

# Grand Valley Lakes News

December 2023



## Calendar of Events

December 9<sup>th</sup>– Girls' Club Wreath Workshop 10:30am

December 10<sup>th</sup>– Ladies' Club and Girls' Club Caroling in the Valley 3:00pm

December 13<sup>th</sup>– Deadline for Secret Santa Gifts to be turned in!

December 16<sup>th</sup>– Santa at the lodge at 1pm

December 25<sup>th</sup>– Christmas Day

December 31<sup>st</sup>– New Year's Eve

January 1<sup>st</sup>– New Year's Day

January 12<sup>th</sup>– Board Meeting 7pm– Lodge

January 13<sup>th</sup>– Men's Club Meeting 9am– Lodge

January 13<sup>th</sup>– Ladies Club Meeting 10:30am Lodge



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## Men's Club News

The Men's Club had their last meeting of 2023. Wow! The time really flies. We are beginning the plans for projects for 2024 and named captains for pre-work/estimates for each proposed project. Afterwards, we filled in potholes around the valley and cleaned up the lot where the house was demolished. We have a lot of projects to do around the valley and more hands and participation make the work go smoother and easier. As a valley resident, come and support your community, meet your neighbors, and improve your neighborhood. We meet on the Saturday after the Board Meeting at 9am in the lodge kitchen for biscuits, gravy, coffee and socialization before we tackle a project. Come join us!



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## Ladies' Club News

The Ladies' Club wants to thank everyone who came to Witchy Bingo to support them. The evening was a lot of fun, and they raised \$2,500! They donated all of this money to the Grand Valley Area Fire Department. The GVL Ladies' Club started the Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department several years ago, and they are happy to be able to provide them with this donation to help meet their needs.

The Ladies' Club will not meet in December, but we will be singing Christmas carols with the Girls' Club on December 10 at 3:00.



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## Why is the fountain not working?

Several residents have been asking why the front fountain is not turned on. The fountain has 2 pumps that move the water. One of those pumps is not operational and needs to be replaced. The other pump has an electrical issue that trips the breaker after a few minutes of use. Attempts have been made to resolve these issues, but the bottom line is that these items need to be replaced. As you can see in the pictures below, the bowl is also cracked and aged. We are working on detailing what would be needed to resurface the bowl, replace both pumps and the electrical items to support them.

In the spring, when it warms up, we will hopefully have the plan and the funding needed to pump out the water and the muck in the bowl and bring our fountain to better than new condition.



Go to this website or scan the QR code below to complete the survey.

### ATTN: Residents!



We need you to complete this survey for your residence. We need this information for ALL valley residents. **This is a requirement from the State of Tennessee!**



<https://arcg.is/1PfO9X>

Thank you for your participation in this survey!

Tom and the GVL Board of Directors

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We started a new tradition at Grand Valley following our November board meeting. We recognized our Veterans during a Veterans Day celebration. We are so thankful for the sacrifices and contributions of these brave Americans! As part of the program, we recognized each veteran individually and the girls club presented each veteran

with a gift. After the program, we had a special cake along with drinks and snacks.



## THANK YOU VETERANS



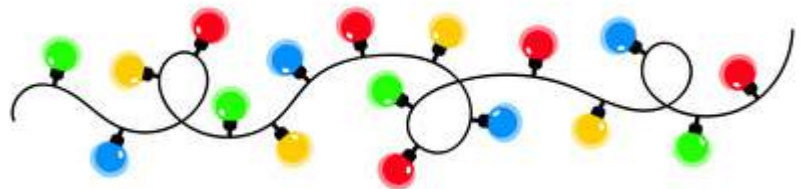
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## Christmas Tree Lighting



The tree at the entrance to GVL is now our official Grand Valley Christmas Tree after Larry Johnson and Jim Gehringer placed new lights on the tree. The Men's Club purchased new LED lights for the tree this year. Members of the valley gathered on the Saturday after Thanksgiving to sing Christmas carols, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, and watch the official lighting of the tree. This year's crowd was larger than last year. Another great GVL tradition is taking hold.



