

HOA President's Message

I want to thank everyone who wished me a speedy recovery from my fall during the February snow storm. I am recovering and will be 100% in no time. And while I was out of commission, things kept moving, and now I have to catch up. That's what makes the HOA organization a joy to be part of — the truly dedicated and skillful volunteers that are passionate about what they do for the community. We have fun, but there is a lot more than socials and party time events. Some things going on:

The President of the HOA is a member of the Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors (something I didn't know when I took the job) and I had the pleasure of attending a board meeting in January. Rest assured that the TVVFD is one of the most talented, trained and capable fire departments in East Tennessee. The 38-member all-volunteer force made 1500 (mostly medical) calls in and around Tellico Village 2023 so please support them in every way that you possibly can.

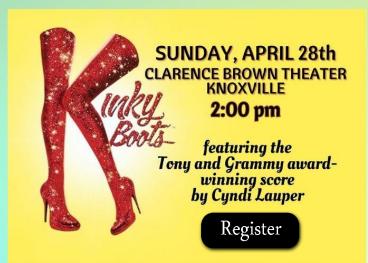
You will soon receive a flyer in your mailbox's newspaper slot about our Neighborhood Watch Organization led by Sherry Le. The flyer is asking you to join the Neighborhood Watch, but once you join, you don't have to do anything or pay anything. The flyer is only asking for permission to send you information on safety and security activities ongoing in your neighborhood. If you're already a member, thank you, but we would like everyone on board. The more the merrier safer.

The <u>Aesthetics and Environmental Committee</u>, led by Dori Holt, is working with the Tennessee Environmental Council (TEC) to celebrate Tennessee Tree Day on March 16. You can order trees at www.tectn.org or a small donation and pick them up at the Tugaloo Beach Pavilion on that day. TEC has 16 tree types to offer, all native and from East Tennessee nurseries so you know they'll thrive. Make sure you order by March 4. Plant trees, save water and start working towards a Smart Yards certificate to boot.

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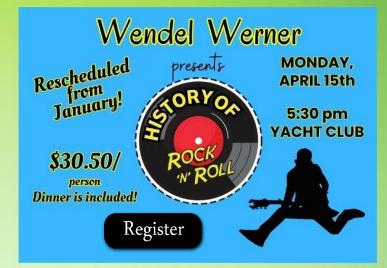






MARK YOUR CALENDARS!











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

THIS MONTH'S QUESTIONS

- 1. How many pounds of trash did the Litter Angels collect on Rt. 444 during the month of November 2023?
- 2. A yard that is in balance with the environment is called a __

Email your answers to HOAcomms2024@gmail.com
The first person to submit the correct answers wins!





VP of Event Planning is Needed!

We are looking for a can-do
Team Leader of Event Coordinators with
strong interpersonal skills and enthusiasm
for generating ideas in others. Full training
and ongoing team support will be provided.

HOAcomms2024@gmail.com



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Be part of something SPECIAL and join us as we plan for the biggest event of 2024 on June 10th!
Volunteer planners are needed now, and picnic personnel are needed on the day of the picnic, so jump on the team today and contact Betty at

TVHOAevents@gmail.com

ADVOGAGY UPDATES



WHO DO YOU RECOMMEND?



It really doesn't matter if it is winter, spring, fall or summer – there's always a project or an emergency that requires having to call someone to help. Best advice is to always select your vendor with careful consideration and don't get drawn in by the lowest price. Opposite of that, don't get taken advantage of by being overcharged for a job either!

Recently we endured the snow/ice storm which caused trees to fall, roof, water issues amongst other things. Large "Mother Nature" events tend to bring out the vultures knowing you are in a vulnerable and eager position to get something fixed. We hear about it all the time. Contractors flocking to areas where there has been a major catastrophe and gouging the residents during their despair.

One of the best ways to select a vendor is word of mouth. That does not necessarily mean you only go by someone recommended on Next Door or your neighbor used 5 years ago. Your job could be in a totally different skill set of that person.

Definitely use good recommendations, however meet with each person separately to discuss the project in detail. Be upfront and tell them you are getting several estimates, will decide and let them know. This may help you in bargaining later if they want your business. Do not seem desperate.

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What tree should you plant? Mature size, sun or shade, moisture/drainage, wind tolerance, disease resistance, and growzone 7 are all musts to consider before bringing a tree home. I walk many neighborhoods here and I see a tree that will outgrow its placement or a shade loving tree wilting in full sun. And I've seen invasive trees.



