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Calendar of Events

July 4th –Fireworks Rained Out

July 6th –Fireworks Rescheduled

July 11th–GVL Ladies' Night 6:30 pm

July 12th – Board Meeting 7 pm

July 13th – Men's Club meeting 9:00 am

–Ladies Club meeting 10:30am– Lodge

August 5th – First Day of School for Hardeman County Students

August 3rd– GVL Community Yard Sale

August 9th – Board Meeting 7 pm

August 10th – Men's Club meeting 9:00 am

–Ladies Club meeting 10:30am– Lodge

August 31st– Men's Club Fish Fry

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Men's Club News

In honor of Father's Day, the Men's Club did not meet this month. Projects still continued during the month such as the installation of the Lake Rules sign at the beach and the exit sign at our front entrance. We will meet on July 13th at 9am at the Lodge. There are more projects on the plate for this year and we can always use additional hands to get them completed. We also are in the planning stages for this year's Fish Fry fundraiser on Labor Day weekend.

Don't forget to submit your ideas for some of the exit/greetings we need to complete this sign. If you have an idea for this sign that you think the residents would like, please email Paul (our President) at gvlmensclub@gmail.com and leave your name, number and the message you think everyone would like. The men's club will look at all the messages you send in and decide which ones to use and also pick a favorite. The person that sends in the message picked by The Men's Club as the favorite will win a pair of Maui Jim sunglasses. The deadline to submit a message for consideration in the contest is August 31, 2024.

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June Board Meeting Recap

Presidents report: Members of the board and water committee just completed TAUD training as part of our preparations for the water projects. **One thing we learned is that the Lead and Copper Line survey must be completed and the line we need to identify is from the valve to the house and not on the water heater.** This is important in that if the lines need to be replaced, we could get funding for this. If your house was built after July 1988, we know there is no lead line due to federal regulation. We are working on a project and may need to go to houses to find out what the line from the main to the house contains.

Water Meter update- We met with the water meter installer. We are projecting that this will start in October and should take about 2 weeks. This will help us identify where the water loss is occurring.

Fire Hydrant Repair- They are waiting on us to install a valve so we can shut off the water section so they can repair.

We are hoping to have a Town Hall about water in the next 60-90 days. This will allow us to discuss the water initiatives.

Zoning process- There are issues when it comes to combining locations. We are trying to streamline the process as surveyors are 4 months out.

Old Business: GVL 2025- We have 25 items to complete by 3/31/25. We have 4 complete, 15 in progress, and 6 not started.

Roads Update: Mitchell Johnson came to review. We are looking to chip and seal the bad spots and a few coves. We are still waiting on the estimate and would expect 40-60 days after we review and approve.

New Business- The board approved the installation of new cameras at the front entrance. The new cameras have license plate readers. This will allow us to create a database to monitor the vehicles coming in and out of the valley.

Amenities Committee- We voted to make the Amenities Committee a standing committee that will report to the board on how we can add additional amenities to the valley.

Zerita Conley requested permission to have a teen party at the beach. It will be a Luau/Bonfire for ages 14-18 years from 7pm to 10pm. Group will allow 2 guests. They are targeting July 20th and the committee will be the chaperones.

Staff Reports- potholes being repaired, Teton water leak fixed and we are flushing in the next 2 weeks.

The meeting was adjourned.

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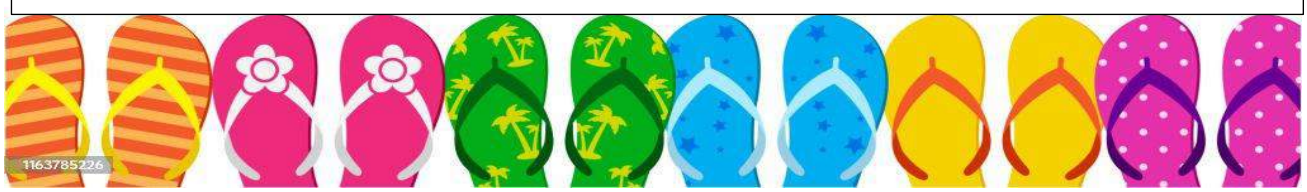
Water Meters are estimated to be put in during October. All water meters should be installed in about 2 weeks.

Ladies' Club News

The Ladies' Club met and discussed new event ideas. We would love to have you join us as we plan fun social events for GVL. The Ladies' Club consists of ladies who strive to make GVL a better place to live.

We provided hotdogs, chips and water during the Splashin' in the Valley event. We had a great turn-out and everyone seemed to enjoy the snack and cold drink. Thank you Linda and Larry Johnson for cooking the hotdogs and everyone who braved the heat and helped serve our community!

