



NOVEMBER

YOUR
“VOICE IN THE VILLAGE”
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Honoring Veterans
and Volunteers

Message from HOA President Harry Rucker

It looks like summer is coming to an end. The weather has been so nice these past couple of days and the change from the heat and humidity is welcome. But I still hate to see summer go! And what a summer we had! Golf, raft offs, trips to Lynchburg, Gatlinburg, Brushy Mountain, restaurants, entertainment like Wendle Warner and dueling pianos, games like Singo, Bunco and Hand and Foot and the Socials – I think everyone took home a door prize (except me). The HOA held over 100 events all told.

The changing leaves brings a new season and a new focus. The HOA began its 2025 membership drive on October first. To cover operating costs, including our TellicoLife subscription, we have to raise dues. If you sign up before January 1, 2025, however, you can still get the 2024 rate of \$15 per household – a great deal no matter how you look at it. Come to the free (your dues pay for them) Social in November and we'll help you sign up.

We're holding the annual Christmas Gala with dinner and dancing on December 17th at the Yacht Club. It will take the place of the Social and is selling out quickly, so hurry and get your tickets while you still can. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the HOA trip to Asheville to take part in the Biltmore Candlelight Christmas due to the hurricane flooding there. Our prayers go out to the people suffering there, and we'll be sure to help them out by visiting next year.

The fall also brings us the season to vote. Besides the federal, state and local elections, the POA has two seats that are opening up. The HOA will hold a Candidates' Forum where the seven POA board hopefuls will have a chance to introduce themselves and tell what they'll do for Tellico Village, answer two questions that they'll be given a chance to prepare for, and answer questions from the audience. Come to the event on October 30 at 4:00 PM at the Tellico Village Community Church and learn who will be your candidate.

The HOA will hold its annual business meeting at the Social on November 12. All of the board member positions are up for vote. Several, including the President, Programs, Event Planning and Communications are still looking for candidates. So, if you're bored and looking for something to do and want to meet new people and really learn what's going on in the community, please give me or another board member a call. The HOA membership will also be voting on some proposed changes to its bylaws during the business meeting. Come and take your part in running your HOA.

The Tellico Village Neighborhood Watch is moving to the POA to take advantage of POA capital assets, the POA's official relationships with surrounding communities and the POA's superior communications with the entire Tellico Village Community. This change will make the Neighborhood Watch a more effective organization to support our Village. The only change that you'll see will be the way the Neighborhood Watch communicates with its supporters.

Stay tuned for more information from Sherry Le and the Neighborhood Watch team. Finally, and most importantly, I want to thank the hundreds of volunteers that make this community run. The HOA (and lots of other organizations) could not exist without the volunteers that are its engine. I know that your time is valuable and every minute that you give is taken from something else. However, I hope that the relationships that you make with fellow volunteers and the results that you see in a better community make it more than worthwhile. The time, talent and energy that you freely give continuously astound me, and I am thankful to just be a part of it.



More on HOA Position on TAP Tank Projects

Last month the HOA provided its position on the Tellico Village Action Plan Water and Sewer Projects. The HOA Supported the projects because they improve the performance and manage the risk of failures in Tellico Village's potable water and sewage systems. The POA is now in the design phases of the TAP projects and as is with all large projects, the devil is in the details. So, the HOA will continue to follow the TAP Projects closely, will ask questions of the POA and will publish the questions and responses to its members.

The first set of thirteen questions, titled Potential TAP Goals, has been sent to the POA via the Public Service Advisory Council (PSAC) and has been answered. You can find those questions and answers at <https://www.boatellicovillage.com>. The HOA will be following up on the answers to these questions and others that relate more specifically to the projects as the design develops.

An example of a future question about the projects is:

The Elevated Potable Water Tank Project is to provide adequate volume and water pressure to all homes in Tellico Village both for convenience and for fighting fires. How will the design ensure this? Specifically, the Coyatee Neighborhood is one area that currently experiences low pressure because of its elevation and piping design. The diameter of the potable water main line piping is reduced from the 10 inches that most of Tellico Village enjoys, as it enters the neighborhood from the south to 8 inches and then expands to 10 inches again. This restriction causes a pressure drop, especially during high flow (usage) periods. As the elevated tank is on the southern side of the restriction, the increased pressure it provides will not significantly help Coyatee. How will the project meet Coyatee's pressure requirements without causing excessive pressure in neighborhoods south of it?

Questions like this are not designed to hinder or slow down the projects but are to ensure the entire community is comfortable that the projects will resolve the problems. The more every Villager knows about the TAP projects, the better every resident will feel about the major investment that the community is making.

Detailed information about the TAP Projects is available on the POA website (Water & Sewer - Tellico Village Property Owners Association (tellicovillagepoa.org)) including the latest status updates, over 30 homeowner questions and answers and a place to ask any question that you may have.

