



# YOUR VOICE IN THE VILLAGE

Monthly Newsletter

**AUGUST 2025**



## BREAKING NEWS

**THE RESULTS ARE IN!**

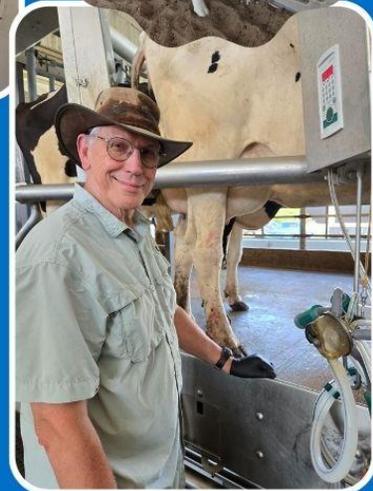
Be sure to read  
**Linda Garza's  
President's Message  
for details!**



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### UT DAIRY FARM TOUR





# President's Message

**By now, you've probably heard.  
WE'RE CHANGING OUR NAME!**

Thanks to the 948 members who responded to our July Rebranding Survey, we have a clear vision for the future. In case you missed the previous Membership Notice, an overwhelming 83.6% of survey participants voted YES to our Rebranding Committee's recommendation to change our name to "Tellico Village Residents Association". This change more accurately describes our members and Tellico Village community. Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your opinion. Your voice does make a difference.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to address some of the comments we received and provide you with some information you may not already be aware of.

**Survey participant's comment:** *"Renters are residents. Renters shouldn't get to vote."*

- Residents at Premier Residents, the Tellico Village Independent Living facility, are considered long-term renters and are required to pay monthly POA assessments. These individuals have full voting rights just like Tellico Village home & property owners.
- Our Bylaws were updated several years ago to welcome and encourage these individuals to become active members of our community and organization.

**Survey participant's comment:** *"The expense to rebrand outweighs the benefits."*

- Since initiating this project, our team has held off replenishing inventory to minimize our expenses. Additionally, we have reevaluated our needs and eliminated numerous branded products to further reduce costs.
- While there are some costs associated with this change, we believe this investment in our future will help us to engage more residents and strengthen our organization.

**Survey participant's comment:** *"I would have voted yes if the "V" was included in the logo."*

- We heard you! Our board had lengthy discussions on this feedback. Since our formal name will be, "Tellico Village Residents Association, Inc.", we believe changing the logo from "TRA" to "TVRA" more accurately reflects our new name and reduces the risks of confusion.

We received many comments, but these three reflect the majority opinion. We hope this, along with our previous explanations, clarifies the Board's decision to proceed with the changes.

Before our August Social, we'll hold a brief Special Meeting for a member vote on the proposed Bylaw changes shared on July 23rd. Afterward, join us for our August Social featuring guest speaker Karen Hammerslag from Adopt-A-Class. Please bring student and teacher supply donations—each donation earns an extra door prize raffle ticket! Please see the handy list of needed items later in the newsletter.

Save the date: On August 22 at 4 PM, we're hosting the State of Loudon County open village meeting at the Yacht Club. All residents are welcome. See Program VP Lavonne Mitchell's article in this month's newsletter for more details.

With only five more months in the year, it's time to begin planning for 2026. Our nominating committee is actively seeking members for various positions. If you are interested in making a difference in your community, please consider becoming a member of our team. I truly believe our organization provides great value to our members and Tellico Village residents. To learn more, contact me at [President@HOATellicoVillage.com](mailto:President@HOATellicoVillage.com)

*Thank you for your continued support!*

*Linda*



# Riddle me this:

I sneak up fast while  
 summer naps,  
 Replacing swimsuits with  
 some caps.  
 Alarm clocks scream,  
 no more delay—  
 Your freedom's gone, it's  
 back to... what day?

*Send your answer via the Reader  
 Reward link!*



**HOA**  
**August Social**  
**Tuesday, August 12**  
**Yacht Club**  
 Arrive at 4:30  
 Bell will ring at 5:00

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
 Karen Hammerslag  
 from Adopt-a-Class

*Back to School!*

## Adopt-a-class donation list

Bring any item(s) on the list to the August Social  
 and get an extra raffle ticket!



Crayola crayons (24)  
 Colored pencils  
 Ticonderoga pencils  
 Highlighters



Fiskar scissors  
 Erasers  
 Glue sticks



Spiral notebooks  
 Looseleaf paper  
 Construction paper

Hand sanitizer  
 Disinfectant wipes  
 Disinfectant spray



Dry erase markers  
 Card stock  
 Tissues  
 Wrapped candy

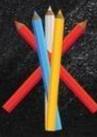
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 Quart zip-locks  
 Post-it notes

Band-aids  
 Disinfectants



Copy Paper  
 Sandwich zip-locks

Small paper cups  
 Sponges  
 Paper Clips



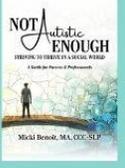
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 something  
 from the  
 donation list  
 ←  
 and receive  
 an extra  
 raffle ticket!

