

"Your Voice in the Village" MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

"If January is the month of change, February is the month of lasting change.

January is for dreamers . . . February is for doers.

Marc Parent

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE February 2025

If you recall, the theme of our January Social was New Beginnings, and what a fantastic beginning it was! Highlights of the evening included:



- An update on the Tanasi & TAP projects by guest speaker, POA Project Mgr. Scott Macrae.
- Attendees of our Social were the first to hear: the POA has agreed that IF a wastewater storage tank is required, it would NOT be built in the originally proposed location (off Sequoyah Road)
- Scott hopes to minimize any additional expense to relocate the tank through costs savings associated with other TAP projects that continue to move forward.
- HOA Social VP, Roxanne Jackson, announced the addition of a new Suggestion
 Box that will enable social attendees the ability to submit ideas on how our team
 might enhance the benefits of HOA membership.
- Activities VP, Kathy Ruzic, provided a review of several new and exciting activities scheduled to open the Wednesday following our Social
- And although technical difficulties prohibited the launch of our Belly Laugh contest, Advocacy VP, Teresa Reed and a few audience members stepped in to provide some really good comic relief.

Also, during our January Social, I had the privilege of announcing the HOA Board's decision to move forward with plans to conduct a member only online survey regarding the Reserve Funding Fee legislative bill reviewed at the POA's January Town Hall & Board of Directors meeting. This announcement supports our HOA Board's 2025 Goals & Objectives to:

"Establish the HOA as a valuable two-way information conduit which provides facts to the residents and in which resident-raised issues are presented to the proper governing body in constructive recommendation form to try and achieve a resolution "

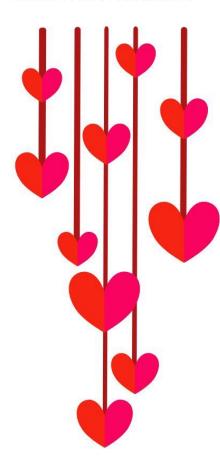
While we understand not everyone likes to participate in surveys, many appreciate the opportunity to offer their opinion in a private, safe environment. This is evident by the more than 600 responses we received. To see the survey results that were shared with POA staff and board members, as well as State Representative, Lowell Russell on Monday, January 27th,

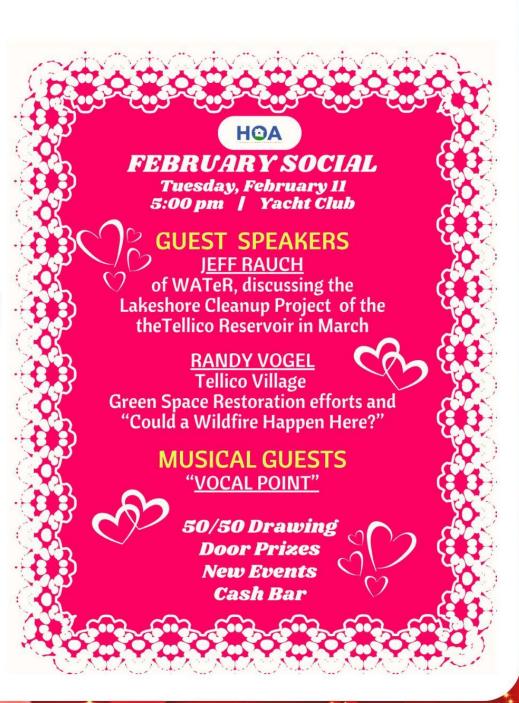
President's Message continues . . .

Coming up in our February Social, guest speakers, Jeff Rauch, Randy Vogel and Dori Holt, will highlight three upcoming events that our HOA Board would like to see members participate in to support a clean and environmentally conscious community, and to promote our social and civic responsibility as an organization.

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition of Your Voice in the Village newsletter which is packed with information about our team's ongoing effort. I hope you'll join us at the Yacht Club on February 11th, 5:00pm, for another great evening. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors! See you there.

Sincerely, Linda Garza 2025 HOA President







- Initiatives the HOA has petitioned for on behalf
- Would you like to understand how the mission of the HOA has evolved over the years?

Please join us over the next few months as we share some of the interesting highlights that we have uncovered in the archives of the Tellico Village Library. See how the culture of volunteerism and camaraderie has created the place we all love to call home, and how the HOA has been instrumental since the very beginning.

IN THE BEGINNING

A Maryville, TN newspaper executive purchased the first lot in Tellico Village in April 1986. He never built a home on it. During the next 2 years, 2,000 lots were purchased. Prices ranged from \$7,000 to \$35,000 or more. Some were merely investments, some were purchased for golf and amenities, and others were planned for "some day" homes.

