

# Grand Valley Lakes News

February 2023



## Calendar of Events

February 10, 7:00 pm – GVL Board Meeting at the Lodge

February 11, 9:00 am- Men's Club meeting at the Lodge

10:30 am- Ladies' Club meeting at the Lodge

February 21, 7:00 pm- Hardeman County Commission Meeting, Bolivar Courthouse

March 4, 7:00-9:30 pm- GVL Spring Fling Dance at the Lodge

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## Men's Club News

We had a great meeting to start off the new year. Here are a few items we discussed at this month's meeting!

The Grand Valley Area Fire Department needs leaders/volunteers. Lona Coffee is stepping down. She was holding all of the offices and did a fantastic job of righting the ship. This valuable community program needs a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer to ensure that the Fire Department continues. This asset has a large impact on us at GVL and helps to keep our insurance rates lower than if we did not have them.

We made some assignments for our next projects:

Next Month: Weather permitting, we are going to do some tree trimming along Grand Valley Drive. It should not take long to cut back some overhanging trees.

George is in charge of the next phase of the sign installation project. He will get with us on the date, time, teams and route as we have the process for this pretty well figured out.

We are going to continue working on painting the fire hydrants. We are going to do this "round robin" style as we will pass the equipment/paint from one person to another. Each person will be tasked with doing 3 or more fire hydrants in the valley. Stuart has now, then to Jerry and George, then to Paul.

Larry is going to take point on updates to the office entrance to the lodge. Stuart is taking point on the guard shack.

If you are a member of the Men's Club, please make a point of coming to our next meeting in February. If you are not a member, please consider supporting your community, improving your neighborhood and building some relationships by joining us.

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## Ladies' Club News

The GVL Ladies' Club met in January. Members voted to raise dues from \$12 to \$24. Two guests were present, one of which joined our ladies' club. 😊 Several fundraising and social ideas were discussed. Jean Harrison and Donna McClarin are researching ice machines and their prices. We are trying to find a new one to purchase for the kitchen at the lodge.

Amy Williams will begin identifying the Yard of the Month, Lakeside Yard of the Month, and Garden of the Month again in April.

Our next meeting is Saturday, February 11. Come join us and help us make GVL an even better place to live!



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## January Board Meeting Recap

The January meeting of the GVL board was called to order, Ron led us in prayer, and the reading of the November minutes and treasurer report were the first agenda items completed.

-Ron gave the President's report. The ARP funds are still in the works. The package has been submitted to the state. We have been approved for 600k in funding for water system projects and meter installation. These funds must be used for this purpose. We are also working on securing funding from the Cares Act. The Hardeman County board will be voting on this on January 17th. We asked for residents to attend this meeting at the courthouse at 7pm.

-Ron reviewed the calendar. Some key dates are:

- Monday, February 6- Post for new board members
- Tuesday, February 7- Office to start invoicing members
- Wednesday, February 15- Budget for GVL to be completed
- Thursday, February 16- Last day for Nominating committee to be formed
- Monday, March 6- Last day for Board applications to be submitted
- Saturday, April 29- Annual Board meeting 10am.

-Ron is going to ask Josh Pulse (Hardeman County Assessor) to come speak to the GVL community at an upcoming board meeting. There are going to be significant changes to the assessments this year.

-The GVL Area Fire Department needs people to assist in leading that program. Lona Coffee held all of the offices and is retiring after doing an excellent job. They need a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please contact Ron or Lona.

-In old business, the ARC simplified guidelines were reviewed and the board voted to approve the use of these guidelines that come from the Covenants to be utilized for building projects. The GVL 2025 initiative is still moving forward and the next step will be the committee's meeting independently to assess and determine next steps. A lot of great work has already been accomplished!

-New Business- We will be hosting a representative from Blue Oval on January 25th to show them the valley and work on opportunities for Blue Oval and GVL to work together.

-Staff Reports- the work on the truck is moving very well. It is a ground up restoration. The overall cost of this project is significantly less than buying a new or used vehicle of the same type. The board voted to give Tom a 'not to exceed' budget of 5k for a new truck bed. The old one is very rusty and the cost to repair is high compared to a new bed.

-Men's and Ladies club have their reports.

-The meeting was adjourned.



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The First Annual Board Member and Volunteer Appreciate Dinner took place on January 14 and was a huge success.

GVL board members along with some very special honored guests and GVL volunteers received an invitation requesting their presence at a dinner in their honor. The event was organized by Tina and Patrick

Coleman, who did an amazing job of making everyone feel blessed and appreciated. Tina said that she thinks it is important to thank those people who volunteer their time to keep this community going, and I agree with her. GVL is a wonderful place to live and is even better because of the efforts of our volunteers! Thank you Tina and Patrick for this special night!



