next year, we're planning another Dirty Bingo night, probably in March. We will be joining the Men's Club in their plans to update the lodge foyer, to give a better "first impression" to those thinking of buying out here. On a sad note, we lost one of our long-time and very active members. Myra Peace had been an active member for longer than anyone can remember. She died peacefully at home on November 20th, surrounded by family, just before daylight on a beautiful frosty morning. Our prayers are with her family, who look such loving care of her as her health declined.

If you love singing Christmas carols and want to bring some cheer to some neighbors, please join us at the lodge on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3:00. We'll have song sheets and guitar accompaniment. We'll start with shut-ins and those in poor health, then visit as many people as possible before the guitarists' fingers freeze. Then we'll go back to the lodge and have cookies and hot chocolate, provided by the Ladies' Club. We did this last year for a few people, and it was such a heart-warming experience. Please come join us and feel the Christmas spirit!

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***Part of the GVL 2025 Plan is improving communication at Grand Valley. CODE RED is one method that will help accomplish this. It is described as a "Reverse 911" call because it calls us, the affected community, in the event of an emergency. All we have to do is sign up! Below is part of a 3 page document explaining what CODE RED is and does. You can click this link or go to [codered_faqs.pdf (nsmithfieldri.org)](codered_faqs.pdf (nsmithfieldri.org)) to read the entire document.***

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**Does this mean that I will be called constantly?**

No. **CodeRED** will be used when emergency situations arise that you should know about.

**For what kinds of situations will CodeRED be used?**

Severe weather situations, substantial utility outage, evacuation notices, missing or lost persons, fires or floods, major roadway issues, significant criminal situations, chemical spills or gas leaks. In short, **CodeRED** can be used for any emergency alert.

**Why do I need CodeRED when I have TV to keep me informed?**

**CodeRED** is provides an additional level of safety. If power goes out, you may not be able to depend upon TV. However, because telephone lines are self-powered and most people now have cell phones, we can continue to keep you informed through messages delivered by **CodeRED**.

**How do I know if my phone number is included in the CodeRED service?**

All listed and unlisted residential and business phone numbers are included in the **CodeRED** service. If you have moved or changed your telephone number recently, you should update your information using the **CodeRED** "Residential Data Collection" sign up form by clicking here. CODE RED Your old information will automatically be replaced by the new.

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## It's Not New News, But Did you know?

The Hardeman County government has contracted with Hospital Wing to care for Hardeman County residents who are in need of emergency air-lift services. Each insured citizen of Hardeman County, in an emergent situation within the Hospital Wing service area, is covered for air ambulance transportation through Hospital Wing at no cost to the citizen.

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## November Board Meeting Recap

The meeting opened with a prayer, approval of the agenda, reading of the minutes and treasurers report.
Ron gave the President's report. ARP funds: Nothing new to report as of yet. We should receive approvals for the GIS Mapping as well as the water meter projects needed to qualify for additional grants. All of the items must be completed by September 2026. The mapping makes a digital map of the water system. We expect to have a 99% grant and have the mapping completed by Early March 2023. This is a component of the Asset Management Plan.

Trailer parking project- We are waiting for any feedback as the project, contract, and pricing were introduced at the last meeting.

GVL2025- The board reviewed the report card, which is the subset of the overall plan. The report card shows the projects that are due in 2023 and the progress of each.
Finance is working on plans for collections and when to turn over to a collection agency.
Jim Gehringer reported on logging and that not a lot of companies want to assist in the creation of a logging plan, but he is still working on it.
Beautification- Indian Loop is in progress and is improving. Bill Anderson is assisting and letters have been sent throughout the valley for areas not in compliance. We have some abandoned trailers and a budget for removal, but we need someone who can complete the work. If anyone in the valley can, or knows someone who can assist, please let the board know.

We are looking to have a dance in February.

New Business- ARC Guidelines- Earl and Stuart are working on a consolidated guideline/checklist for new construction from the Covenants and Restrictions to make it more user friendly. The packet would be handed to the owner and the ARC would set up preliminary approvals and secondary approvals to ensure the guidelines are followed.

Maintenance reported that there was one water leak, the beach bathrooms were winterized, the fountain is in progress of being fixed and significant progress is being made on the truck.

Meeting was adjourned.

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We are grateful for each of our current and future customers who came out on Saturday (11/5) for our BBQ gather in the clubhouse. Dougie Fresh BBQ is always a big hit!

There is nothing like personal, one-on-one interaction with you, and we were gratified to hear so many affirming comments about our new service in the Valley.

