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Monthly Newsletter – JULY 2026

HOA/TVRA CELEBRATES 38th ANNIVERSARY



SPECIAL EDITORIAL INSIDE!

There's been a lot of discussion lately about the history of the HOA/TVRA's advocacy initiatives and community role. Before forming an opinion, take a look at the many programs and projects TVRA members have created and supported over the past 38 years.

We've always been more than a social organization. We're neighbors and friends working together to strengthen the spirit of community, enhance the quality of life in Tellico Village, and make our community a better place for all.

And when people come together to accomplish that, it's both meaningful—and fun. **STORY ON PAGE 6**

TVRA EVENTS Celebrate the Great Outdoors!



TVRA's Hike 'n Lunch bunch donned their hiking shoes and grabbed their walking sticks on June 11th for an easy-moderate 4-mile hike along the Obed Wild and Scenic River located in the Cumberland Plateau near Wartburg, TN. It is managed by both the National Park Service, as well as the TWRA.

Following the hike, the group returned to Wartburg for lunch at Tanner's Historic Cafe, which is a recreation of the old-time small town "soda shop." It was a nostalgic trip back in time offering delicious food and libations before heading home. We offer a different Hike 'n Lunch every month, so check the calendar and join us!





President's Message

by Linda Garza



Be Engaged

The 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence is inspiring celebrations across our community and the nation. Whether you enjoy food, fireworks, music, or fellowship, there are plenty of opportunities to celebrate locally, including Tellico Village Food & Beverage Services' Independence Day Bash, Lenoir City's Rockin' the Docks, and Loudon County's Live Music with the Levitt Foundation.

Don't put away your red, white, and blue just yet. Join us on July 14 for TVRA's Proud to Be an American Social featuring Joyce Bartolone of Smoky Mountain Service Dogs. Learn how SMSD transforms the lives of disabled veterans and how you can help expand its impact.

While students enjoy their summer break, Adopt-A-Class TN is preparing for their return to the classroom. TVRA is collecting school supplies at our July Social to help meet local needs. Attendees who donate one or more items from Adopt-A-Class's wish list will receive an extra door prize ticket. Please consider supporting both our veterans and local students through these important initiatives.

One of the many privileges of being an American is the right to vote. TVRA encourages all residents to participate in the upcoming elections. For election dates, polling locations, and additional information,



Be Informed

June's TVPOA Town Hall and Board meetings provided updates on numerous important community issues TVRA has been following for months now. Highlights of "Good News" announced during these meetings include:

New Golf Cart Lease agreement: Casey Flenniken and his team received numerous accolades for their efforts in negotiating a new lease agreement with EZ-GO to replace the existing Club Car carts. In addition to negotiating significant savings, Casey and his team got four (4) free work vehicles and pace-of-play GPS technology (Golf Logix) with the EZ-GO agreement and saved approx. \$360,000 in expenses associated with the old Club Car agreement. Nice job Casey! Interim General Manager, Claude Thorn, also indicated Troon contributed a 5% discount (approx. \$80K) towards this agreement.

Troon IGM/Consultant Agreement: While specific details were not provided, TVPOA President Mike Lackey indicated the total costs will be somewhere between \$400K - \$600K, including the costs for Interim General Manager (IGM) Claude Thorn, consultant salaries and travel. The reason for the range is due to the structure of the agreement that allows Troon to charge for tasks not included in the original scope of work. While this is still somewhat vague, it at least provided a ray of light in this board's "Governing in the Sunshine" commitment.

(President's Message continued)

New Non-Smoking Policy: The board has adopted a non-smoking policy for all Tellico Village common property areas (clubhouses, restaurants, recreation facilities, offices and other POA amenity facilities). This change is effective immediately, so leave your lighter and pack at home.

