

Holiday Edition

YOUR VOICE IN THE VILLAGE

December 2025 Newsletter



What an extraordinary year!

As we look back over the past 12 months and all the fun we've had, we thank each and every one of you for your support, participation, and thoughtful suggestions for how to make the TVRA the largest and most engaged club in Tellico Village! Here are some end-of-the-year statistics we'd like to share:

TVRA exceeded 1825 HOUSEHOLD memberships in 2025!
Over 8000 members attended over 200 events!
30 Hard-working ECs organized events for everyone!
23 Liaisons reported on 270+ Village, City, and County meetings!

TVRA 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The greatest gift we can offer is belonging, and the greatest gift we can receive is connection. May this season inspire us to reach out a little more, listen a little deeper, and care even more than we imagine!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Season's Greetings!

What a joyful time of year! This is truly a season of giving, sharing, and creating cherished memories with loved ones. I hope your holiday plans include time surrounded by family and friends gathered around a table full of your favorite dishes and basking in the warmth and comfort of the season.

For many East Tennessee families, however, this time of year brings additional challenges. The financial pressures of holiday gifts can make it difficult to keep food on the table. That is why, this holiday season, the TVRA is asking for your help in supporting the Good Samaritan Center of Loudon County. Their pantry is in urgent need, and together, we can make a meaningful difference. Misty Parker, the Center's Executive Director, will join us at our December Social to share more about the impact your donations can make. **Bring a food pantry donation to the Social and receive an extra ticket for valuable door prizes!**

If you're not already feeling the holiday spirit, our December 9th Social is sure to help! DJ Mickey D will be spinning festive tunes, we'll have lively games, and there will be plenty of gifts to share. Come dressed in your favorite Whoville attire, ugly sweater, or Santa hat—we can't wait to see everyone's holiday best!

While we're all excited for the festivities, please remember that safety comes first. If you're attending a holiday party, take a moment to plan who will be the designated driver. It's easy for holiday cheer to get out of hand, and we must look out for one another. Let's keep our celebrations safe and fun.

As the year comes to a close and we look ahead to a new one, I encourage you to renew your TVRA membership if you haven't already. Our Event Planning Team recently met and has several exciting new ideas that we'll be sharing soon. Renew your membership today by clicking this button  **CLICK**

As 2025 comes to an end, Tellico Village organizations are preparing for changes in key leadership positions. The community will be welcoming three new TVPOA Board members—congratulations to all—and TVRA will also be welcoming three new Board members. This is a fitting time to express our sincere gratitude to all of our community volunteers for their countless hours of dedication and support throughout the year. Tellico Villagers truly exemplify the meaning of being a "Tennessee Volunteer" through their service as board and support team members in TVPOA, TVRA, New Villagers, TellicoLife, the TV Volunteer Fire Department, T-BART, Lions Club, Computer Users Club, Rover Run, Friends of the Library, and so many other clubs and organizations.

Without these volunteers, many of our activities, events, and services simply would not be possible.

Although our community has faced significant challenges this year—often with differing perspectives on the best solutions—it is important to recognize the accomplishments of the 2025 TVPOA Board, staff, and advisory committee members. Their dedication, expertise, and careful deliberation resulted in major achievements, including:

- Updating the community's Reserve Study
- Suspending the WSAIF fee
- Aligning water/sewer rates more closely with local service providers
- Creating a balanced scorecard
- Approving a budget that reduces subsidies and provides funding to address critical water and sewer infrastructure needs



Because of their efforts, Tellico Village remains on firm financial ground and is well positioned to continue as one of East Tennessee's premier active-adult communities.

As always, your TVRA volunteer team remains committed to keeping members informed and engaged through:

- Guest speakers at our monthly Socials
- Open Village Meetings—including The State of Tellico Village, The State of Loudon County, The State of Monroe County, and the annual POA Candidate Forum
- Monthly newsletter articles on important topics affecting residents

On behalf of the entire TVRA Board, we wish you a season filled with joy, peace, and abundant goodwill.

