



Election Time!

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It is Election Time in Tellico Village and Loudon County; and we have an abundance of elections in 2022. Coming up soon on 5/3/22 we have the Loudon County Primary Election (LCPE). The results of the LCPE lead directly into the TN Federal/State Primary on 8/4/22. In addition to being the General Election for county positions the 8/4/22 election is the primary for state and federal positions including Governor, US House of Representatives, and TN Senate and House of Representatives. Tellico Village is in the 5th TN Senatorial District and the 21st TN House of Representatives District. Also, in this election residents vote for Lenoir City officials. However, Tellico Village residents do not vote for Lenoir City, Greenback, and Loudon City positions that are a part of the elections. Finally (whew) we have the Federal/State General Election on 11/8/22.

First things first – the primary election on 5/3/22 for Loudon County officials. These races are important to Tellico Village voters:

- 1) For the following positions, the incumbents are the only people running:
 - Loudon County Mayor – Buddy Bradshaw
 - Circuit Court Clerk – Steve Harrelson
 - Trustee – George “Chip” Miller
 - General Sessions Judges Division I and II – Res Dale and Henry “Hank” Sledge respectively.
- 2) Key positions where voters have a choice are Sheriff, Register of Deeds, and Road Superintendent. The following is a list of the candidates by position:
 - Sheriff – James “Jimmy” Davis, Marty Ward, Paul Curtis
 - Register of Deeds – Rick Arp, Tammy Gallaher
 - Road Superintendent – Billy Pickel, R Sean Giles
- 3) Riley Wampler is running unchallenged for County Clerk
- 4) Key positions for northwestern Tellico Village are the two County Commissioners for District 1.
 - Seat 1 – Kelly Littleton–Brewster, the incumbent commissioner for District 1 (Seat 1), is not running for reelection. The individuals running for the District 1 seats are Chase Randolph, Joe Newman, and Mike Young
 - Seat 2 – David Meers, (the incumbent commissioner), William “Bill” Geames
- 5) The School Board members from Districts 1 and 7 are not up for reelection this year. (Note: School Board districts are numbered the same as Loudon County Commission districts.)

All Loudon County Tellico Village residents are in either District 1 or 7 with less than 25% in District 1. The results of the 2020 Census necessitated a change in the boundaries of Loudon County District 1 that resulted in an increase in the Tellico Village residents belonging to that district. Approximately 900 Tellico Village voters on the northern side of the Village transferred from District 7 to District 1. Obviously, with the increased participation of Tellico Village residents in District 1, the impact of Tellico Village votes will increase. Tellico Village residents whose district has changed from District 7 to District 1 have received information on the change and voting locations.

In May, Tellico Village residents in District 7 will not vote for that commissioner position since the two candidates running for the position, Henry Cullen (the incumbent) and Kenneth R Moore, represent different political parties.

Tellico Village residents looking for information on the candidates should consider the following options:

- 1) TVHOA is hosting an Open Village Meeting on 4/7/22 focused on the Loudon County primary. Candidates for the Sheriff and Road Superintendent positions are invited to attend. There will be a candidates debate and Q&A session where residents can question the candidates.
- 2) The Loudon County Republican Party has biographical information for many candidates on its Facebook page.
- 3) Various organizations are hosting “meet n greets” for the candidates.
- 4) The POA Government Affairs Committee Chairperson, Susan Kirk, reported at the March 16, 2022 POA Board meeting the committee has been interviewing and vetting candidates for over a year. The committee will be publishing the results of their efforts to Tellico Village residents.

Plan to attend the HOA sponsored Open Village Meeting on April 7th at the Tellico Village Community Church. Watch for additional Open Meetings that will precede the August and November elections.

Note: TVHOA does not endorse or recommend candidates in elections. Our purpose is to inform residents of upcoming elections that directly impact our community and provide accurate information about candidates’ skills and accomplishments so that Tellico Village voters can provide “an educated vote”.