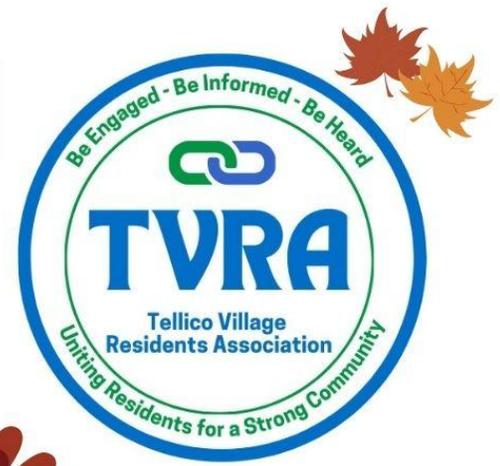


YOUR VOICE IN THE VILLAGE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 2025

Join us!

Be Engaged - Be Informed - Be Heard

TVRA

Tellico Village Residents Association

- Monthly Socials
- Golf Outings
- Sporting Events
- Cultural Events
- Community Projects
- Tech Talks
- Special Interest Groups

RENEW Today

<https://TVresidents.org>

\$20 Annually per Household



TVRA 2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS EXTENDED THROUGH NOVEMBER

The holidays will be here before we know it, so don't let visions of sugar plums dance in your head and distract you from renewing your TVRA membership for 2026! Annual membership is just \$20 / household starting immediately and running through the end of next year.

SIGN UP OR RENEW TODAY!

CLICK HERE



The TVRA Hosts the 20th Annual 2025 POA CANDIDATES FORUM



READ MORE ON PAGE 3



NEW AESTHETICS & ENVIRONMENT CHAIR NAMED!

Lynda Parker has recently taken the helm of the TVRA A&E Committee and will be leading the way to bring environmental awareness and community project initiatives to beautify and sustain our lovely village. Lynda is a certified Tennessee Naturalist and a certified Southern Appalachian Naturalist and brings knowledge and experience with the following organizations with her to share:

- The Sierra Club (Harvey Broom Chapter),
- Wild Ones (Smoky Mountains Chapter),
- The Xerces Society,
- The National Audubon Society,
- The Tennessee Bluebird Society (Valley Chapter),
- The National Wildlife Federation,
- Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning,
- The Nature Conservancy

Welcome!



TVresidents.org



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contact@TVresidents.org

Message from the President

by Linda Garza



November is such a special time of year. Besides the Thanksgiving holiday at the end of the month, Veterans Day on November 11th, honors the men and women of the armed forces who served our country to fight for and protect our freedom. We are forever indebted to their selfless contribution to America. The land of the free! To all of our Tellico Village Veterans, we thank you for your service.

Due to Veterans Day celebrations, TVRA is cancelling our November social to provide ample time and space for Village Veterans to celebrate this important day at the Yacht Club. Please update your calendar. Although we will not have a Social, we will be opening events on Wednesday, November 12th. Watch your email for a list of open and new events available for registration.

Our November Social is typically when we recognize the dedication and support of our volunteer board and team members. This year we had over 80 village volunteers that served as board members, liaisons, and support team members to bring you four (4) Open Village Meetings, monthly socials, over 200 events, an awesome golf program, monthly newsletters and so much more. Our volunteer Litter Angels picked up tons of trash and debris to keep our parkway and neighborhood roads beautiful, while A&E efforts brought TN Tree Day to residents by delivering pre-ordered trees at Tugaloo Beach. Our Rebranding Committee successfully launched our new name, created a new website and updated necessary marketing collateral in less than 6 months, which is absolutely unheard of.

Our 2025 membership year, which ended September 30th, had over 3,300 members and 1,846 households. I couldn't be prouder of this team of Tellico Village residents who have volunteered countless hours to support our community. If you see one of these special people, please thank them for their support. To see a list of our 2025 volunteers, visit our website at

TVresidents.org

Our volunteer team for 2026 is coming together nicely; however, we still have several positions open.

