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**Calendar of Events**

September 2- Men's Club Fish Fry
September 8th- GVL Board Meeting at the Lodge 7pm
September 9th- Men's Club Meeting- Lodge 9am
September 9th- Ladies' and Girls' Club Meetings- Lodge 10:30am
September 12th- Hardeman County Council Meeting- Courthouse 7pm
October 13th- GVL Board Meeting at the lodge 7pm
October 14th- Men's Club Meeting-Lodge 9am
October 14th- Ladies' and Girls' Club Meetings- Lodge 10:30am
October 17th- Hardeman County Council Meeting- Courthouse 7pm
October 21st- Ladies' Club Dirty Bingo

## 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 andwhen the photo was taken. She will give the information to GVL Security.

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## Men's Club News

July Meeting-The Men's club continued the planning for the fish fry on September 2, 2023. We have distributed tickets to the Men's club members. Get your tickets early from any Men's club member or at the office. The price is $15 per plate before the event and $17 at the door. We will do "to go" orders as a drive thru again this year. We will have pick up orders from 4-5pm with in lodge dining starting at 5pm.

After the meeting, several members went around the valley and trimmed back areas that were overgrowing the roads and picked up debris.

August Meeting- Final Preparations are being made for the fish fry. We are going to be at the gate on August 26th from 10-2pm to sell tickets. Remember, all money collected by the Men's Club goes into the valley.

We would love to see more people join the Men's, Ladies and Girls club to make the GVL community stronger. We meet at 9am in the lodge kitchen on the Saturday morning after the Board Meeting. Come join us!

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## Ladies' Club News

The GVL Ladies' Club has been planning another fun bingo night. This event will be Saturday, October 21 at 6:00pm at the Lodge.
There will still be Dirty Santa style prize stealing, but we are calling this event *Witchy Bingo*. We will incorporate a Halloween theme for this adult only event.

We will be making desserts for the Men's Club Fish Fry again this Year. We hope to see you there!

# Witchy Bingo

## October 21, 2023 6:00pm

**Come join the fun! We will be playing Dirty Bingo (with prize stealing ) on this Witchy-themed evening, complete with Halloween themed decorations, drinks, etc.**

**Chili and chicken & dumplings, and drinks will be sold. Please help support your GVL Ladies' Club on this fun-filled evening.**

***This is an adult only event. ***
*** Costumes are encouraged, but not required.***

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July Board Meeting Recap

After the prayer and approval of the agenda, the minutes were approved from last meeting and the treasurers report was given.

The Fourth of July event was a huge success. The Fireworks display was great, and the boat parade was well attended. This year the voting was done via online, and we had 118 people participate in voting. The winners were, in third place, Top Gun, Second Place, Jaws and the winner was Stuart Farmers team version of Jaws. The fire department fundraiser was also a success with the GVAFD making $1300 profit for the event. Thank you to everyone for your support.

President's report- ARP funds- we have been granted the $600k to update the water infrastructure and install meters. The meters are a program mandated addition that will allow us to determine where and when we have water loss that costs the valley money. We have met with the administration that will manage the funds for Hardeman County. The great news is that we are only going to need to pay our 10% for each invoice. It was originally thought we would have to pay the entire invoice and wait for repayment. This is a HUGE win. Another big win for us is that communities unlimited will be assisting in our Asset Management plan. This is another key requirement for us to get these funds and would be needed for future grands and funding.

Old Business- GVL 2025- David West gave an update on the projects. There are 25 items this year to be completed. Four are now complete with 10 in progress and 11 not started. One of the keys for us to complete the projects on our 5-year plan is participation from the valley residents. The best way to do this is to join the Men's, Ladies and Girls clubs.

One of the residents asked about the number of cats in the valley running around. Carol Huffman is heading a committee to explore what options we have for this issue.

Natural Gas in the valley- This has been on the discussion points for quite a while. There are enough residents interested around the lake and in the Indian Loop area. What we need to attract this amenity would be people around the old golf course area to show interest. If you would be interested in possibly adding natural gas, please contact the office.

Blight update- The beautification committee continues to address the areas in the valley. We are working with the county on several areas and we are arranging for a clean-up time for us to rent heavy equipment for the areas that are owned by GVL and need clean up. The committee will also be sending letters to those individuals that need to address their areas. We ask that you look at your area and clean up any items that should be removed as trash, overgrown or just sitting abandoned.

Sea Doo use on lake- We are seeing young people operating these vehicles. We are going to send a copy of the lake rules and guidelines to everyone listed as owning a SeaDo or jetski. We also ask that if you see someone underage operating a vehicle, or someone operating recklessly to take a video of the person and try to get their sticker number and immediately contact security. We have lost another guard, if you are you know someone interested, please have them contact the office.

Leach traps- 4 leach traps were deployed and 3 of the 4 were removed and thrown away. Tom will redeploy more traps. The first application of Muck away has been completed and the second application will happen in the next couple of weeks.