***Warm Regards,
Linda Garza***



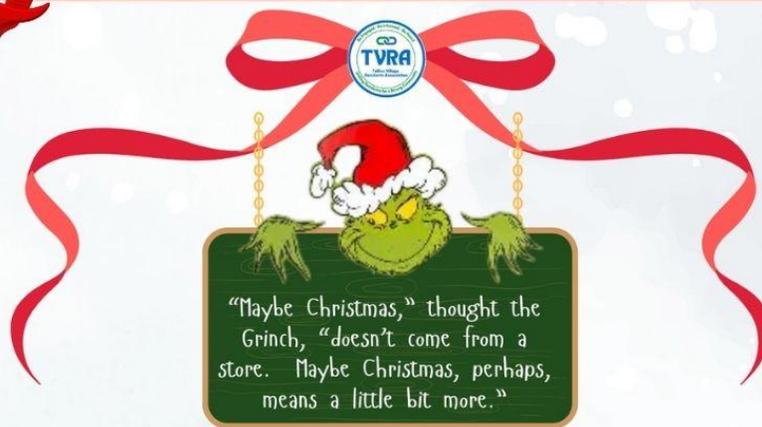
**Share
your
Thoughts**

1. ***What happened in 2025 that you do not want to forget?***
2. ***What did you learn in 2025 that you hope you never forget?***

Please send your answers to communicationsvp@tvresidents.org or

CLICK HERE

Answers to be published in January. — Names are optional!!



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

Doors open at 4:30

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

**DJ Mikey D will be our
musical / games host!**

**Misty Parker, Executive Director of the
Good Samaritan Center of Loudon County will be our
guest speaker and asks for donations of the following
pantry items for those in need:**

**apple sauce
canned fruit
canned green beans
canned corn**

**canned beans
canned pork & beans
canned baked beans
canned chili**

**canned tuna
canned chicken
peanut butter
saltine crackers**

**Come dressed in your
most festive Whoville attire -**

**Ugly sweaters, Santa hats, or even a
Grinchy green grin!**



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

This is truly a time to be with friends and loved ones. TVRA feels the same way, so we have a Wonderful Christmas Gala on December 7th, a yummy Cookie Exchange on December 8th, and the Monthly Social December 9th! These are just a few of the events for December, but of course, my favorite is the monthly Social. This month we will have Misty Parker, Executive Director of Good Samaritan Center in Loudon County, and DJ Mikey D helping us celebrate the evening. We might even see the Grinch there, so wear your crazy sweaters, hats, and any Christmas wear you may have. Let's plan to spread good cheer and friendship. Doors open at 4:30, so we hope to see you all there!

Roxanne

Special Fun!

CREATURE FEATURES

Mobile Interaction Program
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30
CHOTA REC CENTER
11 - 12 NOON

Experience unique animal-human interactions as you observe, touch, and learn about 6 randomly selected exotic animals and how they impact our lives.

\$15

MIN 20 MAX 40
LAST DAY TO REGISTER 1/26
LAST DAY TO CANCEL 1/15
DO NOT BRING FOOD!

EVENT COORDINATOR
Kathy Monaghan Luttrell
gluttrell@prodigy.net

AXE THROWING

THE NEXT BEST THING
IN ENTERTAINMENT
FOR ADULTS

... JUST BECAUSE IT'S FUN!

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3RD
5:00-6:30PM

Last day to register/cancel January 27th

Craft Axe Throwing
320 N Peters Road Suite 107
Knoxville

Cost: \$30
Includes: 22 Non-Refundable Admin Fee
Min: 8, Max 24

Throw an axe, nail the bulls-eye and have a good time!
Our mission is to provide each of our guests with memorable experiences that will create lasting memories.

Safety is our #1 priority. Please arrive on time as we go through some quick safety points and train you how to throw axes like a lumberjack.

EVENT COORDINATOR: CATHIE DUNN
CATHIEDUNNTELLICO@GMAIL.COM

SAVE THE DATE

LOVE PEACE

Get your hippy on
and join us at the Yacht Club as we get transported back to the 60's

Feb 9th 6-9pm

Music and history presented by
Wendel Wenren

Event Coordinator Suzanne Cutrara
suz.cutrara@gmail.com

Games

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Trivia NIGHT

with DJ MIKEY D!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15
Yacht Club Great Room
Cash Bar
7 - 9 pm

PRIZES

**\$12 WILL RESERVE YOUR SPOT.
GET \$10 BACK WHEN YOU PLAY!**

LAST DAY TO CANCEL IS JANUARY 1
MIN 64 MAX 96
TABLES OF 8

EVENT COORDINATOR
Peggy Hardin - webbluvs2sail@gmail.com

HAPPY NEW YEAR

TVRA SINGO

Start the New Year off
DROPPING BEATS NOT BALLS!
Fun For All!

JANUARY 21ST
7:00PM-9:00PM
Doors open at 6:30pm

Cost: \$11 Per person
Includes \$2 Non-refundable admin fee per person

HAVE FUN

Limit: 136 people
Last day to sign up/cancel January 7th

YACHT CLUB (LOWER LEVEL)
CASH BAR - NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGE ALLOWED

CONTACT: CATHIE DUNN SINGO@TVRAIDENTS.ORG

Rollin' in the New Year

It's time for BUNCO

A game for all!

