

**Grande Vista Bay
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A Message from the GVB Board of Directors

THIRD QUARTER OF 2025 - A LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY

As we enter into Fall, the Board's activities start to shift towards wrapping up this year's initiatives and beginning preparations for the new Board elections and annual meeting. The following are just some of the current initiatives being worked on by our board members:

- Mark Altimier (Director) besides working with the dock team to maintain our boat docks, has been updating the boat slip data and agreements and preparing for mailing notices to all current boat slip renters.
- Mary Butler (Secretary) is waiting for final comments on the updated and streamlined policy documents from the POA attorney and will incorporate any changes needed before obsoleting all the old documents and releasing the new one to the CommunityPro portal.
- Sherry Deppermann (Director) will be continuing her work to address and coordinate resolutions to all Work Orders that continue to come in on a weekly basis.
- David Eshoo (Vice President) is finalizing our new POA access only website and will be presenting details at the annual meeting as well as continuing support as a member of the gate team.
- Gary Fridenbergs (Treasurer) will be continuing his monthly review and analysis of our financials to ensure our spending is tracking our budget as well as working with the Board to prepare next year's budget to include expenditures identified in the updated reserve study.
- Ray Fumi (Director) will be continuing to lead our property maintenance activities ranging in everything from replacing light bulbs and clubhouse maintenance, to pool maintenance, to gate repairs as well as working on getting quotes for needed future maintenance like painting the railings at the clubhouse.



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- **Greg Malone (President)** will be continuing the work associated with presiding over the Board's activities including contributing as a member of the Architectural Control Committee and working with our resident road experts to finalize on-going road repair plans for next year.
- **Mark Stevens (Director)** is our Nominating Committee Chairman this year and is in the process of pulling together the committee, preparing the Board nomination packet to be ready to announce opening of nominations in November.

In addition to our individual activities, the Board will be working on the mailing of the annual dues and preparing for the Annual Meeting. To help get the billing out earlier and hopefully improve accuracy over previous years, the Board is collaborating with Sentry on a new process that will allow the Board members to double-check the statements before mailing.

Looking ahead to the annual meeting in January, besides the required activity of electing new Board members, we will be presenting more detail on topics to include:

- Details around the expected future expenditures identified as part of the reserve study and used to determine the 2026 dues increase.
- Presentation and tutorial on the features of the updated GVB website and what information you can find there.
- Overview/Summary of the streamlined P&Ps and strategy driving the updates.
- Finally, note that any New Business recommendations from members will need to be submitted to the Board for review and approval prior to the mailing of the Annual Meeting Agenda sometime in December.

As always, the Board welcomes your questions, comments, and suggestions.

What Happens if No One Wants to be on the GVB Board of Directors?

What Happens If No One Wants to be on the GVB POA Board?

I ran across the below article and included it in last year's Newsletter. As the message has not changed, I thought it should be posted again this year. What would happen if no one volunteered for the GVB Board of Directors! Hopefully you will find it interesting and informative and take it to heart.

If no one steps up, can the remaining board members effectively manage the GVB POA? This is the point where the below article starts to bring home the fact that if they cannot effectively manage the GVB POA, then they will be forced to find a management company to handle the heavy lifting. Of course, I cannot say how much this heavy lifting would cost but we all know that it will not be cheap and no doubt would affect our annual assessments and no one wants that. I provide the below article as a wake-up call to the many talented individuals in our community to seriously consider volunteering to become a board member next year. Our community needs you!

by Gary Fridenbergs (Treasurer)

(The below is an excerpt of the original article)

Question: I belong to a small community governed by a homeowner's association (POA) with a board of five members. This past spring, the terms of two of the members expired and they declined to run again.

No other residents volunteered to serve, so we are down to three board members.



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Next spring two more board seats expire. If we can't get anyone to serve on our board, what are our options? We have discussed hiring a management company. What do we do if no one wants to serve on our HOA board?

Answer: It seems as though everyone wants everyone else to take care of all the small details that make life easier. And, we get that. Unfortunately, artificial intelligence hasn't evolved to a place where you can outsource all the duties and responsibilities of a homeowner's association, sit back, and enjoy the good life.

Which is too bad for your fellow homeowners who do not want to take their turn at helping to manage your HOA. But that's the deal they struck when they moved into the development. They agreed to become owners in an HOA and absolutely should take responsibility for some of the ownership duties.

You should find a management company to handle the heavy lifting that goes with running the association. The biggest part of the job includes billing the monthly, quarterly or annual assessments, annual filings, purchasing insurance, and, of course, hiring contractors and others to assist in the maintenance and repair of the HOA common areas. You'll want this company to handle just about everything. That would leave only basic functions for the abbreviated board of the HOA. Of course, there will be a cost for this. You'll need to let your neighbors know how much more they can expect to pay each month for this service. Will your neighbors be willing to pay what it takes to off-load the work? Perhaps not, but they can't have it both ways. They can't sit back, do nothing, and expect that someone will take care of the management and operation of the property for free.

The board would still need to deal with passing a yearly budget, approving expenditures for improvements, repairs and replacements, and enforcing any rules and regulations. And, someone would have to watch the management company to make sure they aren't ripping off the HOA.



GVB Updates



GRANDE VISTA BAY POA FINANCIAL SUMMARY

August 2025 YTD	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
TOTAL INCOME	\$483,524	\$488,215	-\$4,691
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$196,811	\$313,478	-\$116,667
CASH FLOW	\$286,713	\$174,737	\$111,976
RESERVE CONTRIBUTION	\$104,104	\$104,104	\$0
DEPRECIATION	\$97,664	\$97,680	-\$16
NET INCOME	\$84,945	-\$27,047	\$111,992

Nominating Committee - BOD 2026 Election

The Board of Directors Nominating Committee is set. Mark Stevens, BOD Chair; Renee Nelson, Deb Wienrich, Linda Clark and Elaine Carroll are all committee members. The primary functions of the committee include reviewing candidates written submissions to make sure they meet the eligibility criteria, make sure the meeting notices are sent to the membership in a timely manner, summarize and present the board candidates to the membership so they are informed voters, and be there on meeting day to count the votes and submit the results to the Board.

An offsite location for the January 24, 2026 meeting is being secured and the location will be communicated once it has been confirmed. The second floor of the clubhouse is too small to accommodate the number of residents that have been attending over the last couple of years. It should include ample parking and easy access. Nominating forms and more information will likely be available in mid November.



GVB Updates



Exciting Updates to the GVB Website

As Vice President of GVB, my goal is to leverage my experience in IT and website development to make life at Grande Vista Bay easier and more enjoyable for all of us.

I know many of you have felt frustrated navigating Sentry Community Pro, and we've listened. To simplify things, we've made several updates to the GVB website.

Please visit www.grandvistabay.org. In the top-right corner, you'll now find a new tab called "Insight Line." Here, you'll have quick access to important resources, including:

- Architectural Standards, Guidelines & Forms
- Articles of Incorporation
- Board Minutes & Briefs
- ByLaws
- CC&Rs
- Newsletters & Activities
- Policies & Procedures (P&Ps)
- Tech Briefs

We hope these updates make it easier for you to find the information you need.

Thank you for being an active part of our community!



The Clubhouse

If you see something; say something --
Put in a work order on Community Pro

The Clubhouse DOES NOT have anyone on site daily.
If you see something that needs repaired, is leaking, needs changed, etc., please report it by submitting a work order on
Community Pro.

