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## Calendar of Events

March 17th– St. Patrick's Day
March 16th– Ladies' Club Spaghetti dinner
March 19th– Hardeman County Board Meeting
March 30th– Easter Egg Hunt– 1pm– Taylor Farm
March 31st– Easter
April 12th– GVL Board Meeting 7pm–Lodge
April 13th– Men's Club meeting–9am–Lodge
April 13th– Ladies' Club meeting–10:30am– Lodge

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## Men's Club News

The Men's Club did not meet in December or January. We will start up again in February. We have several projects in line to complete and to start this coming year. More hands make the projects go smoother so, if you are not a member, please join us. We meet the Saturday following the Board Meeting at the lodge at 9am. The dues are $5 per month or $60 per year. EVERY penny goes back into the valley to make improvements. This is also a great way to meet your fellow community members.

GVL GRAND VALLEY LAKES MEN'S CLUB

## LAST CHANCE!

## 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 <u>but need more people from around the old golf course to make this option available</u>. If we do not get any interest soon, the board will move on from this action item.**

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# January Board Meeting Recap

After the call to order and prayer, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved and the treasurers report was presented.

President's Report- The asset management plan has been completed. We are moving forward and getting closer to ordering meters with TLM of Jackson, TN.

Zoning issue- Minimum lot size for Hardeman County is ½ acre. Grand Valley is plotted at less than a ½ acre. This means our lots are not buildable lots according to Hardeman County. We have stopped selling lots due to this. We are meeting with the county and the planning commission to get a variance.

The lot where the homeowner pulled the home on Grand Valley Drive is still unacceptable. We are sending a letter to the property owner to clean it up in 30 days or we will clean up and bill them.

Old Business- GVL 2025- David West stated that we have 27 action items to complete by March 31, 2024. We have 10 fully completed, 12 in progress, and 5 have not been started. We have decided to not pursue 2 of them after investigating further. (Venmo as payment option and using lodge as polling place.)

There is a state requirement that all homeowners complete a survey of their water lines by October 2024. The state wants to know if you have lead or copper in your home. This requires 100% participation. (The link is in the newsletter).

ATV/UTV- we distributed a position paper on allowing outside ATV/UTV into the valley. The paper outlines the current rules from the state of Tennessee. The board will take this under further advisement and have a final decision in 30 days.

New Business- We are working on a new budget. It will be presented at the February meeting. We will have a 5% increase in dues and water availability and usage will increase about $5 to $10 per month. This is below the recommendations of TLM of $16.55 per month for water availability (new rate $15.84 per month) and $42.15 per month for Resident water (new rate $40.31). We expect that the installation of the meters will help us find the high water loss in the system and will hopefully lower costs in the long run.

Chip and Seal of roads- we are working on finalizing the dates to have the work done. We will have a form for residents to request work on their property while the machinery and crews are in the valley.

Lesley Brainard and Samantha Kneipp want to do some fun things this summer  such as cardboard boat races, paddleboard races, etc. They are targeting June 22nd as the date. More to come on this event.

Meeting adjourned.

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## February Board Meeting Recap

After the call to order and prayer, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved and the treasurers report was presented.

President's report- Applications for POA Board are available. March 5th is the last day to submit.

Lot clean up on Grand Valley Drive- Still work to be done. The Lot owner has received a letter and has 30 days to clean up the lot or we will clean it for them and bill for the cost.

Tax Sale for Hardeman county is coming up- more details when they become available.

Old Business

Road Repair update- Freeze and thaw hit the roads really hard. Paving on roads is on hold as we assess what damage was caused and reprioritize based on damage.

Required water line survey- This is a state requirement. By October 2024, we need to have 100% participation.

GVL 2025- The year closes at the end of March. We have 27 projects for this year. 5 are not started, 2 of which we have decided not to pursue. 10 are complete and 12 are in progress.

ATV/UTV policy- There were requests to allow non-members to bring in outside ATV/UTV into the valley. After research and looking at the impact, the board voted to keep the current policy in place.

New Business- the 2024/2025 budget was reviewed and passed.

Events coming up: Looking at another dance in May, Easter egg hunt, Boat races on June 22nd.

Tom reported that he used 16 tons of salt and 59 gallons of fuel during the ice storm. This was about $2500 in expenses. We also had 2 water leaks and assisted the sheriff on welfare checks.

The meeting was adjourned.

## Ladies' Club News

The GVL Ladies' Club has worked hard to plan a Spaghetti Supper fundraiser that we hope everyone in the valley will support and enjoy. There will be a raffle for a DeWalt blower and a DeWalt Impact Drill. Plan to purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of these two items! See the flyer included in this newsletter for details about the Spaghetti Supper. We hope to see you there!

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## Welcome to the 1st annual GVL Summer Celebration… Splashin' in the Valley!

