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Calendar of Events



July 1- Fourth of July fireworks

July 2- 4:00pm 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

August 11 7:00- Board meeting at the lodge

August 12, 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

August 15, 7:00- Hardeman County Commission Meeting, Bolivar Courthouse

September 2- Men's Club Fish Fry



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Men's Club News

The Men's club enjoyed some fellowship along with biscuits, gravy and coffee. During our meeting, we discussed upcoming plans for the Fish Fry which will be Labor Day weekend, Saturday, September 2nd. We have started with assignments and sourcing of the needed items. Tickets will be going on sale soon!

After the meeting, the men headed out along Grand Valley Drive to prepare fire hydrants for painting. The painting will be done by the Girls' Club. When this is done, all of the fire hydrants along Grand Valley Drive will have a fresh coat of paint. We will then work on another section until we have them all done.

We would like to encourage the members of Grand Valley to join the volunteer organizations that work very hard to improve our community daily. Come join the Ladies' Club, Men's Club or Girls' Club and help make a difference and meet your neighbors!



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Ladies' Club News

The Ladies' Club would like to thank everyone who came out to support us at our 4th Adult Only Game Night on Saturday, June 3. It was lots of fun and was another successful fundraiser for our club. It was so much fun that we are planning another game night for the fall! We will share the details so soon as they are finalized. Be on the lookout for the details, you won't want to miss this one!



David Parkinson and Jim Cowan are the best Bingo Callers!

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June Board Meeting Recap

- After the call to order, prayer, approval of the agenda, minutes and treasurer's report, Ron gave the President's report.
- ARP update- The contract has been sent and the county mayor has signed. The first step is the GIS Mapping that will occur June 13-15 th. We have several individuals lined up to input the data and learn about the software. One of our next goals is to work to understand the repayment process as we need to pay the bills first and the state will then reimburse. We will look to find ways to make that timeline as short as possible.
- Blight update- Getting some progress. We are partnering with the county to address several areas.
- Mayor's Sale- no new update
- Leash Law Enforcement- Please make sure to take a picture of any dog not on a leash and gather whatever information you can. Please send to the office or to Hardeman County Animal Control.
- Boat Parade for 4th of July celebration- The theme is "A Night at the Movies". It will be Sunday, July 2nd.
- Algae in Lake- We have reports of areas. Tom will be adding Barley Straw Extract to remove. This is a natural way to remove the algae.
- Leeches in Lake- The bottom is soft and murky, lots of accumulation from leaves. The board has created a committee to look at solutions.
- Swimming Pool- A committee has been formed to look at the viability of adding a pool to the community.
- The yard sale is next Saturday.
- 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!



4TH OF JULY

Event Details



- ★ The fireworks show typically starts around 9:00 pm, but get your spot early so you can enjoy the show! They are set off from a boat in front of the levee. People typically watch from their docks, from the levee, and from boats.
- ★ The Boat Parade starts at 4:00 pm at the marina with judging. The boats then "parade" around the lake with onlookers on the levee, docks, and boats. If you are on the lake during the parade, please give the participating boats ample space as they parade around the lake. If you plan to enter the boat parade, please contact Billy Williams at bwilliams@dieselcare.net or 901-421-9072.

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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.



The Grand Valley Lakes Community Yard Sale on June 17 had a great turn out! Thank you, Tiffany Rustin for organizing this event!



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GVL Girls' Club

The Girls' Club has been meeting weekly and has been having lots of fun! They painted a landscape with flowers, learned to weave, and did some line dancing this month! (I had the opportunity to join them one week and I must say that Amy does a wonderful job! The girls painted and then enjoyed a snack while she led them in a conversation to promote positive self image. I was so impressed ! The girls had a great time and also discussed self awareness issues that are so important in this crazy world we live in !)

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



The Girls' Club sold hotdogs, chips, and drinks at the Community Yard Sale. They endured the heat and raised \$466.75 to help fund their activities! Great job girls!



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Grand Valley Area - Volunteer Fire Department



Greetings Grand Valley!!