- A&E Committee team members
- Event Coordinators
- Event flyer designers
- Group Lead Coordinators - Wine Grp, Cocktails & Games, Book Grp, Gourmet Wine & Dinners
- Liaisons to POA Communications Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, and New Villagers

Training is available for all positions and the average time commitment per month is approx. 3 hours. Please consider joining our dynamic team of volunteers whose efforts make Tellico Village a truly awesome place to call home.

As you gather around the dinner table on Thanksgiving Day, I hope you have found memories of the awesome events/programs and friendships TVRA has brought to you this year. If you haven't already renewed your membership, please consider doing so before the holidays so you don't miss out on any of the great events coming early next year. We sincerely appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you soon.

Linda Garza

2025 TVRA President



POA CANDIDATES FORUM 2025

The TVRA (formerly the HOA) has hosted the POA Candidates Forum for over 20 years as our commitment to keep our members informed and engaged in the community and up to date on governance issues affecting us all. On October 9th, 4 candidates running for the 2026 POA Board of Directors once again gathered at the Community Church of Tellico Village with our VP of Programs Lavonne Mitchell serving as Forum moderator. Over 42 questions had been submitted by our membership, which were then narrowed down to the 6 most commonly asked questions and provided to the candidates in advance in order to get their most concise and complete answers.

More than 230 residents attended the Forum in person, 92 streamed the Forum live on TVN, and more than 1800 have watched the recording on TVN/YouTube since then. Because of a time-conflict in the Church's schedule, the moderator requested that written questions be submitted online after the forum and promised to post the candidates' responses prior to the start of voting. In the days following, more than 50 questions were submitted by residents, which were then combined and reduced to 30 questions that were presented to the candidates to answer in writing.

**VIEW THE CANDIDATES' RESPONSES TO THE POST-FORUM QUESTIONS
ON OUR WEBSITE AT: TVresidents.org or click the button below.**



Carey Brown



Tom Farrell



Larry Godwin



David Taylor

Ballots will be mailed to your home on October 27th.

Election officially opens on VoteNet or by Paper Ballot on November 2nd

Ballots must be received by November 20th at noon.

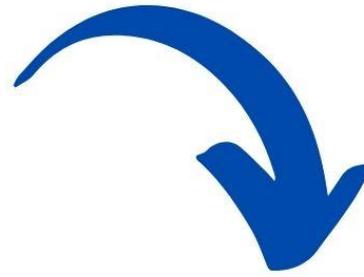


TVRA NOVEMBER SOCIAL



CANCELLED

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
DECEMBER HOLIDAY SOCIAL
ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9th**



**Due to Veterans Day events
being held at the Yacht Club
on November 11th,
there will be
no TVRA SOCIAL
on that day.**



**Be sure to join us on
December 9th
for our end-of-the-year
Holiday Social!**

TVRA

"Maybe Christmas," thought the Grinch, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."

**Last Monthly Social of 2025!
Tuesday, December 9th
Yacht Club @ 5:00 pm**

**Fun-loving games & heartwarming prizes
Your heart might just grow three whole sizes!**

**Come dressed in your
most festive Whoville attire -
Ugly sweaters, Santa hats,
or even a Grinchy
green grin!**

**EVERYONE
IS WELCOME**

TVRA Liaison Reports



DID YOU KNOW? *by Teresa Reed, VP Advocacy*

John Cooper is the founder of Tellico Village. He proposed the concept of our community in 1984 and by January of 1986 development started in Tellico Village. The charter was established with all the founding documents. These documents mandate four committees, one of which is the ACC, the Architecture Control Committee.

The ACC committee has been functioning since the founding of Tellico Village. The ACC is responsible for reviewing architectural plans, approving or denying requests, and ensuring all construction complies with the community's Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions. Over the years more specific rules are now defined in the Blue Book for residential specifications and the Red Book for commercial specifications.