# NEW EVENTS

We have **29 new events** that will be opening for registration on the morning of 13 August, the day after the August Social! Mark your calendars and sign up at

www.TellicoLife.org

## TOURS & TALKS



Attention parents, grandparents, family and friends of the neurodivergent community  
**The TVRA is proud to welcome Micki Benoit**  
 to Tellico Village Author's Circle as she presents her recently published book, "NOT AUTISTIC ENOUGH!"

**Monday, September 8**  
**Upstairs Yacht Club**  
**2 - 4 pm**

In this engaging presentation, you'll learn how to:

- Recognize who neurodivergent people are, and understand why they are often overlooked
- Offer meaningful support—whether you're a parent, friend, or professional
- Encourage growth without changing who they are
- Build stronger connections with the people in your life... because we're all working on something!
- For more info on her book and bio, go to [www.edgeapproach.com](http://www.edgeapproach.com).

There is **NO CHARGE** to attend, however you **MUST sign up on Tellico Life no later than September 6th** to reserve a seat.

**MAX - 75**

HOA EVENT COORDINATOR: Kathy Ruzic - [kathyruztellico@gmail.com](mailto:kathyruztellico@gmail.com)



**Benton's Smoky Mountain Country Ham and Bacon Tour**

Thursday September 18th 10:30am

Cost: \$12  
 Placeholder Fee \$10 will be returned at the event \$20 non-refundable admin fee

Head over to Bootleggers for Ice Cream after the tour!

EVENT COORDINATOR: KATHY MAGNE [koyml3@aol.com](mailto:koyml3@aol.com)

Tellico Village Resident Sally Keil Presents  
**KING IN THE CAR PARK**

A Firsthand Account of the Discovery of the Remains of King Richard III of England

October 14 9:30 am - 11:00 am  
 Yacht Club Gallery

Richard is often portrayed as a villain, partly because of Shakespeare's play and old accusations that he killed two young princes—but the real story may be very different.

Sally Keil, a nationally recognized Medieval History lecturer and Tellico Village resident, will share the fascinating story of the search for the lost remains of King Richard III of England. She will explain why people wanted to find Richard's remains, who led the search, and what they discovered. Sally was at his funeral in Leicester in 2015 and will share her personal experience and behind-the-scenes photos.

\$12 Placeholder fee (includes \$2 admin fee)  
 \$10 returned upon arrival

DAY TO REGISTER - OCTOBER 12  
 LAST DAY TO CANCEL WITH REFUND - OCTOBER 1

HOA EVENT COORDINATOR: Kathy Ruzic - [kathyruztellico@gmail.com](mailto:kathyruztellico@gmail.com)

HOA  
**Brushy Mountain**  
 State Penitentiary Tour  
 WELCOME TO THE END OF THE LINE

October 2nd, 9:30am: Last day to register is 9/24.

Need to arrive by 9:15am. Plan on 60-90 minute travel time. Includes several flights of stairs and uneven surfaces. This is a walking tour.

Feel free to stay and have lunch at the Wardens Table Restaurant. They have reserved seating for our group or stop and have a tasting of one of the many spirits distilled at Brushy Mountain.

Brushy Mountain  
 9182 Hwy 116  
 Petros, TN

Register at [www.tellicolife.org](http://www.tellicolife.org)  
 Contact Dave Shubbs to be added to the waitlist [davesubbs10@gmail.com](mailto:davesubbs10@gmail.com)

**Fort Loudoun Lock Tour**  
 6699 Hwy 321 South, Lenoir City

DATE: Wednesday, October 15, 2025  
 TIME: 9 AM  
 COST: FREE

Max: 30  
 Last day to sign up September 9.  
 Reservations are non-transferable.

The Fort Loudoun Lock, operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and funded by the TVRA, allows vessels to raise or lower about 10 feet between the Fort Loudoun Dam and Watts Bar Reservoir. Tours of the lock typically last about 1.5 hours and include a short walk through the dam's construction (completed in 1924) and how the lock is used to transport the movement of commercial barges (carrying about half a million tons of commodities) and recreational boats.

A security form must be filled out to attend the deadline to dropoff the completed form is September 10 at 5 PM. The form will be sent AFTER registration on Tellico Life with instructions.

NO BACKPACKS OR PACKAGES. TENSIS SHOES RECOMMENDED.

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 6699 Hwy 321 South, Lenoir City

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 TIME: 9 AM  
 COST: FREE

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 Last day to sign up September 9.  
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## DINING OUTS

HOA Dine out at **Fin-Two Restaurant**

**JAPANESE ALE HOUSE FIN-TWO**  
 RAMEN • CRAFT BEER • SUSHI

DATE: Wednesday, September 24  
 TIME: 5:00 PM  
 WHERE: 322 S. Central Ave, Knoxville  
 COST: \$12 placeholder fee (which includes a \$2 non-refundable admin fee and \$10 refund)

MAX: 12  
 LAST DMV to register / refund Sep 17

*izakayas are one of Japan's oldest style of eatery, born from sake shops along main trade routes. These Japanese taverns are casual places for friends and colleagues to gather and unwind from the day's stress. Beverages such as locally crafted beer, sake & shochu are the heart of the izakaya culture. Many describe the food at these bars as "pairs well with alcohol".*

This restaurant is in the Lifestyle Circle.