HOA NOVEMBER SOCIAL



**CELEBRATING
our
VETERANS
and
VOLUNTEERS**

**Tuesday,
November 12th
5:00 pm
Yacht Club**

Join us for this very special HOA Social featuring:

- **Tellico Village VFW Color Guard Ceremony**
- **Patriotic and Military Branch Songs by Tim & Leslie**
- **HOA Volunteer Recognition**
- **Fond Farewell to Outgoing Board Members**
- **Brief Annual Business Meeting**



**Tickets for the
HOA Holiday Gala
are now on sale!**

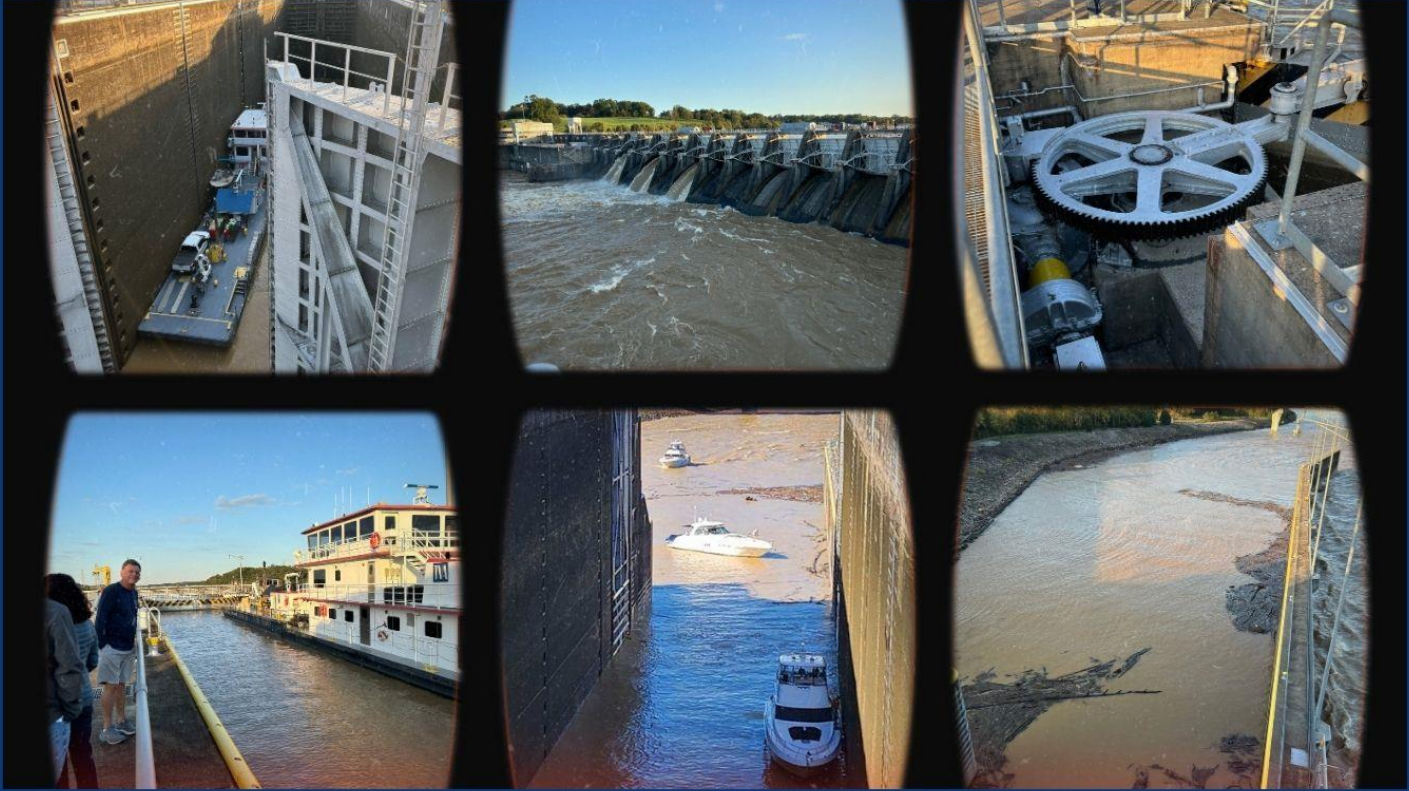
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10th
Yacht Club | 5:30 - 10:00pm**

**Live Music by Liquid Velvet
Plated Dinner with Choice of Entree
Details and online ticket purchasing at**

[HOA Annual Holiday Gala](#)

SCENES FROM THE LOCK TOURS

The HOA's ever-popular and fascinating Ft. Loudoun Lock Tours took place on October 8th and 9th and gave attendees up-close views of BOTH the inner workings of our lock and dam AND the debris flow from the elevations affected by Hurricane Helene's path of destruction on September 30th. This event repeats annually, so if you have not yet attended, be sure to consider it in 2025!