WSAIF Refund: If you recall, in May, the Board voted to eliminate all current and future Water/Sewer Infrastructure Assistance Fees (WSAIF). In the June meeting, the board voted to refund the previously collected \$80 WSAIF fee. While many residents welcomed the refund, concerns were raised about transferring more than \$5 million from the General Reserve Fund into a newly established Utility Reserve Fund and then significantly reducing that balance through refunds. Some people believe this could affect future water and sewer funding needs and potentially increase pressure for future rate increases or special assessments.

To address these issues and to ease residents' concerns regarding future service and cost issues down the road, it is essential the POA close out the ongoing nagging question of, "What are the Village's true water and sewer (W/S) needs?" Hopefully, by the August Board meeting, the results of the C2RL analysis will be available. Although this analysis will not address the entire Village's needs, it will at least bring an additional independent engineering firms' perspective forward. Until those needs are clearly defined, questions about infrastructure funding are likely to remain a concern for many residents.

These are just a few positive highlights identified between these two meetings (combined - 4 hrs./57 mins.) according to Tellico Village Network's (TVN) recordings. There were numerous other equally important topics and discussions that TVRA believes members should be aware of, such as:

- The lack of written policies regarding:
 - o TVN services to clubs / organizations outside of the POA
 - o The POAs affiliation with political parties / clubs / organizations
 - o Clubs/organizations requests to place permanent fixtures on POA common property
- Additional resignations of key Advisory Committee resources
- Abolishing the Highway Safety Advisory Committee (tabled until July month)
- and more.

Be Heard

On Wednesday, June 3rd, TVRA hosted The State of Loudon County at the Yacht Club to provide residents with updates from the Mayor, Sheriff, Commissioner, Road Superintendent, and Tax Assessor. TVPOA representatives Claude Thorn and Matt Benoit were also in attendance as well. Unfortunately, TVN was not permitted to live stream or record this meeting. Since 2019, recordings of TVRA Open Village Meetings have helped keep residents informed, particularly those unable to attend because of work schedules, travel, or mobility limitations. If you find these meetings beneficial and want them to continue to be recorded by TVN when held at a TVPOA facility, please let the TVPOA Board know by submitting your comments via the [POA Board Contact Form](#). You must be logged into the TVPOA resident's portal to navigate to this form; however, a HelpSpot ticket is not required.

TVRA continues to encourage residents to participate in the POA's amenity and email surveys, which play an important role in balanced scorecard results, employee evaluations, and annual compensation decisions. Please take a few moments to share your valuable feedback after visiting one of our outstanding amenities.

Although TVRA plans to continue providing members highlights on important community issues and local community leader actions, we believe residents attendance at open village and community meetings has the greatest impact. Below are several routine monthly meetings, beside POA Advisory Committee meetings, that you might consider adding to your calendar:

- POA Town Hall Mtg - Yacht Club-5th floor - 3:00 pm on the Monday before the monthly Board mtg
- POA Board Mtg - Yacht Club-5th floor -1:30 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month
- Loudon County Commissioners Mtg - Loudon County Courthouse - 6:00 pm the first Monday of the month
- Monroe County Commissioners Mtg - County courthouse - 5:00 pm the 4th Tuesday of each month

Engaged and informed residents strengthen our community. Attend meetings, stay informed, and share your perspectives on issues that matter to you.

TVRA Volunteers

TVRA is powered entirely by volunteers—your neighbors—who are committed to informing, engaging, and connecting residents while helping build a stronger community. Our team is currently seeking volunteers for the following positions:

- **2027 Nominating Committee Member** - This team will work together to identify potential candidates to replace retiring Board and support team members.
- **Promotions Chair** — Work with the Social VP and local businesses to secure prizes for monthly socials and events while creating value for both members and community partners.
- **Lead Social Greeter** - Ensure residents are met with a warm welcoming smile and provided a door prize ticket when attending our monthly socials.
- **Subscriber Services Administrator** — Assist TellicoLife team members with calendar events, online content updates, annual subscription invoices, and related administrative support.
- **Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) & Parks & Rec Advisory Committee (PRAC) Liaison** Attend monthly advisory committee meetings and report results to TVRA Board. Write articles for monthly newsletter to keep members informed and engaged.