OR if it is URGENT, please contact one of the Board members



GVB Updates



From an IT Standpoint

We are pleased to announce that the installation of our new Comcast circuit at all gates has been successfully completed. This upgrade will save our community approximately \$14,000 per year—a significant cost reduction.

Gate Access Update

In the past, our Comcast modems provided Wi-Fi access near the gates, which was helpful if your signal was weak. With our current setup, that option is no longer available. To improve reliability and security, we are currently testing a new QR-code-based system to replace the older technology. One key advantage of this upgrade is that gate access will no longer depend on Xfinity's service. Even if Xfinity goes down, the new QR-code system will continue to function through our CellGate platform, ensuring uninterrupted access. This new solution offers enhanced security and a more streamlined experience. We will notify the community as soon as the new system is fully implemented.

Gate Team

Ray Fumi – Board Team Leader

Robert Nelson

Joe Rypkowski

Bob Fitzgerald

David Eshoo

Community Safety & Technology Updates

The safety of our community remains a top priority. As part of our ongoing efforts, we are reviewing the current camera system at the clubhouse and Gates.

Technology has advanced tremendously in recent years, and we are exploring options to enhance security and convenience.

One feature under consideration is the ability for residents to view the mailbox area from home. This would allow you to check if a U.S. Postal Service carrier is still delivering mail, saving you an unnecessary trip to the mailboxes.

******* Important Reminder *******

If mailboxes are open and a U.S. Postal Service carrier is present, GVB members are NOT permitted to retrieve their mail. This is a federal law, and violations could result in mail delivery being suspended for our entire community. Your 2025 Board kindly asks all residents to comply with this regulation.



Beautification Team

Welcome to the GVB Beautification Team! Together, we're on a mission to make every corner of our community shine. Our goal is simple: create spaces that feel inviting, inspiring, and full of life. Through teamwork, creativity, and a shared sense of pride, we'll transform our surroundings into places everyone loves to experience. Every small effort adds up to something beautiful, let's make it happen, together!"

Our Team

- David Eshoo – Board Team Leader
- Gate #1 Maureen & Steve Bryant & Sherry Romano
- Gate #2 David Browne, Nancy Vernoia & Sheila Weston
- Gate #3 & 4 Ron Tyre
- Gate #5 (You could be a Helping Hand – Volunteer!
- Gate #6 Kathy Wells & John McNelly
- Gate #7 Marilyn Saunders
- Gate #8 Elaine & Steve Carol and Renee & John Nelson
- Gate #9 Jeanette Skalla
- Gate #10 Linda & Ed Clark
- GVB Entrance: Lorrie & David Eshoo

Tagline: "Beautifying GVB—One Step at a Time!"

Call to Action: Join us in making a difference! Share your ideas, lend a hand, and help us create a space we can all be proud of. Contact: David Eshoo via our workorder system.

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GVB Updates



Work Orders from June 15 – Sept 22, 2025

A total of 88 work orders were received during this period. The top work orders are listed below.

- Clubhouse reservations - 17 total
- Unsightly garden in front yard
- Developed lots not keeping the grass cut and weeds growing out of control in landscaping beds
- Gate issues - complaints about app not working and gate not opening early enough
- Dog complaints - dog running loose and not on leash and barking dog nuisance complaint
- Undeveloped Lots not being cleared. - 9 complaints of lots becoming overgrown
- Kudzu growing excessively in some areas of GVB
- Construction debris complaints
- Request for Pickleball improvements
- Concerns about drainage of several developed lots
- Trash cans are being left out
- Request for work orders to be made anonymous

Building a home or using contractors? Remind your Contractors....

If you are building a home, please let your contractor know to clean the street at the end of the day.

Also, please advise them to let their subcontractors know to watch their speed within our community. Thank you!



GVB Updates Volunteer!



The pool will be closing down for the season on Thursday October 16.

Please volunteer to help store away pool items.

We will need about 7-8 volunteers.

Friday October 17 @ 10 am.

Those willing to help should contact Ray Fumi 708 606-8099 or email: rayfumigvb@gmail.com

GVB Needs Volunteers!

Talents, time & skills are needed. Those willing to be part a team to help our community, please contact Ray Fumi 708 606-8099 or email: rayfumigvb@gmail.com

GVB Volunteer Maintenance Teams:

- Gate Repairs
- White Rail Fence Repairs
- Lighting Repair & Bulb Replacement
- Chainsaw & Groundskeeping
- Boat Dock Repairs
- Information Technology Services

Other Volunteer opportunities:

- GVB Beautification Team
- Christmas Decorating Team
- Military Service Team
- Community Safety Team
- General Maintenance of
- Clubhouse & Common areas

GVB Homes for Sale

Houses Active 11

216 Majestic View Dr \$1,350,000

220 W Mountain Dr \$800,000

340 W Mountain Dr \$2,900,000

113 Crane Pointe \$3,518,000

378 Walking Horse \$600,000 to be built

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241 W Shore Dr \$895,000

243 E Shore Dr \$989,000

265 E shore \$1,850,000

210 Majestic View. \$800,000

137 E shore \$1,250,000

Houses Sold 2

539 Thief Neck View Dr \$830,000

303 W Shore Dr \$575,000

Houses Pending 1

307 W Shore Dr \$1,350,000

Lots

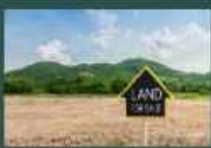
Active 43, Pending 7, Sold 25 - ranging from \$28,500 to \$325,000 (lake front)

Grande Vista Bay has seen a real slowdown in sales in existing homes. With the 1 that are pending we still have a large number of homes from \$800,000 to \$3.4 for sale and are getting little activity. Our days on market have increased and are now at 6 months of inventory based on our area. The Feds only lowered the rate 1/4% which is not going to improve the interest rate that much. Currently it is at 6.2 for a 30 year fixed. This area generally brings in cash buyers but they are not moving at this point like they did 3 years ago. Mostly based on job security and with AI and gptChat many have been laid off. Companies are getting employees back in the office that have been working from home, which allowed them to move and work out of their homes no matter where that was.

This is bringing a market correction in home prices and going from a sellers market to a buyers market. Daily there are reduced listings and it's bringing prices to a much less inflated price.

Do not be alarmed they are not seeing a market housing crash but adjusting prices to fit in line with today's market. Also the Knoxville area is still getting more buyers than our area and has lower days on market and there inventory they are at 4 months of inventory.

That being said we just need the right buyer at the right location and price and that has never changed. Outlook is for a good fall selling season and everyone is hoping this is true and the market has been extremely odd and not what agents are used to.



