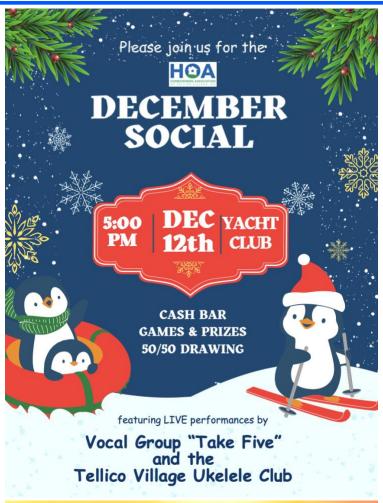


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THURSDAY, JANUARY 25th 4 - 6 pm (arrive by 3:45) 113 E. Depot St. -- Lenoir Citu





- Last day to register/cancel - Jan 11th
- MIN 20
- MAX 30
- **Snacks and BYOB permitted**
- Facility is NOT handicapped accessible (stairs)

EVENT COORDINATORS

Julie Walter - julie.walter@comcast.net

Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (aka UFOs)

Implications on National Security, Public Safety, and Government Transparency

> Friday, January 26, 2:30-3:15 Yacht Club Lower Level





Guest Speaker:

Representative Tim Burchett (TN-02), former mayor of Knox County, Tenn. Graduated from Bearden High School and University of Tennessee. Former business owner, member of the Tennessee General Assembly and Tennessee State Senate. Served in U.S. House of Representatives since 116th Congress (2019-present).

Representative Burchett has spearheaded efforts in Congress to make our government more transparent about Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAPs). In July 2023, he led the House Oversight Committee's hearing on UAPs that included under-oath testimony from witnesses in our military and government. He is continuing to push for answers to the key question, "what does our government really know about UAPs?" Attend this intriguing presentation and consider the possibilities!

\$10 Placeholder will be refunded at the event REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY JANUARY 17th Last day for cancellation with refund is January 17th Max attendance: 130

contact Chris Jamison at chris_jamison@juno.com







14 NIGHT SOUTH AMERICAN COAST CRUISE - MARCH 7 - 21, 2025

Cruise arranged by **Tellico Neighbors**

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Buenos Aires (2 Days) Montevideo, Uruguay Puerto Madryn Port Stanley

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MARCH 7 - 21, 2025 Cruise includes these perks:

- Wi-Fi (1 device per guest)
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- Unlimited juice bar Premium desserts (2 per day)
- Fitness classes (2 per cruise)
- NEW 2 casual dining meals per guest
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ADVOCACY UPDATE

BOAT RAMP PARKING ONLY



Over the years the Poplar Springs boat ramp has seen numerous cars, RVs, campers & boat for sale. This presented significant highway safety issues to drivers traveling on Hwy. 444. Working with Tellico Reservoir Development Agency (TRDA) Director, Bryan Hall, the HOA Highway Safety Committee (HSC), was able to get signage

installed prohibiting the sale of all such personal property on TRDA property. Thanks to the continued partnership



between TRDA and the HOA, our community is a safer place for everyone.



The Litter Angels reach another milestone, now with over 130 members! The team completed two pickups in November on the 4th and 25th, with 48 bags of trash, tires, and construction debris collected on the 4th alone. Volunteers meet at Tugaloo Beach at 8:30am for equipment and work assignments. To join and learn more about the HOA Litter Angels Next Door Group click here.



The HOA A&E Committee invites you to attend *Wildflowers of Tellico Village and the 2023 Open Space Restoration Initiative* presented by Randy Vogel on Tuesday, January 16th from 10:00am – noon at the Yacht Club/5th floor. Randy is a retired professional ecologist who has led various ecological studies all across the United States.

Come hear this fascinating and informative presentation about the ecology of the region, specifically the forest resources here in the Village, and restoration efforts launched in 2023.

This presentation is FREE and open to all Tellico Village residents, but space is limited. Click <u>here</u> to register now.



SOCIAL SECURITY SCAM? OR JUST ANOTHER SCAM...BE AWARE

Surprised to get that letter from Social Security? You should take a second look. And then another. Scammers are sending fake letters that closely resemble official Social Security Administration (SSA) and SSA Office of the Inspector General (OIG) letterhead or that of other government agencies, such as the Federal Trade Commission.

These scammers also send these letters as attachments to emails and text messages. They are trying to steal your money or your identity.

Tactics vary but scams consistently contain red flags, whether it's a mailed letter, email, text message, or phone call, the scammer will present an unexpected problem or situation and then offer a solution with a hefty price tag.