On Christmas Eve 1987, a party was held in the 6-month-old home of Vince and Paula Matthews. The guests decided to create an organization to be known as "The Pioneers," and membership was limited to only those who had built homes in the village during its first year. There were 52 families who joined.

In those days, the operation of Tellico Village was under the direction of a President and a General Manager, both of whom were employed by Cooper Communities, Inc. (CCI) of Bentonville, Arkansas. There was also a Property Owners Association (POA) with a board of 5 employees of CCI who also lived in Arkansas. They came to Tellico once a month for meetings.

Homeowners soon found they had questions about their representation on the POA Board regarding construction and maintenance of roads, cost of financing operations, etc. Don and Pat Kegley, for example were especially interested because they could only access their property by boat, since there were no roads. leading to it. At one time, Don's car skidded off narrow Toqua Road and almost landed in the pond near the 10th green of the golf course.

When Sam and Eleanor Lewellyn moved to their new home, they had to carry water from a nearby fire hydrant because there were no water lines. The Richards family had no plumbing, so they used a port-a-John until the sewage system was built.

The residents decided it was time for a meeting of the homeowners.

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NEW EVENTS

Opening on Wednesday, February 12

The red buttons on each flyer will link you to more information and online registration.

MONTHLY FAVORITES



Hike 'n Lunch

Aspire Park - Clinton, TN Clinch River Greenway Thursday, March 6, 2025 Depart Poplar Springs Boat Ramp promptly @ 8:45 AM, please arrive 10 minutes before departure time Rating: EASY, mostly paved a sphalt trails

Distance: 3.1 miles total (approximate) Elevation gain: 260 ft

Brief Description of the Hike: We will initiate our hike from the Onward and Upward Building near the main parking lot. We will follow the Clinch River Greenway, a pawed asphalt trail, to the northeast, past the Girl'n Bank-it bicycle skills area and the large plaggrounds. We will continue along the shores of the Clinch River before longing back on this same trail. We will return near our starting location before proceedings gould not the kayak launch area and through the open prairie trails. These trails are 95% had auriticed with only a couple of significant hills. The trails we will use represent approximately 10% of the total trail system in this brand new private park which is offered to the public free of charge.

Directions to "Aspire Park", 777 Aspire Drive, Clinton, TN 37716
Detailed driving instructions will be given on the morning of the hike.
Note: If you are using Google Maps, input "Aspire, Aspire Dr. Clinton, TN"

Drive time to the park is approximately 45 minutes. Parking is ample and readily available near the Onward and Upward Center building. There are public restrooms inside.

Important note: In the case of inclement weather, we will suggest that the group should plan to come to Aspire Park and "The Pearl" restaurant for a very enjoyable group lunch meeting at 11:30 AM.

Attendees are responsible for their own meals and drinks
Maximum number of attendees: 30
Late day to register or cancel is: Tebusary 28, 2025
Event coordinators are: Don and Lisa Worner (phone: 319-269-4839)
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e: Out of respect for others and to avoid potential tripping hazards we ask you to please leave all pets at home









Make new friends and join us for

Bunco

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

2:00 - 4:00 PM HERE

HOA

TIME!

Yacht Club (lower level)

100 Sequoyah Road 865-458-4363

Cost: \$5.00 per person Non-Refundable Limit: 40 players

> Supplies Provided Snacks Provided Door Prizes

Last Day to SignUp/Cancel: March 16, 2025

Contacts:

Donna Waghorne Eeyoretigger568@gmail.com Eileen Thorgusen ethorgusen@gmail.com



TECH TALKS & TOURS



there? Like a great tour? Love hand crafted wood furniture or mantels?



Tour of Everhart Lumber

followed by a tasty meal at Peach Street Grille

DATE: Thursday, March 13 1 PM the Tour begins TIME:

3 PM for group "Lunner" at Peach Street Grille

(optional)

ADDRESS: 911 Veterans Memorial Drive, Tellico Plains

COST: NO CHARGE. Sign-up is required. Any cancelations should be made directly to Lindsay Tobin (see below)

MAX 16/MIN 8 Last date to register 3/6/25

Carpooling is possible. Contact Lindsay minimum 4 day in advance.

If you love a cool wood mantel or beautiful live-edge coffee table, sofa table or want some new woodworking ideas of your own, come on this tour. Tour likely to include tour of the slab room. See lots of raw lumber before it. is planed and sanded. Tour the showroom and drool!