Real Estate Market Update

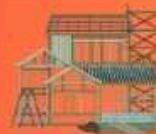


Lots for Sale September 2025

September_2025	STREET	PRICE	LOT SIZE
Lot 24	East Shore	325,900	1.05
Lot 29/30	East Shore	300,000	2.99
Lot 50	East Shore	90,000	0.73
Lot 54	East Shore	56,000	3.1
Lot 55	East Shore	65,000	
Lot 65	New Hope Rd	59,900	2.15
Lot 69	New Hope Rd	120,000	7.53
Lot 80	East Shore	30,000	0.49
Lot 94	Bay Shore	45,000	0.9
Lot 97	Bay Shore	39,900	0.68
Lot 127	East Shore	29,900	0.76
Lot 145	Ridge Top	69,999	1.05
Lot 146/147	East Shore	145,000	1.36
Lot 151 P	East Shore	27,900	0.75
Lot 192	East Shore	70,000	1.18
Lot 232	Star Lane	39,900	0.78
Lot 239/240	Appaloosa Trail	147,500	4.32
Lot 245	New Hope Rd	34,999	0.48
Lot 317	West Mountain	100,000	5.06
Lot 323	West Mountain	93,000	3.42
Lot 350	Water View	29,000	1.17
Lot 355	Water View	35,000	1.01
Lot 360	Water View	20,000	1.46

September_2025	STREET	PRICE	LOT SIZE
Lot 363	West Mountain	180,000	3.17
Lot 379	Thief Neck View	25,000	0.83
Lot 382 P	Thief Neck View	60,000	1.27
Lot 383	Thief Neck View	48,900	0.98
Lot 384	Thief Neck View	90,000	2.12
Lot 396	West Mountain	105,000	1.67
Lot 398	West Mountain	125,000	1.93
Lot 422 P	West Mountain	349,900	0.82
Lot 462	Water View	39,000	1.56
Lot 475	West Shore Dr	81,500	2.04
Lot 476	West Shore Dr	77,500	1.94
Lot 504	Walking Horse	45,900	0.96
Lot 509	Walking Horse	60,000	1.8
Lot 510	Walking Horse	55,000	1.8
Lot 518	Walking Horse	42,900	0.8
Lot 540	Eagle Ridge Dr	35,000	3.61
Lot 542	Eagle Ridge Dr	35,000	0.85
Lot 551	West Shore Dr	55,000	0.63
Lot 557	New Hope Rd	17,500	1.76
Lot 614	Roaming Fawn	49,000	2.27
Lot 637	Majestic View	80,000	1.74
Lot 683	Grande Vista	95,000	3.46
Lot 704/705/706	Grande Vista	300,000	4.22

GVB Home Construction/Improvements



Item	Qty
Total Homes Currently Under Construction (4 East Side, 15 West Side) as of 9/22/25	19
Approved Applications Not Yet Started	5
2024 New Construction Applications	15
2025 New Construction Applications Todate	13
New Homes Completed in 2025 to date	12

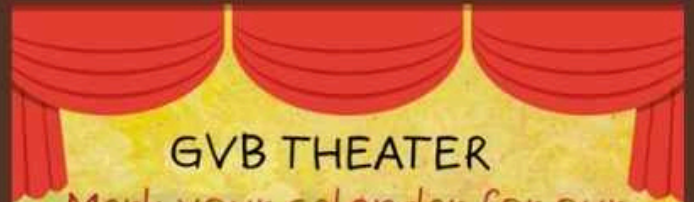


What's Happening in GVB



Grande Vista Bay Neighbors You are invited to our Veterans Day Ceremony

Grande Vista Bay Clubhouse Flag Area
November 11th at 11:00 am
Guest Speaker Tim Spencer
Honoring all those that Served



GVB THEATER

Mark your calendar for our
upcoming community
event at the Cumberland
Playhouse in Crossville!
Info will be posted on
Nextdoor.



**Curtains on October 25th at
1:00 pm CST**

What's Happening in GVB

4Corners Project

Your own GVB resident art group

4Corners created an amazing wall mural for the new Hands of Mercy Food Bank in Kingston



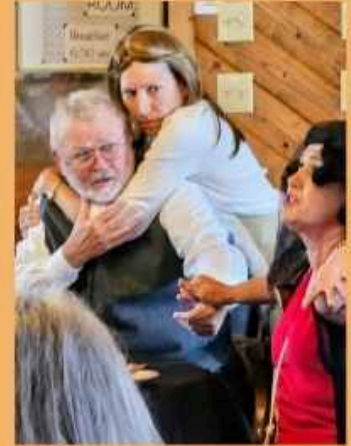


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THEATRE

Ladies Luncheon



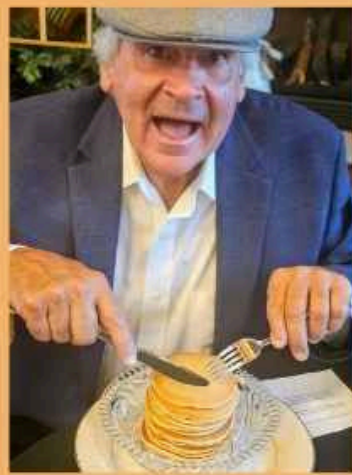


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What's Happening in the Area



The Local Bite

~ A Guide to What's Cooking Around Town ~
By Margo Remington

Pizzerias!

- **Pop's Pizza** – Finally, a new pizza joint that is serving up New York-style pies with a local twist! Try the Poppa-Roni or MeMe's Garden. And don't forget the drizzle! Great \$12.99 lunch special!
 - 125 N. Gateway Ave., Rockwood [\(865\) 354-1670](tel:8653541670) 4.7 stars (71 Google reviews)
- **Midtown Pizza** – Opening soon in the bustling hub of Midtown! They are promising their pizza may cause extreme happiness and uncontrollable cravings!
 - 1873 Griffith Dr., Harriman [\(865\) 358-9925](tel:8653589925) Not yet rated
- **Gondolier Italian Restaurant** – Serving hearty Italian and Greek classics! Extensive menu that includes pasta dishes, pizza, and desserts!
 - 1822 Roane State Hwy., Harriman [\(865\) 717-0277](tel:8657170277) 4.3 stars (1.4k Google reviews)

Mexican Olé

- **Los Primos Authentic Mexican Cuisine** – Indulge in the vibrant flavors of Guadalajara and the coastal regions of Mexico! At Los Primos, they bring the fiesta to you!
 - 1712 S. Roane St., Harriman [\(865\) 590-1300](tel:8655901300) 4.4 stars (1.8k Google reviews)
- **El Morral Mexican Restaurant** – Fajitas, tacos, and margaritas highlight the expansive menu at this informal Mexican eatery with a bar!
 - 1142 N. Gateway Ave., Rockwood [\(865\) 245-3113](tel:8652453113) 4.6 stars (182 Google reviews)
- **El Cantarito Mexican Restaurant** – Open since 1999, they bring their customers the best traditional Mexican food guaranteeing that every dish is made from scratch!
 - 1011 N. Roane St., Harriman [\(865\) 590-0369](tel:8655900369) 4.6 stars (1.2k Google reviews)



What's Happening in the Area



Local Originals

- **Wizapa's Street Tacos** – Inspired by the legacy of Antonio Garcia Alcalá, come taste the tradition and savor the magic of Toño's tacos, whose flavors will always bring a smile to your face!
 - 3209 Roane State Hwy., Harriman No phone listed 4.8 stars (193 Google reviews)
- **K's Kitchen Mongolian Grill** – Serving customizable Mongolian bowls grilled to taste with bold sauces and fresh ingredients! Don't forget the smoothies and Boba tea!
 - 1619 S. Roane St., Harriman (865) 590-7156 4.7 stars (206 Google reviews)
- **Burger Station 120** – This one-of-a-kind casual burger joint is home to some of the best hamburgers, loaded spuds, delicious salad wedges, and amazing desserts!
 - 1881 Griffith Dr., Harriman (865) 248-8545 4.4 stars (1.6k Google reviews)
- **Garden Center Grill** – Tucked beside ACE Hardware, this lunch spot opened 11-2 serves comfort classics with a fresh twist! Try their smoked meats, house-made sauces, and seasonal sides!
 - 615 N. Kentucky St., Kingston (865) 206-9695 Not yet rated

Downtown Rockwood Vibes!