Event Coordinator: Estefania Nance [estefania.nance@gmail.com](mailto:estefania.nance@gmail.com)

HOA TVRA

(Contact Estefania to be put on the waiting list)

Dine out at **Stir Fry Cafe**

**Stir Fry Cafe**

DATE: Wednesday, September 10  
 TIME: 5:00 PM  
 WHERE: 7240 Kingston Pike, Knoxville  
 COST: \$12 placeholder fee (which includes a \$2 non-refundable admin fee and \$10 refund)

MAX: 12  
 LAST DMV to register / refund Sep 1

Come join us to try this Asian cuisine at Stir Fry Café, which serves a mix of Asian cuisines.

This restaurant is part of the Lifestyle Circle program.  
 (Contact Estefania to be put on the waiting list)

Event Coordinator: Estefania Nance [estefania.nance@gmail.com](mailto:estefania.nance@gmail.com)

HOA TVRA

## CONCERTS, COMEDY, & THEATER

THE PRESIDENT'S OWN  
**UNITED STATES MARINE BAND**

Clayton Center for the Arts - Ronald & Lynda Nutt Theater  
 505 East Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Maryville

DATE: Sunday, October 5, 2025  
 TIME: 3 - 5 PM. Doors open at 2:15.  
 COST: \$20 placeholder fee / person. \$2 non-refundable. \$10 returned at Event.  
 Seating is General Seating or Open Seating.  
 Max of people. No minors.  
 Last date to register or cancel: 9/28/2025

An incredible experience awaits you! "The President's Own" United States Marine Band's mission is to perform music for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Founded in 1798 by an Act of Congress, the Marine Band is America's oldest continuously active professional musical organization. This band has played at every United States presidential inauguration since President Thomas Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson gave it the title "The President's Own" in 1800. It's a "don't miss" evening!

HOA Event Coordinator: Kathy Ruzic [kathyruztellico@gmail.com](mailto:kathyruztellico@gmail.com)

**DUELING PIANOS**  
 Wendi Warner & Erik Blue  
 Sunday, October 19, 2025 - 5:30 PM  
 (Doors open at 5:00 PM)  
 Tellico Village Yacht Club  
 \$41 Per Person (includes \$3 admin fee)  
 Limit 125 Guests  
 Last Day to Sign Up/Cancel October 1, 2025

Buffet Menu  
 House Salad with Rolls & Butter  
 Brutto Street & Chicken Picatta  
 Herb Whipped Potatoes & Mixed Vegetables  
 Chocolate Brownie  
 Water, Tea on T Table, Coffee Station & Cash Bar

Contact Roberta Kasper [rkasper20@charter.net](mailto:rkasper20@charter.net)

Keep Going

# EXCURSIONS

**HOA FALL SCENIC HIWASSEE TRAIN Ride**

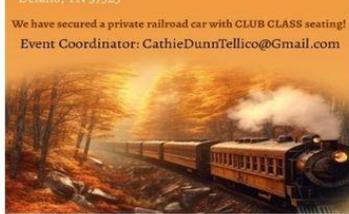
Experience the Magic of a Fall Scenic Train Ride Adventure!

**October 22nd, 2025**  
**1:30pm-6:00pm**

**Cost: \$92.50**  
**No Refunds/28 Max**

Please meet at least 1/2 hour before departure!  
 9406 Hwy 411  
 Delano, TN 37225

We have secured a private railroad car with CLUB CLASS seating!  
 Event Coordinator: CathieDunnTellico@gmail.com



**BLUE RIDGE RAIL BIKE**

**Pedal Your Way Through Blue Ridge, Georgia**

Embark on an exciting journey through the Blue Ridge Country on a custom-built, four-person electric Rail Bike! Sit back and explore as you leisurely pedal your motor-assisted rail bike on an 11 mile round-trip adventure... Half-way through your trip, your friendly guide will pause the tour to allow you to snap some photos of the local flora and fauna. Recharged and refreshed, you'll bike back to the historic Blue Ridge depot.

Following the ride, plans to explore downtown Blue Ridge Shops and cafes before heading to Member's Club for drinks and some additional shopping.

**Date: Monday October 27th, 2025**  
**Must arrive by 9:15am for a 10am departure**  
**Location: 241 Depot Street**  
**Blue Ridge, GA 30512**  
**Event is Rain or Shine. Closed Toed shoes required.**

**Cost is \$74/person includes a \$3 admin fee. Sorry no refunds for this event.**  
**Event is limited to 24 people.**  
**Last day to register is October 20th.**

Please note: there is a 250lb weight limit and Liability waivers must be signed before departure.

HOA TVRA  
 More information?  
 Contact event coordinator Linda Garza at lefgarza@gmail.com

**HOA Legacy Mountain TVRA**

**7 Line Zipline Adventure**

Home of the Longest and Highest Ziplines in the Smoky Mountains! The Smokies are beautiful from any angle, but they're jaw-dropping from this one. Here, you won't just ride in a valley, you'll fly from mountaintop to mountaintop! Get the best blend of beauty and excitement. Our Pigeon Forge Ziplines are located just off the parkway just 15 minutes from Pigeon Forge and 20 minutes from Gatlinburg.

