

Grand Valley Lakes News

May 2023



Calendar of Events

May 12, 7:00- Board meeting at the lodge

May 13, 9:00- Men's Club meeting at the lodge

10:30- Ladies' Club meeting at the lodge

Girls' Club meeting at the lodge

May 16, 7:00- Hardeman County Commission Meeting, Bolivar Courthouse

June 3, 6:00 pm- Bingo Night (Ladies' Club Fundraiser)

June 9, 7:00- Board meeting at the lodge

June 10, 9:00- Men's Club meeting at the lodge

10:30- Ladies' Club meeting at the lodge

10:30- Girls' Club meeting at the lodge

June 17- Community Yard Sale 7:00 am-4:00 pm



Grand Valley Lakes News

May 2023



Men's Club News

The Men's Club has been busy partnering with the Ladies' Club and Girls' Club to clean up the valley. The original plan was to achieve a list of projects on April 14th. However, due to the threat of rain, the project day was moved to April 22nd. Then, it did not rain! None of that stopped our teams as work among the groups was in full swing and the momentum of cleaning up and beautifying the valley had started!

Some of the key areas that are seeing activity are the guard shack, (inside and out), the front entrance signs, the beach area, and the cemetery. This is all about momentum...we ask the rest of the community to join in the momentum! You can do it in your own space as well as join us for our projects...we would love to meet you and would appreciate another set of hands to help achieve our goals.

Picking up trash, mowing your lawn, planting some flowers, picking up/cutting up fallen leaves and trees are all things we can all do in our own spaces and all of those make the valley look just a little bit nicer. We have an awesome community!



Marv

The Handy Man Can

A Grand Valley Lakes Resident run business

Phone: 219-814-6470

“He wants to be your helping hand”

Plumbing repairs, painting, lawn work, light construction, carpentry type repairs

marvthehandymancan@gmail.com



Grand Valley Lakes News

May 2023



Ladies' Club News

The Ladies' Club met on April 15. We set the date for our 4th Adult Only Game Night. It will be Saturday, June 3, at 6:00. This event is our main fundraiser for the year and is always lots of fun. We will be selling hotdogs, nachos, other goodies, and drinks to enjoy while playing bingo. Our bingo night is always an interesting evening filled with food, friends, and fellowship-not to mention the game is "Dirty Bingo!" It is like Dirty Santa, except the winner of each round of bingo chooses a prize to open or he/she can "steal" a gift that has been opened by another player!

We will be helping the Beautification Committee plant flowers at the gate once the Men's Club has completed preparing the flower beds. We would love to have new members join us!



INTERNET SERVICE **(Part of GVL 2025 Plan)**

Per Tony Kirk, President/CEO of Bolivar Energy Authority, BEA/Aeneas will begin installation of fiber into Grand Valley with the next couple of weeks. Don't know when providing service will actually begin, but we should be really close. They have contracted with JLK to install the fiber, so we'll be seeing JLK vehicles out here doing the work.

If you have any other details, please share with us.

Thanks! Lona Coffee

Grand Valley Lakes News

May 2023

April Board Meeting Recap

The meeting was called to order, we had prayer, approved the agenda, read the treasurer's report and minutes.

-Ron gave the President's report- The storm shelter was opened during the last round of bad weather. There were 43 people in the shelter. The board is looking at the space to see what needs to be done to improve the space to be classified as a shelter.

-County Blight plan- We have been in contact with a gentleman that owns multiple trailers that are abandoned. We are working on a resolution for those properties. We are also working on getting the house on Grand Valley Drive that is abandoned and falling in along with several other properties. GVL owns a few properties that have trailers on them. As we gain ownership of these properties, we will create a plan to have them resolved.

-Annual Meeting- It is in 2 weeks. We need 10% of the valley to vote in order to have the meeting. Based on the current population, we need about 80 votes to have an official meeting. You can vote early. The meeting is on the 29th.

-BEA- Internet Update- Tony Kirk stated that in the next 2 weeks they will begin laying fiber in GVL. We don't know the install dates. You will see trucks with JLK in the valley. They will be doing the installation.

-Fire Department- They were awarded a grant of \$41,700 for new equipment. Tom and Keith are working on what needs to be purchased. There is a Fire Department meeting at 2pm on the day of the annual meeting. We need people to serve on the board of the GVAFD. Please volunteer.

-Old Business- GVL 2025- end of the first "year" of the project. It was adopted about 6 months ago. During that time we completed 20 of the 31 items that were scheduled during that time. 11 items were moved to this year bringing our total to 25 for this year.

