

"YOUR VOICE IN THE VILLAGE"

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GOOD NEWS!

Your voices were heard, and the TVPOA has agreed to allow the Tellico Village Network to live stream and record our upcoming Open Village Meeting for future viewing! If you can't attend, you WILL be able to see it on TVN/YouTube. Join us:

**Wednesday, August 5th
Yacht Club - 4:00 pm**

TVRA's Inaugural Cardboard Boat Race to be held September 27th!

Ahoy, Mateys!

On Sunday, September 27th, gather yer crew, grab some cardboard, duct tape, and a healthy dose o' pirate courage for the TVRA Inaugural Cardboard Boat Race! Build a seaworthy vessel using mostly cardboard, then launch into battle against fellow captains for glory, braggin' rights, and maybe even a spectacular splash into the drink!

Whether yer craft sails like the Black Pearl or sinks faster than a cannonball, one thing's certain—there'll be laughs, cheers, and unforgettable memories for everyone on shore and afloat.

- Assemble your crew (1–4 hearty shipmates). - NAME YOUR TEAM or BOAT!
- Design your masterpiece with creativity and pirate pride and build a seaworthy vessel using mostly cardboard.
- No fancy boat-buildin' experience required—just imagination, teamwork, and a willingness to embrace the unexpected. Costumes are encouraged, pirate accents appreciated, and spectators are invited to cheer, laugh, and enjoy the mayhem.





Message from the President

by **Linda Garza**



Be Engaged

Thanks to the support of Tellico Village's Property Owners Association (TVPOA) and Tellico Village Network (TVN), TVRA will host its annual State of the Village Open Village Meeting on Wednesday, August 5th at 4PM, Yacht Club 5th floor gallery. The meeting is open to all Tellico Village residents and will include remarks from Interim General Manager, Claude Thorn, and a brief update on TVRA's 2026 goals, accomplishments and plans for the remainder of the year. Mark your calendars, invite a friend/neighbor, and plan to attend this informative community meeting.

Looking ahead to 2027, TVPOA will begin accepting applications for POA Board positions (two open seats) on Monday, August 3rd. Applications are available at the TVPOA Administration Office (112 Chota Center) or can be requested by contacting Karen Davis at 865-895-0937 or kdavis@tvpoa.org.

TVRA is also identifying volunteers to fill key Board and support roles for next year. Some current team members will be retiring at the end of this year, creating openings in critical positions. If you'd like to help shape TVRA's future, contact us at 865-657-1405 or contact@tvresidents.org.

Voting is one of the most important ways residents can participate in the future of our community. State of TN, State/Federal Primary and Loudon/Monroe County General Election Day are on Thursday, August 6th. If you haven't already voted early, be sure to VOTE on Thursday. For polling locations and times, visit TVRA's 2026 Election Information website by clicking  **MORE INFORMATION**

Be Engaged

It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating the arrival of summer, yet already Monroe County Schools are back in session (July 31st) and Loudon County Schools start back in just a couple of days (August 4th). You don't have to be a kid to wonder, "Where did the time go?" Although most of Tellico Village residents no longer have school age children at home, our community is experiencing a growing population of families with children. Please keep this in mind, especially during the early mornings and afternoons as children and buses prepare for their day.

Our local schools could also use community support for the 2026-2027 school year. Adopt-A-Class TN is a local non-profit organization supported by Tellico Village resident volunteers that helps meet classroom needs. Consider supporting Adopt-A-Class TN. Click the button for more information 

Golf Update: TVRA Golf Coordinator George Luttrell recently received some exciting news from TVPOA Golf Director Casey Flenniken that you don't want to miss. Please see George's article on page 9.



(President's Message continued.)

Liaison Reports - TVRA Loudon County Commissioner/Committee of 100 Liaison - Doug Schetzel and Loudon Utility Board (LUB) Liaison - Denis Olsen - captured some interesting local news at last month's meetings. Look for Doug and Denis' Liaison reports on **page 8**.

TVPOA Town Hall & Board Highlights - July's TVPOA Town Hall and Board meetings continue to provide residents with a lot of important information impacting our residents. Three key topics were discussed:

WSIAF refund process - Interim General Mgr. Claude Thorn provided an update to refund residents \$80 Water & Sewer Infrastructure Asset Fee. While the Board originally hoped to complete the refund process prior to becoming a Utility District under the Tennessee Board of Utility Regulation (TBOUR), Claude indicated the process is likely to take up to a year to complete. Initial plans include dividing the community into smaller sections - possibly by neighborhood - to manage the work. Therefore, don't be alarmed if someone you know gets their refund before you. Watch for updated information in the POA's weekly Tell-E-Gram.

Kahite pump station - CR2L President/Owner - Richard Yarborough reviewed the results of the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER). Probable Project Costs is stated at \$428,300 including pump and controls updates, new electrical service, enhanced odor control system and other station improvements. While these enhancements will greatly improve the performance of the pump station, Mr. Yarborough also recommended initiating a program to replace all existing 750-1,000 gallon residents' tanks with smaller more compact/sealed tanks. The estimated costs to replace residents' tanks was not provided but Mr. Yarborough indicated it could be done over the next 10-15 years.

Odor Control - Alex Tweel of Kazmier & Associates presented an odor control approach that replaces the current drum scrubber system with a updated drum scrubber system and enhanced specialized media pellets for improved odor control. Initial costs are stated as \$70,000 for Kahite, with the potential to extend to other pump stations throughout the village. Costs to implement this enhanced odor control system at Kahite are included in the Kahite pump station Probable Project Costs.

While it is not clear what additional alternatives were considered for the Kahite pump station and odor control system, this solution does move the project forward and hopefully will result in immediate improvements.