- **Cofer's Garage** – Nestled in a vintage garage, it is Rockwood's place for craft beer and live music. They host a rotating selection of food trucks parked behind the beer garden offering everything from BBQ, gourmet burgers, tacos, and wood-fired pizza!
 - 141 South Front St., Rockwood (865)-354-0097 4.9 stars (64 Google reviews)
- **Rumors Lounge** – This downtown hot spot serves up hearty comfort food including steaks, prime rib, loaded fries, and specialty pizza. Enjoy creative cocktails at their sleek bar!
 - 135 S. Front St., Rockwood (865) 419-2003 4.0 stars (21 Google reviews)
- **The Potato Hut** – The menu includes fully loaded potatoes piled high with savory toppings, hearty sandwiches, and homemade desserts!
 - 201 W. Rockwood St., Rockwood (865) 316-4355 4.8 stars (26 Google reviews)



What's Happening in the Area



Hometown Eateries

- **MeMe’s Restaurant** – This down-home kitchen and neighborhood favorite serves up Southern staples and homestyle meals. A Rockwood icon! Stop by for breakfast, lunch, or dinner!
 - 123 N. Gateway Ave., Rockwood [\(865\) 354-1670](tel:8653541670) 4.6 stars (681 Google reviews)
- **Courtney’s Diner** – The Friendly Local Diner! Enjoy hand-patted burgers, fresh local produce, homemade soups, daily hot plate specials, and desserts all made with care.
 - 2807 Roane State Hwy., Harriman [\(865\) 882-4004](tel:8658824004) 4.6 stars (508 Google reviews)

Roadhouses & Breweries

- **Smokehouse Bar & Grill** – Casual BBQ joint focusing on brisket, burgers, and catfish. Enjoy live music and karaoke nights! Great cocktails! Happy Hour!!
 - 708 W. Race St., Kingston [\(865\) 248-8026](tel:8652488026) 4.4 stars (988 Google reviews)
- **Tri-Dog Brewing Company** – Local brewery that offers a rotating selection of craft beers in a laid-back setting perfect for hanging out. Now serving food such as flat bread pizzas!
 - 316 Ruritan Rd., Harriman [\(865\) 590-7243](tel:8655907243) 4.9 stars (42 Google reviews)

Deli’s & Such

- **Phil’s Deli** – From classic high-end Boars Head deli sandwiches and wraps to fresh salads and house-made sides, they serve up delicious flavors that everyone will love!
 - 1612 S. Roane St., Harriman [\(865\) 353-7032](tel:8653537032) 4.9 stars (170 Google reviews)
- **Chuck’s Deli** – An old-time neighborhood favorite serving hand-formed burgers, crispy fried pickles, and stacked sandwiches like the Reuben and Philly cheesesteak!
 - 836 Unaka St., Harriman [\(865\) 882-5140](tel:8658825140) 4.7 stars (452 Google reviews)
- **Top Dog** – A roadside gem serving up hot dogs with heart and flavor! Local’s rave about the homemade chili and the soft-serve ice cream!
 - 3215 Roane State Hwy., Harriman [\(865\) 353-7015](tel:8653537015) 4.9 stars (56 Google reviews)



What's Happening in the Area



Fine Dining

- **Maple Creek Bistro** – Upscale bistro featuring steak, meatloaf, and seafood, plus specialty cocktails and beer. Creative flair with a cosmopolitan atmosphere!
 - 1000 Ladd Landing Blvd., Kingston [\(865\) 248-8430](tel:8652488430) 4.7 stars (366 Google reviews)
- **Caramella's Bistro** – Gourmet dining at its best, complete with lake views! Chef Andras Bartha prepares an ever-changing menu of international-inspired cuisine made with fresh ingredients.
 - 337 W. Race St., Kingston [\(865\) 771-3401](tel:8657713401) 4.7 stars (165 Google reviews)

Sweet Tooth

- **Bettye Rose Bakery** – Handcrafted pastries, lunch items, and coffee offered by a locally run bakery with friendly staff. A sweet slice of hometown charm in a cheerful café!
 - 105 E. Race St., Kingston [\(865\) 603-1337](tel:8656031337) 4.9 stars (73 Google reviews)
- **Nitzschke's Hometown Bakery** – Stop by this bakery to try their tasty treats, delicious delectables, and scrumptious sweets! Chocolate croissants! Cinnamon rolls! And much more!
 - 705 E. Race St., Kingston [\(865\) 270-2251](tel:8652702251) 4.4 stars (30 Google reviews)
- **The Donut Place** – Fresh made-that-morning donuts! Classic glazed to indulgent cream-filled donuts that are filled right before your eyes!
 - 509 N. Kentucky St., Kingston [\(865\) 248-8158](tel:8652488158) 4.6 stars (25 Google reviews)

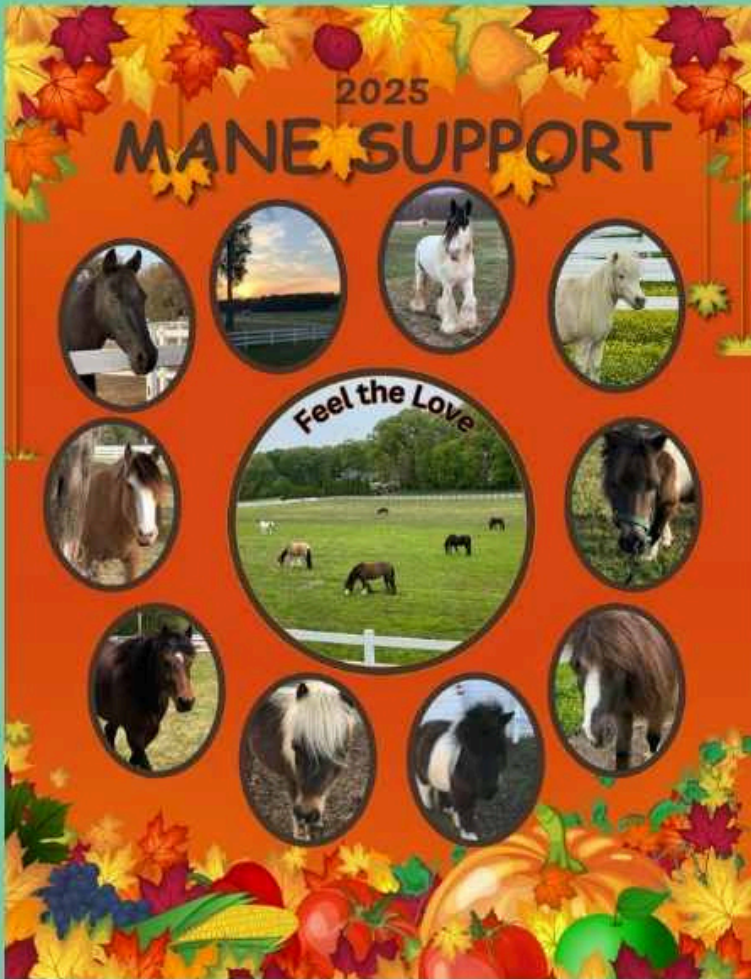
Note: Nellie's in Harriman is being rebranded and transitioning to RoCo Social located at 301 N. Roane St, Harriman. New General Manager is April Ray Watts. More information can be found on FB as they make more announcements.