January 28th, 2026

2:00-4:00 pm
Lower Level of Yacht Club

Cost: \$6.00
Non-Refundable

Max: 40 players
Last day to register: 1/24/26

- Supplies Provided
- Snacks Provided
- Door Prizes

Event Coordinator: Donna Wagborne
eyoretigger568@gmail.com

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE VS. VANDERBILT

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

2:00 PM

\$39.50

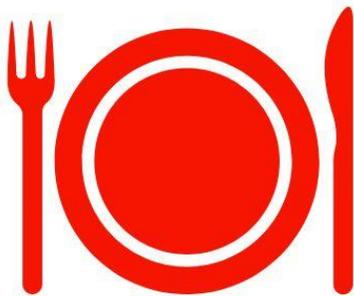
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SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THESE GREAT EVENTS! SIGN UP NOW!

**HOLIDAY GALA
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
BUNCO
SMOKY MOUNTAIN SERVIC DOGS TOUR
LADY VOLS vs FLORIDA
LADY VOLS vs ARKANSAS
LADY VOLS vs KENTUCKY
CPR and STOP THE BLEED
LEVI KREISS**

**Dec. 7
Dec. 13
Dec. 16
Dec. 17
Jan. 1
Jan. 11
Jan 22
Jan. 31
Mar. 21**



fire + smoke

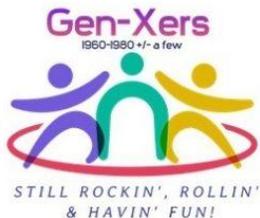
Adventures in Dining 2025!



THE MARLOWE ON CENTRAL



Kick Off 2026 With a New Purpose!



“SWOOP Around the Room” Inaugural Social Meet-Up

Join the Gen-Xers for 80s and 90s music and a SWOOP card game mixer
at *Chota Rec Center Room D on Saturday, January 24th, 1:30-4:30*

We'll play cards and enjoy 80s-90s music, rotate every 30+/- minutes
followed by an organization meeting.

Meeting agenda: discuss the proposed Gen-X format, ask for help where
needed (graphics, TLife, etc) to get organized, and volunteer “ringleader”
sign-ups for the coming months.

Maximum: 40 people.

There is no fee to sign up on Tellico Life - last day to sign up - 01/17/2026

Please bring:

- Your nametag.
- \$5pp toward supplies & prize(s) (this event and future).
- Your own beverage. Note, Chota is a recreation facility and alcohol-free.
- Your significant other is welcome regardless of age.
- A deck of cards per person or couple (they will stay with you).
- A nibble to share if you'd like.



Event Coordinator: Cheryl Stahnke ctstahnke@gmail.com

Please contact Bonnie Smith with questions 412.908.0795 or bonnie.k.smith@outlook.com

**BORN BETWEEN 1965 AND 1980?
LET'S GET TOGETHER!**

**JOIN US ON
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24
FOR FUN AND FRIENDSHIP!**



SIGN UP

Tellico Life - What's Happening Newsletter Editor

This is a great gig, takes very little time, and really gets you "in the know." Work with another team member to update the existing What's Happening TellicoLife template with upcoming events, and send it out to our members.

This newsletter is distributed every two weeks, but since you're working as a team, your commitment is just once per month. Total time: About an hour! Newsletters can be scheduled for distribution in advance, so schedule your volunteer commitment for a time that works best for your calendar.

**Click Here
For More Information**

CALL for VOLUNTEERS

**Coordinators for
Special Interest Groups**

Gourmet Dinner Groups
Organize small groups of those who love creative cooking with optional wine pairings.

Game Nights
Attend TVRA monthly socials to sign up people for small groups of 6-8 people. That's it!

**Click Here
For More Information**

eventsvp@tvresidents.org

HOA/TVRA – WHAT DEFINED 2025?

by Kay Condon, Communications VP

2025 was a year defined by connection, collaboration, and community pride in Tellico Village. Through events, volunteer opportunities, environmental projects, and transparent communication, the HOA/TVRA continued to strengthen the ties that make our Village such a special place to live.



BUILDING COMMUNITY, ONE EVENT AT A TIME

Residents enjoyed a full calendar of over **200 events and activities** – from outdoor adventures to Monthly Socials, educational programs, special speaker events, concert and theater engagements, and sporting events thanks to dedicated volunteers who continue to expand opportunities for learning, fun, and fellowship.

CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

Environmental stewardship remained a core focus throughout the year. Volunteers joined forces to:

- Support Tennessee Tree Day
- Sustain TVRA's "Litter Angels" program to keep the Parkway clean and beautiful
- Participate in WATeR's Lakeshore Cleanup Day
- Support PRAC's native wildflowers initiative.
- Expand the TVRA's Aesthetics & Environment Program with long-term ecological improvements woven into the TVRA's strategic goals
- Support and participate in all community projects to strengthen our natural spaces and enhance quality of life for all residents.

ADVOCACY & INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

The HOA/TVRA provided residents clear, accessible updates on key community issues, including:

- Utility and electric rate changes (LUB)
- Major POA Board updates and Bluebook revisions
- Trail maintenance and greenspace plans
- Long-term water/wastewater infrastructure investigations and improvements
- Concise meeting summaries helped residents stay informed without attending long meetings.

SAFETY, PREPAREDNESS & WELL-BEING

Through programs like the Yellow Dot Program, 911 Address Advisory Form, Loudon County Emergency Notifications, guest presentations from first responders, and classes in CPR and Stop The Bleed, residents gained valuable tools to help protect themselves and their neighbors.

COMMUNICATION, TRANSPARENCY & MEMBER VALUE

From the HelpSpot service portal to consistent email communication, the organization emphasized open dialogue and responsiveness. Membership renewals, new website updates, and the larger TVRA rebranding initiative signaled continued growth and modernization. one message stayed constant:

For 36 years Tellico Village continues to be a place where neighbors connect, nature thrives, and residents work together to build a welcoming, engaged and socially rich community.



AESTHETICS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OFF TO A STRONG START

by Lynda Parker, A&E chair

The A&E committee held its first meeting on Thursday, November 13. There were six TVRA members in attendance with representation from the Watershed Association of the Tello Reservoir (WATeR), a native plant gardener/expert, and two couples who have installed solar panels on their Tellico Village homes.

After introductions, a review of the tasks assigned to the committee namely were presented:

1. **visual aesthetics in the village,**
2. **water quality of the lake,**
3. **solid waste management, and**
4. **solar power options for TV property owners**

Attendees were reminded that TV owners have made it clear in two separate surveys in 2018 and 2021 they feel preserving the aesthetics and the environment in the village are important to keep our community vibrant and attractive.

Many opportunities available to this committee were discussed, and while it was agreed that pursuing solar power options for the village is a worthy goal, the committee decided to focus on educating village homeowners of how human actions impact the environment and how they can help, from adopting simple habits and making small changes in yardwork and maintenance practices.

To this end, the committee agreed to host quarterly seminars for TV residents, starting with scheduling the first seminar in late January or early February. Suggestions for a topic for this seminar are encouraged. We are tentatively planning to participate once again in the annual Tennessee Tree Day Program sponsored by the Tennessee Environmental Council as we have in the past several years.

If you are interested in protecting the natural beauty we have here in Tellico Village, I encourage you to join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, December 18th at 11:00 am at the Chota Rec Center in Room B.** Feel free to call, text or email me if you have questions.

cell – (865) 603-0466

Lyndaparker62@gmail.com

A friendly reminder from A&E: We all know there are lots of deer in Tellico Village. But did you know more deer get hit by cars during the months of November and December than any other time of the year? This is the breeding season for deer, and they are more active, moving around looking for a mate. You're probably already careful driving at dusk. But for these last two months of the year, please use a little extra caution for your safety and theirs, because they are more likely to be on the roads.



OUR GROWING COMMUNITY – GOOD CHANGES

by Teresa Reed, VP Advocacy



John Orr, President of our POA Board of Directors, offered a powerful and insightful overview of our growing community during the recorded budget presentation on November 13, 2025.

John first became involved in Tellico Village budgeting in 2021 while serving on the Finance Advisory Committee. During this first experience, he approached a director with questions about that director's departmental budget. To his surprise, the director knew nothing about it—and had never even seen the budget. Later, when the same director was asked to clarify numbers on his financial statement, he again was unable to offer any explanation.

Tellico Village has grown by leaps and bounds since its establishment in 1986—not only in population, but in operational complexity. John emphasized the tremendous progress that has taken place in recent years. Today, our POA directors and managers take full ownership of their budgets and financial responsibilities for their departments. While this work is ongoing, the Village has made significant strides as leaders develop detailed business plans and more accurate, transparent budgets. As John stated:

“In the past three years, we have made an exponential increase in quality and effort into the budget.”

