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Calendar of Events

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
October 28th- Trunk or Treat
November 4th- Clean Up Day in the Valley
November 10th- GVL Board Meeting at the lodge 7pm
November 11th- Men's Club Meeting-Lodge 9am
November 11th- Ladies' and Girls' Club Meetings- Lodge 10:30am

Annual Clean Up Days
October 14th\November 4th

The Men's and Ladies club will be combining efforts to clean up the valley. There are 2 trailers that are owned by GVL that will be demolished and hauled away. The lots will need to be cleared and cleaned after removal. The abandoned house on Grand Valley Drive will also be demolished and removed. We invite members of our community to meet with us at the lodge at 10am to break into teams to tackle these unsightly areas.

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Men's Club News

The Fish Fry was a huge success! It was the largest to date. Thank you to all the members of the community that came out in support and to get some great food! The meeting this month focused on recapping what we did well for the fish fry and what we could improve upon next time. We also discussed several projects that we can use the funds from the fish fry to accomplish. We invite the community to come join us for the Clean-up Day and to come join the men's club and make a difference in your community.

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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.

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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September Board Meeting recap

President's Report- Blight update- The board has been in contact with Jim Pierce and Todd Pulse about getting the property back on Grand Valley Drive. This is the abandoned house that is falling in. We have dates for teardown of the properties owned by GVL in the trailer area. The properties on Apache and Winnebago will be torn down on the 13th of October and then final clean up with occur on the 14th with the participation of the men's and ladies club. We ask for other volunteers from the community to assist on Saturday morning as part of our annual valley clean up. We will be contacting BEA to ensure that electrical is disconnected from all sites and Tom has already addressed the water. We are still working on the property on Grand Valley Drive, and it appears we are making progress to address that site as well.

We have a lot of scrap metal at the maintenance shop. We are going to add the metal from the demolition and work to sell it for some revenue.

Google Email accounts- you will see that we are transitioning to a centralized email and file sharing system for the valley. The emails for everyone are changing and will have the ending of @grandvalleylakespoa.com. We have also set up groups to help direct your emails to the correct places for better action.

We have members of the valley coming to the board with revenue generation ideas. This is wonderful and we encourage those with an idea and willingness to spearhead their idea to come and share.

Employee Appreciation week is September 17th-23rd. Please let our staff know how much we appreciate the work they do every day.

Old Business- The Beautification committee met and sent out 11 letters this week to property owners to address issues. This is the first of the 4-letter process discussed at the last meeting.

We still need personnel, especially at the gate. Maintenance needs people as well. If you know anyone, or you are personally interested, please contact the office.

GVL 2025- We have 25 items to be accomplished this fiscal year. To date, we have 20 complete with 5 not started. A handout was given to those in attendance to show items and progress.

New Business- we are working on getting Chip and Seal estimates. We found a company that does this, and we have given them a list of roads. Once we have the estimates, we can make decisions on what to address. We have informed them that community members may want work done on their property, so more to come on that in the future.

Master plan for Amenities area- Brad Anderson has stepped forward to develop an initial master plan for the area across from the Marina and boat launch that is owned by GVL to be a centralized area for all amenity development in the future. We appreciate Brad taking the leadership on this idea.

We are also looking into an integrated security camera system for the Beach, Marina, Lodge, Guard and Maintenance area. We are in the process of getting bids currently.

October 28th will be Trunk or Treat after dark. Please donate candy to this popular event. Donations can be brought to the Guard Shack or Margaret.

Melinda Bryant addressed the board with a concern that she had in regard to ATV's. An ATV that was street legal, but not owned by a GVL resident was denied entry into the valley. She asked the board to look at this rule and possibly make an exception for licensed ATV's. The board stated they will discuss.

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Community Shout out!

Craig Record took matters into his own hands and repaired a section of the road that was in disrepair.
Thank you, Craig!

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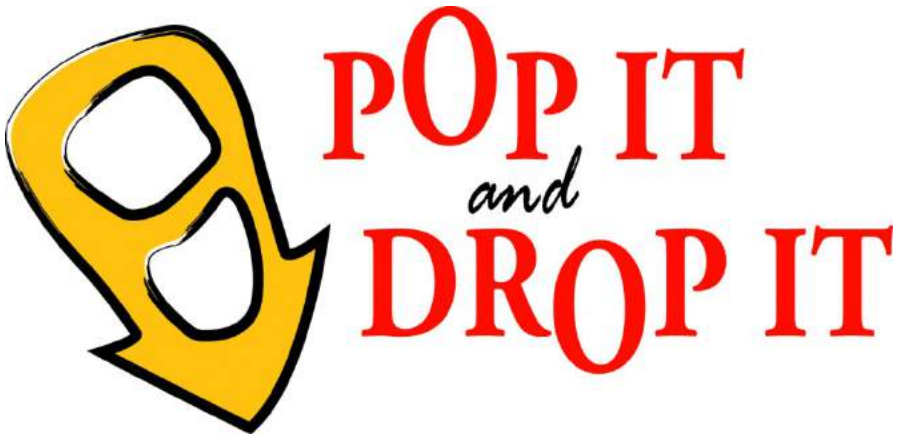
The Google Initiative