If you are interested or would like additional information

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On behalf of the TVRA Board, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event.

Kind regards,
Linda



EVERYONE
is welcome here!

TVRA

"Proud to be an American"

July Social

Tuesday, July 14
Yacht Club - 4:30 pm

Special Guests
SMOKY MOUNTAIN SERVICE DOGS
Community Events Director
LAURIE BIRT

ALSO

Bring a donation of school supplies
and receive an
extra 50/50 raffle ticket!

Coming Events - Door Prizes - Cash Bar



Adopt-a-Class

Back to School DONATION DRIVE

Student Needs

- CRAYOLA Crayons (24 count)
- SHARPENED pencils with eraser
- Colored pencils
- Block and pencil top erasers
- Colored waterproof markers
- Highlighters
- Fiskar scissors
- Colored construction paper
- Composition books
- Pocket folders with prongs
- Spiral notebooks
- Dry Erase markers (black and colored/regular and fine print)

Teacher Needs

- Post-it Notes
- Ziplock storage bags
- Lined colored/white index cards
- Paper clips

Health Care Needs

- TISSUES
- Disinfectant wipes/sprays
- Band-aids
- Hand sanitizer

Make a difference in the lives of children.

Monetary Donations

Cash donations are extremely helpful and support all our programs. Checks may be made payable to "Adopt-a-Class" and mailed to:

Adopt-a-Class TN
232 Elohi Way
Loudon, TN 37774

Where to Donate

- Tellico Village Library
- Tellico Village Welcome Center
- Tellico Village Wellness Center
- Kahite Club House

For group donations email adopt.a.class.tn@gmail.com

July 8 - August 5
New items only, please.



The Grapevine

VIEWS & VIBES



As TVRA continues its mission to keep residents engaged, informed, and connected, we invite you to enjoy this special video presentation celebrating the organization's rich history of volunteerism and community spirit of working together for the benefit of the entire Village. Originally created for the HOA's 30th Anniversary in 2019, the program features memorable stories, historical highlights, photos, and reflections that showcase how resident involvement has helped shape the vibrant community we enjoy today. Whether you are a longtime Villager or new to the community, this video is a wonderful reminder of the people and passion behind Tellico Village's success. Because this is the original footage recorded by TVN, there are unedited pauses, so feel free to fast forward through the bare spots – but be sure to watch until the very end! Official recognitions and proclamations begin at 1:17:30.

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Is HOA/TVRA Just a Social Club?

by Kay Condon, Editor

There has been a lot of talk on social media lately about the TVRA (formerly HOA) and its role in the evolution and growth of Tellico Village over the past 38 years. Take a look below to see how HOA/TVRA members and leadership have been involved in shaping safety, services, transparency, and advocacy for all residents – and you decide!

Community Services & Resident Resources

Abundant thanks to
Ken Litke and Mark Pantley for
their valuable contributions!

- Started and expanded the **Tellico Village Library**.
- Originated idea for the **Help Spot** and online **meeting room scheduling** tool
- Established **Tellico Life** as a single source for Village events and organizations
- Initiated and standardized the **Neighborhood Watch** program, clarifying its role alongside the COP program – before it was transferred to the POA
- Advocated for community services and initiated the **Litter Angels** program
- Revived and supported inactive programs, including **TV Learn**, which later transitioned to library leadership
- Advocated for consolidated community orientation programs (POA 101, HOA Welcome, and New Villagers sessions), now **the Welcome Orientation**

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Safety, Infrastructure & Community Improvements

- Advocated for installation of the **Yacht Club crosswalk**
- Supported improvements such as **roll-down screens** at Toqua Pavilion
- Pushed for better employee identification and **POA service vehicle signage**
- Advocated for expanded **Halls Bend Trailhead parking**
- Worked with agencies to improve **Hwy 444 mowing coordination** and maintenance clarity
- Initiated talks to install **turn lanes** and **safety signage** on Rt. 444
- Campaigned for **off-road parking** at the Boy Scout Trail and boat launches