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Finally, do you really want to give more money each month to a big utility company?

Thank you again!
Sincerely,

The Crossroads Internet Team

P.S.-We would be remiss without a big shoutout to Mrs. Lona Coffee for her tireless efforts in organizing and promoting this event. Thank you, Lona!

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**In 2018, work began on reorganizing the Fire Department that serves an area which includes Grand Valley Lakes. When the Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department was recognized by the State of TN in 2019, work began to reinstate a Fire Department that was fiscally responsible and able to provide its Firefighters with the physical resources needed to be prepared to provide Fire and Rescue services.**

**As of 11-28-22, there are 387 members identified that have notices sent to them for dues payments.**

**For the current fiscal year (Jun 2022 thru May 2023):**

**132 Members have paid their dues**

**106 of the 132 Members are in Grand Valley**

**26 of the 132 Members are not in Grand Valley**

**255 Members have not paid their dues**

**183 of the 255 Members are in Grand Valley**

**72 of the 255 Members are not in Grand Valley**

**There are 81 Members who have paid every year since GVA VFD was formed. 64 of them are in Grand Valley; 17 of them are not in Grand Valley.**

**In addition to our dues, we try to get Grants that will fund buying equipment that is more costly than we could afford without the Grants.**

**If you have not paid your dues, please consider doing so. The $100 per house that we pay has not changed in at least 12 years. Your money is only used to improve, add or replace what is needed to perform the business of maintaining our Fire Department.**

**Sincerely, Lona Coffee**

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## CHRISTMAS Riddles

_____ IN A SNOW BANK

_____ YULE TIDE

_____ A LITTLE SHAKEN

_____ SAINT NICKEL-LESS

_____ IN THE DICTIONARY

_____ TURTLE DOVE

_____ YOUR TEETH

_____ BECAUSE HE WAS STUFFED

_____ COOKIE SHEETS

_____ SANTA PAWS

_____ FROSTED FLAKES

_____ IT DOESN'T HAVE LEGS

_____ JUNGLE BELLS, JUNGLE BELLS...

_____ ELFIES

_____ ORNAMINTS

_____ THEY WERE FEELING CRUMMY

_____ CANDY CANES

_____ HE WAS PICKING HIS NOSE

_____ A PUDDLE

_____ SANTA PAUSE

1. WHAT KIND OF PHOTO DO ELVES TAKE?
2. WHAT DID THE GINGERBREAD MAN PUT ON HIS BED?
3. WHAT DO YOU CALL A SNOWMAN IN THE SUMMER?
4. WHEN DOES CHRISTMAS COME BEFORE THANKSGIVING?
5. WHAT DOES A SNOWMAN LIKE FOR BREAKFAST?
6. WHAT DO GINGERBREAD MEN USE WHEN THEY HURT THEIR LEG?
7. HOW DOES THE SNOW GLOBE FEEL THIS YEAR?
8. WHY CAN'T THE CHRISTMAS TREE STAND UP?
9. WHAT DO YOU CALL SANTA WHEN HE STOPS MOVING?
10. WHERE DOES A SNOWMAN KEEP HIS MONEY?
11. WHY DID THE CHRISTMAS COOKIES GO TO THE DOCTOR?
12. WHAT IS THE BEST THING TO PUT INTO A CHRISTMAS COOKIE?
13. WHAT DO MONKEYS SING AT CHRISTMAS?
14. WHO DELIVERS CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TO DOGS?
15. WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS A BIRD WITH A TURTLE?
16. WHAT KIND OF LAUNDRY DETERGENT DOES SANTA USE?
17. WHY WAS THE SNOWMAN SORTING CARROTS?
18. WHAT DO YOU CALL SANTA WHEN HE'S BROKE?
19. WHAT ARE CHRISTMAS TREE'S FAVORITE TREATS?
20. WHY DIDN'T THE TURKEY EAT ANYTHING?

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Some people have expressed interest in knowing when the lodge is closed for events. Knowing this will allow people to know when they are not able to go in the lodge to use the restroom, when they should be quiet in the workout room, etc. There may be more events scheduled, but as of November 16, the following list indicated when there are events at the lodge and when the office will be closed.

**December:**

No Board or Clubs meetings in December
December 13: Deadline to turn in Secret Santa gifts to Tiffany
December 17: Secret Santa gift distribution at the lodge
December 23 & 26:office will be closed for the Christmas holiday
December 30: office is closed for New Year's holiday
January 2: office closed for the New Year's holiday