HOA 2024 CHILI COOKOFF WINNERS!

12 extraordinary chili chefs competed for the coveted annual HOA Chili Cookoff medal on October 23rd, and 3 past winners were once again honored! Pictured are:



- 1st Place - Gig Wilkowsky
- 2nd Place - Mark Navas
- 3rd Place - Amy LaSalle

There was sweet chili, spicy chili, Texas no-bean chili, Steamboat Springs chili, chili verde, smoked brisket chili, chicken chili, you name it! There was even an exotic curry chili with bananas and a few margarita jello shots to cleanse the pallet. All in all, a great way to top off a beautiful autumn day!

AROUND THE TOWN

Adopt-a-Class Winter Holiday Greeting Cards

Magic and joy through the eyes of children.... you can share holiday spirit by sending unique Adopt-a-Class greeting cards to friends and family. Featuring art created by 3rd , 4th and 5th graders at local public elementary schools, these cards are professionally printed and prepared by charity volunteers. The boxed set includes all 14 cards with self-sealing envelopes for \$15. The sale launches on November 1, with many opportunities for purchase.



Visit the Adopt-a-Class booth at the Shoppes of Christmas on November 6, the Farmers Market on November 13 and 20 from 8:30-11:30, or TV Sloan's on Saturday, November 16 from 10-2. Free home delivery is also available in Tellico Village – send your check payable “Adopt-a-Class” for \$15/box with delivery address, to Karen Hamerslag, 232 Elohi Way, Loudon, TN. All profits benefit Loudon, Steekee and Vonore Elementary Schools.



FOCUS: Childhood Development in Loudon & Monroe Counties

The Tellico Community Foundation (TCF) has chosen improvement in Childhood Development in Loudon and Monroe Counties as one of its focus areas for grantmaking. TCF believes that the future of our society relies on the education of the youth today.

It is our belief that, for children to thrive, they must be proficient in reading and math at a very early age. The prime time for learning these basic skills-- reading and math-- is between the ages of birth to about nine years old (fourth grade). Our education system is geared to teach those skills during that time; however, if those skills are not learned by then, most likely the child will struggle throughout the rest of his education and possibly never “catch up.”

Data collected in May 2023 by the Annie E Casey Foundation for Loudon and Monroe Counties shows that approximately 70% of the children in grades third through eighth are not proficient in reading and math, meaning they cannot read at grade level. After fourth grade, those basic skills of reading and math are required to continue the education process. Literature, history, economics and other disciplines require literacy, and the teachers in the higher grades often do not have the time or resources to teach those basic skills required to succeed.

The TCF Advisory Board believes that focusing our resources with agencies and organizations that work with children between birth and fifth grade can alleviate some of the issues. By supporting outcome-focused programs operated by non-profit agencies and organizations, we believe we can positively impact, in a measurable way, children's reading and math abilities before they reach fifth grade.

Advisory board members from Tellico Community Foundation are available to discuss this important focus area with organizations who may need funding to address early childhood education, and to schedule individual meetings with potential donors to share our grantmaking goals and donation options.

For more information, please contact Marsha Kaiser at

marshahkeiser@gmail.com

Library Happenings



The Public Library at Tellico Village

MEMBERSHIP Drive

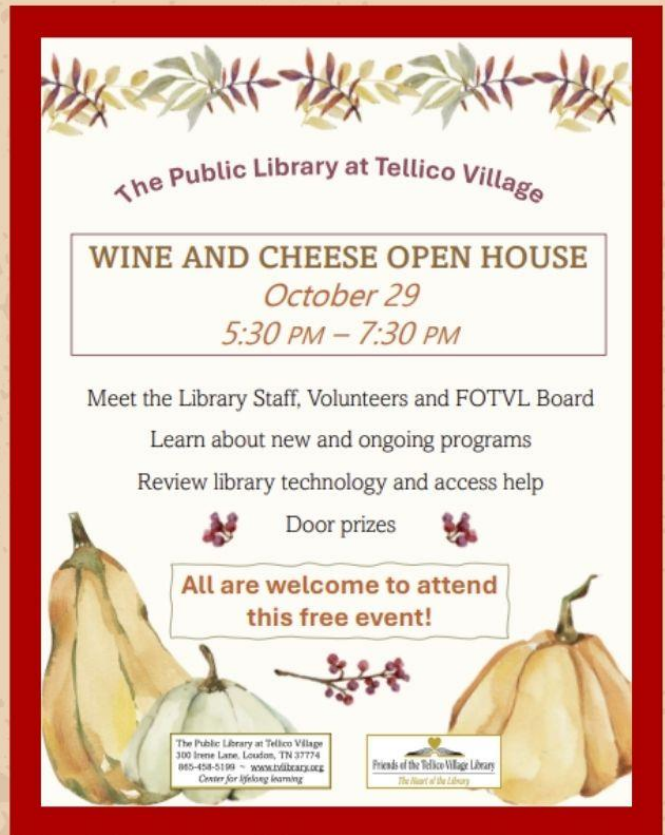
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MEMBERSHIP FEE APPLIES TO BALANCE OF 2024 AND ALL OF 2025

Stop by the library or head to our website to sign up!