Our ACC committee is comprised of 7 volunteers who serve for 3 years. In addition to 2 POA representatives sit on the committee. The committee meets monthly to review permit request. During this review, the quality of the project and proper engineering of the lot for drainage is evaluated. Additionally, the committee ensures the continuity of our community by reviewing colors and finishes of a project including the actual construction of a new home. To protect a unique look throughout the community, an ACC representative goes to the neighborhood site to evaluate how the requested project will fit at that location. This process ensures continuity throughout the community while controlling excessive repeating of home colors or home styles in concentrated areas of the community.

Permits are required for any change to a property greater than 2'H x 2'W x 2'L. Changes or additions to structures, fencing, landscaping, retaining walls, out buildings, propane tanks, paint/siding changes, boat docks and sea walls all require permits.

Mike Giffin is the ACC manager. Mike has great respect for his ACC committee team because they work hard and they work well together. Moreover, they are a cohesive group. Additionally, the committee members spend time in workshops to stay current on the specifics or any changes to the Blue Book and Red Book. Mike is very pleased with his dedicated team.

You can find the Blue Book and Red Book at the POA website www.tellicovillage.org if you'd like more information. Please join me in expressing gratitude to the ACC for continuing to provide the aesthetic and pleasing appearance throughout the village.

BLUE BOOK





SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT ABOUT TVRA MEMBERSHIP

by Mark Flynn, VP Membership

As you have likely seen on the banners around the Village, October is Membership Drive month for the TVRA! As a 501 c7 non-profit, we are categorized as a *Social Club*, but our organization is oh, so much more! We've all heard the misinformation that goes around, so now is a good time to explain just what TVRA membership means and set the record straight –

- **“You join New Villagers, then afterward you can join the TVRA.”** – The truth is you can have a membership in both organizations, doubling your opportunities to engage, plug in, and learn about all that life in East Tennessee offers.
- **“Why should I join the HOA when I already have to belong to the POA?”** – The POA is the governing body in Tellico Village. They maintain the roads, water infrastructure, docks, golf courses, budget, restaurants and much more. In September 2025, we changed our name from the Tellico Village HomeOwners Association (HOA) to the Tellico Village Residents Association (TVRA) to alleviate much of this confusion.
We are a volunteer organization with nothing to do with governing Tellico Village.
- **“The TVRA is just another social organization in Tellico Village”** – This one gets me the most. Yes, the TVRA has numerous social outings annually . . . In fact, the TVRA has hosted enough outings from January – September to accommodate more than 5000 participants! We host monthly socials to bring residents together for information, entertainment, and socialization, we organize cultural events, outdoor adventures, opportunities to experience new and unique dining venues, attendance at sporting events, and everything in between.
- While it is true that the TVRA has many social opportunities to unite our community, we also perform many functions to inform our members of important issues the Village-at-large experiences – In fact, we have representatives attending every POA Board meeting, every Town Hall, and every Advisory Committee meeting monthly and making their reports available to all our members .
- The TVRA relies heavily on the many members who like to “give back” to their communities and actively volunteer to engage in civic initiatives that benefit the entire Village. If you drive down Rt. 444 on Saturday mornings, you might see our **TVRA Litter Angels** in yellow vests collecting trash along the roadside to keep our main thoroughfare beautiful. We are also beefing up our **Aesthetics and Environment Committee** to educate and organize volunteers in projects to sustain our natural environment and support neighborhood beautification.
- It's a bit ironic that this letter appears in the TVRA newsletter—reaching those who are already members and who understand the many ways the TVRA benefits all residents of Tellico Village. To you, I offer my sincere thanks.

If you can, take a moment to talk with your friends and neighbors about joining. Invite them to one of our socials—they're open to everyone in the village. And if someone asks, “Why should I join the TVRA?” you can share my response:

For just \$20 per household per year... Why wouldn't you?





WHY THE NEW FOCUS ON GEN-Xers?!

by Kay Condon, Communications VP

In 2023, almost one million Americans aged 60 and older chose to move into retirement communities – showing that many people are exploring retirement community living even before they fully retire. Then in 2024, another 258,000 Americans made the move specifically to retire, highlighting a growing interest in these communities. More and more people are seeing retirement communities as great places to enjoy a vibrant lifestyle, connect with others, and plan for their next chapter – But what do you do if you are still working and all the fun stuff takes place during working hours?