The "Not So Newlywed Game"



*The Colemans want to say a special thank you to the volunteer kitchen staff Joe Lumpkin (who came and served others on his birthday!), Tracy Williams, Brain Mays, and Tina Mays! Thank you for everything you did to make this event wonderful!*



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## Spring Fling Dance

Grand Valley Lodge

Saturday, March 4, 2023 7:00-9:30



Feel free to bring decorations for your table, as well as food and drinks to share with the people at your table.

Adults only. No food will be served, but ice and water will be provided.

No charge, but donations will be accepted to go towards the purchase of a generator for the Lodge.



RSVP to Margaret Flanders (731) 376-0116

or Jean Harrison (901) 351-5907

by Wednesday, March 1



*DJ will be GVL's own Billy Williams*



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## \*\*SPECIAL GUEST ANNOUNCEMENT\*\*

WHO: Josh Pulse, Hardeman County Assessor of Property

WHAT: Mr. Pulse will discuss the upcoming Property Reappraisal and Assessment process coming in 2023.

WHEN: Friday, February 10th at 7:00 pm.

WHERE: Grand Valley Lakes Lodge

WHY: Hardeman County Property Assessments affect every resident of the county. It is important to know how the assessment process works and its potential impact. The Hardeman County Assessor of Property has prepared a brochure which will be available to help everyone understand the property reappraisal and assessment process.

PLEASE ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATIONAL MEETING.

THANK YOU,

GVL Board of Directors





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## HEART HEALTH MONTH

INFORMATION FROM AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

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EXCESS  
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SODIUM**

**REDUCE  
YOUR  
STRESS BY  
TAKING  
SLOW DEEP  
BREATHS OR  
LISTENING  
TO  
RELAXING  
MUSIC**

**MOVE MORE**

**TRY TO GET 150 MINUTES OF  
MODERATE INTENSITY  
EXERCISE EACH WEEK**



**MUSCLE?  
YES PLEASE**

**ADD  
STRENGTH  
TRAINING 2  
DAYS A  
WEEK**

**SLEEP**  
**MOST ADULTS NEED 7-9 HRS  
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**EXERCISE  
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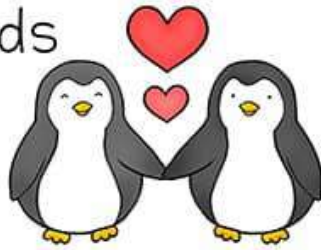
## GVL Girls' Club

The GVL Girls' Club stays busy doing lots of fun activities. They helped set up the tables for the Board and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner that was held in January. They also made the flower arrangements for the event.



## Valentine Words

adore    honey    dear  
February    admire    love  
friend    special    hug



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## 28 VALENTINE KINDNESS ACTIVITIES FOR BIG-HEARTED FAMILIES



- Write a poem for a far-away relative.
- Gather with cocoa and write gratitudes on paper hearts, then use them to decorate.
- Leave a thank-you note for your trash collector.
- Leave love notes about the stories in your library books.
- Use these placemats at dinner: [bit.ly/PithyPlacemat](http://bit.ly/PithyPlacemat)
- Tell 3 friends what you love about them.
- Transform something from your recycle bin into a toy or a piece of art.
- Leave a thank you for your mail carrier.
- Write and leave Car Window Poetry: <http://bit.ly/3H5waol>
- Tape quarters to a vending machine.
- Pay for someone else's popcorn at the movie theater.
- Make a tear-off poster. Post it somewhere public: [bit.ly/3J80ph2](http://bit.ly/3J80ph2)
- Create and send a video thank you for one of your favorite holiday gifts.
- Make a Gratitude-on-the-Go Kit and stash it in a car or backpack: <http://bit.ly/3kAS3o6>
- Bake or buy treats for a neighbor.
- Read a big-hearted book & discuss. [bit.ly/DGTbooks](http://bit.ly/DGTbooks)
- Offer to pick up groceries for a neighbor.
- Hang a homemade birdfeeder. [bit.ly/bhfBirdFeeder](http://bit.ly/bhfBirdFeeder)
- Create art and send to [ColorASmile.org](http://ColorASmile.org).
- Over dinner, ask and answer: Who did you help today? Who helped you?
- Share your smile with 10 people today.
- Fold an origami heart for someone special in your life: <http://bit.ly/3DaEsKB>
- Together, write a kind story. [bit.ly/BHFStoryStarter](http://bit.ly/BHFStoryStarter)
- Talk to someone new; make a new friend.
- Count the items in your fridge & donate that many quarters to a hunger charity.
- Take a walk and pick up litter on the way.
- Go out for cocoa and pay for the person behind you in line.
- Plan your next volunteer opportunity. Find ideas at: [DoingGoodTogether.org/bhf/pick-a-project](http://DoingGoodTogether.org/bhf/pick-a-project).



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