What's Happening in the Area



Spirit of Hope Ranch Home of Mane Support



Hello Friends and Family of Mane Support!

Throughout the past 20 years, you have supported the Mission of Mane Support in many ways. We have been so blessed to have seen you at our fundraisers, camps, and other events. This year instead of a Fall Festival, we are asking that you consider being a part of this virtual fundraiser to further our outreach that YOU make possible! Please use the QR code on below to partner with Mane Support in any way that your heart leads. Thank you for all of YOUR support so that we can continue to help those who are hurting in our communities.



A reminder not to feed the horses. Some are on special diets. There are many reasons not to feed horses and one of those is safety. Diets and loss of fingers are just a couple of good reasons.





What's Happening in the Area Open Chord, Knoxville



Open Chord Venue

865-281-5874

8426 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN

Music Store Hours

Mon-Sat: 10am - 7pm

Venue/Bar/Cafe Hours

Wed-Sat: 6pm - 12am



OC Blues Jam ft. Roger Hay
Wednesday September 24
Doors 6:00pm, Start 7:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Chris Marshall presents Open Mic Night
Thursday September 25
Doors 6:00pm, Start 7:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Necktie Social | Ransackary
Saturday September 27
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Bit Brigade
Thursday October 2
Doors 6:30pm, Start 7:30pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Silent Theory
Saturday October 4
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



The Brothers Comatose
Thursday October 9
Doors 7:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Ramblin Man - Allman Brothers Tribute
Friday October 10
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



The Runarounds *sold out*
Saturday October 11
Doors 7:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Feng E
Wednesday October 15
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Wheatus
Thursday October 16
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Human Clay - Creed Tribute
Friday October 17
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Jonas Conner
Saturday October 18
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Stephen Day
Thursday October 23
Doors 7:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Gimme Hendrix - A Jimi Hendrix Tribute
Saturday November 1
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Randy's Cheeseburger Picnic Tour
Sunday November 2
Doors 7:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Mutlu
Wednesday November 5
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Whiskey Compass | Music of Led Zeppelin
Saturday November 8
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Graham Barham
Thursday November 13
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Steve Hofstetter
Saturday November 15
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Anthony Gomes
Sunday November 16
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



An Intimate Night In with Taj Farrant
Tuesday November 18
Doors 7:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Haley Mae Campbell
Wednesday November 19
Doors 7:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



The Guild
Saturday November 22
Doors 6:00pm, Start 7:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



The Chain - A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac
Saturday December 6
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Heart of Atlanta - Heart Tribute
Saturday December 13
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Kendall Street Company
Sunday December 14
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Saved By The Music: The Ultimate 90's Experience
Saturday December 27
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Pretty Tied Up (Guns N' Roses Tribute)
Thursday January 8
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Danny Whitson | Magic and Comedy Night
Friday January 9
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



The Electric Cars - Cars Tribute Band
Saturday April 11
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



What's Happening at the Princess Theatre



Spank the 80s

Saturday, November 8, 2025

7:30 PM

Doors open at 6:30 PM



Saturday, January 10 2026

7:00 pm EST

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

GET READY ELVIS FANS!

THUNDERBEARD
Tribute to ZZ Top

JAN 23 - 7:00 PM
THE PRINCESS THEATRE
HARRIMAN, TENNESSEE

Tickets available online at www.princessharriman.org

Presented by: CVT Entertainment

THUNDERBEARD: Tribute to ZZ Top

Friday, January 23, 2026

7:00 PM



What's Happening in the Area



Roane County (TN) Office of Emergency Services & Homeland Security

July 2 · 🌐

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🐦 Exciting News for Roane County! 🌧️

The Roane County Office of Emergency Services is proud to announce the recent installation of a cyclonePORT weather surveillance system at our Emergency Operations Center!

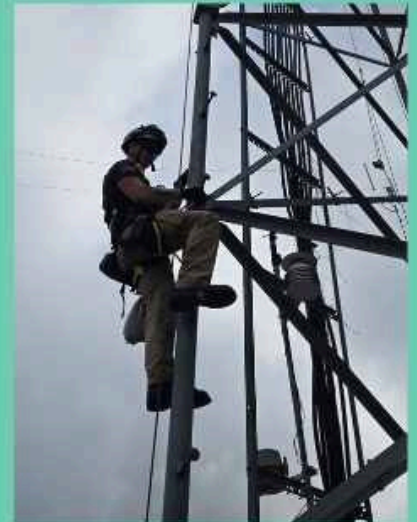
This advanced weather station provides live streaming video along with real-time weather data - including lightning detection, temperature, humidity, dew point, wind speed and direction, pressure, and rainfall.

With this new technology, our team can better monitor severe weather and hazardous conditions to help protect the well-being of everyone who lives in and visits our great county.

Roane County is now part of a network of over 200 weather stations across the U.S., combining local data with National Weather Service radar for an incredibly reliable, real-time understanding of weather as it moves through our region.

🌐 Coming Soon: You'll soon be able to see options on how to view the live feed anytime by visiting 📍 www.roanecountytn.gov/office-of-emergency-services ✅!

Learn more about RadarOmega and cyclonePORT systems at radaromega.com ✅ and cycloneport.com. ✅ For business inquiries, please contact SDS Weather, Inc. through their contact form at cycloneport.com. ✅






What's Happening in the Area





The Most Scenic Train Rides in Tennessee


If you're looking for a unique way to explore Tennessee's beauty, hop on one of these unforgettable train rides:

 **Tennessee Central Railway – Nashville**
Enjoy a six-hour Wine Tasting Excursion to Watertown with lunch, shopping, and tastings on board. They also host seasonal favorites like the Santa Express for a festive family outing.

 **Tennessee Valley Railroad – Chattanooga / Etowah / Delano**
From the quick 65-minute Missionary Ridge Local to the epic 4.5-hour Hiwassee Loop through the river gorge, this line offers rides for every schedule. Dinner trains and seasonal trips make it a must-do.

 **Lookout Mountain Incline Railway – Chattanooga**
One of the world's steepest railways, this historic funicular has been running since the 1890s and delivers sweeping views of the city and mountains.

 **Dollywood Express – Pigeon Forge**
Step back in time on an authentic coal-fired steam train. The five-mile loop through the Smoky Mountain foothills is short but full of nostalgia.

 **Three Rivers Rambler – Knoxville**
A 90-minute ride along the riverfront and countryside, ending at the spot where the French Broad and Holston Rivers join to form the Tennessee River.

✦ Whether you want a quick ride with big views or an all-day adventure, these scenic trains are a memorable way to see Tennessee.



NASHVILLE'S WINE TRAIN IS THE GETAWAY YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU DESPERATELY NEEDED
VINTAGE RAILCARS, GOURMET MEALS, AND ENDLESS WINE—ALL ROLLING THROUGH STUNNING COUNTRYSIDE?
YES. YES. YES.



What's Happening in the Area



Sponsored By:

HORSE HAVEN OF TENNESSEE'S
Fall Harvest Fest & Craft Fair
 OCTOBER 4, 2025 | 11 A.M. - 3 P.M.

