

# Grand Valley Lakes News

March 2023



## Calendar of Events

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

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

March 11, 9:00 am- Men's Club will not have a meeting, but will convene in the parking lot of Wilson's Diner to break into groups to install street signs

10:30 am- Ladies' Club meeting at Barbara Parkhurst's house

10:30 am - Girls' Club meeting at Amy Williams's house

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

April 8, 1:00 pm- Easter Egg Hunt at the Lodge (ages 1-10)

April 9- Easter Sunday

April 29, 10:00 am – GVL Annual Board Meeting at the Lodge



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## Men's Club News

We had a great meeting this month. We had about 25 people in attendance before we dispatched around the valley to pick up debris from the ice storm.

George has point on the sign project. We will do this project next month. George also has the paint for the fire hydrant project. I am going to get another set of paint as we are going to paint the fire hydrants using a "round robin" style. Once one person finishes 3 fire hydrants, they will pass on the paint to another member to do 3 hydrants, and then continue until we have completed the project.

We are targeting April to do some work at the front office at the lodge. We want to paint the front area and clean the koi ponds. We will work with the Ladies' Club to do this. We are also discussing doing some work at the guard shack at the same time. Hopefully, we can get a large turnout for this April event to have teams at the front gate and at the lodge office. We would also like to pull some trees at the front entrance that are rotting the foundation of the guard shack and prep the area for the Ladies' Club and the Girls' Club to plant a flower bed in the front. Larry will add some lighting to the lodge entrance koi pond.

We are also need people from the valley to volunteer to be a part of the board for the GVA VFD. They need 6 directors to manage the department. Please contact Lona Coffee, Paul Benoit, or Ron Scott if you are interested. The GVA VFD is a valuable asset that actually impacts your homeowner's insurance rates....We cannot let it fail!

We invite all community members to join the volunteer organizations, Ladies' Club, Men's Club and Girls' Club. By doing this, you would meet new people, learn about all the great things going on in the valley and help make the valley a better place.



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## Ladies' Club News

The GVL Ladies' Club had a good turn out at our February meeting. In January, members voted to raise dues from \$12 to \$24.

We purchased a new freezer for the kitchen at the lodge. It will be delivered soon. The current one is not a frost-free freezer so it has ice build up that is a hinderance for its use.

Several fundraising and social event ideas were discussed.

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

Our next meeting is Saturday, March 11. It will be at Barbara Parkhurst's house because there is a wedding at the lodge on this date. Come join us and help us make GVL an even better place to live!



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## February Board Meeting Recap

Josh Pulse visit:

We were hosts to Josh Pulse, Assessor for Hardeman county prior to the board meeting. He explained that every few year, the state mandates that all property is assessed. For Hardeman county, that is every 5 years. Josh and his team have seen significant increases in property values since the last assessment period. You will probably see your property values increase with this years statement. Assessment is used to determine the property taxes that are due. There is a law that states that the county cannot benefit from a change in the assessment of the properties to gain extra tax revenue. So, for all of Hardeman county, the taxes that will be collected will remain constant from 2022 to 2023. What might change is how much you pay individually as the tax rate will be determined by the county commission. That could go up or down depending on the tax rate.

Board Meeting:

After calling the meeting to order, an opening prayer the minutes from the previous meeting were read, altered and adopted as revised. The treasurers report was read and accepted.

In the President's report, Ron discussed the Ice Storm and the recovery from the storm. Several people lost power and there were limbs and trees that fell. Those have been addressed. He also gave an update on the Disaster plan which was in effect. The Lodge was open and heated and available during the time. No one stayed overnight. We are looking for ways to improve the communication with power being out to let all members know that the lodge is available. We are also looking at purchasing a generator for the lodge for backup power.

In old business, we discussed our meeting with Blue Oval. The meeting went well and we are working on developing a relationship with them to hopefully sell some carbon offsets for revenue. He also stated that we have plans in place for the trailer parking project, but needed to gain some insight of how many people would use the area if we built it. It was communicated that we would look at \$10 per month per trailer as a general idea of how much it would cost, but the final figures would be determined once we had an idea of how many people would participate. This project is being implemented so we can enforce the covenant guidelines regarding trailer storage.

The budget for the year was reviewed and adopted. There will be increases of dues and fees. The dues will be the 5% as outlined in the covenants. The fees for water are also increasing due to the increased costs of materials. Overall, the amount of increase works out to about \$10 per month.

The ARC had proposed two requests which the board had already reviewed and voted on. One was approved, the other was denied.

The staff reports and club reports were given and the meeting was adjourned.





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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*

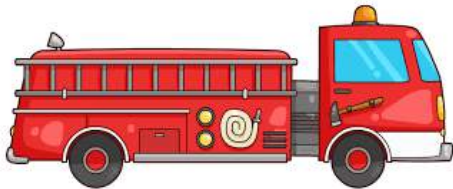


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## Save The Date!

