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Your Voice in the Village

December 2024 President Message:

Our December Social will be on Tuesday, the 12th, starting at 5pm. Music will be provided by the “Take Five” vocal ensemble and the Tellico Village Ukulele Club. Take a break from the holiday decorating and shopping to enjoy some time with friends. Perhaps you’ll win a prize that you can regift!

On November 14 we held a Business Meeting to elect our 2024 HOA Board. We have a great team assembled for next year! They bring a wealth of experience and great ideas as to how to successfully lead our HOA in the next year.

President	Harry Rucker
VP of Programs	Lavonne Mitchell
VP of Advocacy	Mike Robins
VP of Membership	Mark Flynn
VP of Communications & Marketing	Kay Condon
VP of Technology	Bob Bilodeau
VP of Social Planning	Roxanne Jackson
VP of Event Planning	Betty Fortune
Secretary	Nancy Mariani
Treasurer	Roberta Hopkins
Past President	Mark Pantley
Chair at Large	David Warmbold
Neighborhood Watch	Sherry Le
Welcome Orientation	Judy Bell

Also, on November 14 we held our regular Social. This month it was dedicated to recognizing all of our volunteers and the fantastic contribution they made during 2023. We had a great turnout, and everyone had a fun time. Perhaps the free drink coupons for our volunteers helped to motivate people! If you’re not already volunteering, we could use your help – particularly with running the monthly Socials and with organizing Events. Please contact us at hoatv.org@gmail.com for more information.

Several of our December events are already full and closed. Don’t delay if you want to do an activity before the holidays! The January events are also starting to fill up, so I suggest you take a look at the Tellico Life calendar now before it’s too late to reserve

[Read more...](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Please join us for the



DECEMBER SOCIAL

5:00 PM | **DEC 12th** | **YACHT CLUB**

**CASH BAR
GAMES & PRIZES
50/50 DRAWING**

featuring LIVE performances by
Vocal Group "Take Five"
 and the
Tellico Village Ukelele Club




An Evening With
Wendel Werner

HISTORY OF Rock & Roll from Elvis to the Beatles!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH
5:30 pm | YACHT CLUB



You know him . . . You love him!
 Wendel "Dueling Pianos" Werner is an accomplished composer and arranger with a Master's Degree in Music from the University of Tennessee and is the epitome of modern-day musical genius. His knowledge, humor, and charisma will educate and entertain fans of R&R all evening long! Dinner is included, and a cash bar will be available.

\$30 / person
 with your choice of entree:
Carved Roast Beef
Grilled Swordfish
Marry Me Chicken



MAX 136
LAST DAY TO SIGN-UP IS
JANUARY 14

EVENT COORDINATOR
 Ann Martin --
 Ann38138@gmail.com


JOIN US FOR ANOTHER GREAT DINING OUT EXPERIENCE AT

BRAZEIRO

BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSE



Tuesday, January 23 | 5:30pm
6901 Kingston Pike - Knoxville, TN

**EXPERIENCE THE BOLD FLAVORS OF SKEWERED MEATS COOKED OVER AN OPEN WOOD FIRE AND SERVED BY WAITERS WEAVING THROUGH THE DINING ROOM, CARVING YOUR FAVORITES RIGHT ONTO YOUR PLATE!
 IT'S AN EXPERIENCE YOU WON'T REGRET!**

\$10 Per order when registering
Last Day to Register / Cancel is Jan. 13th
max: 30

EVENT COORDINATOR
 Mark McDermott - mmcddteach@hotmail.com





**JUST AXE-ING
 FOR FUN!**

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



\$38.50
 per person
 for 2 hours of fun!

Closed-toe shoes required!



- 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 Jamis on at chris_jamis@juno.com



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

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HOA
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
OF TELlico VILLAGE, INC.
Your Voice in the Village

Cruise arranged by
Tellico Neighbors
Don and Mary Merritt
315-673-9194
info@starfiretravel.com

**HURRY!
LIMITED CABINS**

**REFUNDABLE
DEPOSIT - MUST
REQUEST REFUND
BEFORE FINAL
PAYMENT DATE 12/7/24**

**GROUP
CRUISE**

Scan QR code with your smart phone camera app to access group travel prices and the on-line registration page.

**PRINCESS
CRUISES**

SAPPHIRE PRINCESS

Explore the continent which is home to the southernmost city on Earth. Colonies of penguins and sea elephants are some of the unique wildlife to see. Experience a world steeped in tradition and culture while sailing around the Strait of Magellan and Cape Horn. An unforgettable escape!



INTINERARY:
Buenos Aires (2 Days)
Montevideo, Uruguay
Puerto Madryn
Port Stanley
Cape Horn
Ushuaia
Punta Arenas
Amalia Glacier
Puerto Montt
San Antonio, Chile

**14-NIGHT SOUTH AMERICAN
COAST-CAPE HORN CRUISE**

MARCH 7 - 21, 2025

Cruise includes these perks:

- Wi-Fi (1 device per guest)
- Crew appreciation
- Plus Beverage Package (drinks up to \$15 each) *GRATUITIES INCLUDED
- Unlimited juice bar
- Premium desserts (2 per day)
- Fitness classes (2 per cruise)
- NEW 2 casual dining meals per guest
- NEW OceanNow® delivery

PLUS - TELlico TRAVELER T-SHIRT COMPLIMENTS OF STARFIRE TRAVEL

INSIDE CABINS START AT \$2,249.00 PER PERSON
OCEANVIEW CABINS START AT \$2,706.00 PER PERSON
BALCONY CABINS START AT \$3,262.00 PER PERSON
*TAXES FOR EACH CATEGORY IS \$562.64 PER PERSON

BOOK NOW FOR THE BEST SELECTION OF STATEROOMS.
PRICES MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE DUE TO AVAILABILITY.
This offer is not combinable with other promotions. See your booking confirmation and Travel Summary for specific Terms & Conditions. Flights and transfers are not included.

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](#).



Aesthetics & Environment COMMITTEE

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 [here](#) 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.

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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



Tellico Village
TOWN HALL MEETING
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30
COMMUNITY CHURCH AT TELLICO VILLAGE
4:00 PM - 5:45 PM

Join Tellico Village CEO, Chet Pillsbury and guest panelist Scott P. Gibson Cumberland Securities Company, Inc. & Kevin Stephens, POA Attorney, other panelists TBA.

Community Church at Tellico Village
130 Chota Center
Loudon, TN



The Public Library at Tellico Village
Mini Book Sale
Saturday, December 2
9 am - 12 pm

Children's / Christmas / Cookbooks / Old Fiction \$1
Animals, Classics, Coffee table, Crafts, Humor, Sports, Art/Music/Photography \$2/\$4
New! Local authors \$5
Puzzles, games, audiobooks, DVDs

Friends of the Tellico Village Library
300 Irene Ln., Tellico Village 865-458-5199 TVLibrary.org Cash or check

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Community Tree Lighting
Tuesday December 5th
6:00 pm at the Welcome Center in Tellico Village

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.

Answer: This is a fact! How cheeky is that?? We want skinny Santa back!

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 hoatv.org@gmail.com

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