I've seen the #1 TN invasive tree, 'Tree of Heaven' (Ailanthus), transplanted to front yards and lovingly mulched. I've been given seeds to start the flowering mimosa tree, the #2 invasive tree in TN. Shrub honeysuckle, privet, Japanese stilt grass and Paulownia (fox glove tree). are also common invasives to be rooted out and eliminated. www.tn.gov/protecttnforests/invasive-plants

How about the Bradford Pears, (Pyrus calleriana) that were once popular in the '90s? There are thousands of these once sought after trees in our neighborhoods. Yes, they are now on TN list of invasives. So what to plant that will help our insect and bird populations? Go to the UT site:

https://utia.tennessee.edu/publications/wp-content/uploads/sites/269/2023/10/SP515.pdf

This UT publication lists beneficial large and small trees for our area. Use it as a guide for your research. I have planted the black gum, (Nyssa) in my front yard in full sun. Truly amazing color in fall. I have both Cornus florida and Cornus kousa planted in part shade and they are doing very well. I have a fastigiate (narrow) sweetgum, (Liquidambor styraciflua rotundaliba). It doesn't bare nuisance fruit and gives remarkable late fall color. Check out the serviceberry, Amelanchier) and the cinnamon bark maple (Acer gryceum). Both grow well here and add diversity to our neighborhoods.



Reserve Your Native Trees Today!

Pre-register online for trees to plant at your home, farm and in your community for the 10th annual Tennessee Tree Day.





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.

LAST DAY FOR TREE ORDERS IS MARCH 4THI

SMART YARD

— a yard that is in balance with the local environment for the benefit of both people and our ecosystem.

LEARN MORE ABOUT

Sustainable Landscaping **Planning & Plant Selection Invasive Plant Management**



Native Plants Rain Gardens and more

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION



SMART YARD COMMUNITIES

We are partnering with UT-TSU Extension to water and natural resources

Four Seasons in our Smart Yards

It's easy to think that there isn't much to do in the Winter garden, as most plants are in dormancy and as we leave the leaves and stems for habitat and forage. But there is a season for everything in our smart yards. The month of February sees many celebrations of smart yard topics: Invasive Species Awareness Week, National Wild Bird Feeding Month, Tennessee Tree Day, and World Wetlands Day, just to name a few. As we eagerly await Spring, reflect on your winter landscape and how it is also a celebration of life.

Seasonal Highlights

Common Invasive



Wildlife



Native Alternative

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tnyards.utk.edu

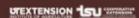
Timely Resources

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HOW DO BIRDS

TENNESSEE TREE DAY DEADLINE - MAR 4TH

Get inspired with our Smart Yard Photo Library and Dashboard







COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



3RD ANNUAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

The Tellico Community Foundation and the Loudon/Monroe County Sheriff's Department APRIL 27, 2024

The Tellico Community Foundation is hosting its 3rd annual Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m. Sheriff's deputies will be on hand at both the Tellico Village Welcome Center and the Tellico Village Kahite Neighborhood Clubhouse. The public is invited to bring expired or unwanted prescription drugs and over the counter medication for safe disposal by the Loudon/Monroe County Sheriff's office.

The Tellico Community Foundation is proud to promote the DEA Drug Take Back Day as a service to our community. The presence of unneeded medications in our homes is a danger to ourselves, and to family and friends who visit our homes. "By safely disposing of these medications at Drug Take Back Day, we are removing that potential harm, improving public safety, protecting our environment and others, and doing our part to reduce drug-related violence," Marsha Kaiser, TCF Chairperson.

ABOUT TELLICO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Since 2017, the Tellico Community Foundation fund has contributed approximately \$300,000 to nonprofits serving Loudon and Monroe Counties. The mission of the fund is to enrich the Loudon and Monroe County communities by funding programs and projects that provide support for seniors and promote healthy childhood development. The Tellico Community Foundation fund is an affiliate fund of East Tennessee Foundation.

To learn more or to become involved:

Tellico Community Foundation (tellicolife.org)

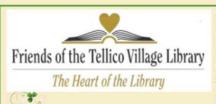




Tickets on sale now!









An Irish Shindig

March 16th, 2024 at the Tellico Village Library Festivities begin at 6:30 PM

> Scavenger Hunt! Trivia Games! Snacks & Spirits!

Tickets go on sale February 1st Friends Members: \$35 Non-Members: \$45

Available at the Library (check or cash only) and online: www.tvlibrary.org (credit/debit)



Tellico Village

CHILI & SOUP DINNER

Chili, Chicken Soup, AntiPasto Salad, Cash Bar Monday, March 4th @ Yacht Club, 4 to 7pm Tickets at Sloans, Village Salon, United Community Bank

See Calendar Entry for More Details





Date: Saturday, March 9, 2024

Time: 1-4 PM

Location: Tellico Village Yacht Club

100 Sequoyah Road Loudon, TN 37774

Cost: Free

Space is limited so please register early

Send your registration requests to TBARTlakeorientation@gmail.com