With many now in their late 40s to early 60s, the Gen-X generation is approaching what could be the final stretch of their working years, but the financial reality can be complicated, given the rise in inflation, costs of private health insurance (prior to qualifying for Medicare) and caught between caring for aging parents at the same time as their dependent children. Even so, Tellico Village is seeing an influx of Gen-Xers relocating here in recent years, many of whom are still working and missing out on the fun stuff Tellico Village has to offer.

The TVRA EVENTS TEAM recognizes that the Tellico Village Gen-X population is growing and is aware of the frustrations that so many in this category are having trying to plug-in and develop lasting friendships while still working. If you find yourself in the same situation, join our new Gen-X Social Group and explore the ways you can help build a great foundation and enjoy your new life here in Tellico Village to its fullest!

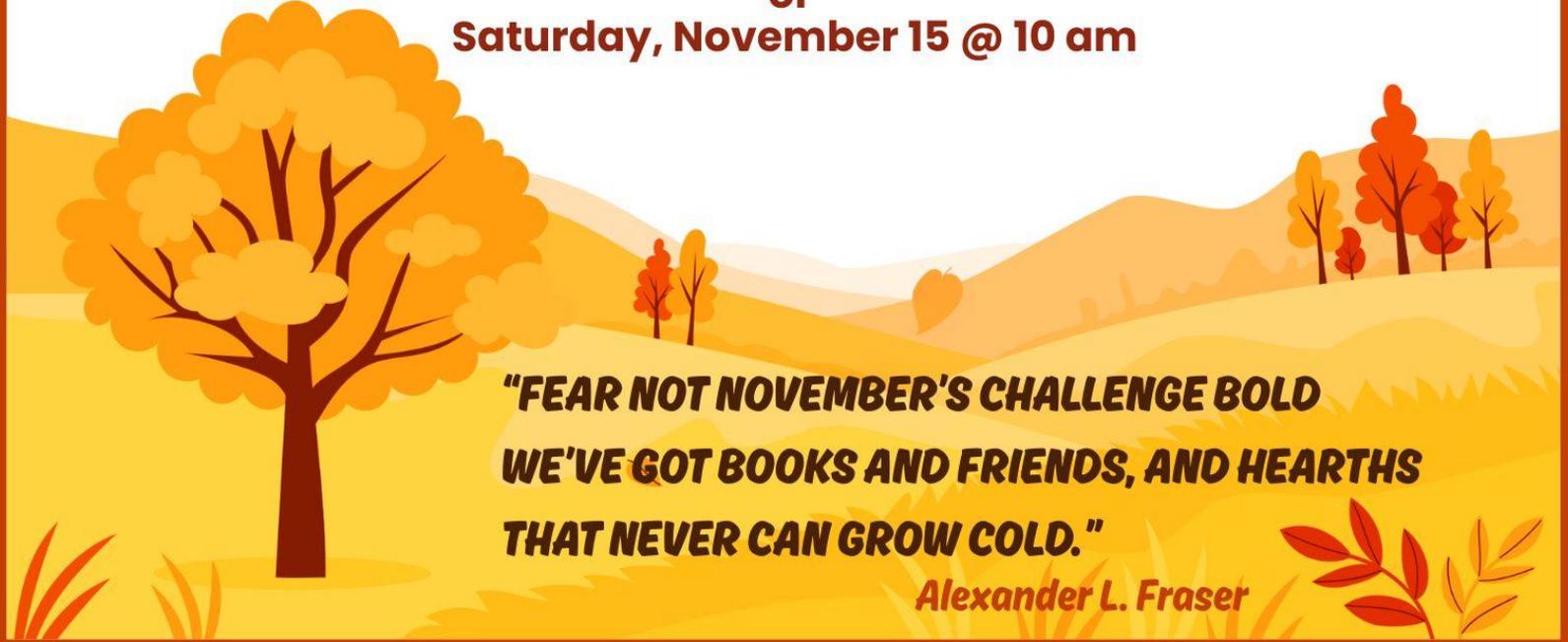
Join in the fun of brainstorming how Gen-Xers can find each other, enjoy each other's company, leverage existing TVRA events, enjoy TV amenities, and host its own activities! Please plan to attend one of 2 upcoming organizational meetings to be held at the