The next GVL Ladies' Night Out is Thursday, July 11 at Carolyn Ray-Kanthack's house. It will be a pool party and will start at 6:30. If you don't want to swim, we can sit around the pool with our feet in the water! 😉 Please join us at 125 Welcom Ussery Drive. Please bring your own drink and feel free to bring a snack to share! Come join us and meet some new neighbors!



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1st Annual GVL Summer Celebration…

Splashin' in the Valley!

Thank you to everyone who participated, cheered and volunteered at the "Splashin' in the Valley" event! We loved the creativity of the cardboard boats and were so impressed with the wonderful community turnout! Looking forward to next year already!

The Winners of the Cardboard Boat Race

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Yard of the Month

The Ramirez on Chisca

Lakeside Yard

Bob and Margaret Bertin
on Teton Cove

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If you have any issues, please come to a board meeting and our board members will assist you after the meeting.
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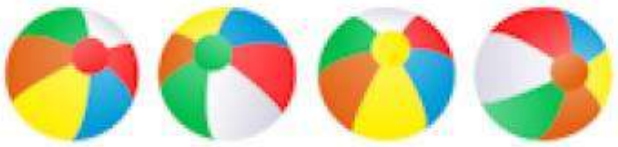
Special Guest to Speak Before the July Board Meeting

Judge Harriet Thompson will be at our next Board meeting on July 12 beginning at 6:45 PM. She is the new General Sessions judge for Hardeman County. As such she handles a variety of cases civil, criminal, and juvenile. Although running in an uncontested primary she would like to meet and greet the residents of Grand Valley Lakes and explain what she does. This is a great opportunity to meet with one of our judges on an informal basis. Please attend to show your interest in the workings of Hardeman County.



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Grand Valley Residents.

We think this is the start to a wonderful activity filled summer.

When you leave the valley the week of June 10th or anytime after, check out the back of our Marquee sign. The Men's Club has built/created an exit/message sign that will have six different messages, depending on the season.

The Prototype you will see for the next few weeks when leaving the valley will say "Drive Carefully" but, we have five more to complete. We will need one for Christmas and possibly one for the 4th of July.

So, The Men's Club is asking that the residents take part in coming up with some of the exit/greetings we need to complete this sign.

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Good Luck everyone and we look forward to your participation.

Thank You
GVL Men's Club

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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 JetSki, SeaDoo, Waverunner etc.) must operate in counter-clockwise direction around the lake. Do not run up and down the middle of the lake, or crisscross 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 shoreline 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 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm.
- **PWC (jetskis, SeaDoos, Waverunners etc.) may not operate after 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.

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As for lake and boating etiquette it should be noted that when using the lake all operators are reminded to respect their neighbors when enjoying the lake. Many residents enjoy their time floating or swimming. 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 others around you. Please do not play and songs or content that is vulgar (you know 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.

Hardeman County Board Member Election

Bill Stone, a long-time GVL community member, is running for a position on the Hardeman County School Board on August 7. Bill has served as a substitute teacher in 3 different schools in Hardeman County for the last 7 years. He spends this time encouraging the children, helping them learn, and even takes them books! As a substitute teacher, he has some great insight to the happenings at these schools which would be beneficial as a School Board Member.

A Reminder From the POA Board of Directors:

All concerns/complaints should be called in to the security gate. The phone number is: (731) 376-8333.

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- Happy Independence Day!!
- July 4 Fireworks Rained Out
- July 6 Fireworks Rescheduled

AMENITIES COMMITTEE NEWS

The GVL Amenities Committee has been working hard to bring new amenities to the valley. We added a second Community Library at the entrance to the office. We encourage residents to take advantage of this and read, read, read! Thank you Bill Anderson and Paul Benoit for building and donating these wonderful libraries for our community!

The Amenities Committee will have a table set up at the Community Yard Sale. We are asking for donations of anything that you would like to give for us to sell to raise money for GVL amenities. All money earned will be used to help us bring new amenities to GVL. Please contact one of us to arrange pickup (Lesley Brainard, Amanda Martin, Samantha Kneipp, Carolyn Ray-Kanthack, Kimberly Gist, Lisa Benoit). We have some great ideas and, with your help and support, we hope we are able to make them reality.

Please complete the Amenities Committee Survey by the July 7 deadline. It has been emailed, shared on Facebook, and passed out at the gate. We want your input!

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Most of us probably haven't thought about how the color of a swimsuit could be so important. This is true for lifejackets also!

This is a great safety guide for children swimming in lakes and swimming pools. The color of the bathing suit can make it easier or more difficult to see children while they are swimming. This is a good reminder to always have adult supervision when children are swimming. (Thanks to Praire Lakes Healthcare System.)

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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 simple form that can be filled out with the needed information. You can

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