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Calendar of Events

April 12th- GVL Board Meeting 7pm-Lodge
April 13th- Men's Club meeting-9am-Lodge
April 13th- Ladies' Club meeting-10:30am- Lodge
April 16th- Hardeman County Commission meeting-7pm
April 27th- Annual GVL Business meeting- 10am
May 5th- Cinco de Mayo
May 10th- GVL Board Meeting 7pm- Lodge
May 11th- Men's Club meeting 9am- Lodge
May 11th- Ladies Club meeting 10:30am- Lodge
May 12th- Mother's Day

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Men's Club News

The Men's Club is getting back into the swing of things as the weather has warmed up. We are working on repairing the fence at the water tower behind the maintenance shop. We should have that completed soon. We are also about to install the rest of the street signs which will bring a huge project for the Men's Club to completion. We also ordered and will install No Littering signs around the valley. We need more volunteers because the to-do list never gets shorter and more hands make things go smoother. Join the Men's Club and make a difference in your community! The dues are $60 for a year (that's only $5 per month) and ALL the money goes back into the community.

Prepping Signs for installation

Pulling the old, bent fenceposts.

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March Board Meeting Recap

President's report- We have a resolution for the lots of record. Hardeman county was not allowing permits for land under ½ acre in size. After meeting with several officials of Hardeman County, the County Commission has granted us a variance for all lots in Grand Valley. This is a huge win and resolves a major issue holding us up from selling lots.

Lot clean up- one lot on Grand Valley Drive to be cleaned up. We have sent a letter and the owner has requested a 30 day extension to complete the work. We have granted the extension. If the work is not completed in the time allotted, we will clean the lot and bill the owner for the cost of cleanup.

Easter Egg hunt- This is scheduled for March 30th on the Taylor farm. The is across from the helipad off Golf Road. The hunt will begin at 1pm.

July 4th- We will have the fireworks on the evening of July 4th. The Boat parade will be on July 6th. The fire department will be selling pork putts as a fundraiser and the pick up will be on the 6th.

Old Business- ARP- First transaction is completed. TLM engineering has been approved and we are looking for a vendor to install the 298 water meters in the valley. The bids for the work will be opened on March 26th at 10am. With the assistance of Hardeman County, we have been approved for a $600,000 grant to pay for the meters. We have to pay 10%.

Road Paving- With the bad ice storm, several large pot holes have appeared. This has caused us to review the list of roads and re-prioritize based on the new conditions. The committee is reviewing the streets and will be working to find a vendor to complete the work.

GVL 2025- Coming toward the end of the year. Out of the 27 items identified for this year, 10 are done, 12 are in progress, and 5 are not started. Out of that 5, we have decided not to pursue 2. Looking at having another town hall to update and update the list for the coming years.

Real Estate marketing plan- We are looking at having a realtor come in and identify lots to combine. They will market those larger lots to sell more "estate sized" lots. The board will have a meeting with the realtor in the coming days.

ARC had nothing at this time.

Staff reports- Hired a new guard and we are repairing the fence at well #1. Lake will be going down the first week of December.

Ladies' Club is having the spaghetti dinner next Saturday.

Girls' Club doing crafts and had a skate party.

Men's Club is working on the fence and sign projects.

Reminder that the Annual Meeting is on April 27th. Meeting adjourned.

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Ladies' Club News

At our March meeting we elected new officers, and we look forward to a great year. President-Susan West, Vice President- Lisa Benoit, Secretary-Barbara Parkhurst, and Treasurer- Louise Watkins.

The Spaghetti Supper was very successful, and we want to thank everyone who supported us in this event! We received lots of good feedback and everyone seemed to have a great time. The Girls' Club supported us by serving and helping where needed. They earned tips from generous diners. 😊

Melody getting things ready

One of the Dessert Tables

Susan and Linda making Salads

Darlene and Jean working on to-go orders

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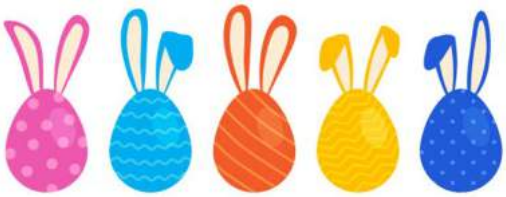
Easter Egg Hunt

Tiffany and Johnny Rustin once again organized a fun Easter Egg Hunt for the children of Grand Valley. This year's event was held at Sherri Taylor's farm, which is adjacent to Grand Valley. Barry Joyner played the important role of being the Easter Bunny. Everyone had a great time on this beautiful Saturday. Thank you everyone involved for doing this for the children of GVL!



