



### **February President's Message by Ken Litke**

So far 2021 has been just as difficult as 2020 with COVID-19 cases still very high and the expectation of another surge due to the holidays. While the start of the vaccine rollout has provided a ray of sunshine in the cold of winter and a bright hope for the future, unfortunately it will still be months before all of us can be vaccinated and so we need to continue to follow safe practices.

Although our Monthly Socials remain on hiatus due to COVID concerns, our Event Coordinators have been busy planning a much fuller slate of online events which we will kick off with this month's Social Update which will be sent out in the next few days. Even more online activities will be rolled out for the coming months, but this pace could happen even quicker if we had more volunteers to step forward and help run events. More on this later in the Voice.

Coming in February we will be holding our first Open Village Meeting of the Year with the topic being "State of the Village" with presentations by the HOA, POA Board, POA Staff, and other organizations in the Village. This will be a live streamed (and recorded) event scheduled for Thursday, February 18 from 4pm to 6pm. Please mark this date in your calendar – links to the meeting will be provided in upcoming emails.

Lastly, while most have already done so, please remember to renew your HOA membership for 2021 and support our advocacy efforts along with social activities.

Even though there will be trying times still in front of us, there is now a light at the end of the tunnel – we'll get through this together!

# HOA OPEN VILLAGE MEETING

## State of the Village

Thursday, February 18, 2021

4:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Webinar LiveStreamed on YouTube

(Same way as POA Meetings)

Access provided on TellicoLife Calendar



### Topics

HOA Update: 2020 Results/2021 Plans

Ken Litke, HOA President

Village Update: 2020 Results/2021 Plans

Tellico Village Leadership

POA Update: 2020 Results/2021 Plans

POA Leadership

Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Dept. Update

Jerry Dougherty

Public Library of Tellico Village Update

Carol DeForest

Public Comments & Questions

For further information contact Dennis Dougherty at [dpd@dpdougherty.com](mailto:dpd@dpdougherty.com)



## **Volunteers Needed**

In the process of renewal of memberships for 2021 we have heard several comments about why renew if the HOA isn't currently holding any social events. Please keep in mind the primary purpose of the HOA is to act as a watchdog and advocate for residents - which we have continued to do throughout the pandemic. Your membership enables us to continue to carry out this important responsibility.

But we realize that social activity is also a very important part of HOA and it gives us the opportunity to meet in person and hear your views and concerns - but it is not as urgent as it is for other organizations in the village which are purely social.

Therefore, we have tried to take a cautious approach to social activities. During the summer months we were able to hold some entertaining events at outdoor venues and HOA Golf kept many members busy but with the change of seasons moving to indoor venues is not an option at this time.

The winter months are going to be hard on all of us as we await the new vaccine and a return of warmer weather. With this in mind, we have been looking at social events in a different way. We have found several new avenues for HOA events such as offering a Genealogy Seminar, Civil War Lectures and Walking Tours, notification of LiveStreamed events from the Local Entertainment Venues and some Online Game events along with Links to entertaining productions by Tellico Village Broadcasting which will be coming your way.

But in order to be able to continue to research and present these types of events we need your help. One or two people cannot do all of this alone. We are asking for your help. If you have a creative side that is yearning for activity or a practical side that could help organize these activities or just an idea for an activity, we need your involvement. It's not hard and it all done in a safe environment. For further information contact Ken Litke at [klitke204@gmail.com](mailto:klitke204@gmail.com) , and please renew your membership.



### Looking for Something to Watch?

If you haven't noticed, Tellico Village Broadcasting is growing. Over the last three years TVB has made great strides. Under the current leadership of Kevin Kritch TVB continues a program of upgrading equipment and volunteers in order to offer a professional broadcasting operation to benefit and entertain Tellico Village. During these trying days, TVB has been instrumental in keeping the village informed with what's going on. If you haven't checked them out lately, now is a good time.

To log on to TVB go to <https://tellicovillagebroadcasting.org/> Scroll down to the bottom of the page under Follow Us and click on YouTube. You can subscribe by clicking on the SUBSCRIBE button. If you want to be notified of new content, click (ring) the bell. To view content, click on the Video button towards the top of the page.

The following is a list of links to videos produces by TVB and recommended by their staff. Use these links to view.