608 OLD BROOKHAVEN FARM ROAD | SEYMOUR, TN 37865
 PUMPKIN PATCH | GAMES | ENTERTAINMENT | PONY RIDES

Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 11 AM

Fall Harvest Fest & Craft Fair

608 Old Brookhaven Farm Road, Seymour, TN, United States,

OCTOBER 4TH-5TH
 10-5

14th Annual FALL FESTIVAL

COME OUT AND ENJOY YOUR OFFICIAL ZOO OF ANDERSON COUNTY!

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- CRAFT VENDORS
- GAMES
- PONY RIDES
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- MUSIC
- FACE PAINTING

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 629 Granite Rd, Clinton, TN 37716-5641,
 United States

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KILL THE LIGHTS
 BEER FEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th
 AT COVENANT HEALTH PARK
 100 BREWERIES WITH OVER 200 DIFFERENT BEERS
 LIVE DJ • VENDORS • FOOD

Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 11 AM

Kill The Lights Beer Fest 2025

Covenant Health Park



Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 4 PM - 6 PM

Flower Broom Workshop

232 S. Roane Street, Harriman, TN, United States

Cofer's Garage
Doughlicious Brunch

Featuring
Dough Boy & Java Girl

Sunday 12th
 October 12-2:30

Tickets
 \$25

Doughnuts!
 Fruit!
 Coffee Stouts!
 Ciders!
 Beermosas!
 Michelada Bloody Marys!

Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 12 PM - 2:30 PM

Doughlicious Brunch

Public · Event by Cofer's Garage and Dough Boy & Java Girl



What's Happening in the Area



join us for an
Pumpkin Palooza

Saturday
OCTOBER 25TH
10AM-3PM

Sisters Market
815 South Gateway
Rockwood, TN 37854

Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 10 AM – 3 PM

Pumpkin Palooza

815 South Gateway, Rockwood, TN, United States

Oktoberfest Celebration

Join us for Roane Choral Society's
OKTOBERFEST

Celebrate Bavarian culture with German food and music!

October 26, 2025 6PM

The Atrium
311 N. Roane St.
Harriman, TN

Tickets \$25 *
For reservations, email us at:
info.roanechoralsociety@gmail.com
*Beer not included in ticket price!

Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 6 PM

OKTOBERFEST

The Atrium at 311 N Roane St. Harriman, TN

THE APPLE BARN
Cider Mill & Harvest Store

APPLE FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 2025

Applewood
FARMHOUSE RESTAURANT & FARMHOUSE GRILL

Apple Barn
Distillery

Apple Barn
Winery

ORVIS

October 3 - 5

- Fishing
- Dance
- Live Music
- BBQ
- Applewood
- Tastings
- Reading Shows
- KID'S FUN
- Apple Pressing
- Sweet Treats

Oct 3 at 12 PM - Oct 5 at 2 PM

1st Annual Apple Valley Harvest Festival at The Apple Barn!

The Apple Barn



Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 9 AM – 6 PM

Fall on the Farm

5209 Holt Road, Sweetwater, TN

YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR FAIR

THANKSGIVING FAIR

Join us for an afternoon of inspiration and fall fun as young entrepreneurs share their talents and products. Come shop local, support the next generation, and celebrate gratitude together!

Sat, Nov 1st 11 - 2 pm

697 Dunbar Rd. Crossville TN 38572

Free to Attend | Live Music | Family Friendly | Shop Local

Do you have a youth who would be interested in participating? We only have a limited amount of space! Learn more by scanning the QR code.

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What's Happening in the Area ... 'tis the season to be jolly...



3rd Annual
Small Business Saturday
CHRISTMAS MARKET
November 29th
1438 N. Gateway Ave. Rockwood, TN.
10 AM - 4 PM

Saturday, November 29, 2025 at 10 AM - 4 PM
Christmas Market with Small Businesses
1438 N Gateway Ave, Rockwood, TN 37854-4110, United States



Halo Salt Cave & Spa Invites you to *Salt & Shop* Christmas Market

The Jim Henry Event Center
411 North Third Street November 1, 2025
Kingston, TN 37763 10am-2pm

Contact: Jensen Long 865-382-6697
eventswithjensen@gmail.com



TASTE OF THE HOLIDAYS
November 22nd 2025
10 am- 4pm
Main Street, Rockwood
Roane Chamber
Roane Alliance

Saturday, November 22, 2025 at 10 AM - 4 PM
Taste of the Holidays
Rockwood, TN



Found & Made Mercantile
1064 North Gateway Avenue Suite 3, Rockwood, TN
A shopping destination showcasing handcrafted and curated items, antiques & gifts.

Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 10 AM - 4 PM
October second saturday
Found & Made Mercantile



THE EVENTFUL THREE PRESENTS **THE 2ND ANNUAL HOLLY JOLLY MARKET**

CUMBERLAND COUNTY
COMMUNITY COMPLEX
1398 LIVINGSTON ROAD
CROSSVILLE, TN 38571

NOVEMBER 29TH
10 A.M.- 4 P.M.

**COME JOIN US FOR
A DAY FULL OF
SHOPPING SMALL
THIS HOLIDAY
SEASON!**



What's Happening in the Area ... 'tis the season to be jolly...



Smoky Mountain Christmas Market

November 22 & 23

Saturday: 10am-5pm
Sunday: 10am-4pm

@ the Sevierville Convention Center

www.appalachianmarketevents.com

Nov 22 at 10 AM - Nov 23 at 4 PM

Smoky Mountain Christmas Market

Sevierville Convention Center

November 28, 2025
HOLIDAY SEASON
@ THE G.O.A.T.
3825 Peavine Rd., Crossville, Tn

G.O.A.T. Cafe
Rosie, the famous goat says- **9 am-**
"You've earned it!" **4pm**
Treat yourself to some holiday **cst**
shopping magic with our festive
small businesses event & extra
giveaways!

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The first 50 shoppers who splurge \$75 or more get to snag a fabulous gift bag stuffed with delightful surprises!

The Grinch will make his first appearance for this season!



Friday, November 28, 2025 at 10 AM - 5 PM EST

Holiday Season at The G.O.A.T

3825 Peavine Rd., Crossville, TN

• CRAFTS • EATS • SHOP •

Christmas
MARKET



DEC 20TH | 11:00-8:00

Foothills Mall
197 Foothills Mall Dr, Maryville TN

shops small this holiday season



19
November
2025

Clayton Performing Arts Center
Knoxville, Tennessee

GRAND KYIV BALLET

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7 PM

Swan Lake | Knoxville | November 19, 2025
Clayton Performing Arts Center at Pellissippi State Community College



What's Happening in the Area ... 'tis the season to be jolly...




NOV 21-22, 2025
FRI 9AM-6PM • SAT 9AM-3PM

JOIN US AT OUR THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT

OVER 25 VENDORS, SIGNATURE DRINK BAR, PHOTO OPPS. A JOYFUL AND FUN CHRISTMAS EVENT!