Environmental Stewardship & Long-Term Planning

- Advocated for **odd/even watering conservation measures**
- Supported expanded **conservation land protection** around Tellico Lake through TVA planning efforts
- **Encouraged alignment** of the POA annual budget with long-range strategic planning and business planning

Governance, Transparency & Community Advocacy

- Advocated for increased **town hall engagement** and resident communication
- Encouraged greater **transparency of Reserve Study** information
- Promoted improvements to the **short-term rental policy framework**
- Supported collaboration allowing **law enforcement access at Kahite** entrance facilities
- Worked to **improve clarity** around TVA land management and community boundary agreements
- Advocated for consistent review of development proposals and **land-use decisions** (e.g., **Bowman House property discussions**)

Community Standards & Quality of Life Protections

- Supported efforts to maintain community character by **opposing incompatible commercial uses** (e.g., liquor store proposal)
- Advocated for **responsible land-use decisions** aligned with long-term village vision



What do YOU think?

Is the TVRA just a social club?



We would love to know your thoughts - positive or negative - and ask that you send in your responses to the editor at

CommunicationsVP@TVResidents.org

TVRA SOCIAL SIDE

Where neighbors become friends

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THESE EVENTS ARE ALREADY OPEN,
AND TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW

SWING for BEGINNERS
Part 1 – JULY 8

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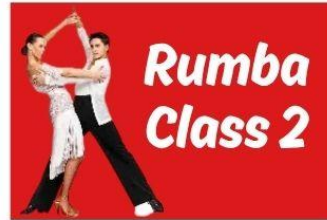
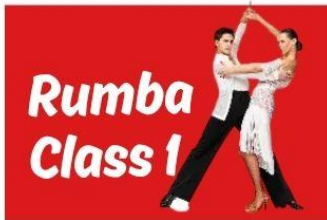


SWING FOR BEGINNERS
Part 2 – JULY 8

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RUMBA for BEGINNERS
Part 1 – JULY 22

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Part 1 – JULY 29

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Part 2 – JULY 29

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QUARRY SWIM & FLOAT
JULY 20

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COME FROM AWAY
JULY 26 – MATINEE

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at the
Tennessee Theater

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS WILL OPEN FOR REGISTRATION ON JULY 15



DINING OUT
PERUVIAN AT HOME

AUG 9

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HIKE 'N LUNCH
INDIAN BOUNDARY

AUG 13

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DINING OUT
FOOTHILLS MINING

AUG 14

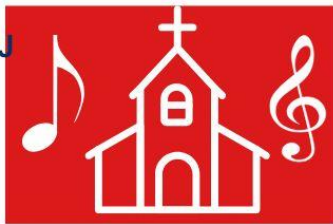
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GAME NIGHT
SINGO!

AUG 19

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LISTEN & LEARN
PIPE ORGAN

AUG 20

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DINING OUT
STIR

AUG 23

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Bunco
GAME NIGHT
BUNCO

AUG 26

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LISTEN & LEARN
TAX PLANNING

AUG 31

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OUTDOOR
LOCKS & LUNCH

SEPT 9

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DANCE NIGHT
50s DANCE

SEPT 10

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OUTDOOR
LAST RAFT OFF

SEPT 11

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80s - 90s
GEN X-ish
WENDEL WERNER

SEPT 12

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LEARN TO PLAY
MAHJONG 101

SEPT 16

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LEARN TO PLAY
MAHJONG 102

SEPT 23

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LEARN TO PLAY
MAHJONG 103

SEPT 30

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LISTEN & LEARN
ESTATE PLANNING

SEPT 30

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**CONCERT
KNOXVILLE POPS**

OCT 9

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**TUGALOO!
CHILI COOK OFF!**

OCT 9

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**CADES COVE
HAYRIDE 10 am**

AUG 28

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**CADES COVE
HAYRIDE 12 pm**

AUG 28

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*Previously announced,
but seats still available!*

Sign up at TellicoLife.org

Forks & Friends	7/13
SINGO!	7/15
Dancing Feet	7/16
Raft Off #2	7/17
Bistro by the Tracks	7/20
BUNCO!	7/22
AI - How to Use It	7/22
Proton Therapy Tour	8/8
J Dalton Lock	8/12
TRIVIA!	8/13
Gen Xish SINGO!	8/15
Dueling Pianos	8/16
Raft Off #3	8/21
Square Dance	8/25
Halloween Party	10/29

*Dance
WITH YOUR
Heart*



*Love
to
Dance*

Hit Me!