The Pool Committee gave their report- They have a lot in mind and currently working on getting at least 3 bids for the project. The original estimation for the project will be between 200-300K. One resident has already promised 10K in electrical if the project is approved. Due to the cost of

the project, the valley as whole will need to vote on the project. They are also looking into the cost of insurance. They will report again as they get more information.
The meeting was adjourned.

August Meeting:

After the prayer and approval of the agenda, the minutes were approved from last meeting and the treasurers report was given.
President's report- Blight update. We are in contact with Hardeman County looking at the house on GV Drive. We have met with the Mayor and Jim Pierce, and they are involved in helping address this property along with several others.
There are several trailers that are owned by GVL. We are working on a date to demolish these. Right now, October is the current target. After the tear down, we will need assistance from the members of the valley to clear the lots of the debris. The Beautification committee is sending out letters to individuals that have trash or overgrown lawns. There are 4 letters that go out.
We have a new guard, and they are taking their certification within a month. We still need members for the maintenance team.
Old Business- ARP update- we are working on the asset management plan. We know the cost; we are working on the condition. We will then need members to assist in finding replacement costs.
Sea Do update- Letters have gone to all homeowners that have one. This outlines lake rules and that all boaters must have a license if they are 12 years or younger.
GVL 2025 update- 25 items on list that are due March 31, 2024. We have 5 completed, 13 in progress and 7 not started.
The septic tank at the beach has been emptied.
There were no new business, No ARC variances.
Staff report- Several calls about 4 wheelers. One incident at the gate. The tractors are fixed. With the extreme amount of rain, there are plenty of wash outs, we will address as possible. We may use materials other than "rip rap" to address the areas. All materials are being cleared by Tom.
The Meeting was adjourned.

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## GVL Girls' Club Outing

The GVL Girls Club trip was a great success!! We visited the Memphis Zoo where we saw exotic animals, explored the butterfly exhibit and even fed the giraffes! The girls thoroughly enjoyed the splash park inside the zoo as well! We spent the night at a hotel with an indoor pool and ordered pizza! The next day we traveled to the Memphis Fire Museum and learned about fire prevention and safety.

The girls enjoyed lunch at Kooky Canucks and even took a ride on the Memphis Trolley. Then it was on the to the famous Peabody Hotel! We were given a personal tour of the hotel by the Duck Master pointing out many historical facts and points of interest surrounding this beautiful old hotel. The girls enjoyed ordering a "fancy" dessert and soaking up the atmosphere. Finally, we ended the day by watching the famous "Duck March" by the feathered Peabody celebrities! 🦆

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## GVL Men's Club Annual Fish Fry

September 2, 2023
5pm-7pm

Purchase your tickets for $15
($17 at the Door)

Tickets available at the office or from Men's Club members!

Drive through pickup of orders available!
Pickup orders from 4-5pm
Pick up line starts from the parking lot of the lodge on the gravel road outside the kitchen and exiting around the lodge to Grand Valley Drive.
Dine in from 5-7pm.
For everyone's safety, Please do not attempt to enter from Kitchen. Please enter from office or door outside fitness center.

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Lake Rules reminder:

Tennessee state law requires the operator of all watercrafts over 8.5 horsepower to be 12 years old or above. Those less than 12 years old must have a supervisor on board who is at least 18 years old and able to take immediate control of the vessel. The supervisor, if born after January 1, 1989, also must have a Boating Safety Education Certificate issued by the TWRA. Those 12 years or older operating alone must have a Boating Safety Education Certificate issue by the TWRA. Children 12 years of age or younger are required to wear a coast guard approved life jacket when on the water whether in a boat, jet ski, canoe, etc.

## Water Safety

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)

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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Lakeside Yard of the Month

The Weintraub's

Yard of the Month

The Cooks

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

September 2nd– Men's Club fish Fry
October 6-7: Lodge is rented.
October 21: 6:00 Ladies' Club Bingo Night

### GVL is Hiring!

GVL needs to hire a maintenance team members.

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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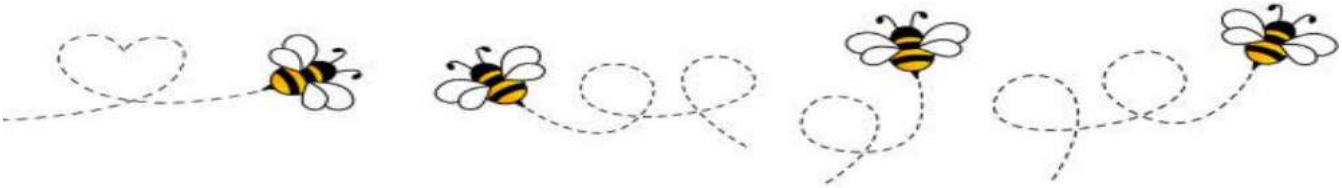

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