<u>Title</u>	<u>TVB YouTube Link</u>
Handmade – Iron Studio	<a href="https://youtu.be/G7o_XZshY_s">https://youtu.be/G7o_XZshY_s</a>
Handmade – Metal Painter	<a href="https://youtu.be/EZDpCzHGRf4">https://youtu.be/EZDpCzHGRf4</a>
Handmade – Metal Glass	<a href="https://youtu.be/uJoodlAsKMY">https://youtu.be/uJoodlAsKMY</a>
Handmade-Woodcarver	<a href="https://youtu.be/EZDpCzHGRf">https://youtu.be/EZDpCzHGRf</a>
Through the Lens 1	<a href="https://youtu.be/jALoVkm8aG8">https://youtu.be/jALoVkm8aG8</a>
Through the Lens 2	<a href="https://youtu.be/cTYWCqozu1c">https://youtu.be/cTYWCqozu1c</a>
Devine Intervention (Mini Horse Rescue)	<a href="https://youtu.be/k7_UI4uPhzg">https://youtu.be/k7_UI4uPhzg</a>
Tellico Village Humor with Greg Schwem 1	<a href="https://youtu.be/3ELE8CbSQxw">https://youtu.be/3ELE8CbSQxw</a>
Tellico Village Humor with Greg Schwem 2	<a href="https://youtu.be/3-lBshxr5hA">https://youtu.be/3-lBshxr5hA</a>
Tellico Village Humor with Greg Schwem 3	<a href="https://youtu.be/eitODadDFVc">https://youtu.be/eitODadDFVc</a>

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Tellico Village Humor with Greg Schwem 4	<a href="https://youtu.be/a7F93NycS9M">https://youtu.be/a7F93NycS9M</a>
Tellico Village Humor with Greg Schwem 5	<a href="https://youtu.be/QCVD7gm8qfM">https://youtu.be/QCVD7gm8qfM</a>
Tellico Village Humor with Greg Schwem 6	<a href="https://youtu.be/IVvO7I2KQIA">https://youtu.be/IVvO7I2KQIA</a>
Photography Contest	<a href="https://youtu.be/nmflyHVAIAA">https://youtu.be/nmflyHVAIAA</a>
Your Aches & Pains	<a href="https://youtu.be/L0TJ9ReQWlQ">https://youtu.be/L0TJ9ReQWlQ</a>
Premiere Residences	<a href="https://youtu.be/EAs-mvKr8UU">https://youtu.be/EAs-mvKr8UU</a>
When Your Mammogram is Positive	<a href="https://youtu.be/N0KrR7yOPTQ">https://youtu.be/N0KrR7yOPTQ</a>
TV Singers Workshop	<a href="https://youtu.be/uwyxtmngSrA">https://youtu.be/uwyxtmngSrA</a>
Ladies of Tellico-Karen Sue Keith	<a href="https://youtu.be/PkjmRiGR4TQ">https://youtu.be/PkjmRiGR4TQ</a>
Ladies of Tellico-Mary Cushman	<a href="https://youtu.be/y0TmiJ0Pwyk">https://youtu.be/y0TmiJ0Pwyk</a>
Ladies of Tellico- Marion Elrod	<a href="https://youtu.be/YkXe4K615dU">https://youtu.be/YkXe4K615dU</a>

### Asian Carp Information



The topic of Asian Carp seems to come and go from our daily lives, especially over the winter months. While there are several groups working hard on this issue it is hard to keep up with it all. We have found a source of information that you can use to learn more about the Asian Carp issue and how you can help. Click on the link below, it will link you to the Tennessee Wildlife Federation and a video by Bill Dance.

<https://tnwf.org/bill-dances-story/?sourceid=1087088&emci=6b2bc1d0-243f-eb11-a607-00155d43c992&emdi=9839be89-7c43-eb11-a607-00155d43c992&ceid=8261465>



## FANTASTIC FACTS ABOUT MONROE COUNTY

By Gail Link

The following facts are not listed in order of importance or fascination. In fact, they are not organized at all!

