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Calendar of Events

August 31st- Men's Club Fish Fry

September 2nd- Labor Day

September 13th- GVL Board Meeting 7pm

September 14th- Men's Club Meeting 9am

September 14th- Ladies Club Meeting 10:30am

October 11th- GVL Board Meeting 7pm

October 12th- Men's Club meeting 9am

October 12th- Ladies Club Meeting 10:30am

October 26th- GVL Halloween event

October 31st- Halloween

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Men's Club News

The Men's Club is getting ready for our annual Fish Fry. Tickets are now on sale. The $20 donation gets you a plate of fried catfish, cole slaw, potato salad, hush puppies, dessert and a drink. Take out will be available from 4pm-5pm and dine-in is from 5pm to 7pm. All proceeds go toward projects to improve the valley.

Don't forget to submit your ideas for some of the exit/greetings for the exit 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. MESSAGES MUST BE SHORT-THINK 6 WORDS OR LESS. 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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GVL Men's Club Annual Fish Fry

Saturday, August 31, 2024
5pm-7pm

Purchase your tickets for $20

(Fried Fish, Potato Salad, coleslaw, Hush Puppies, Drink and Dessert)

All proceeds go toward projects to improve the community.

Tickets available from Men's club members & the GVL office.

Drive through pickup of orders available!

PICKUP ORDERS FROM 4-5PM

Drive thru will be on the service road on the side of the lodge near the kitchen.

Dine in from 5-7pm.

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July Board Meeting Recap

President's report- Dog Park offer- We have been offered access to a dog park. This would be on an owner's private property, but members would be allowed access. However, the site of this would be on a lot that does not have a residence. Due to the covenants, we cannot have a fence on a lot that does not have a residence. While we appreciate the offer, we are unable to approve the fence, and therefore the dog park.

Recent Events- The Cardboard boat races, fireworks and snow cone truck were a huge hit. There were 16 boats that participated in the boat race.

Old Business- ARP- working with engineering the state of TN and the county to discuss rates. The installation is due to start on September 16th. We need to complete the lead line survey by August 31st.

GVL 2025- This is the 3rd year. We have 25 items on the list. Four are completed, 6 are not started, and the rest are in progress.

New Business- We have drafted a Nuisance ordinance. It is a recap of the items already in the covenants. We will use this to set up a warning and fine structure.

Storm Shelter- The space under the lodge is not a "storm shelter". There are no storm shelters in Hardeman County. FEMA has a Safe room in Grand Junction, but that is for their residents. We are looking into getting a safe room for the valley through FEMA.

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President's Report- Lead Line survey is a requirement for all. We have the data for most addresses. We have 110 that will need to have someone go on site to verify the type of connection. We are looking for teams to assist in the project.

Reporting of Incidents- If you have an issue, please call the gate. If you have pictures or video of the incident please send to security@grandvalleylakespoa.com

Old Business- ARP update- September 15th begins the installation, should be completed by December 15th.

Roads update- We just received the estimate. The board will review and make the final decisions to get this project going.

GVL 2025- 6 completed, 14 in progress, and 6 not started.

Nuisance ordinance was voted on and passed.

Glen McNinch spoke to the board about ideas to increase the number of slips at the marina. The board will review his suggestions.

Tiffany stated that the Halloween events will be on Saturday, October 26th. More to come.

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Water Meter FAQ

Water meter installation is set to begin on September 16, 2024 and will be completed by December 15, 2024. Residents will be notified prior to the installation happening in your area. Water to your house will be shut off during installation. Installation time is expected to be between 30 minutes and 4 hours.

FAQ

Who will be installing?
American Utility Contractors will install the meters. Their employees will have on vests with the company name, as well as the trucks.

Who is paying for the meters and installation?
The Association received a grant to cover the cost.

Why are we installing meters?
When we applied for the grant, the state determined that we needed to know our water loss. Using meters and the software provided, we will be able to determine where a leak is occuring. Water can be shut off and the leak fixed quickly without having to search for the leak.

How does it benefit me?
If leak is occurring at your address, you will be notified so you can shut off your water and repair the leak. If you are not in Grand Valley, then a maintenance employee will be able to shut off the water, until you can complete the repair.

How does it benefit the Association?
Stopping leaks quickly saves on the expense of chemicals and reduces wear and tear on wells, equipment and pipes. Since we have an older water system, it is important to extend the life of these as long as possible.

Will my costs go up?
The short answer is we don't know. More information is needed before that decision will be made. As part of the grant, a rate study is being conducted by the engineering firm overseeing the meters. In addition to that, we need to find and repair any leaks, and have several months of individual water meter readings. As we get more information, we will keep you informed.

Who do I contact with questions?

Please send any questions to water@grandvalleylakespoa.com

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Ladies Club News

The Ladies' Club is planning a joint fundraising event with the Men's Club. We spent time discussing ideas about the event. We also discussed ways to use the money earned, and decided our primary focus will be putting the money towards the renovation of the fountain at the gate, as well as putting money towards renovating the front office. We welcome all ladies in the valley to join us!