On June 11th, 40 contestants gathered at the Yacht Club for TVRA's annual Blackjack Tournament. Congratulations to the top 6 winners below!



Front Row

Greg Scaperlanda - 5th place
Kathleen Bennett - 1st place

Standing

Alice Lotwich - 2nd place
John Wand - 3rd place
Bob Brandenburg - 4th place

Not Pictured

Steve Makela - 6th place
Brian Hass - 7th place



TVRA 3rd Annual Membership Appreciation SUMMER SOCIAL

A little rain didn't dampen the spirit of the nearly 200 members who came for food, fun and fellowship! The band "A.M. Station" played all our favorite dancing tunes, and the Grilled Food Buffet was extraordinary. Many thanks to our sponsors TVAMP for the ice cream and Food Lion for the water bottles!





TVRA CIVIC SIDE

Be Engaged. Be Informed.



OUR MISSION

To enrich the lives of Tellico Village residents by offering informative programs, fostering open communication on key issues, encouraging civic involvement, and creating opportunities for social fellowship that builds a stronger, more united community.



What's Going On Behind the Library?

by Tom Farrell, VP Advocacy

As many Villagers have noticed, there was some extensive ground preparation going on behind our library, and at our last meeting several folks asked if we could provide a little insight. So we did some research and are happy to offer you the following update.

It seems that a few years back, in 2021 and 2022, Bishop Construction (a local firm founded in 2006 and specializing in custom built homes, remodeling and additions) filed plans and received permits to build an office building, showroom and storage yard on that property. However, no site preparation was started until earlier this year.

We've been able to have a couple of conversations with Loudon County's Codes Enforcement Director, Jim Jenkins, and he told us that the county intervened and told Bishop that their permits had expired and were no longer valid, and that they would need to refile site plans and building plans for any proposed project. That happened in late May. Since that time and through June 26, Bishop Construction has not yet filed new plans, so the project remains on hold.

We will keep on top of this situation, and if and when Bishop Construction files new or revised plans, we will share those with our community members so that we can keep you apprised of the situation.

STATE OF LOUDON COUNTY - June 3, 2026



MIKE CAMPBELL
County Assessor



CHRIS HUTCHENS
Chief Deputy



BILLY PICKEL
Roads Superintendent



HENRY CULLEN
Cnty Commissioner



TVRA State of Loudon County - June 3, 2026

by Kally Barker, VP Programs

The Tellico Village Residents Association (TVRA) hosted its annual State of Loudon County meeting on June 3, 2026, bringing together county officials and residents for an informative discussion on county finances, public safety, property reassessment, infrastructure improvements, and future growth. Presenters included County Commission Chairman/Representative for District 7, Henry Cullen; Road Superintendent, Billy Pickle; Mike Campbell from the Property Assessor's Office; and Chief Deputy, Chris Hutchen, of the Loudon County Sheriff's Office.

A recurring theme throughout the meeting was Loudon County's continued growth and the efforts underway to maintain fiscal stability, public safety, and infrastructure capacity while accommodating a rapidly expanding population. County officials reported that Loudon County remains in strong financial condition and continues to rank among Tennessee's fastest-growing counties. Click below for details:

RECORDING - PART 1

ENTER PASSCODE - 8AAjch\$c

RECORDING - PART 2

ENTER PASSCODE - *F8@D#!?