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300 Irene Lane, Loudon, TN 37774
865-458-5199 - www.tellicolibrary.org
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WINE AND CHEESE OPEN HOUSE

October 29
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Meet the Library Staff, Volunteers and FOTVL Board

Learn about new and ongoing programs

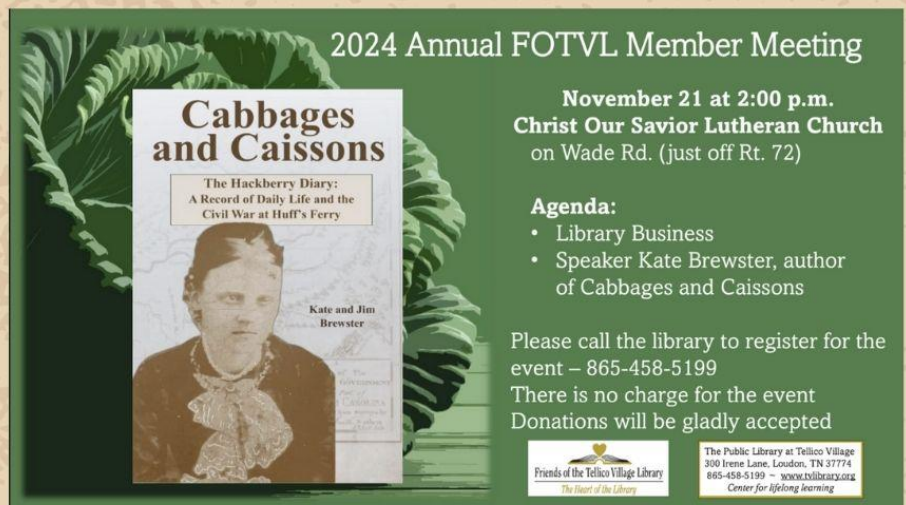
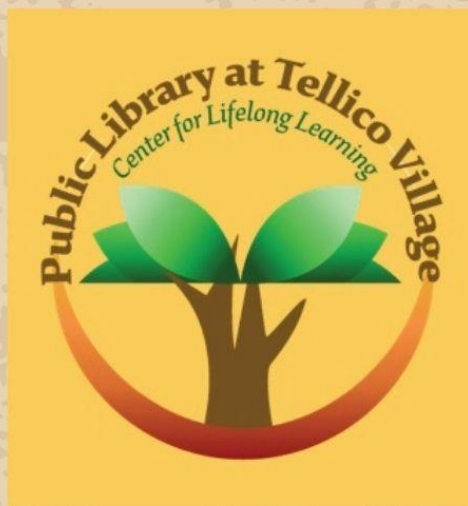
Review library technology and access help

Door prizes

All are welcome to attend this free event!

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2024 Annual FOTVL Member Meeting

November 21 at 2:00 p.m.
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
on Wade Rd. (just off Rt. 72)

Cabbages and Caissons

The Hackberry Diary:
A Record of Daily Life and the
Civil War at Huff's Ferry

Kate and Jim
Brewster

Agenda:

- Library Business
- Speaker Kate Brewster, author of Cabbages and Caissons

Please call the library to register for the event - 865-458-5199
There is no charge for the event
Donations will be gladly accepted

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Don't forget!



RENEW YOUR HOA 2025 MEMBERSHIP THIS MONTH AT

[2025 Membership - Tellico Village HomeOwners Association](#)



Reader Rewards!

Read your newsletter closely and answer the questions below to win 5 raffle tickets for the 50/50 drawing at the NOVEMBER SOCIAL! The first one to email the correct answers wins!

1. When will the HOA Annual Business Meeting be held?
2. Who will provide live music at the HOA Holiday Gala?

Please email your answers to:

HOAcomms2024@gmail.com

*Truly
Grateful
for you.*

Happy
THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is more than just food and family gatherings. It gives us the opportunity to look back at the great memories we have shared and the good people who have come into our lives. The HOA is sincerely grateful for all of you who have chosen to be a part of this dynamic community, and we wish everyone a happy, healthy, warm and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