WELCOME CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM A

Wednesday, November 12 @ 11 am

or

Saturday, November 15 @ 10 am



**"FEAR NOT NOVEMBER'S CHALLENGE BOLD
WE'VE GOT BOOKS AND FRIENDS, AND HEARTHS
THAT NEVER CAN GROW COLD."**

Alexander L. Fraser



Aesthetics and Environment Committee

by *Lynda Parker, Chair*

I was honored when Joe Bogardus telephoned to ask if I'd be interested in chairing the A&E committee. As president of the Tellico Village Naturalists Club, I've had a lifelong interest to protect our environment.

Seven years ago, the POA's long-range planning advisory committee conducted a survey of all property owners and learned that preserving the natural beauty of Tellico Village ranked as the second biggest concern among villagers. The A&E committee was established to proactively work toward developing best practices among homeowners to maintain the aesthetics that naturally exist in Tellico Village.

TVRA is reviving that committee and has asked me to chair this project to address visual aesthetics, water quality, solid waste management and solar power options in the Village. I am actively looking for people to join this committee. If you are a TVRA member and have any experience in any of these areas of concern please join me at my kickoff meeting on **November 13; 12:00, noon at the Chota Recreation Center in Room D.**

Feel free to call, text or email me if you have questions:

cell - (865) 603-0466



CONGRATULATIONS

2025 TVRA

CHILLI COOK OFF WINNERS!



TOM MULLEN - 1st PLACE

MARK NAVAS - 2nd PLACE

**KENT HENDERSON
AND CHRIS PETERSON
TIED FOR 3rd PLACE**

OUR FAVORITE
DUELING PIANOS BROTHERS
were back on **OCTOBER 19TH**
and welcomed a
TV Resident
to add to the evening's
entertainment!



NEW EVENTS

Check out these exciting new events coming up through the end of the year and into 2026!

These will open for sign-ups on **NOVEMBER 12th**, so make a list of your favorites and hop on your computer early that day while tickets are available!

MENS BASKETBALL



2026 Tickets!
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
vs. TEXAS A&M
January 13
7:00 pm



Thompson-Boling Arena Food City Center
1600 Phillip Fullmer Way - Knoxville
\$21 / person - NO REFUNDS!
Section 327A
Row 12 - Seats 1-10
MAX: 10

EVENT COORDINATOR
Kathy Ruzic - kathyruzicellco@gmail.com

2026 Tickets!
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
vs. OKLAHOMA
February 18
7:00 pm



Thompson-Boling Arena Food City Center
1600 Phillip Fullmer Way - Knoxville
\$21 / person - NO REFUNDS!
Section 327A
Row 21 - Seats 1-10
MAX: 10

EVENT COORDINATOR
Kathy Ruzic - kathyruzicellco@gmail.com

2026 Tickets!
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
vs. VANDERBILT
Saturday, March 7
2:00 pm



Thompson-Boling Arena Food City Center
1600 Phillip Fullmer Way - Knoxville
\$39.50 / person - NO REFUNDS!
Section 327A
Rows 19 & 20 - Seats 1-10 each row
MAX: 20

EVENT COORDINATOR
Kathy Ruzic - kathyruzicellco@gmail.com

LADY VOLS BASKETBALL

2026 Tickets!
LADY VOLS
vs. KENTUCKY
Thursday, January 22nd
6:30 pm



Thompson-Boling Arena Food City Center
1600 Phillip Fullmer Way - Knoxville
\$18.50 / person - NO REFUNDS!
Section 116
Rows 21 & 22 - Seats 1-10 each row
MAX: 20