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## Girls' Club News!

The GVL Girls Club will be hosting a **Christmas Wreath** making workshop on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Fresh greenery will be provided. Please bring ribbon and decorations to enhance your creations!! This will be a fun and easy craft project for Christmas! Everyone is invited to join in on the fun!



Join us for Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at the lodge Sunday Afternoon at 3pm and heading out at 3:30 to visit houses to spread a little holiday cheer. Dress warm and be ready to sing loud and have a great time.



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## **December Board Meeting Recap**

After the prayer, pledge and welcome to our veterans, the Minutes and Treasurer's report were reviewed and accepted.

President's report- Demolition update- 735 Grand Valley Drive and 2 trailers were demolished. We spent \$3200 total for this project. We are working with the county on property owned by Luther Anderson. They have been sent 3 letters and a summons to appear in court.

Hardeman county zoning requirements- Hardeman County is requiring ½ acre lots for a septic tank. Most of our lots are under ½ acre. We are working with the county on solutions, and we will be watching future lot sales to ensure that the property purchase is over the ½ acre minimum. For houses that are impacted, they can request variances with the county and the GVL board if needed.

Trunk or Treat was a great success again this year. A big Thank you to Johnny and Tiffany for their work on this event.

Secret Santa- Names are at the guard shack, we have 16.

Old Business- ARP update- Asset management plan is being done for us by communities unlimited for free for the water assets. We are working with the county on the next step in the process as they are our sponsor.

GVL 2025- There are 27 items on the list for this year, 22 are complete or in progress. One of the 5 not started, we have decided not to pursue.

Trailer parking update- We will have this open prior to the end of the year. The lot has been cleared, the gravel installed, and the stickers ordered. The board needs to finalize the agreement and price.

New Business- A property owner expressed a request to allow ATVs and UTVs that are licensed by the state to be allowed into the valley. The board stated that the rule regarding ATV's was passed several years ago. Licensed ATV's/UTV's are only allowed for owners of lots. Property owners are the only individuals that can have these in the valley.

Agenda requests- Pool committee- They reported on the 3 proposals for a pool. The estimated cost will be around \$250,000 and that excludes the outbuildings, fencing and other items. The committee is still working on the proposal and will report at the next meeting.

Potholes- Property owners expressed concern over the amount of time it takes to fill in pot holes. The board stated it would address the matter, and it is still waiting for bids for chip and seal in the valley.

The board officially recognized the veterans in the valley and thanked them for their service. After the meeting was adjourned.

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## Trailer Parking Area Open for Rental

The Valley now has a space for you to store your empty boat and flat trailers. The rental is \$50 per year per trailer. The space is on Bonnie Lane.

More information is available at the POA office. All trailers **MUST** have a sticker. If you have a trailer that is on the side of the road or that is taking too much space on your lot, this is a great place to store it.

A big thank you to Tom, Mark Martin, and Stuart Farmer for helping to plan and prep this area.



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## SECRET SANTA 2023

It's time once again for the GVL Community to support all of the kids of the Valley by becoming a Secret Santa. If you have a child ages newborn-16 years old who want to receive a gift, pick up a card, fill it out and drop it off at the gate.

DEADLINE is Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

If you'd like to be a Secret Santa, stop by the gate and pick up a card with a child's name & wish list, purchase & wrap the gift(s) and drop them off at the gate. All gifts need to be turned in by Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Gifts will be distributed by Santa and his helpers on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM at the Lodge.

For more information, please contact Johnny 731-361-9400, Tiffany 731-609-7576 or the gate 731-376-8333

ALL KIDS MUST LIVE IN THE VALLEY TO BE ON THE LIST



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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.

December 16<sup>th</sup>– Santa at the Lodge for Secret Santa

December 24<sup>th</sup>– Christmas Eve

December 25<sup>th</sup>– Christmas Day–Lodge Closed

January 1<sup>st</sup>– New Years Day– Lodge Closed



### GVL is Hiring!

GVL needs to hire security and maintenance team members.

If you are interested, in either of these positions,  
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