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

FREE FUN FOR EVERYONE!!

Saturday, June 22 – Rain Date Sunday, June 23

GVL will have the first annual Cardboard Boat Races this summer. This sounds like a great event that I'm sure everyone will enjoy-participants and spectators! The rules are listed below.

*We will set up a "racecourse" 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 racecourse)

-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 LaDell's 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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Grand Valley opens bids for infrastructure improvements

On Tuesday Grand Valley Lakes board members met with Mayor Pulse and a representative from TLM Engineering to open bids on an upcoming improvement project. The project will install water meters at each residence to improvement water loss management in the valley. Funding for this project was secured in part from a federal grant associated with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). Ron Scott, President of GVL Properties Owners Association, was excited about the upcoming improvements to the area. "We are thankful for the assistance the mayor and county representatives have provided. We really couldn't have done it without them. We also thank Jennie Keel, TLM representative for her guidance during this process." The project is slated to begin in early fall of this year.

Mayor Pulse and Jennie Keel from TLM Engineering open bids for upcoming GVL Project

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Lake Rules reminder:

Tennessee state law requires the operator of all watercraft 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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Lake Rules and Boating Etiquette Reminder

This is just a friendly reminder of the Lake Rules and general boating“good neighbor” practices.

There are a lot of new homeowners and new boat owners who may not have operated their boats on our lake before and may not have thoroughly reviewed the lake rules. Also, many of our boat owners children have come to an age in which they can competently operate a boat but may not have reviewed our lake rules. Similarly, guests with permission to operate boats may not be familiar with our lake community and lake rules. There have been numerous observations of violations of our lake rules this year. While many of these instances are likely inadvertent, many may occur simply because the operator doesn’t understand the rules. **the lake rules are available at the POA office or via the GVL website.

Here is a short review of the lake rules:

All boats, PWC (personal watercraft such as SeaDoo, Waverunner etc.) must operate in counter-clockwise direction around the lake.

Do not run up and down the middle of the lake, or criss-cross back and forth across the lake. If you’re maneuvering to facilitate water skiing, or tubing (such as picking up a downed skier or tuber) you may do so as long as you are traveling, generally, in a counter-clockwise direction.

A boat may only pull a maximum of 2 tubes at a time. All tube riders must be wearing a personal flotation device.

Non-motorized vessels, such as sailboats, kayaks, canoes and paddleboats always have the right-of-way.

Do not anchor, raft, or swim in the main body of the lake. Due to safety concerns this may only be done in No Wake Zones.

Observe All No Wake Zones. All coves are no wake zones. For instance, The Marina Cove from the No Wake Markers all the way to the back shore line is No Wake. Similarly, the beach area and the cove at the small levee are no wake from the markers all the way back to the shoreline at the levee.

No wake inducing equipment such as bladders may be used on the lake. The exception is that any boat “grandfathered” in as of March 31, 2017 may use this equipment on Mondays and Thursdays from 1:00pm until 4:pm.

Personal Watercraft (jet skis, Sea Doos, Waverunners etc.) may not operateafter sunset.

NOTE: Any boat operating after sunset and before sunrise must display proper recognition lights, such as navigation lights, anchor lights, or other identification lights. This is Tennessee state and US Coast Guard mandated. This is a safety concern. As for lake and boating etiquette it should be noted that when usingthe lake all operators are reminded to respect their neighbors when enjoying the lake. Many residents enjoy their time floating orswimming. Please observe the no wake policy to avoid disrupting their enjoyment of the lake.

Also, when operating, or anchoring it is acceptable to enjoy your sound system, but please do so at a volume that does not infringe on othersaround you. Please do not play and songs or content that is vulgar (youknow what that is.) There are a lot of children enjoying the lake. Bottom line: enjoy your time on the lake but please be respectful of the other community members also enjoying the lake.

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Attention 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

The Board will have a projector and walk you through how to complete this required survey at the Annual Meeting on April 27.

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 trash is always put in a garbage can instead of thrown out of a window where it lines our streets with garbage. If you see someone doing this, please get whatever information you can and report it to security@grandvalleylakespoa.com.
Together we can fight litter and keep our community beautiful.

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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.

There are no events scheduled for the next few months at this time.

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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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.

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