EVENT COORDINATOR
Kathy Ruzic - kathyruzicellco@gmail.com

2026 Tickets!
LADY VOLS
vs. FLORIDA
Thursday, January 1st
2:00 pm



Thompson-Boling Arena Food City Center
1600 Phillip Fullmer Way - Knoxville
\$18.50 / person - NO REFUNDS!
Section 116
Rows 21 & 22 - Seats 1-10 each row
MAX: 20

EVENT COORDINATOR
Kathy Ruzic - kathyruzicellco@gmail.com

2026 Tickets!
LADY VOLS
vs. ARKANSAS
Sunday, January 11th
2:00 pm



Thompson-Boling Arena Food City Center
1600 Phillip Fullmer Way - Knoxville
\$22.50 / person - NO REFUNDS!
Section 116
Rows 21 & 22 - Seats 1-10 each row
MAX: 20

EVENT COORDINATOR
Kathy Ruzic - kathyruzicellco@gmail.com

MUSIC / CONCERTS

KNOXVILLE POPS SERIES
presents



Las Vegas and Atlantic City entertainment fixture Steve Lippia joins the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra for swingin' standards made famous by Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Tony Bennett, Vic Damone and Sammy Davis, Jr.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026
Knoxville Civic Auditorium
500 Howard Baker Jr. Drive
8:00 pm



\$50 per person
NO REFUNDS
Orchestra Center Right
Orchestra Center Left
Rows P and T
MAX 10

EVENT COORDINATOR
Kathy Ruzic
kathyruzic@tellico@gmail.com
TVRA

TVRA
is proud to present



SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026
TELICO VILLAGE YACHT CLUB
7:00 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:00)

"He's the man whose voice has lit up Broadway, whose songs have stirred hearts from Nashville to New York, and whose journey from Tennessee gospel roots to a Tony Award-winning performance has inspired fans across the globe."

Levi Kreis, the Acclaimed Tony Award Winner for his role as Jerry Lee Lewis in "Million Dollar Quartet" promises to bring down the house with an evening of show-stopping music, storytelling, and Broadway's finest hits right here in Tellico Village!

\$43 / ticket
(includes a \$5 non-refundable service fee)

Last Day to Cancel w/ Refund - January 31, 2026

Last Day to Purchase Tickets - March 19, 2026

MIN - 125 MAX - 150

EVENT COORDINATOR
Jim Barton jimamsco1@gmail.com

GAMES



Let the good times roll

- Supplies Provided
- Snacks Provided
- Door Prizes

Cost: \$6.00
Non-Refundable

16 Tuesday
December
(Date change for the holidays)

2:00-4:00
PM

Yacht Club (Lower Level)
Last Day to register: December 11th
Contacts: Donna Wagborne & Eileen Thorgusen
eeyoretigger568@gmail.com or ethorgusen@gmail.com



CLASSES / MEETINGS



Do you have ideas about fun new activities for next year?
Join our think-tank session and have a say
in what is offered in 2026.
You do NOT have to be an event coordinator to attend!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17
10 - 11 am
Chota Rec Center, Room C



Do you have questions or
want more information about the meeting?
Contact: eventsVP@TVresidents.org



SATURDAY, JANUARY 31st

Tellico Village Fire Station
BYO Bagged Lunch

The best New Year's Resolution you could make...
Learn how to save a life!

MIN: 6 MAX: 20
No charge!
Last day to sign up is January 28

EVENT COORDINATOR
Kathy Monaghan Luttrell
gluttrell@prodigy.net

OUTING



JOIN US DECEMBER 13th
as we place wreaths at the
KNOXVILLE NATIONAL CEMETARY
939 Tyson Street - Knoxville

REMEMBER our fallen U.S. veterans.
HONOR those who serve.
TEACH your children the value of freedom.

Motorcoach transportation is being donated and provided by
PREMIER TRANSPORTATION OF KNOXVILLE
from the Poplar Springs Boat Ramp
9:00 am Departure Time

Placeholder fee of \$10 will reserve your seat
and be returned to you at the event.