Event Coordinator: Lindsay Tobin 440-723-9243



911 LOUDON COUNTY

Emergency Call Center

Have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes when there is an emergency? Join us for a tour of the Loudon County 911 call center.



Tuesday March, 25 10:00 - 11:00 am

500 John Parris Dr, Loudon Tn

\$10 Placeholder (to be returned at the event) Last day to cancel March 18th, 2025 Maximum 20 people



Event Coordinator Kathy Ruzic kathy@ruzics.com

Join us for another fascinating HOA TECH TALK TVA RIVER OPERATIONS & HURRICANE HELENE OVERVIEW Friday, April 4 | 2 - 4pm Yacht Club HERE BEN HEATH, River Forecast Center Operations Manager TWA's River Forecast Center, located in Knowlile, Tenn, is staffed around the clock, 355 days a year, monitoring the river to minimize flooding, as well as to track water quality data, availability and demand—all with the goal of routing water through the system to provide the most public value given changing weather conditions and water demands. Come learn about the technology behind weather forecasting for river operations and the challenges surrounding Hurricane Helene, before, during, and after.

\$10 Placeholder Full amount returned upon arrival \$9 returned if cancelled before March 15 MAX: 100

EVENT COORDINATOR Chris Jamison - chris jamison@juno.com

DINING OUTS

Firebirds Wood Fired Grill Restaurant



Friday, February 28, 2025 5:30 PM 7641Kingston Pike, Knoxville \$10 placeholder fee (which includes a \$1 non-refundable admin fee) 12 people (2 tables of 6) to register / refund February 15

HERE

Firebirds Wood Fired Grill is located in Knoxville, TN at West Town Crossings. We are an American Restaurant and Steakhouse known for our scratch kitchen, bold flavors and inviting atmosphere. Enjoy our signature menu items including hand-cut, aged steaks and fresh seafood or our specialty crafted cocktails and select wines. Join us for Happy Hour at the FIREBARY or on the patio. We offer top-notch service and upscale dining at a modest price.

Come join us and have fun in this dining out HOA event











HOA

AJI Restauran



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Peruvian food offers a broad range of flavors, from spicy to sweet to sovery, characterized by more subtle, nuanced flower profiles. Aji Restourant provides a variety of traditional Peruvian dishes that you will enjoy. We Peruvians are proud of our cuisine and happy to enjoy it, but above all, are eager to share the variety of ingredients, textures, and aromas that blend and are enjoyed at tables throughout Peru - a flavorsome fusion that the whole world should discover.





HOA

Dine out@ GoGi: Traditional Korean Cuisine



Tuesday, March 18, 2025 5:00 PM 7818 Montvue Center Way, Knoxville

7818 Montvue Center Way, Knoxviii \$10 placeholder fee (which includes a \$1 non-refundable admin fee if you cancel) 16 people (FOUR TABLES OF 4) to register / refund March 3

Discover traditional Korean cuisine when you browse the variety of classic Korean dishes now being served at Knoxville's newest Korean restaurant, Gogi Korean Kitchen. Their traditional Korean cuisine menu offers spio, bitter, sour, sweet and salty flavors to delight the taste buds. The layers of savory flavors, sweetness, and mild to scorching heat, add up to an addicting combination for all people to enjoy. (https://www.gogi865.com/)





MUSIC & CONCERTS



4-29-2025 7-9 PM YACHT CLUB GREAT ROOM

\$16.00

Cash Bar will be available!

EVENT COORDINATOR

Kathy Johnson - katnahat@me.co

SPORTS



This <u>PRIVATE</u> behind-the-scenes tour will allow fans the opportunity to see one of the most iconic venues in college athletics like never before!

- Check-in at Gate 21A

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 This is a walking tour that involves stairs, ramps, and elevators.

 Extensive renovations are ongoing and will not be interrupted for the tour.

 Access to Shield-Watkins Field will not be available.

 Tours include outdoor stops, rain or shine, so dress accordingly.

 No guarantee that ALL of the following spaces will be included:

 Stokely Family Media Center

 Volf Kaplan Recruling Center

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 Lauricella Center for Letter Winners

 Transcard Premier Club

 West Club

\$30 per ticket - NON-REFUNDABLE MAX: 10 PARTICIPANTS

EVENT COORDINATOR Linda Garza lefgarza@gmail.com







These events opened last month, but there are still some tickets left. Grab them before they're gone!

- Free CPR Class -- February 13
- Locks and Dams Talk -- February 13
- Stop the Bleed -- February 20
- You AXED for It -- March 27
- Knoxville Jazz Orchestra Concert -- April 15
- Moulin Rouge -- May 10



Details are still being worked out, but mark your calendar for some great events coming your way . . . We'll let you know when they are ready for registration!