**Date: Tuesday November 4th**  
**10:00 AM Arrival**  
**10:30 AM Start**

**Cost: 112 Per Person**  
**Includes \$6 non-refundable Admin Fee**

**Max: 12/Min: 8**  
**Last day to register October 20th**  
**Last day for refund: October 1st**

28052 Legacy Vista Dr  
 Sevierville, TN 37862

- Closed toe shoes REQUIRED  
 - 270 pound weight limit  
 - Liability waivers must be signed before departure  
 - All guests MUST arrive 30 min BEFORE departure

Event Coordinator: Linda Garza lefgarza@gmail.com

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# OUTDOOR EVENTS

## HIKE 'N LUNCH

**HOA Hike 'n Lunch**

Songbird Trail @ Norris Dam State Park  
 Thursday, September 11, 2025

Depart from the **Palmer Springs Boat Ramp** parking lot promptly @ 8:30 AM, please arrive at least 10 minutes early

Join your fellow HOA members for a fun morning hike on the Songbird Trail at Norris Dam State Park. Driving directions will be provided on the morning of the hike.

Restrooms are available near the trail.

We will walk the full 2.0 mile loop trail and continue to the area below the dam for viewing. Total hike distance will be approximately 2.5 miles. The trail is mostly hard surfaced or paved, wide, and flat with only 5% ft of total elevation change. This hike is rated as easy and should present few challenges for anyone accustomed to regular walking activity.

After the hike, we will go to Morrison's Grill & Bar (100 Hixdale Rd., Clinton, TN) for lunch as a group. Following lunch all will return home on their own.

Attendees are responsible for their own meal and drink.  
 Maximum number of attendees is 30  
 Last Day to Cancel is Friday, September 5  
 Event Coordinator: Lisa Weaver (lweaver@hoatellcove.com; email@lweaver.com)

Note: If event registrations are filled, please contact the event coordinator to be placed on a "waitlist".

Important note: In the case of inclement weather, we will suggest that the group should plan to cancel the restaurant for a very enjoyable group lunch, meeting at 11:30 AM.

Note: Out of respect for others and to avoid potential trespassing lawsuits we ask you to please leave all pets at home.

HOA TVRA

**HOA Chili Cook Off**

Thursday, Oct 23, 2025, 4:30 to 6:30pm  
 \$12 per Person @ Tugalo Pavilion

CHILI CHEFS ARE GATHERING!  
 Past Village Change and New Challengers Bring "Most Outstanding Chili Flavor" For Your Pleasure!  
 The Spiciest, Taste Test of the Year Held At Tugalo!

**WHAT YOU BRING: Your Own Beverage (BYOB) and CHAIRS!**

**WHAT YOU GET:** The Best Variety of Chili in the Neighborhood!  
 Cool Fall Breezes, Fresh Cooked Food, and Fun with Friends and Neighbors!  
 "Mouthwatering Chili Flavor" Collected by prior Chili Champs and Challengers  
 Hot Dog and Soppings - Grilled Angus Hot Dog, Fresh Sara Lee Buns, Onions, Cheese, Slaw, and Ketchup, Palate Cleaners - Oyster Crackers, Bags of Chips, Bottled Water

**WANT TO COMPETE? TV.Chili.CookOff@hoatellcove.com**  
 Chefs are FREE (Free Parking, Must Register). No get \$30 Food Item Gift Card (max 15 contestants), see the event group at FB for details that precede a mailing attempt. See the contest rules and awarding of prizes. Bring one gallon of chili (stage cook pot), decorations for your 75 picnic table space, a sign with your Chili Name and State of Origin, and any special toppings needed to set your chili apart from the crowd. A 4-6 person table and chairs to power your chili. Arrive at 4:00pm. Decorate Your Space with your Favorite Color! (aka come all at 4:30pm).

Register for the Fun at Tugalo Pavilion and Come Cast Your Vote!  
 There is one and only one ... Best Chili Chef in the Village!

Cost: \$12/person (includes \$2 non-refundable admin fee) Maximum: 80 people  
 Last Day to Cancel: October 16  
 Last Day to Register: October 16  
 Note: This event runs rain or shine.  
 Event Coordinator: Mark "The Colonel" Williams, contact at markwilliams@hoatellcove.com

**Cades Cove Hayride**

Friday, October 24  
 Cades Cove Riding Stables  
 10018 Campground Drive - Townsend  
 12 - 2 pm  
 Arrive at 11:30 am  
**HOA \$30 / person TVRA**

MIN - 20 MAX - 50  
 Last day to sign up - October 14th  
 Last day to cancel w/ refund - October 1st

EVENT COORDINATOR  
 Star Smith - psmith52@gmail.com

Our comfortable, truck-pulled, hay-filled trailers carry you on a nostalgic ride through the picturesque Cades Cove Loop Road, surrounded by preserved 19th and early 20th century farming communities. Cool mountain breezes, towering forests, and birdsong tickle your senses as the miles of serene vistas in all directions take you back to another era. On your adventure, you may even catch a glimpse of the wildlife inhabiting Cades Cove, such as white-tailed deer, black bears, raccoons, turkeys, and woodchucks.