EVENT COORDINATOR
Kathy Ruzic kathyruzic@tellico@gmail.com



HURRY! SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE!

Tickets on sale NOW at TellicoLife.org!

DINE OUT - Bocados - NOV 7

GEN-X DINNER - Eggspectations - NOV 8

EUCHER - Learn to Play - NOV 10

EUCHER TOURNAMENT - NOV 10

GEN-X MEETING - NOV 15

BLACKJACK - Learn to Play - NOV 17

BLACKJACK TOURNAMENT - NOV 17

BUNCO - NOV 18

SINGO - NOV 19

DINNER SHOW - Hatfields & McCoys - DEC 1

REDNECK COMEDY BUS - DEC 1

TVRA HOLIDAY GALA - DEC 7

COOKIE EXCHANGE - DEC 8

SMOKY MNT SERVICE DOGS - DEC 17

RAIN OR SHINE
TVRA MEMBERS ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF AUTUMN IN EAST TENNESSEE!

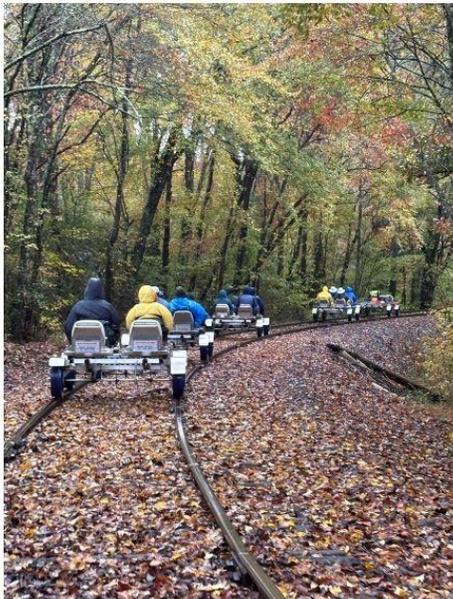


Hiwassee Scenic Fall Train Ride – October 22nd



**Cades Cove
Hayride**

October 24th



Blue Ridge Rail Bikes in Georgia – October 27th

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

ACC meeting
11/6 @ 10am
POA conference
ROOM

Art Guild Meeting
11/20 @ 10 am
Yacht Club

Tellico Village Fire Department CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We seek 1st responders!

Professional training is provided!

We match your abilities to your duties!

It's part-time so you can still enjoy retirement!



Jerry Dougherty
Fire Chief

To learn more, visit TellicoFD.org and click "Join."

TELLI-GO
Travel Club
11/5 @ 5pm
YC Basement

Cookin' the Books • The Cookbook Club

November Meeting at the Tellico Village Library
November 3, 3-5 pm



Our feature this month is:
Delicious Gatherings, by Tara Teaspoon
Thanksgiving is right around the corner!
Come and get some fresh ideas to liven up your holiday dinner!



- ❖ This is a free event although we encourage all our members to become Friends of the Tellico Village Library
- ❖ To **sign-up** for the November event, come to the Public Library and request the Cookbook Club **Sign-up Binder**
- ❖ The cookbook will be available you to peruse, no need to purchase a copy
- ❖ Pick up a copy of the guidelines for participation to take home with you

Friends of the Tellico Village Library
The Heart of the Library

The Public Library at Tellico Village
300 Irene Lane, Loudon, TN 37774
865-458-5199 ~ www.tvlibrary.org
Center for lifelong learning