- APRIL 8 -- Smoky Mountain Dogs Training Center Tour
- APRIL 15 -- Block House Talk at the Yacht club
- MAY 6 -- Tour of the Tellico Block House Historic Site
- MAY 14 -- Generative AI talk
- · MAY 19 -- Wendel Werner on the 70s
- JULY 12 -- Scopes Monkey Trial 100 years
- AUGUST 4 -- Wendel Werner on "It's a Surprise"
- AUGUST 6 -- Trivia
- OCTOBER 13 -- Gatlinburg Craft Fair
- OCTOBER 19 Dueling Pianos
- OCTOBER 29 -- Trivia
- DECEMBER 7 -- Holiday Gala



Reserve Your Native Trees Today!

Pre-register online for trees to plant at your home, farm and in your community for the 11th annual Tennessee Tree Day.





TVHOA Tennessee Tree Day Registration

Scan the code, find your local pick-up site and reserve your trees at

tectn.org/tennesseetreeday

Pick-up dates and times may vary depending on location.



CALLING ALL R.O.M.E.O. S!

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We are seeking interested men to get together every other month to explore some interesting dining venues in the area and share a few laughs and stories. If interested, contact Tom Engel at

mailto:tengel02@aol.com

WHY DO WOMEN GET TO HAVE ALL THE FUN!

What Matters Most to Our Community? Share Your Voice! by Lavonne Mitchell, VP Programs, Tellico Village HOA

Tellico Village is more than just a place to live—it's a vibrant community where residents' ideas and interests shape our shared experience. To keep our Village thriving and responsive to everyone's needs, it's important to stay in tune with what matters most to you, the residents.

Why Your Input Matters:

Every resident brings a unique perspective, whether it's about our beautiful amenities, recreational activities, local governance, or future development. Share your thoughts and contribute to shaping priorities at the heart of our community.

We Need Your Ideas:

What would you like to see addressed in an HOA Program? Are there issues you'd like the HOA to give more attention to, or opportunities you think we're missing? Your insights can inspire new initiatives and guide better programs in the future. I'd like to invite all Tellico Village HOA Members to share their thoughts. What topics are you passionate about? What areas do you feel deserve more focus?

Please let me know via email to Programs@hoatellicovillage.com

HOA is deeply invested in the success of Tellico Village. We believe in the power of open dialogue and community involvement. Let's collaborate to keep our Village a thriving and inclusive place to call home!

WE ARE YOUR ADVOCATE FOR NEWS AROUND THE VILLAGE! by Teresa Reed, HOA Advocacy VP

On January 16th, the newly formed IT Committee held their first meeting at the POA building. We are fortunate that this committee is staffed with an array of brilliance from within our community. The new committee members each have decades of experience from all areas of IT.

As our community grows, leadership is looking to upgrade and streamline processes utilizing computer systems in all areas throughout the Village. Input from the many IT Committee members will be essential to ensure that money invested in software or new systems will be tested and confirmed to be compatible for efficient operation for users, in addition to accuracy and privacy of the information collected. Tentatively, the committee will be meeting monthly 10:00am - 12:00pm in the POA room on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

In addition to news about the IT Committee, we have news from the POA meeting on Wednesday 1/15/25. The board voted to move forward on the \$5k Reserve Funding Fee through legislation. The HOA wants to help shape a strong community by providing accurate information to our membership, then sharing your feedback to the board and POA. We are working to improve communication and build strong unified community.

Together we are a wonderful community located in an amazing part of the country. Whatever your opinion is on an issue facing the community, the HOA wants to provide an opportunity for your voice to be heard by our POA to strengthen our community. Additionally, if you actively post on ND, please remember we are all neighbors. Please be considerate and understand that agitating your neighbors may be counterproductive. We all are entitled to an opinion, let's do our best to express our opinion, or counter opinion, in a respectful manner.

Stay warm! I look forward to seeing you at the February social.



Reader

January Reader Rewards Winner! His winning entry arrived at 9:32 am.

Your raffle tickets will be waiting for you

at the 50/50 table at the February Social!

Read this newsletter closely and answer the questions below to win \$5 worth of raffle tickets for the 50/50 drawing at the January Social The first one to email the correct answers wins!