**HOA Dobbins ADVENTURE PARK AT FIVE OAKS TVRA**

**HORSEBACK RIDING**

1628 Parkway, Sevierville, TN

Tuesday November 4th  
 Starts at 4:00pm  
 Must arrive by 3:30pm

Cost: \$42 per person  
 Includes \$3 non-refundable admin fee

- Closed toe shoes required  
 - 270 pound weight limit  
 - Must sign a waiver BEFORE departure  
 - Max 12/Min 10  
 - Last day to register October 20th  
 - Last day for refund October 1st

Embark on a 3.5 mile horseback trail ride with an experienced guide. Winding streams and mountain vistas (1 hour ride)

Event Coordinator: Linda Garza lefgarza@gmail.com

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**SINGO**

DROPPING BEATS NOT BALLS!  
 FUN FOR ALL!

SEPTEMBER 17TH  
 7PM-9PM  
 Doors open at 6:30pm

**COST: \$11 PER PERSON**  
 INCLUDES \$2 NON-REFUNDABLE ADMIN FEE

Limit: 136 people  
 Yacht Club (Lower Level)  
 Cash Bar - No outside beverage allowed

LAST DAY TO SIGNUP/CANCEL  
 SEPTEMBER 10TH

Contact: Cathie Dunn  
 singo@hoatellcove.com

**BUNCO**

Lets roll... Bunco Rules!

September 24th  
 2:00-4:00pm  
 Lower Level Yacht Club

Cost: \$6.00  
 Non-Refundable

Last Day to register: September 19th  
 Limit 40 Players ~ Supplies Provided  
 Snacks Provided ~ Door Prizes

Contacts: Donna Waghorne & Eileen Thorugsen  
 eeyoreligger568@gmail.com or athorugsen@gmail.com

**BOO! HOA Trivia NIGHT**

OCTOBER 29th  
 7:00-9:00pm  
 Yacht Club Lower Level

Max Players per table: 8  
 Min: 64 Players  
 Max: 96 Players

Cost: \$10.00  
 Includes \$2 Non-Refundable Admin Fee

LAST DAY TO REGISTER: OCTOBER 25TH  
 LAST DAY TO CANCEL: OCTOBER 14TH

Bar will be open!  
 WIN PRIZES

Event Coordinator: Peggy Hardin  
 webbluvssail@gmail.com

Discover more

# SPORTING EVENTS



**FAN APPRECIATION DAY**  
**LAST HOME GAME OF THE SEASON!**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**  
**AT COVENANT HEALTH STADIUM**  
 500 EAST JACKSON AVENUE - KNOXVILLE  
**2:00 PM**

**\$45/per person**  
 No Refunds  
**Reserved Right Field Seating**  
**BBQ Buffet & Soft Drinks Included**

**MAX 50**  
**LAST DAY TO SIGN-UP IS SEPT 1**

*Since this is the last home game of the season, if it is called due to rain, rainchecks will be issued to attend a playoff game (if they make it to the playoffs) or to a game in the 2026 season.*

**EVENT COORDINATOR**  
 Linda Garza - lefgarza@gmail.com

# HOLIDAY SPECIALS

Join us for a  
**CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVENING**  
**AT THE BILTMORE ESTATE**  
 Asheville, NC



**\$136 PER PERSON**  
 No Refunds

MIN - 20  
 MAX - 60

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20**  
**TOUR WITH AUDIO BEGINS AT 5:45 PM**

Offering good tidings of comfort and joy, Christmas at Biltmore awaits you. From Biltmore House to Antler Hill Village, fragrant wreaths, glittering garland and thousands of sparkling ornaments create a one-of-a-kind holiday oasis. Dazzling by day, the house is truly magical during Candlelight Christmas Evening.

Transportation on your own  
 Last day to register is October 20

**EVENT COORDINATOR**  
 Linda Garza  
 lefgarza@gmail.com

**HOA / TVRA**

**THE BILTMORE PRESENTS**  
**TUTANKHAMUN**  
 HIS TOMB AND HIS TREASURES  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20**



**\$170 / person**  
 (No Refunds)

Includes King Tut Exhibition with 12:15 pm arrival and an evening Biltmore Candlelight Tour with Audio at 5:45 pm

Transportation on your own to Asheville, NC  
 Last day to register - October 20  
 Min - 20 Max - 60

To experience the spectacle known as Candlelight Christmas Evenings is to step back in time to the very first Christmas at Biltmore House in 1895. Gently illuminated by candles, the air filled with the scent of fresh pine, the sound of crackling fireplaces, and a feeling of childlike wonder, the house is a holiday vision made real.

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Sign up [HERE!](#)

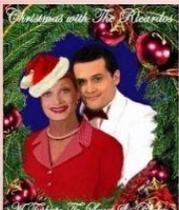
Click on the button ABOVE to sign up for ANY event.

- Find the date on the HOA/TVRA calendar
- Find the event you want to attend
- Follow the instructions!

**HOA Presents**



**"I Love Lucy"**



Celebrate the holidays with "Lucy and Ricky". This hilarious show includes musical numbers to your favorite Christmas songs from the 40's and 50's as well as comedy skits, and audience participation.