FREE FUN FOR EVERYONE!!

Saturday, June 22 – Rain Date Sunday, June 23

*We will set up a "race course" from the beach and each race will follow the same course.

*Lifejackets must be worn during all races.

*Depending on the number of entries we may have to divide into heats and have a championship race at the end of each activity

*No unnecessary roughness to disrupt others while they race – cause for disqualification

*Make sure your Cardboard Boats and you are at the Beach by 3pm for judging!

*Cardboard Boat making rules – Materials must include only Cardboard, duct tape, hot glue, rope or string, latex paint. Make your own paddle, SUP Paddles or Kayak paddles can be used. No wood, Styrofoam, cardboard tubes, metal or other items that could help it float. Cause for disqualification. Have fun with a theme and costumes are encouraged for judging!

*As we get closer to the date we will be asking for everyone to register, come cheer on your favorites and we will be asking for a few volunteers to judge and organize! Stay Tuned.

**Schedule of activities:**

3:00 – Stand up Paddleboard (SUP) race--single person, double person,60+
3:15 – Sit Down Paddleboard race--single person, double person, 60+
3:30 – Tube race – get out your big boating tubes and paddle them around the course-
single person, double person, 60+
3:45 – Kayak race--single person, double person,60+
4:00 – Cardboard Boat Race – create your own themed boat! Costumes encouraged !-single person, double person,60+
4:30 – awards presentation--Awards for all races in each category

*SUP Race - Tube Race – Kayak Race-fastest
*Cardboard Boat Race – fastest (all members must remain in the boat for entire race course)
-Best Themed Boat and costumes- Overall Boat Design, Most Dramatic Sinking

4:30- 5:30 – Social time on the beach
Trash – everyone must take all trash / cardboard boat pieces out of lake /beach area and discard properly
6:00-9:00 Southern Rose Band will be playing on Lesley and LaDells dock for everyone to enjoy! Pull up your boat, hang out in the water or bring a chair and some food / beverages and enjoy the evening!

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## 2nd Annual GVL Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

An anonymous donor held the 2nd annual thank you dinner for the volunteers of Grand Valley Lakes. In addition to thanking the board members for their selfless service in their volunteer job as board members, several other GVL champions who tirelessly volunteered this past year were recognized.

David and Linda Parkinson for their tireless assistance with Men's Club and Ladies' Club fundraisers and projects.
Earl Butler for his help with redoing the guard shack and many other projects.
Stuart Cohen for his work maintaining the GVL website.
Mark Martin for his help with the demolition and clean up of the blight areas.
Richard Burton for his work as president of the Volunteer Fire Department.
Randy Powell for his help with redoing the guard shack and many other projects.

Thank you also to the people who helped make this event a success.
Kitchen Staff: Patrick Coleman, Joe Lumpkin, Tammi Henderson
Servers: Valerie and Jim Cowan, Louise Watkins, Tina Coleman
Music and Game: Billy Williams
Flowers: Amy Williams
MC: Jean Harrison

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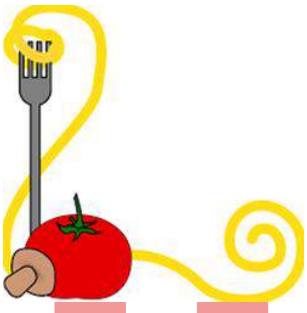
# Spaghetti Supper

GVL Ladies' Club Fundraiser
Saturday, March 16
at the Lodge,
To Go Orders 4-5:00pm only
Dine In 5-7:00pm
Purchase tickets from
a Ladies' Club Member
or in the GVL Office
$12 a plate (baked spaghetti, bread
caesar salad, drink
and dessert)
$5 for children
(8 and under)



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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.**


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## ATTN: Residents!

We need all residents to complete this survey. This is a requirement from the State of Tennessee.

Please go to this website or scan the QR code to access the survey. It is very short.

If you have any issues, please come to a board meeting and our board members will assist you after the meeting.

https://arcg.is/1PfO9X

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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.

March 16- Spaghetti Supper

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.

**Marv**

**The Handy Man Can**

**A Grand Valley Lakes Resident run business**
**Phone: 219-814-6470**

**"He wants to be your helping hand"**

**Plumbing repairs, painting, lawn work, light construction, carpentry type repairs**

**marvthehandymancan@gmail.com**

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## A Reminder to Residents!

## ANY AND ALL CONSTRUCTION MUST BE COMMUNICATED TO THE OFFICE!

Our covenants state that all construction must be approved prior to beginning work. To make this easier, the ARC committee has developed a simple form that can be filled out with the needed information. You can secure this form from Margaret at the office.

If you would like to donate candy for this event it would be appreciated. They have plastic eggs left from last year, so all they need is candy this year. Candy can be dropped off at the gate. Thank you!

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