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Yard of the Month

Marilyn Forbess on Fairway Circle

Lake Yard of the Month

Jim and Sandy Gehringer

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A Notice about Pets and Animals

In our covenants we have specific guidelines in regards to animals:

3.16 **Animals and Pets**. No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, pastured, or maintained on any Lot, except household pets such as dogs and cats which may be kept thereon in reasonable numbers as pets for the sole pleasure of the Owner or Occupant, but not for any commercial use or purpose. **All dogs shall be confined to the Lots and shall not be allowed to run free on the Property. Any dog outside the boundary of any Lot shall be accompanied by a natural person and restrained by a leash at all times.**

We are seeing an increase in reports of dogs loose in the valley. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure they are following this covenant regarding their pets. Failure to follow this covenant can lead to fines, and your animal being picked up by animal control and the Hardeman County sheriff's office.

If you spot a dog running loose, take a picture and /or video. Call the guard shack and send the images to security@grandvalleylakespoa.com.

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Grand Valley Residents.

This has been 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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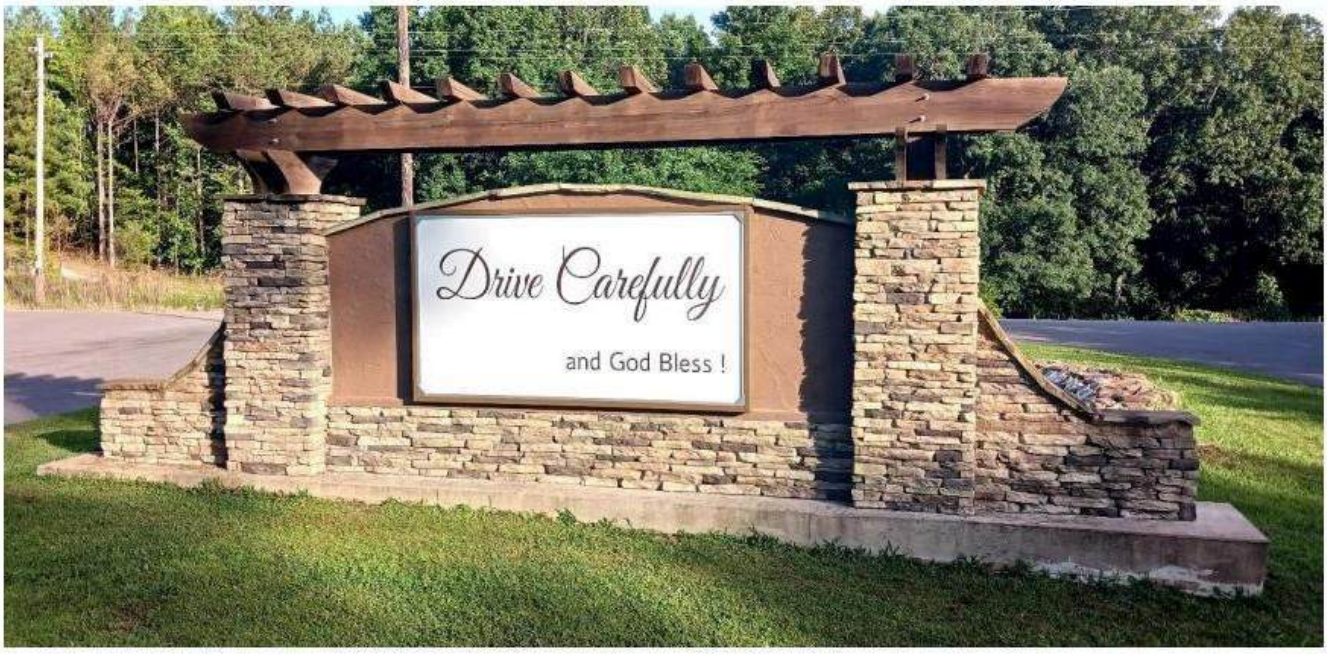
Good Luck everyone and we look forward to your participation.

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.

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.

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. Video's, pictures, and other evidence can be sent to security@grandvalleylakespoa.com

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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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Email Addresses for the Valley

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maintenance@grandvalleylakespoa.com ----maintenance issues/requests
security@grandvalleylakespoa.com- security issues, pictures, videos
water@grandvalleylakespoa.com- questions on water projects
office@grandvalleylakespoa.com- general questions
gvlboard@grandvalleylakespoa.com- GVL Board of directors
amenities@grandvalleylakespoa.com- suggestions, ideas, contributions in regards to Amenities at GVL
ARC@grandvalleylakespoa.com- requests for construction, plans, approvals
finance@grandvalleylakespoa.com – dues/payment questions
realestate@grandvalleylakespoa.com- questions in regards to buying property in Grand Valley.

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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.

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