Mini Book Sale

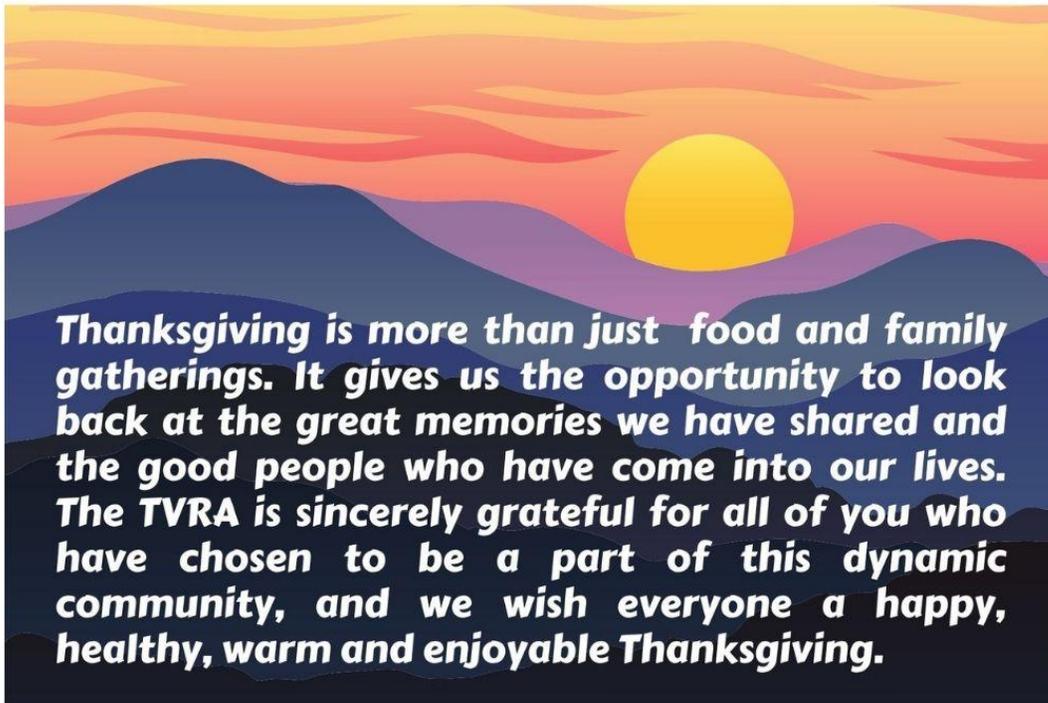
Saturday, December 7
9 am - 12 pm

Children's / Christmas / Cookbooks / Old Fiction \$1
Animals, Classics, Coffee table, Crafts, Humor, Sports,
Art/Music/Photography \$2/\$4
Automotive Quarterly - 15 years (60 books) - \$1
Bundled sets of DVDs: Masterpiece Theater, popular TV shows, etc.
Puzzles, games, audiobooks, other DVDs

Friends of the Tellico Village Library
The Heart of the Library

300 Irene Ln., Tellico Village 865-458-5199 TVLibrary.org

TV QUILTERS GUILD
11/14 @ 9:30 AM
CHRIST OUR
SAVIOR LUTHERAN
CHURCH



HAPPY THANKS GIVING

Thanksgiving is more than just food and family gatherings. It gives us the opportunity to look back at the great memories we have shared and the good people who have come into our lives. The TVRA is sincerely grateful for all of you who have chosen to be a part of this dynamic community, and we wish everyone a happy, healthy, warm and enjoyable Thanksgiving.



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.

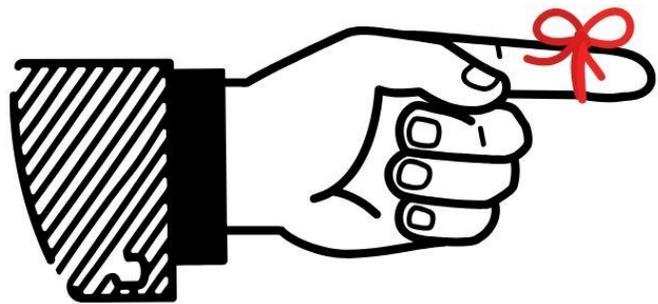
Please send your comments to:
Kay Condon, Editor



PRIZES FOR OCTOBER'S SOCIAL WERE GRACIOUSLY DONATED BY THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES AND FRIENDS OF TVRA



Gallaher Spa
Estefania Nance
The Burgers
Linda Merialdo
Tellico Village Pickleball Club



THERE WILL BE
NO TVRA SOCIAL
IN NOVEMBER!