Four Basic Signs of a Scam

Recognizing the signs of a scam gives you the power to ignore criminals and report the scam. Scams come in many varieties, but they all work the same way:

- Scammers **pretend** to be from an agency or organization you know to gain your trust.
- Scammers say there is a problem or a prize.
- Scammers pressure you to act immediately.
- Scammers tell you to pay in a specific way.

Known Tactics Scammers Use

Scammers frequently change their approach with new tactics and messages to trick people. These are red flags; you can trust that Social Security will *never use:*

- Threaten you with arrest or legal action because you don't agree to pay money immediately.
- Suspend your Social Security number.
- Claim to need personal information or payment to activate a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) or other benefit increase.
- Pressure you to take immediate action, including sharing personal information.
- Ask you to **pay with** gift cards, prepaid debit cards, wire transfers, cryptocurrency, or by mailing cash.
- Threaten to seize your bank account.
- Offer to move your money to a "protected" bank account.
- Demand secrecy.
- Direct message you on social media.

2024 Membership Renewal



Online registration for 2024 membership opened on October 1, 2023, to all Tellico Village residents. For new members, registering early provides membership benefits effective the day of registration through December 31, 2024. Three households from the first 100 registrations will be picked to win a prize, so what are you waiting for? Register today!

Membership dues are still only \$15 per household and go towards numerous programs sponsored by the HOA. By the end of this year, the HOA will have:

- Hosted 3 Open Village Meetings (The State of Loudon County, The State of Monroe County and the POA Candidate Forum)
- Held 11 Monthly Socials with numerous guest speakers, door prizes and raffles
- Sponsored its first ever membership picnic, with plans for another one next year!
- Coordinated 120 events for members participation
- Sponsored and supported Litter Angels in the collection of nearly 1.65 Tons of garbage
- Worked with TDOT to add additional parking to the Halls Bend Trail Head, created a Mileage Map of Hwy 444, and conducted multiple traffic studies that will ultimately result in safer roads in our community
- Sponsored 2 Neighborhood Watch community meetings with the support of Neighborhood Watch Coordinators from every neighborhood in the main Village & Kahite
- Communicated property owners' concerns on sensitive topics impacting homeowners to the POA, such as, the proposed Bowman Property sale, short term rentals, ACC Blue Book changes and more
- Spearheaded the creation of one "Tellico Village Welcome Orientation" co-sponsored by the HOA, POA & New Villagers with sponsorship tables from more than 200 club/organizations in our community

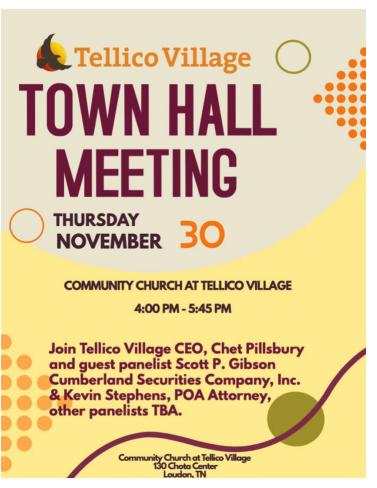
With the continued support of our members, we are making plans for another exciting and engaging year. We hope you will continue to support us through your annual membership.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!

It is with sincere gratitude that we thank the following businesses and individuals for their support of our November HOA Socials and events through their kind gifts and donations:

- Granola Queen
- Susan Weber charcuterie Board
- Ron Lumsden cribbage board game
- Food Lion

Community News & More



READER REWARDS!!!

Congratulations to our November Reader Rewards winner:

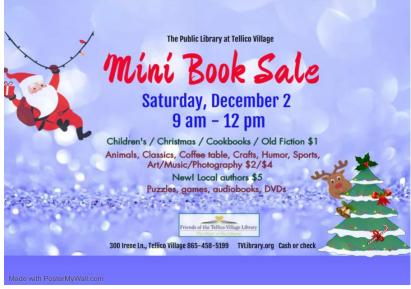
Andrea Johnson

Will you be our next Reader Rewards winner? Be the first HOA member to answer this month's questions and win \$5 in free 50/50 raffle tickets for our December Social?

December Questions:

- 1. Name one of the things you should do if you've been scammed.
- 2. Who will be the HOA's President in 2024?

Hurry! Email your answers to: hoatv.org@gmail.com







IS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT FAKE OR A FACT?

Santa wasn't depicted as fat, jolly and with a white beard until Coca-Cola commissioned an artist to reimagine Santa's image in 1931.

skinny Santa back!

Answer: This is a Fact! How cheeky is that!?!? We want

For more fun and interesting Christmas facts, click here.

Thank you for reading this edition of Voice of the Village! We welcome your feedback and suggestions about our newsletter, website, or the recent HOA Open Village Meeting. Write to us at hoavy.org@gmail.com

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