- 1) Since its founding in 1819 Monroe County has grown to over 46,000 people making it the 6<sup>th</sup> largest county in TN. 21.4% of the population is over 65 years old.
- 2) Monroe County has the distinction of being home to a state park, a national forest, and a TVA dam.
- 3) Incorporated cities in Monroe County are Madisonville, the county seat; Sweetwater; Tellico Plains; and Vonore. Other villages include Etowah, Coker Creek, and the Kahite Neighborhood of Tellico Village, nicknamed “the little town with the big backyard”.
- 4) Tellico Plains became the first gold rush site in 1831 when gold was discovered near Cocoa Creek.
- 5) The Lost Sea located in Sweetwater is the world’s largest underground lake. If you have not visited the blind fish, you have not lived.
- 6) The Civil War Trail that divided the North and South touches all the cities in Monroe County.
- 7) The capitals of three Cherokee Nations were in Monroe County – Tahlequah, Tanasi, and Chota. Sound familiar?
- 8) When three Cherokee chiefs traveled to England with Alexander Cummings to meet the king, the king gave one of the chiefs a pair of reading glasses. The chief ordered that he be buried in his canoe with the glasses. Much later his canoe was discovered with the glasses in it. Do not ask if they were on his skull!
- 9) The three chiefs took a crown to the king of England. Was it made of gold? Jewels? No, possum!
- 10) Monroe County has had four courthouses – 2 were destroyed by fire, one of those during the Civil War; one was torn down when the county outgrew the available space; and the present building that was completed in 1897. The current courthouse, an attractive building, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- 11) Since the current courthouse was designed with offices for the tax collector, the assessor, and other officials, the first floor has several walk-in safes, one of which is now the mayor’s office.

- 12) The 54-mile Cherohala Skyway that connects Tellico Plains and Robbinsville, NC runs through 1,024 acres of mountains, rivers, 18 hiking paths, lakes, and breathtaking curves.
- 13) Monroe County is home to the oldest health department in TN, a department that resides in the only existing structure built by the Civilian Conservation Corps.
- 14) Charles Hall started the first telephone company in Tellico Plains. His museum, located on the Cherohala Skyway, contains a fascinating collection of artifacts gathered by Charles and his wife Billie Neil.
- 15) In 1947 Allen Benton turned his talent for creating mouth-watering country ham and bacon into Benton Smoky Mountain Country Hams. The company located on Highway 411 in Madisonville is known worldwide and ships internationally.

Five (or maybe 6) more Fascinating Facts next month along with information about the government of Monroe County.

## 2021 HOA Membership



Your membership is important to us. In order to carry on our advocacy work we need your membership to show that we have the support of the village.

The HOA is your voice in all matters affecting Tellico Village property values, infrastructure, lifestyle and social environment. Your continued membership in the HOA provides you with the Voice to “Be Engaged – Be Informed – Be Heard” on matters within Tellico Village.

The benefits of HOA membership are:

- Homeowner advocacy on issues & concerns to the POA Board (view advocacy information on our website at [www.hoatellcovillage.com](http://www.hoatellcovillage.com) )
- Monthly HOA Socials with over 100 sponsored activities and events-during normal conditions
- Open Village meetings on pertinent topics
- Monthly “HOA Voice” emails
- Neighborhood Watch program
- Surveys to express your opinion on important issues
- Liaisons to local government and TDOT
- Representing homeowner issues and concerns to various POA committees

Membership continues to be a DEAL at \$10.00 per household, when you sign up online and pay by credit card.

### HOA 2021 Approved Budget

In accordance with Article VII, Section 2 of the HOA By-Laws the following 2021 budget was approved at the December 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting. This notice will serve as communication to the membership.

## HOA APPROVED 2021 BUDGET

### INCOME

Membership Dues	\$20,000.
Social Activities*	\$100,000.
TellicoLife	<u>\$9,000.</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$129,000.</b>

### EXPENSES

Administration	\$20,000.
Social Activities*	\$100,000.
TellicoLife	<u>\$9,000.</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$129,000.</b>

\* Income and expenses for social activities are derived from the events sponsored and planned by the Events Committee. Members dues are not used for these activities.



## Billboard's Top 25 Singles of 1970



1. Bridge over Troubled Water – Simon & Garfunkel
2. (They Long to Be) Close to You – The Carpenters
3. American Woman – The Guess Who
4. Raindrops Keep Fallin on My Head – BJ Thomas
5. War – Edwin Starr
6. Ain't No Mountain High Enough – Diana Ross
7. I'll Be There – The Jackson 5
8. Get Ready – Rare Earth
9. Let it Be – Beatles
10. Band of Gold – Freda Payne



11. Momma Told Me (Not to Come)
12. Everything is Beautiful – Ray Stevens
13. Make it With You – Bread
14. Hitchin a Ride – Vanity Faire
15. ABC – The Jackson 5
16. The Love You Save – The Jackson 5
17. Cracklin Rosie – Neil Diamond
18. Candida – Dawn
19. Thank You (FalettinmeBe Mice Elf Agin) – Sly & The Family Stone
20. Spill the Wine – Eric Burdon & War
21. O-o-h Child – Five Stairsteps
22. Spirit in the Sky – Norman Greenbaum
23. Lay Down (Candles in the Rain) – Melanie
24. Ball of Confusion - The Temptations
25. Love on a Two-Way Street – The Moments