-GIS Mapping- This is a digitized picture of the water system. We were awarded a grant that covers most of the cost. We pay \$1000, they cover the rest. The system is critical to the asset management plan that allows us to compete for further grants. The mapping can be updated and new maps created from the updates because it is digital. This project must be completed by September.

-Communities Unlimited Conference- Donna attended this conference in Nashville. Multiple communities represented. About 75% of the 450 did not have an asset management plan. There is funding out there for small communities to improve their water structure. Small communities are the focus of this program.

-Mayor's Tax Sale- We have had multiple conversations with the Mayor's office and zoning office about properties whose taxes have not been paid so the county now has the property. We have identified 61 properties that are owned by Hardeman County that are in GVL. The board voted and approved to create a GOVEASE online auction id in order for us to bid on these properties. The board has also identified key properties that we wish to target to purchase. A budget of \$5000 was approved as a limit for the purchase of these properties.

-Mold- Mold spores were found in the front entrance area of the lodge. During periods of rain, a musty smell becomes stronger. Efforts are underway to see if there is water intrusion and where. We will also add a dehumidifier to see if that helps.

-The ARC committee had 3 proposals for variances- all 3 passed.

-Tom stated that they have filed for a new VIN number for the truck that they rebuilt. Security had 2 vandalisms, and 4 instances of suspicious people and vehicles. There are lots of dogs running loose. These owners will be written citations and any citizen can take a picture or video of the dog and where it is and send that to Hardeman county. The county will then cite the dog owner.

He also reminded that livestock is not allowed in the covenants.

-Each of the clubs gave a report. The girls club is now up to 10 girls.

-Club reports were given, and the meeting was adjourned.



Grand Valley Lakes News

May 2023

Easter Egg Hunt Prize Winners



Sawyer Nelson



Winter Joyner



Nick Wade



Skylar Foust



Ian Reyes



Molly Murphy



Grand Valley Lakes News

May 2023

GVL Girls' Club

The GVL Girls' Club was busy at the beach! They trimmed the crape myrtle, painted new flower beds that were installed at the entrance, and planted some donated Easter lilies and wildflower seeds.



Grand Valley Lakes News

May 2023

GVA VFD News



If you are interested in being on the Fire Dept Board of Directors/Officers, please attend a meeting on SATURDAY, APRIL 29 th AT 2 PM IN THE LODGE. Directors/Officers are members in Good Standing (have paid their dues) who perform the day-to-day operations and keep the Fire Dept functioning. The Fire Dept ANNUAL MEETING will be held on SATURDAY, MAY 13 th AT 1 pm IN THE LODGE. Members in Good Standing will be voting on items related to the Bylaws and for Directors/Officers. The current fiscal year is June, 2022 thru May, 2023. Bylaws changes to be voted on are listed below this news.

In other news - - - the trees and brush on the adjacent lot, which were blocking our line-of-sight when leaving the Fire Station and also blocked vehicles going east on Lake Hardeman from seeing our vehicles coming out of the driveway, has been removed and can be mowed to keep the growth low.

We have a licensed electrician working on our lights at the Fire Station, inside and out. He is donating his labor to help us; our agreement with him is that we pay for the parts.

The Grant that Keith worked on getting us has been deposited into our bank account. It is for \$41,700 and Tom and Keith are now finalizing the purchase of the equipment it specifies we can buy.

Bylaws Changes To Vote On:

Opening Items: “The complete address of the corporation’s registered office in Tennessee is: 405 Grand Valley Dr, Saulsbury, TN 38067, Hardeman, County, 38067. **(CHANGE: CORPORATIONS’ ADDRESS HAS BEEN UPDATED TO 7175 LAKE HARDEMAN RD, SAULSBURY, TN 38067)**”

Article III, 4: “If, during the term of office any Officer/Director, it is determined they are not in good standing, that individual will be given seven (7) days to correct the problem. If, at the conclusion of that time, the problem still exists, the Board will be compelled to suspend that Officer/Director. The suspended individual will be given an additional seven (7) days to seek reinstatement. If they are still not in good standing, the Board will use criteria set in ARTICLE III.2. to replace the Officer. **(CHANGE: DOES THIS NEED TO ALSO STATE THAT ANYONE RUNNING FOR OFFICER/DIRECTOR MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING WHEN THEY RUN???** IT IS INFERRED)“

Article IV, 12: “The Fire Chief will fill out a TFIRS **(CHANGE: SHOULD NOW BE NFIRS)** report of each incident and file such report with the appropriate state office, as required by law.”