**Fire Department  
Annual Meeting  
Saturday, May 13  
at 1:00pm  
at the GVL Lodge  
(More details to follow)**



## WELCOME TO GVA VFD, DAN !

Meet our newest Firefighter - Dan Murphy.  
Dan is a Firefighter for the city of Germantown.  
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The Men's Club and some friends spent time over several days weathering the cold to clean up after the February ice storm. There were more people out working to clean up our community, but here are a few.



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## Trash Pick Up at GVL

For the past two years GVL resident Tim Malone has been offering a trash pick-up service at Grand Valley Lakes. All trash must be in trash bags and all cardboard boxes must be broken down. He offers trash pick-up on the two days of the week that the Grand Valley Area Convenience Center is open: Tuesdays and Saturdays. Call Tim for prices and more information at (731) 212-9317.

## Residential Trash Pick-Up

Tuesdays and Saturdays

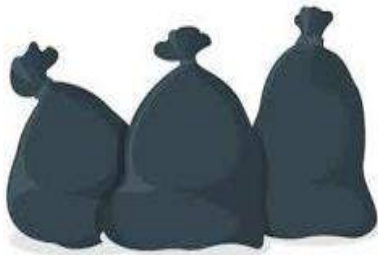
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## GVL Girls' Club

The GVL Girls' Club has been very active in 2023! In January they planted over 400 daffodil bulbs along Grand Valley Drive. In February, they made Valentine's Day cards and delivered them throughout the Valley.

The Girls' Club meets every Thursday after school, and the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 at the lodge. The Girls' Club is for girls living in Grand Valley Lakes that are in the 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Please contact Amy Williams (901-412-8129) if you have any questions.



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**April 8 at 1:00 pm**  
**Grand Valley Lodge**  
**Ages 1-10**

**Donations of CANDY FILLED Easter eggs are requested.  
Contact Tiffany or Johnny Rustin  
at the gate for more information.**



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*There are not enough words to describe how grateful I am for your support during my difficult time. Your kindness, compassion, and generosity have been a source of strength and comfort for me and my family. I will NEVER forget the way ya'll were there for me at my worst time. I am truly blessed to have such amazing friends in my life.*

*Ya'll mean so much to us,*

*Tiffany Rustin*

## Events at the GVL Lodge

Some people have expressed interest in knowing when the lodge is closed for events. Knowing this will allow people to be aware of 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 March 1, the following list indicates when there are events at the lodge and when the office will be closed.

### March:

March 10: Board Meeting 7:00 pm; closed after meeting for a wedding rental

March 11: Wedding rental

March 17: Wedding rental

March 18: Wedding rental

March 24: Wedding rental

March 25: Wedding rental

### April:

April 8: Easter Egg Hunt

April 29: GVL Annual Board Meeting



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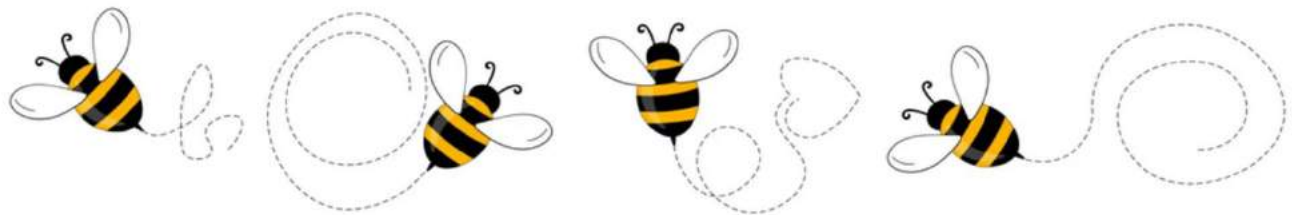
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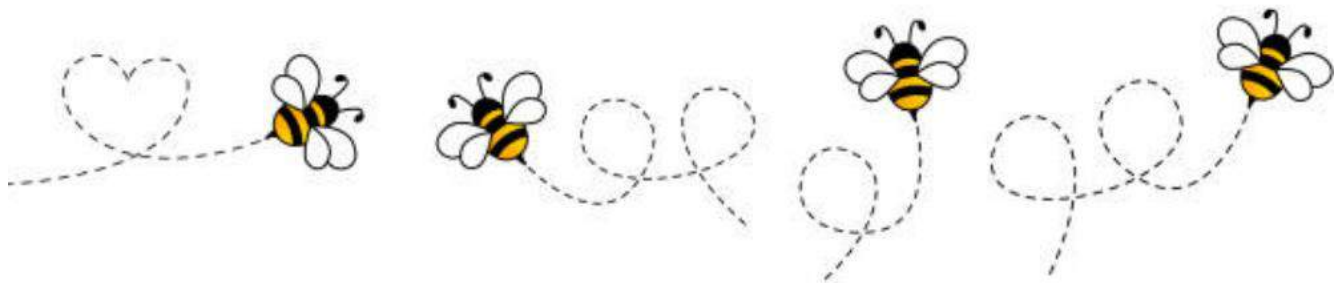
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