Melody Knighton is a nationally known Lucille Ball Impersonator

For the **FIRST TIME EVER**, the HOA will be hosting an event at the **Tellico Community Playhouse!!**  
**Saturday November 15th 7:00-9:00pm**  
 (Doors open at 6:30pm)  
 Located next to Littly Italy, on the side

**COST: \$36.00 Per Person**  
 Max: 132/No Refunds  
 Last day to register: 11/1/2025

Seating will be open, however we will be letting in small groups at a time based on the order of sign ups.

**Event Coordinator: Suzanne Cutrara**  
 suz.cutrara@gmail.com

**The Thanksgiving Play**



Oak Ridge Play House  
 227 Broadway Avenue  
 Oak Ridge, TN 37830

**SUNDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 2nd**

**\$31.00 Per Person**  
 Max: 30/Min: 20

**STARTS AT 2:00 PM**  
 Last day to register/refund: Sept 18th

A group of well-meaning (but hilariously misguided!) theater artists scramble to create a politically correct Thanksgiving pageant - without any Native Americans. In a brilliant send-up, this fast-paced play skewers performative activism, cultural cluelessness, and the pitfalls of "good intentions" with wit and bite. Smart, edgy, and uproariously funny, The Thanksgiving Play is a feast of laughs and a clever commentary on who gets to tell whose story. A sharp, satirical comedy that leaves you laughing - and thinking!

**Event Coordinator: Sue Smith** pvsmit551@gmail.com



Thanks to all who came out to clean up the parkway for an "emergency clean up." It was especially bad, and I could not let it go until our scheduled clean up in August. We collected 21 bags of trash and construction debris!

We had a great turn out for such a hot, humid day with bugs in abundance and mowers that had shredded so much of the trash!!

If you are interested in joining the HOA/TVRA Litter Angels on their next outing on August 9<sup>th</sup>, contact me at aalacour@gmail.com for instructions.

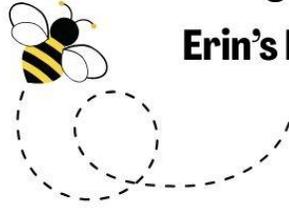
Thanks Again!  
 Annie LaCour, Litter Angels Lead



# BUT WAIT . . . THERE'S MORE!

***These events are not new, but seats are still available!***

Modern Square Dance Aug 19  
Singo Aug 20  
Bunco Aug 27

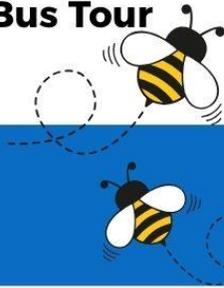


Dining Out @ Thai Bistro Aug 27  
Erin's Herb Garden Oct 16



***These events are still in the works, but SAVE THE DATE!***

Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Feud Dec 1  
Redneck Comedy Bus Tour Dec 1  
Holiday Gala Dec 7



Girlfriend Gift Exchange Dec 14  
Clayton Christmas Special Dec 20



## State of Loudon County

Thursday, August 22, 2025

4:00 – 6:00 PM

TV Yacht Club 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Gallery



Please mark your calendar for the upcoming State of Loudon County, an important forum offering residents the opportunity to hear updates directly from county leaders.

While the final lineup of speakers is still being confirmed, attendees can expect to hear from:

- **Buddy Bradshaw, Loudon County Mayor**
- **Mike Campbell, Loudon County Tax Assessor**
- **Billy Pickel, with updates on road projects and transportation in Loudon County**
- **Henry Cullen, representing District 7**

This is your chance to learn more about what's happening in our county and how it may impact Tellico Village. Bring your questions, as there will be time for resident engagement and discussion. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions in advance, please don't hesitate to email us at:

[Programs@hoatelliovillage.com](mailto:Programs@hoatelliovillage.com)



## HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE 2026 TELlico VILLAGE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

An Interview With Joel Reed following LRPAC Approval



### ***What is the Balanced Scorecard?***

*Joel* - "This is a Business Management System. Harvard business school developed this method in 1992 that helps a business manage the operation from four different perspectives. Like a pilot uses many different instruments to aid him while flying, a business must use different key perspectives of the operation to achieve a balanced approach to attain success. Most businesses operate solely with a financial focus. That myopic approach can be very limiting to business success. Here in the Village, we want the success of our operations to focus on the customers, the business processes and our most valuable asset, our employees. By investing in our employees and processes, we achieve higher levels of customer satisfaction resulting in better financial performance."

### ***What changes can the Village expect by implementing the Balanced Scorecard?***

*Joel* - "Running a good operation takes good employees. Each department will ensure our employees have the right training and knowledge to accomplish their jobs. Each department will also set goals and objectives through a **SWOT** analysis. The department heads have already evaluated the **Strengths**, **Weaknesses**, **Opportunities** and **Threats** to their departments and are working on their 2026 business plans that will include regular reportable performance measures. These measures will be used to help keep the departments on track with their business plans and goals. The board will be approving the goals, objectives and performance measures the departments define in their business plans. All department plans will tie into the overall POA objectives. The Balanced Scorecard is new for our department heads, so we are conducting training and workshops to assist the staff in this process to ensure success with this program. Historically each department has run their operations independently but with this new approach we expect to see some good changes and collaboration between departments."