This year, select Board members, the Finance Advisory Committee, the General Manager, and POA managers and directors worked together over several months to develop the annual budget. The 2025 timeline for this process is outlined below:

- **7/29/25** – Initial meeting to establish high-level targets
- **9/30/25** – First complete draft of the budget
- **10/13/25** – 10/31/25 – Review and discussion of the budget
- **11/11/25** – Proposed 2026 Departmental Budget Videos (Nov. 11th Tell-E-Gram / TVN)
- **11/13/25** – Budget and business plan presentation
- **11/19/25** – TVPOA Board Mtg. - Most Departmental Budgets Approved unanimously (Note: Expense Budget & Capital Plan approved with votes - 4 Yes / 2 No)

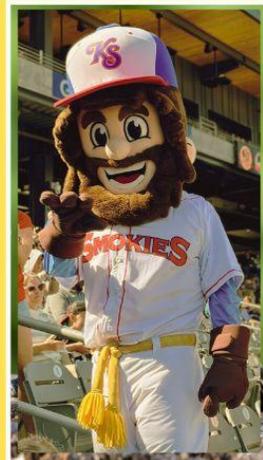
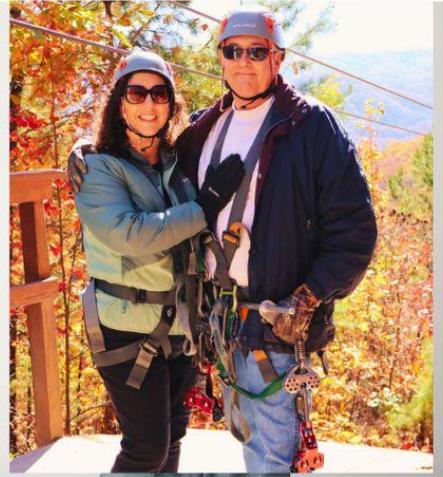
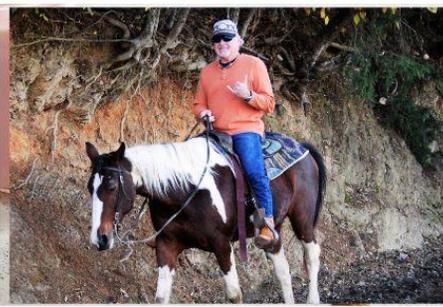
Tellico Village is a remarkable community, and our leaders are working diligently to ensure a strong and sustainable future. For more details regarding the budget and business plan, please view the November 13, 2025 “Draft Budget Review” on TVN.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season!



*“As we look to the New Year, hold onto what is good,
Let go of what isn't, and embrace the
possibilities that lie ahead.”* Oprah Winfrey

2025 ADVENTURES WITH FRIENDS



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

The Public Library at Tellico Village

Mini Book Sale

Saturday, December 6
9 am - 12 pm

Children's / Christmas / Cookbooks / Old Fiction / Quilting Pattern books \$1
Animals, Classics, Coffee table, Crafts, Humor, Science,
Sports, Art/Music/Photography \$2/\$4
DVDs, Audiobooks, Puzzles, Games

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



WELCOME
ORIENTATION
DEC 2 - 2:00 pm
Yacht Club

X-MAS TREE
LIGHTING CEREMONY
DEC. 3 - 6:30 pm
Welcome Center

muddy boots
Dec. 8 - 8:45 am
E. Lakeshore Trl
meet at Chota
Center Parking Lot

Kids/Grandkids Reading Event with HABIL!

Monday, December 22nd
10 AM to 11:30 AM
at The Public Library at Tellico Village

Reading to Dogs!
Christmas Games
Decorating Cookies!
Popcorn!

HABIL is the Human Animal Bond in Tennessee,
an organization of the UT Veterinary College

Register at the Library at:
865-458-5199

The Public Library at Tellico Village
300 Irene Lane, Loudon, TN 37774
865-458-5199 - TELLOCOVILLAGE
Center for Lifelong Learning



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50% of villagers donate \$156 / year on average

HELP US REACH 100%!

Make a tax-deductible donation TODAY!

Drop a check at the station
or online at TellicoFD.org



Thank you!
Jim Nelson, Chairman, Fundraising Committee, TVVFD

Euchre
Dec. 15 - 9:30 am
865-406-2505

GET TICKETS
Moonlight &
Magnolias

During this season of light and generosity, may we be reminded of the simple yet powerful ways we can strengthen the bonds of friendship among us. Every shared smile, every check-in, every small act of kindness helps weave a stronger fabric of connection—one that supports us through challenges and celebrates our joys.

As neighbors and friends, we have the opportunity to build a community where everyone feels seen, valued, and welcomed. Let this holiday season be an invitation to reach out, include someone new, deepen a conversation, or offer a hand where it's needed. Together, we can create a circle of warmth and belonging that lasts long after the holidays have passed.



THANK YOU



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

[Click Here >](#)

**\$20 Annually
per Household**



HAPPY
New Year!

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*



Join now

