

# Grand Valley Lakes News

June 2023



## Calendar of Events

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

July 1-Fourth of July fireworks

July 2- Boat Parade

July 14, 7:00- Board meeting at the lodge

July 15, 9:00- Men's Club meeting at the lodge

10:30- Ladies' Club meeting at the lodge

Girls' Club meeting at the lodge

July 18, 7:00-Hardeman County Commission Meeting, Bolivar Courthouse



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## Men's Club News

The Men's Club continued their work with the Ladies' Club to renew our front entrance. After the meeting the guys prepped the front beds for planting. Later on in the month, the ground was tilled, and a border was added and the ladies added the plants and mulch. IT LOOKS GREAT!

Next month we plan to work with the Girls' Club to paint a bunch of fire hydrants in the valley. The men will prep the hydrants for the girls to paint after we are done. We will be targeting Grand Valley Drive and hope to make this an ongoing project.

We are also looking at the street signs in the valley to do another round of those before the end of the year.

Our yearly fundraiser, the fish fry, will be the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. We are starting to plan our menu and getting our supplies and volunteers together.

The great momentum continues!



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## Ladies' Club News

The Ladies' Club met and finalized plans for our 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

The Ladies' Club and the Men's Club have been working together with the Beautification Committee to revamp the garden and guard shack at the front gate. The inside now has new floors, new paint, a new refrigerator, and will soon have a new desk! The sidewalk, roof, and signs have also been pressure washed, with the signs also being painted. The flower bed has been tilled, has new garden soil and mulch as well as a new stone border. There are new plants and flowers being planted this week, and the finished product will be beautiful! Thank you all for your hard work!! It makes a big difference in improving the appearance of GVL, and working together makes it enjoyable. We would love to have new members join us! 😊



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## May Board Meeting Recap

After the prayer, a quorum was declared present, the minutes were read and treasurer's report was given. It was announced that the officers will remain the same for this upcoming year.

GIS Mapping- Data was sent to Communities Unlimited for them to make a database. After this, they will train us on the system. After the data is uploaded, we will use this system for all of our workorders.

Employee Handbook- A subcommittee is reviewing the handbook along with the performance review and performance documentation forms.

Blight update- This is a focus for the valley. Please report any areas that are out of compliance. We are working with the county where needed.

County Commissioners Meeting- This is held at the Hardeman County Courthouse at 7pm on the third Tuesday of the month. We are making a concerted effort to have GVL residents at each meeting. This is being noticed by the Hardeman County leadership.

ARP funding- Bobby Wright stated that we have been approved and we should be receiving the paperwork in the next 30 days. We will have to pay the bills first and will be reimbursed by the state after we pay our \$50k portion.

We need team members for Maintenance and we are down one guard. If you know of anyone, please have them contact the office.

Fourth of July Schedule- Fireworks will be Saturday. Boat Parade will be Sunday. Theme will be coming soon.

Beach Bathroom job opportunity- We need someone to clean the bathrooms 2 times per week. The pay will be \$35 per week.

We will have our Community Yard Sale on June 17<sup>th</sup>. So far 17 people have signed up. We are planning to create a map to the homes, or you can set up in the lodge parking lot as long as you clean up afterwards.

Tom's Report- VIN for the rebuilt truck is in progress, waiting for the state to complete. We will be working on the spike strips at the front gate in the next few weeks and a new code for the exercise room will be coming as well.

The board is looking into the cost for re-paving the parking lot of the lodge as it is pretty bad.

The Ladies', Girls', and Men's Clubs gave their reports and the meeting was adjourned.



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# 4TH OF JULY

- ★ July 1 Fireworks
- ★ July 2 Boat Parade
- ★ July 4 Happy Independence Day!!



*The theme for this year's boat parade is "A Night at the Movies." I can't wait to see the creative ways people come up with to illustrate this theme!*



## Tennessee Leash Law



GVL does it's best to enforce the Tennessee Leash Law, which states "In Tennessee, it is unlawful to permit a dog to run at large, unless the dog is engaged in legal hunting or herding." As residents of GVL, we can all do our part to help make sure this law is followed, by not only keeping our own dogs on a leash or in a fenced in yard, but also by taking a picture of any dog we see that is out loose/not on a leash, and sending it to Margaret in the office. Please include where and when the photo was taken. She will give the information to GVL Security.