Article IV, 15: #15 does not currently exist: **“Firefighters will be paid \$XX (?????) for each dispatch to which they respond. This nominal reimbursement for their personal vehicle usage will be paid once per quarter (April, for Jan-Mar; July, for Apr-Jun; Oct, for Jul-Sep and Jan (Oct-Dec). Payments may be delayed if the Treasurer determines the payments will prevent timely payment of other Fire Department bills.” (?????)**

Article IX, 1: “Amendments to these bylaws will be made by a two-thirds vote of the Members in good standing that are present on the third reading of the amendment before the General Membership. **(AMEND THIS – WOULD TAKE FOREVER IF WENT BY THIRD READING)**

Lona Coffee text/call 901-605-7033

Grand Valley Lakes News

May 2023

Grand Valley Ladies' Club

Game Night at the Lodge

Dirty Bingo (ever play Dirty Santa?)

This is the same kind of FUN!

This is our 4th All-Adult Game Night, which is a fundraiser for our Ladies' Club. Please come out for a night of fun and surprises as we gather to earn money to enhance our community and make improvements to "Our Valley". We will offer hot dogs, nachos, and other goodies with an assortment of beverages to add to your night of FUN!

Saturday, June 3, 6:00pm- ???



Food



Fellowship



Fun



Grand Valley Lakes News

May 2023

Grand Valley Lakes

Community

YARDSALE

Saturday, June 17

7:00 am -4:00 pm

**If you want to participate,
contact Tiffany Rustin at**

**(731)609-7576 by June 1. We need to know
if you are setting up at your house or in the
lodge parking lot. If you set up at the lodge,
you must bring tables, etc. to use and
remove unsold items at the end of the sale. If
you are setting up at your house, we will
mark your house on the map.**



Grand Valley Lakes News

May 2023



In order to get the best results from your air conditioning system, there are a few simple steps you can take to get ready for the hot summer days ahead.

- Change your filter
- Replace batteries in your digital thermostat
- Clean the coils of your outdoor unit
- Check the freon

If you have any questions or would like your unit checked by a licensed technician, please call Glenn McNinch at 901-605-0718.



Call or Text 901-833-8242 for a free tree estimate

Email: office@spruceuptreecare.com

www.spruceuptreecare.com

**Tree Trimming, Tree Removal, Stump Grinding,
Lot Clearing, Tree Planting**

Grand Valley Lakes News

May 2023

GVL Board of Directors Election Results

There were three positions on the GVL Board of Directors that were up for election at the Annual Meeting in April. There were three current board members that ran for their same positions, with no one running against them. We look forward to another three years with Nancy Burke, Jean Harrison, and Stuart Farmer on the POA Board of Directors! They all do a great job for our community!



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 May 1, the following list indicates when there are events at the lodge and when the office will be closed.

May:

May 5-6: Wedding

May 11: GVA VFD Chiefs' Meeting

May 13: GVA VFD Annual Meeting

May 19-20: Wedding

May 29: Office Closed for Memorial Day

June:

June 3: Bingo Night (Ladies' Club Fundraiser)

A graphic with the words "UPCOMING" and "EVENTS" stacked vertically. Each letter is a different color: U (red), P (blue), C (green), O (yellow), M (purple), I (orange), N (blue), G (red) for "UPCOMING"; and E (purple), V (orange), E (yellow), N (blue), T (red), S (red) for "EVENTS".

Grand Valley Lakes News

May 2023

*This issue of the Grand Valley Lakes
Newsletter is sponsored by:*

Diane Lanier

Resident of Grand Valley Lakes

*This issue of the Grand Valley Lakes
Newsletter is sponsored by:*

Donna McClarin

Resident of Grand Valley Lakes

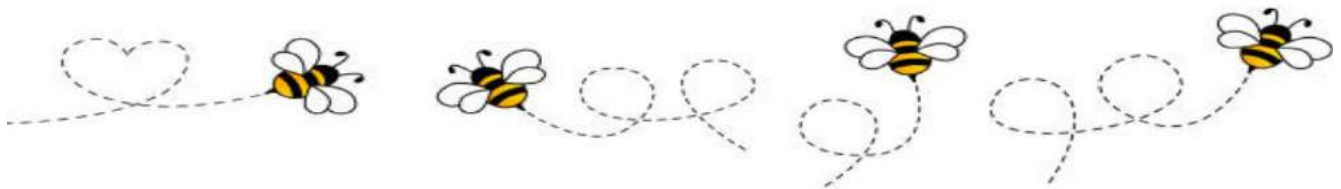


Sponsored by:

***The Law Office of
George R Fusner, Jr.***

Phone: 615-251-0005

GVL POA Attorney



Attention Newsletter Readers

If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter by e-mail, please send your request to: grandvalleynews@gmail.com. You can also use this email address to contribute to your newsletter! We welcome suggestions, news, articles, events, and corrections to this publication. The Grand Valley News is not sponsored by the GVL POA. The GVL POA is not responsible for its content.