CHRISTMAS AT THE RIDGE
 3RD ANNUAL SHOPPING EVENT

ANDERSON RIDGE EVENT CENTER
 127 WILLIAMS LANE, SWEETWATER, TN 37874

Shopping at the Ridge - Holiday Barn Sale 2025

📍 127 Williams Lane, Sweetwater, TN,
United States, Tennessee 37874



4th Annual
Christmas Market


At The Post and Beam
**Saturday,
 November 22nd**
11AM-3PM

Saturday, November 22, 2025 at 11 AM – 3 PM
**Fourth Annual Christmas
 Market**

📍 3700 Bird Rd, Lenoir City, TN
 3700 Bird Rd, Lenoir City, TN 37771, United States



Saturday, November 1, 2025 at 9 AM – 3 PM
Christmas Barn Sale with Santa
 5209 Holt Road, Sweetwater, TN



Sweetwater Main Street Presents
**Small Town
 CHRISTMAS
 2025**

**SATURDAY
 NOVEMBER
 29TH**
5PM-8PM

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SWEETWATER
 VENDORS • SANTA PHOTO • SKIS ZONE • MARSHMALLOW ROASTING
 CARRIAGE RIDES • LIVE PATRIOTIC • LIVE FOLK MUSIC & MORE!

Saturday, November 29, 2025 at 5 PM – 8 PM
Sweetwater's Small Town Christmas
 203 Monroe Street, P O Box 123, Sweetwater, TN



What's Happening in the Smoky Mountains



With roughly 10 million visitors coming to its over half-million acres in two states, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is well-known to many travelers. But there are probably a few facts that even the most ardent park visitors may not have been aware of...

Check out these Great Smoky Mountains facts that just might surprise you about the country's most popular National Park destination.

🧐 The Smoky Mountains were originally called the Great Iron Mountains, and the Cherokee called the area "Land of the Blue Smoke".

🧐 Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the most visited National Park in the United States.

🧐 The Smoky Mountains are a day's drive from 60% of the nation, making it a popular vacation destination.

🧐 There is no fee to enter GSMNP, and it was the first national park to be partially federally funded. (Be sure to support the park & purchase a parking pass!)

🧐 About 1,500 black bears (two per square mile) reside within the Great Smoky Mountains National Park boundaries.

🧐 The Park has more than 240 species of birds.

🧐 Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the salamander capital of the world.

🧐 Nearly 100 log structures have been preserved throughout GSMNP.

🧐 There are 19 species of fireflies in the national park – including Synchronous Fireflies.

🧐 Horses can travel on 550 miles of hiking trails.

🧐 The Smokies are some of the oldest mountains in the world.

🧐 The Smoky Mountains are home to more native trees than all of Europe, and a third of the trees in the Park are over 100 years old!





Did You Know?



HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN YOU FOUND OUT THESE LINES ARE ACTUALLY MEASUREMENTS?

18 oz	2 ¼ cups
16 oz	2 cups
14 oz	1 ¾ cups
12 oz	1 ½ cups
4 oz	½ cup
1 oz	¼ cup

- ### TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS
1. Talk to yourself. There are times when you need expert advice.
 2. "In style" are the clothes that still fit.
 3. You don't need anger management. You need people to stop irritating you.
 4. Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
 5. The biggest lie you tell yourself is: "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
 6. "On time" is when you get there.
 7. You've noticed people your age are much older than you.
 8. Ageing has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
 9. You still haven't learned to act your age and I hope you never will.
 10. "One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house.



Pets



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Candy Corn Pup Cups for Dogs

- ½ cup mashed banana
- ½ cup pumpkin puree
- ½ cup plain unsweetened yogurt (xylitol-free)

Candy Corn Pup Cups for Dogs

Ingredients

- * ½ cup mashed banana
- * ½ cup pumpkin puree
- * ½ cup plain unsweetened yogurt (xylitol-free)

Instructions

1. Prepare silicone molds or small cupcake liners.
2. Spoon mashed banana into the bottom of each cup as the first layer.
3. Add a layer of pumpkin puree on top.
4. Finish with a yogurt layer for the white "candy corn" tip.
5. Place in the freezer for 3-4 hours, or until solid.
6. Pop out of molds and serve as a cool Halloween treat.

Storage

Keep frozen in an airtight container for up to 2 months.

Benefits

- * Banana provides potassium and natural sweetness.
- * Pumpkin aids digestion and adds fiber.
- * Yogurt supports gut health with probiotics (use unsweetened, plain only).

Calorie Information

Each pup cup contains about 25-30 calories, depending on size.

*PEANUT BUTTER TREATS

1 CUP OATS

1/3 CUP PUMPKIN PUREE

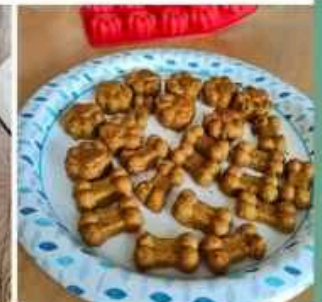
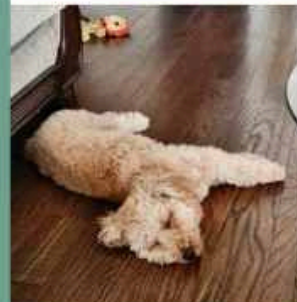
1/4 CUP PEANUT BUTTER
(NO XYLITOL - ALL NATURAL)

Place oats in processor and grind to flour consistency. Add peanut butter and pumpkin and pulse till you have a dough. If too thick, add a bit more pumpkin.

Roll out, cut out, place on parchment paper and bake @ 300 for 25-30 minutes.

OR if you, like me, is one who doesn't like rolling, push pieces into silicone treat molds.

I doubled the recipe and made exactly 1lb of treats!



DOG-FRIENDLY FALL FOODS

Safe for Dogs



pumpkin



apple (no seeds/core)



sweet potato



carrots



cranberries



NOT Safe for Dogs



Nutmeg



Apple seeds/core



Raw bread dough



Halloween candy



CHOCote



Grapes/raisins



Allspice / cloves



pumpkin pie spice mix



Divya
Pet Diaries



Pets




With leaves falling I just want to remind dog parents to not let their dogs shove their face down into the leaves. If they sniff up blastomycosis bacteria it can kill them in a few months. And you won't see any symptoms until it's too late and they suddenly start limping.

That's what happened to our sweet Deja 2 years ago. I never knew about it before so if you don't know about it be sure to read this. It's a deadly bacteria that lives everywhere on Earth in rotting wood, in the ground and in rotting leaves.

<https://vcahospitals.com/know-your-pet/blastomycosis-in-dogs> ✓



 **Roane County Sheriff's Of...** 1d · 🌐

Never leave your pets in your vehicle with the windows up during the summer months, unless your AC is on. Even with the windows cracked, the temperature inside can rise quickly, putting your pet's life at risk. In the event that you find a animal or a child locked in a hot vehicle, call 911 immediately. Below is the Tennessee law pertaining to forcible entry into a motor vehicle..

Tenn. Code Ann. § 29-34-209

(a) A person whose conduct conforms to the requirements of subsection (b) shall be immune from civil liability for any damage resulting from the forcible entry of a motor vehicle for the purpose of removing a minor or an animal from the vehicle.