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## GVL Girls' Club

The Girls' Club made stepping stones during a meeting in May. They also enjoyed an outing to Lone Oaks Farm where they captured and observed some bugs up close !



School is out! Our summer schedule will be Wednesdays at 1:00. Please join us!



The Girls' Club will be selling hotdogs and bottled water in the lodge parking lot during the Community Yard Sale on June 17. Come by for lunch and help the girls raise money to fund their activities.

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ANNUAL MEETING  
GRAND VALLEY AREA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 13, 2023



The Annual Meeting of the Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department was held Saturday May 13th, 2023 at the Grand Valley Lakes Lodge. Fifteen members in Good Standing met the quorum needed to vote on changes to the Bylaws and elect new Board Members.

Chief Tom Wein and Firefighter/Vice-President Keith Clanton were in attendance.

The Bylaws were updated by a vote of the Members and those changes are noted below---

Address of corporation updated (all other documents already reflect correct address):

*Opening Statement on Bylaws -- The complete address of the corporation's registered office in Tennessee is: 7175 Lake Hardeman Rd, Saulsbury, TN 38067, Hardeman, County, 38067.*

Added wording that anyone running for the Board/Officer must be a member in good standing:

*Article III, 4: In order to run for an Officer/Board Member, a member must be in Good Standing. 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.*

Update TFIRS to NFIRS:

*Article IV, 12: The Fire Chief will fill out a NFIRS report of each incident and file such report with the appropriate state office, as required by law.*

Updated rules for amending bylaws:

*Article IX, 1: Amendments to these bylaws must be voted in by 51% of the members in attendance in a meeting of the General Membership. Must have at least a quorum in attendance as outlined in ARTICLE II.7.*

The Members also voted to elect a new Board of Directors whose terms will begin June 1, 2023. The Board themselves then elected the Officers positions and they are: President, Richard Burton; Vice-President, Bobby Hemsley; Secretary, Bart Waymire; Treasurer, Tracy Waymire; Director, Ron Blair. The Fire Chief, Tom Wein, is a non-voting Member of the Board.

I will handle all functions through May 31, 2023 and will support the new Board Members transition to their duties. Please continue to support our Fire Department. Extra special thanks to the Ladies and Mens Clubs for their gifts of appreciation for me.

Minutes Submitted by,

Lona Coffee, President/Treasurer  
GVA VFD  
7175 Lake Hardeman Rd  
Saulsbury, TN 38067  
901-605-7033

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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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





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## **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.**



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Lakeside Yard of the Month:  
Linda and Larry Johnson

Yard of the Month:  
Ruth and Bill Anderson  
570 Indian Lane



Garden of the Month:  
Patrick Conway  
Winnebago



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## 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.

June:

June 3: Bingo Night (Ladies' Club Fundraiser)



### **GVL is Hiring!**

GVL needs to hire a guard to work at the gate.

GVL also needs to hire someone to clean the bathrooms at the beach twice a week.

This position pays \$35 per week.

If you are interested, in either of these positions,  
please contact Margaret at the office for more information.

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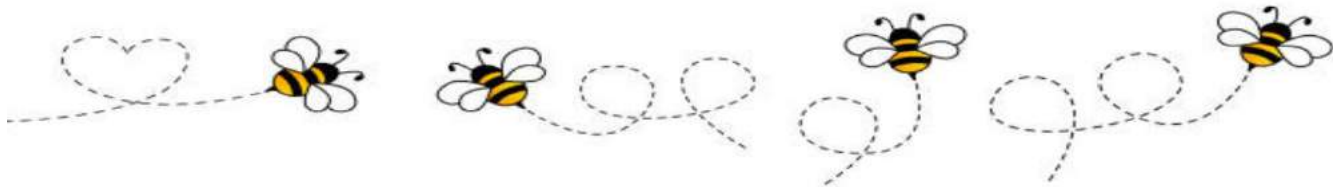


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