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- 1. How many responses were received re: the HOA "Reserve Funding Fee" survey?
- 2. What year was the HOA officially formed with 300 people in attendance?

mailto:communications@hoatellicovillage.com

JOIN HOA

2025

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

\$20 PER YEAR

4:00 pm Start Time

APRIL 9 - TANASI

APRIL 23 - TOQUA

MAY 7 - KAHITE

MAY 21 - TOQUA

JUNE 4 - TANASI

JUNE 18 - TOQUA

JULY 2 - KAHITE

JULY 16 - TANASI

Golf & Cart fees are extra

JULY 30 - TOQUA

AUGUST 13 - KAHITE

AUGUST27 - TANASI

SEPTEMBER 10 - TOQUA

SEPTEMBER 24 - TANASI

OCTOBER 8 - TOQUA

OCTOBER 22 - KAHITE

SCRAMBLE FORMAT COUPLES & SINGLES ALL SKILL LEVELS PRIZES!



Sign up at www.TellicoLife.org

For more information contact George at georgehluttrell@outlook.com



Event Update Team

Visit https://www.tellicolife.org/help-wanted#GSBBAdmin

Looking for a fun and easy way to stay involved in the village? Volunteers are needed to help keep our event calendar up-to-date on Tellico Life! You'll enter events, update club home pages with news and photos, and be part of a friendly team. It's a great way to learn new computer skills, meet others, and stay in the know about all the exciting happenings in the community. A few hours a month is all it takes – we'd love to have you!

Database Admin

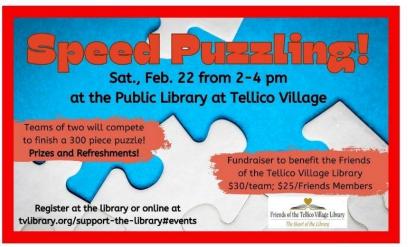
We're looking for a detail-oriented volunteer to help manage profiles in the Tellico Life database. As part of the team, you'll play an important role in keeping household and individual information up to date, answering questions, and assisting with new member sign-ups. It's a flexible, low-time commitment role (just 5-10 minutes a day!). Learn new skills, stay connected with the community, and make a real difference. You'll be part of a friendly, supportive team. No advanced tech skills needed—if you can navigate email and update basic info, this is the role for you! Want to get involved?

"Gold - Silver - Bronze - Blue" Admins (GSBB)

Do you enjoy staying in the know about all the exciting events happening in the village? We're looking for volunteers to help keep our village-wide event calendar up to date and assist clubs in updating their home pages on Tellico Life. It's a shared, flexible responsibility, and we work as a team to keep everything running smoothly. Whether you're entering events or posting photos and updates for the clubs, you'll play an essential role in keeping everyone connected and informed. This position doesn't require a huge time commitment – just a few hours a month. It's the perfect way to stay involved without taking on too much, and you'll be an important part of keeping our community vibrant and engaged.

Tellico Life Business Lead

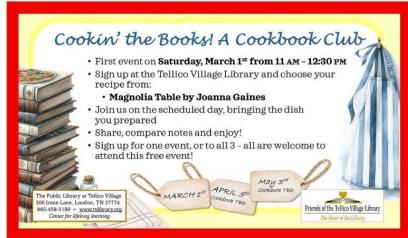
Are you a strategic thinker with a passion for keeping our community strong? We're looking for a Tellico Life Business Lead to help guide the direction and financial stability of the Tellico Life platform. This role involves working closely with village organizations, managing key financial processes, and helping ensure the system serves both organizations and residents effectively. Lead the monthly meetings of the Tellico Life Board, shaping the strategy and overseeing its financial health. Help secure financial commitments from participating organizations to ensure Tellico Life remains self-funded. Market Tellico Life to local organizations and maintain strong relationships with community leaders.











JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE TELLICO VILLAGE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Facility Manager

- We are looking for someone with mechanical and electrical experience to manage our library facilities and grounds.
- Experience and understanding of building maintenance is an important element of this role, as is the ability to engage with contractors and service providers.
- Please consider volunteering for this important and necessary role on our Friends of the Tellico Village Library Board so that we can continue to provide excellent service to our community.

Marketing Director

- We are looking for someone with branding, marketing, and communications experience to help increase participation in planned funding raising events, library programs, and membership
- Experience and understanding of social media and varied channels of communication, plus ability to measure the wants and needs of our customers are important elements of this role.
- Please consider volunteering for this important and necessary role on our Board so that we can continue to increase our growth and funding.

Inquire at the Circulation Desk for more information









In our ongoing efforts to keep you engaged, informed, and feeling valued in 2025, we need your feedback! How are we doing so far and what can we do better? We have 11 more months to get it just right, so please send your thoughts and suggestions to us:

communications@HOAtellicovillage.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

If you haven't renewed your HOA membership for 2025, please do so today!



We'll see you at the Social on February 11th!