Aesthetics & Environment is Working For You

by Lynda Parker, A&E Chair

The mission of the Aesthetics and Environment Committee is “to educate and encourage the residents and commercial establishments of Tellico Village in practices that promote the protection and sustainability of the flora, fauna, air and water in our natural environment.” Since reinstated as a committee in



October 2025, the 7 volunteers of the A&E committee have focused on bringing you programs to help you learn to be a good environmental steward in your own yard. “Flutter and Glow” taught us simple things we can do to bring more birds, butterflies and fireflies into our yards. “Tennessee Smart Yards” introduced us to a statewide program to certify our yards when we follow some simple practices that are good for the environment. We celebrated Earth Day together by learning how important caterpillars are for a healthy ecosystem. Coming up in July, we’ll learn how to make our grass lawns look their best. In August, we’ll introduce some basic concepts of solar power for residential homeowners. Finally, this year, we’ll learn about native trees – which are best for ornamental and practical purposes. Stay tuned to TellicoLife for program details.

We hope that you've enjoyed and learned from these programs. Is there another topic you're interested in learning more about? (maybe you have storm water runoff problems or too much shade in your yard?) Share your ideas or questions with me by text me at 865-603-0466 or e-mail me at lyndaparker62@gmail.com and our committee will work to create a program specifically for what you want to learn about.

Happy and healthy yards = happy and healthy Tellico Village residents.



Upcoming A & E Programs for Homeowners!

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to register

**A&E presents...**
Lawn Care and Irrigation


Knox County Master Gardener Brian Townsend will be joined by Doctor Tom Samples, professor emeritus and long-time Extension Turfgrass Specialist from the UT School of Agriculture, to share with us best methods to care for and irrigate our lawns. Maintaining a nice-looking lawn is not always an easy matter in East Tennessee... Even if you hire a lawn service.

How high should I cut my grass? • How often should I irrigate, and for how long? • Answers to these questions and more...

Monday, July 6 • 10:00 am upstairs Yacht Club
for more info, email or text lyndaparker62@gmail.com, (865) 603-0466

Sign up on TellicoLife!



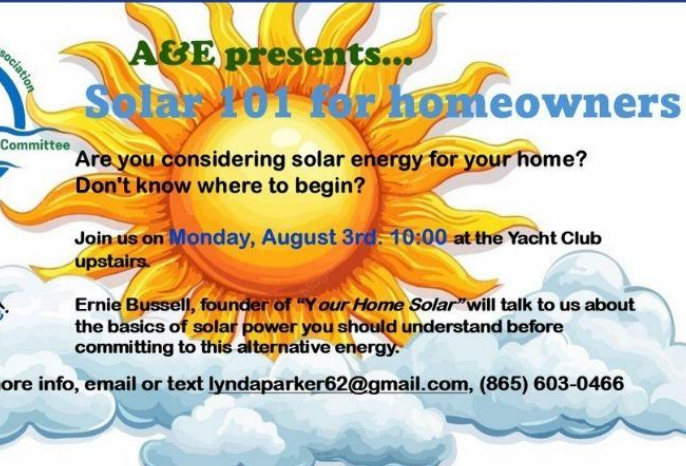
**A&E presents...**
Solar 101 for homeowners

Are you considering solar energy for your home?
Don't know where to begin?

Join us on **Monday, August 3rd, 10:00** at the Yacht Club upstairs.

Ernie Bussell, founder of "Your Home Solar" will talk to us about the basics of solar power you should understand before committing to this alternative energy.

Sign up on TellicoLife!
for more info, email or text lyndaparker62@gmail.com, (865) 603-0466



It's that time of year again!

TVRA is once again starting to search for new Board Members for 2027 — and we're looking for residents who care about our community and want to help shape its future. Now is your chance to step up and get involved!

Serving on the board is a great way to give back, meet new people, share ideas, and be part of a team that helps make Tellico Village such a special place to live.

If you have enthusiasm, a collaborative spirit, and a willingness to volunteer your time and talents — we want to talk to you!!!

Interested in learning more?
Email: Contact@TVResidents.org



Have a safe and Happy 4th of July!