To better protect our crucial data and to make communication easier, the board has been working to implement Google Workspace for the POA. One of the things you will notice is that email addresses are changing. They all end with @grandvalleylakespoa.com. Each board member, along with Tom and Margaret, have a new email address which is their first name followed by the @grandvalleylakespoa.com ending. Here is a list of the email addresses and groups for the valley.

POAoffice@grandvalleylakespoa.com- Office and Margaret
Security@grandvalleylakespoa.com- for non-emergency security issues
Maintenance@grandvalleylakespoa.com- Maintenance requests
Realestate@grandvalleylakespoa.com- for inquiries to purchase property.
Finance@grandvalleylakespoa.com- billing/finance inquiries
Each member along with Margaret and Tom have an individual address. (Ron, Nancy, Billy, David, Stuart, Paul, Jean, Stan, Donna)

Save the tops!

Please save your tabs from your cans to benefit Ronald McDonald house. Lisa Benoit is collecting on behalf of Middleton Elementary. Just put in a bag and drop off at the guard shack or with Margaret at the office.



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Girls' Club

The Girls' club has started the project of painting the fire hydrants around the valley.

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Just say NO to Litter!

Our community means a lot to us and we all work hard to have it look it's best at all times. Please make sure we are putting trash in the garbage and not throwing it out of our windows and lining our streets with garbage. If you see someone doing this, please get whatever information you can and report to security@grandvalleylakespoa.com. Together we can fight litter and keep our community beautiful.

Bringing a Natural Gas Option to the Valley!

If you are interested in adding the option of Natural Gas to the valley, please contact the office to add your name. We have enough from the Trailer and Lake area, but need more people from around the old golf course to make this option available.

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September 28th!

Lodge Parking Lot at Dark!

Please consider making candy donations to this event. Bring to the guard shack or Margaret at the office.

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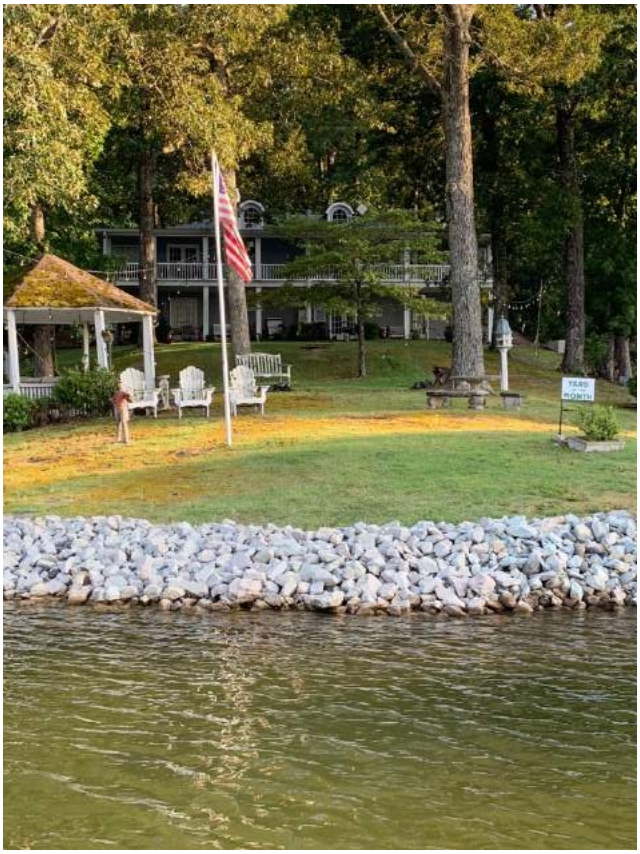

Yard of the Month

Ron and Doty Upchurch

Lakeside Yard of the Month

Judy East

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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.

October 6-7: Lodge is rented.
October 21: 6:00 Ladies' Club Bingo Night
October 28th- Trunk or Treat
November 17-18th- Lodge Rented

GVL is Hiring!

GVL needs to hire security and maintenance team members.

If you are interested, in either of these positions,

please contact Margaret at the office for more information.

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