(b) Subsection (a) applies if the person:

- (1) Determines the vehicle is locked or there is otherwise no reasonable method for the minor or animal to exit the vehicle;
- (2) Has a good faith belief that forcible entry into the vehicle is necessary because the minor or animal is in imminent danger of suffering harm if not immediately removed from the vehicle and, based upon the circumstances known to the person at the time, the belief is a reasonable one;
- (3) Has contacted either the local law enforcement agency, the fire department, or a 911 operator prior to forcibly entering

- circumstances known to the person at the time, the belief is a reasonable one;
- (3) Has contacted either the local law enforcement agency, the fire department, or a 911 operator prior to forcibly entering the vehicle;
- (4) Places a notice on the vehicle's windshield with the person's contact information, the reason the entry was made, the location of the minor or animal, and the fact that the authorities have been notified;
- (5) Remains with the minor or animal in a safe location, out of the elements but reasonably close to the vehicle, until law enforcement, fire, or another emergency responder arrives; and
- (6) Used no more force to enter the vehicle and remove the child or animal from the vehicle than was necessary under the circumstances.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall affect the person's civil liability if the person attempts to render aid to the minor or animal in addition to what is authorized by this section.

For more Tennessee laws, visit <https://www.tncourts.gov/Tennessee%20Code>

Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/tnhso> for more safety tips.





Wildlife Hummingbirds



DID YOU KNOW?

Hummingbirds can remember every flower they've visited and how long it takes each one to refill with nectar. They're basically tiny flying computers with perfect scheduling apps!



DID YOU KNOW?

Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backwards, sideways, and even upside down. Their wing muscles make up 25% of their total body weight - that's like a human having 40-pound biceps!



DID YOU KNOW?

If humans burned calories at the same rate as hummingbirds, we'd need to eat 400 hamburgers a day just to survive. And we'd lose 10 pounds every single night while sleeping!



DID YOU KNOW?

A hummingbird's tongue is forked and can extend twice the length of its beak. It works like a tiny pump, licking nectar 20 times per second. That's faster than you can blink!



DID YOU KNOW?

Some ruby-throated hummingbirds fly 500 miles non-stop across the Gulf of Mexico during migration. That's like a human running 2,000 marathons without stopping - on a body that weighs less than a nickel!



DID YOU KNOW?

Hummingbird nests are only 2 inches wide and built with spider silk for flexibility. As the babies grow, the nest stretches like a natural bungee cord. Talk about innovative architecture!



DID YOU KNOW?

Hummingbirds visit over 1,000 flowers daily, pollinating as they go. God created them as tiny missionaries, spreading life and beauty wherever their journey takes them. What a perfect reminder of how we're called to serve!



DID YOU KNOW?

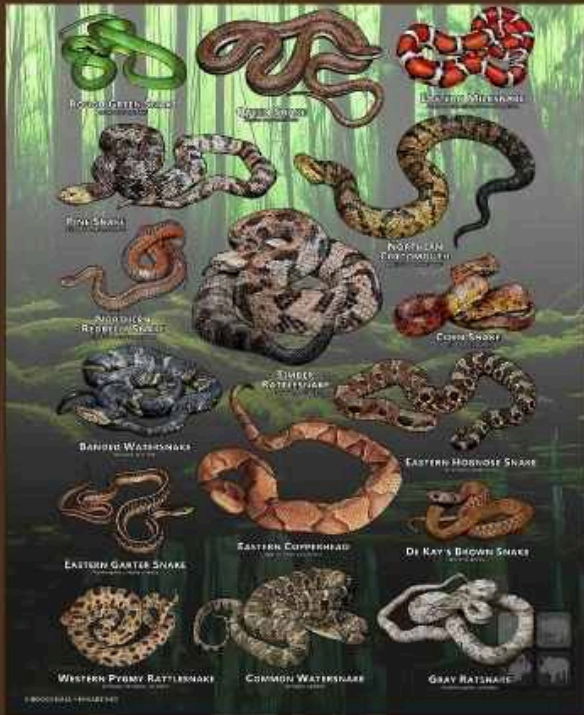
Baby hummingbirds are born smaller than a jellybean and weigh less than a paperclip. Yet within 3 weeks, they can outfly most other birds. Talk about a glow-up!



Talk about a glow-up!



Wildlife



Massive tracks on Sanibel Island revealed today a rare leatherback sea turtle, the largest turtle on Earth, weighing up to 2,000 pounds! It's the first nest there in 4 years. These deep diving giants can reach 4,000 feet and have roamed the oceans since dinosaur times. What a wild and amazing surprise!



Hummingbirds aren't just sugar addicts! Those tiny gnats floating above your petunias? That's their drive-through burger joint! They need protein between nectar meals to survive.



I'm a Crane Fly Not a Giant Mosquito



- I don't bite or suck blood.
- I sip flower nectar and help pollinate.
- Next time you see me, please let me live.



Sweetbriar Nature... · Follow ... ×
May 16 · 🌐

Yesterday, something heartbreaking happened. A woman watched in horror as a driver, ignoring stopped traffic and, plowed through an entire family of Canada geese—two parents and their babies—killing all but 4 babies instantly. Everyone else had stopped. Everyone saw them. But one person chose not to care. This isn't just about animals. It's about compassion. It's about patience. It's about respect for life. Please—slow down. Pay attention. And remember, when you share the road, you're not just driving among people. You're moving through a world full of vulnerable creatures who don't get a second chance. Geese, deer, ducks, turtles, — they all share our roads. And they depend on our awareness and our decency to survive.

#PSA #DriveWithCare #WildlifeMatters
#CompassionOnTheRoad #CanadaGeese
#BeBetterHumans

Wildlife Opossums



"Hi, I'm a possum, and I'm not here to cause trouble. In fact, I help you more than you might realize. Every night, I can eat up to 2,000 ticks, along with other insects that spread dangerous diseases. I also help keep snake populations in check, even the venomous ones. My body is built tough... I can survive dozens of rattlesnake or coral snake bites, and yes, I even eat venomous snakes like they're just another snack.

Maybe you don't know, but my blood contains something unique that scientists have used to create treatments for snake bites. Without me, there would be more pests, more snakes, and fewer lifesaving cures for people. So if you see me, please don't hurt me, let me raise my babies!

We're out here working quietly to make the world safer for all of us."



Opossums don't **spread rabies**, eat **thousands of ticks**, and get rid of **waste**. Don't hurt them. They're helping keep the **planet clean**.



Opossums are nature's misunderstood janitors, protecting your yard from pests and cleaning up whatever's left behind.

At first glance, opossums might seem like pests themselves. They're nocturnal, have 50 sharp teeth, and sometimes show up hissing under your deck or rummaging through trash.

But they're actually really helpful by doing pest control, disease prevention, and cleanup – all for free.

First off, despite popular belief, opossums almost never carry rabies. Why? Their body temperature is too low for the virus to survive. While they can contract it in rare cases, they are one of the least likely wild animals to do so.

They're also tick-destroying machines. A single opossum can eat over 5,000 ticks in one season – and that number might be conservative. They groom constantly, licking ticks off their fur and swallowing them. In doing so, they help reduce the spread of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses.

And there's more. Opossums are scavengers, eating things most other animals won't touch: rotting fruit, roadkill, garbage, and even dead animals. They play a vital role in the ecosystem by cleaning up organic waste that could otherwise attract disease or larger pests.

Even their "aggressive" behavior is a bluff. That teeth-baring, hissing act? It's all for show. When really threatened, opossums go limp, drool, and emit a foul odor – a dramatic defense known as "playing dead." They're not attacking you. They're trying to convince you they're already gone.

So, the next time you see one in your yard or under your porch, don't harm it.

Opossums aren't dangerous, they're helpful. Think of them as quirky, nocturnal custodians doing free pest control while we sleep.

They may not be cute to everyone, but opossums are essential workers in the wild.



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