I'm sure you noticed in the June newsletter that the new Board has been elected for the next three-year term.

We met with Llona Coffee (past President) briefly on Saturday morning at the Lodge.

Llona spent a few minutes going through some paperwork that she thought the new Board might need. She turned over some old binders full of receipts, and then, after a moment of silence (she has occupied this three-year position for the last "five" years), she grabbed an old wrinkled, green shirt out of one of the boxes and ran out the door yelling.....

"Lloyd.....we're free at last !!".....and jumped into a black, European looking SUV with dark tinted windows and quickly disappeared around the corner of the lodge....

That's when we started to sweat !!! JUST KIDDING !!

We, myself as President, Tracy Waymire as Treasurer and Bart Waymire as Secretary, actually had a very constructive three hour meeting with Llona. Llona turned over a lot of information (5-years worth) and we will be sorting through these files over the next few weeks.

Just a little information on the "Volunteers" that provide services to this fire department (other than the most important people of all, the fire fighters themselves, because that info is not available):

1. Donna McLarin, Grand Valley resident, does all the accounting, tax work and returns.
2. Teena Oake keeps the interior of the fire station spic and span.

The Directors are:

3. Tracy and Bart Waymire, Treasurer and Secretary, and they moved to the Valley from San Diego.
4. Richard Burton, President and his wife, Barbara, moved to the Valley in 2019 from Phoenix.
5. Bobby Hensley is Vice President and lives in Hickory Valley.
6. And, of course, Mr. Tom Wein! Tom is the head of maintenance in Grand Valley. He and his wife, Lauren, are longtime residents of Grand Valley. Tom is also our Fire Chief.

There is one Director position unfilled at the moment. We hope to have that filled shortly.

As I said, all the above-mentioned folks are "Volunteers". If you are new to the Valley, this is one of the high points, people here are willing to step up!

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Wishing you all a wonderful and safe summer....

Richard Burton, President



The American Red Cross has a Water Safety Course for Parents and Caregivers Online Course that focuses on developing an awareness of the risks of drowning and how to minimize those risks, especially for young children. This online course teaches parents and caregivers about the concepts of the circle of drowning prevention, water competency and the chain of drowning survival. It also provides guidance for applying water safety to common environments and situations where children are most at risk for drowning. This is a link to sign up for this free course [Water Safety for Parents and Caregivers \(redcross.org\)](https://www.redcross.org)

According to the CDC, "Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death for children ages 1 to 14, and the fifth leading cause for people of all ages. There's nothing better than a day at the beach or on the lake. But swimming in a natural body of water or enjoying the day on a boat can be risky. About half of all drownings occur in natural water settings such as lakes, rivers, or oceans."



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The July Yard of the Month is shown in these pictures and belongs to Mike and Ernie Kelly on Colonial Dr. You can see Ernie in the picture and can usually find her somewhere in her yard, making sure 'all is well'. She considers her plants her pride-and-joy and it certainly shows! Thanks to Bill Anderson for his help in making sure we recognized one of our residents for doing their part in making Grand Valley a beautiful place to live.



Mike and Ernie Kelly
Colonial Drive



Lakeside Yard
George and Jean Harrison



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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.

July:

July 14: GVL POA Board Meeting



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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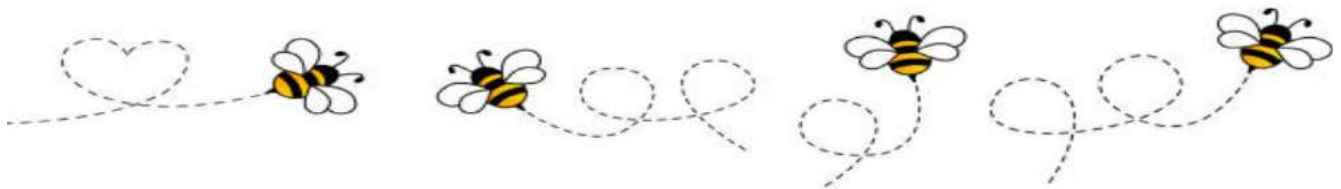


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