### ***Why do we need a Balanced Scorecard?***

*Joel* - "Since our community is near full build-out, we need to switch from a growth mode and put our focus on the sustain mode sustaining our amenities within the community. We need to ensure good operational practices are in place to confirm the amenities are properly serving the community. By proper planning and using customer feedback, each department can optimize the services of our amenities that should drive residents' usage to fully utilize our amenities."

### ***How long will it take to have an operating Balanced Scorecard?***

*Joel* - "We are working on the foundation of the scorecard to begin in 2026. This is all new to the village and the POA staff, but everyone seems excited. We certainly know this will provide more direction and clarity to all employees regarding their work responsibilities. It is important to understand all the goals and measures are defined by the departments themselves and then approved by the board. Getting feedback from customers is a vital for this system's success. The employees have been receptive to adopting changes for operational improvements, and we look forward to implementing the customer engagement surveys that is a key part of this program's success. This is an exciting time in the community as we situate our operation to function in a productive sustainable mode targeted to customer satisfaction."

### ***In summary:***

Measuring performance of an operation, like the POA, is important. If aspects of the business are not being measured and reported, likely no one is paying attention to that part of the business.

Loyalty of customers, efficiency of work processes and skills of employees don't show up on financial statements, so the Balanced Scorecard was developed to help business managers use more than one instrument to manage a business for success. The company vision and strategy are at the center of the plan. Accountability measures coming from four perspectives of the business will provide a balanced approach to the business operation:

**Financial - Customer - Internal Process - Learning and Growth.**

Please watch this video for an illustrated guide to understanding The Balanced Scorecard....

[The Balanced Scorecard explained](#)

**Contribution by Teresa Reed, HOA VP Advocacy**

## Water - A very **HOT** topic! By Linda Garza, HOA President

Looks like it's going to be another summer scorcher, with temperatures reaching into the mid-to-high 90s every day, and very little rain in sight. It's no wonder, when the monthly utility bills arrive, residents brace themselves for bad news. Utility bills just keep going up and up with the outdoor thermometer, but this happens every summer. So why is water such a hot topic?

While attending or reviewing the July Town Hall and Board Meetings, I noted several residents commented on the current water rate structure and overall cost. Two particularly statements stuck out though. The first was something along the lines of, "Why should a resident who doesn't have access to lake water for irrigation, pay more for watering their lawn?" The second comment was, "Water should be a pass through of LUB rates. Tellico Village's Property Owners Association (TVPOA) has no water related expenses."

Tier Levels	Water Consumption (Gallons)	Rate	Per Gallon(s)	Increase over Tier 2
1	First 2,000	\$38.00	2,000 Gallons	
2	Next 13,000	\$13.00	1,000 Gallons	
3	Next 15,000	\$15.00	1,000 Gallons	15.3%
4	Next 30,000	\$20.00	1,000 Gallons	53.8%

Let's take a closer look at the first statement. Obviously, it was in reference to the current tiered water rate structure, where rates increase based on higher consumption.

Although there are numerous ways to analyze a rate structure, the example below provides a quick visual to the cost per 1,000 gallons using the rate structure provided above.

Resident Example	Monthly Consumption (Gallons)	Pre-taxed Monthly Cost (\$38 Base + \$Tier(s))	Cost per 1,000 Gallons
Mark owns a modest retirement home with no irrigation and doesn't water	3,000	\$51.00	\$17.00
Bob owns a large lakefront home with lake water irrigation.	5,000	\$77.00	\$15.40
Joe owns a modest retirement home w/irrigation and waters his lawn 3 days a week	20,000	\$282.00	\$14.10
John has a mid-size home with a backyard pool and irrigates 3 days a week	35,000	\$532.00	\$15.20
Total	63,000	\$942.00	\$15.97

The cost per 1,000 gallons is definitely highest for the resident that consumes the least amount of water. In comparing TVPOA's rate structure to LUB and TASS, I noted the following similarities and differences:

- LUB Water Rates:
  - Base rate is higher
  - Base does not include gallons
  - Two-tier rate structure that increases 50% from tier 1 (up to 7,000 gallons) to tier 2 (over 7,000 gallons)
- TASS Rates (effective 7/1/2025 - reflects a 2.5% increase over previous rates)
  - Lower base rate
  - Includes 2,000 gallons in base rate
  - Two rates - non-irrigation rates over 2,000; irrigation rate for over 2,000 - 5% higher

Without getting into a rate-to-rate comparison, it appears that increasing water rates based on consumption is a standard practice that all water companies apply to residential rates. Therefore, why shouldn't TVPOA rates do the same? Furthermore, changing from the current tiered rate structure to a flat rate would likely increase cost to those residents that use the least amount of water, essentially requiring all residents to subsidize the high consumption customers. Do Tellico Village residents really want to pay more for water so that their neighbors can fill up their backyard pool and irrigate 3 or more days week?

When it comes to TVPOA's cost to provide water to residents, there's definitely more to it than the expense of purchasing water from LUB. Maybe it would help to consider:

- If a waterline breaks anywhere in the village, whether due to age or outside circumstances, TVPOA water employees are there, regardless of the time of day. Employees arrive in company provided vehicles with equipment and parts needed to make repairs, and notify impacted customers, when necessary.

- When a resident's water consumption increases higher than normal, a TVPOA water employee visits the resident to determine if there is a possible leak and assist the homeowner in identifying the cause. This is not a common practice provided by most utility companies, but Tellico Village residents greatly appreciate this proactive customer service approach by TVPOA employees.
- According to the July PSAC report, TVPOA invested and installed 1,400 new water meters in 2024 and has plans to purchase and install an additional 750 meters in 2025, and 500+/- in 2026. The purpose for this investment is to replace old meters that do not accurately capture the water consumption being used, resulting in "water loss" and loss revenue.
- Beside employee and equipment overhead, there's also cost to address aging infrastructure. More and more utilities companies have begun to address this topic. Just take a look at LUB's current list of water projects noted in their 2025 [June & July Board meeting minutes](#).

No doubt residential water rates have increased over the last few years. But it's important that residents know and understand key factors as to why. This article has identified a few of the more apparent costs associated with TVPOA providing water to Tellico Village residents. Therefore, to say that Tellico Village water rates should be a simple pass through of LUB water rates, one would have to ask, "Who will pay for all of the water related equipment and services mentioned above?"

Tellico Village Residents Association (TVRA) encourages residents to use the  when you have questions. Attending TVPOA Town Hall & Board Meetings is also another great opportunity to learn more about important topics impacting our community.



## READER REWARDS

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

1. When will the POA begin to use the Balanced Scorecard?
2. How many new water meters will Tellico Village install in 2025?
3. Don't forget about the answer to the riddle on page 3!

**Email your answers to:**

"The month of August had turned into a griddle where days just lay there and sizzled."

~ Sue Monk Kidd ~

# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD



**Tellico Community Foundation**  
2025 Grant Recipients

Adopt-a-Class TN <> Boys and Girls Clubs of the Ocoee Region <> CASA Monroe <> Eaton Elementary School <> Lenoir City Elementary School <> Loudon County Education Foundation <> Monroe County Schools <> Monroe County Imagination Library <> Tellico Players <> Tennessee Educational Cooperative

[Click here for more info](#)

Congratulations to these nonprofits for their innovative work to advance childhood development in Loudon and Monroe Counties.



## Mystery Scavenger Hunt for the Library!

- August 9th ~ 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Participants will meet at the Library for the item list, then hunt through the Village with their team to collect their treasures
- Hurry back at the Library when finished for light refreshments, revelry and prizes!

Register as individuals but hunt as a team, one car per team

Friends Members \$25  
Non-Members \$30

Register at the TV Library OR online at [www.tvlibrary.org/fotyj-events](http://www.tvlibrary.org/fotyj-events)



Free Hearing test  
August 12  
10 - 4  
Library

Pickleball Club  
Orientation  
Aug 4 + 6  
call Jason Fein for info  
707-342-1966

TVPOA  
Welcome Orientation  
August 5  
2:00pm  
Yacht Club Gallery

## In the Courtyard Non-Fiction Book Sale

Saturday, September 13, 9 AM - 12 PM

At The Public Library at Tellico Village

Non-Fiction  
History  
Government & Politics  
Biographies & Memoirs

Puzzles  
DVDs & Audiobooks  
Items of Special Interest  
Old Mysteries - \$1

The Public Library at Tellico Village  
300 Irene Lane, Loudon, TN 37774  
865-458-5199 - [www.tvlibrary.org](mailto:www.tvlibrary.org)  
Center for lifelong learning



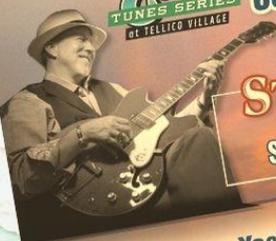
## Elite Tunes Series at Tellico Village Lakeside Charity Concert

STACY MITCHHART  
The Blues Doctor

Saturday, September 20th 7-10pm

Tellico Village Yacht Club  
Lakefront Stage  
(100 Sequoyah Rd., Loudon, TN)

TICKETS \$25 each  
AVAILABLE ON EVENTBRITE.COM  
(Search "Elite Tunes")  
Contact [elitetunesatellco@gmail.com](mailto:elitetunesatellco@gmail.com)  
with questions or to receive concert details/updates.






for reading the  
"Voice in the Village!"  
We hope this monthly  
publication helps keep you  
engaged and informed, and we  
would appreciate any feedback  
or suggestions you might have.

Please send your comments to:

**Kay Condon, Editor**

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The HOA Social Planning  
Committee would like to extend our  
heartfelt gratitude for the generous  
donations of door prizes for our  
August Social event to:

**Lorenzos**  
**Estefania Nance**  
**Elite Tunes**  
**Tellico Community Playhouse**

Their contributions play a significant  
role in making our gathering a  
memorable and successful  
occasion. Please support them  
and tell them you appreciate them  
and their generosity toward the  
Tellico Village HOA!



The HOA Board is now actively searching for  
volunteers to serve on the 2026 TVRA Board of  
Directors.

If you would like to be part of this dynamic team and are interested in  
learning more about volunteer opportunities, please send an email to  
Linda Garza at [president@hoatellivillage.com](mailto:president@hoatellivillage.com) expressing your  
interest!