TVRA continues to encourage residents to participate in the POA's amenity and email surveys. Your input supports balanced scorecard results, employee evaluations, and annual compensation decisions. Please take a few minutes to share your 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 provides the greatest residents' value. Consider adding the following regular meetings to your calendar:

(Presidents Message continued.)

- 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 - 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 help inform, engage and connect residents and strengthen our community. TVRA is currently seeking volunteers for:

- 2027 Nominating Committee Member - help identify 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
- Subscriber Services Administrator — Assist TellicoLife team members with calendar events, online content updates, annual subscription invoices, and related administrative tasks
- Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) & Parks & Rec Advisory Committee (PRAC) Liaison - Attend monthly advisory committee meetings and report results to TVRA Board. Provide occasional newsletter updates

If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact us at Contact@TVResidents.org.

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

Linda

IMPORTANT!



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SURVEY

The Information Technology Advisory Committee is evaluating future technology and digital service improvements for Tellico Village. This short survey will help identify which services and capabilities are most important to residents. **Estimated completion time: 2–3 minutes**

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TVRA
August Social
August 11
Yacht Club
 4:30 - Mix & Mingle
 5:00 - Program

Cash Bar
 Door Prizes
 Coming Events

LIONS CLUB DRIVE!
 Please bring your:

- OLD GLASSES
- OLD HEARING AIDS
- OLD PHONES

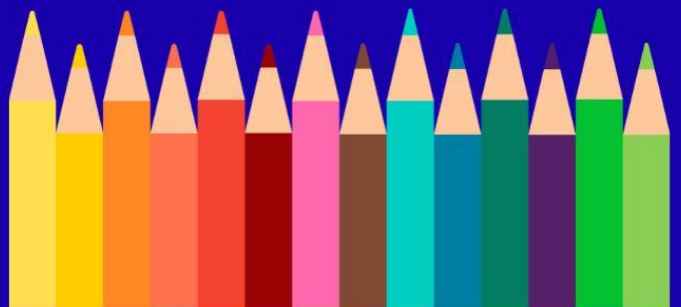
Receive an extra door prize drawing ticket when you bring a donation!

TVRA
STATE OF TELlico VILLAGE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH
4:00 PM
YACHT CLUB 5TH FLOOR




The best
TIME TO
celebrate
 is whenever
you can

AUG 1 - International Mah Jong Day
 AUG 4 - National White Wine Day
 AUG 8 - National Pickleball Day
 AUG 9 - International Cat Day
 AUG 10 - National Lazy Day
 AUG 12 - National Middle Child Day
 AUG 13 - National Left-Handers Day
 AUG 16 - National Tell-a-Joke Day
 AUG 21 - Nat'l SENIOR CITIZENS Day
 AUG 22 - National Burger Day
 AUG 25 - National Park Services Day
 AUG 26 - Women's Equality Day
 AUG 28 - National Red Wine Day





TVRA SOCIAL SIDE

Where neighbors become friends



The following events are NEW
and will open the day after the Social on August 12th



MARIA'S BISTRO

9/5 



HIKE 'N LUNCH

9/11 



WALNUT KITCHEN

9/15 



SINGO

9/16 



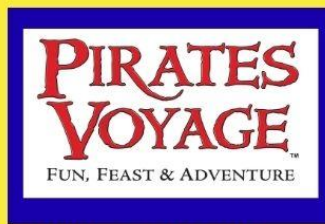
BUNCO

9/23 



HUMBLE HOG

9/26 



DINNER SHOW

9/28 



TRIVIA

10/8 



TVAMP TALK

10/16 



HORSEBACK RIDE

10/22 



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ZIPLINING

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CLAYTON HOLIDAY

12/19



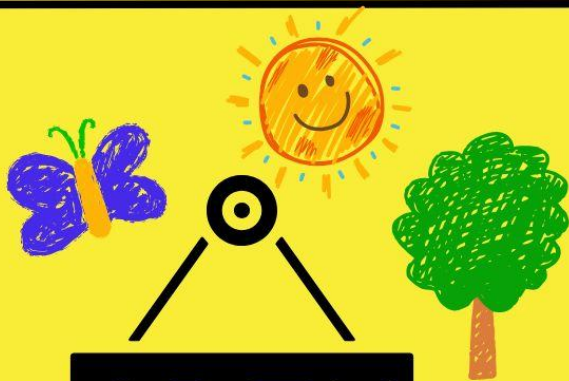
DINING @ A DOPA

9/19 



ROCKY HORROR

PICTURE SHOW 10/16 



***For details and
online registration***

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For More Info!

- Cades Cove Hayride – 10:00 – Oct 28
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- Scavenger Hunt Halloween – Oct 29
- John Dalton Lock – Aug 12
- TRIVIA – Aug 13
- Gen X-ish SINGO – Aug 15
- Raft Off – Aug 21
- Modern Square Dance – Aug 25
- BUNCO – Aug 26
- TVAMP – Tax Planning – Aug 31
- 50's Dance Night – Sept 10
- Last Raft Off – Sept 11
- Gen X-ish – Wendel Werner – Sept 12
- Mahjong 101 – Learn-to-Play – Sept 16
- Mahjong 102 – Sept 23
- Cardboard Boat Race – Sept 27
- TVAMP – Estate Planning – Sept 30
- Mahjong Guided Open Play – Sept 30
- Chili Cook Off – Oct 9
- One Knox Soccer + Dinner – Oct 7

***Here are a few of the events we are working on!
They will open for registration at a later date.***



- 911 Talk & Tour – 11/3
- UT Forensics – 11/5
- Wendel & Pop Piano – 11/15
- Dolly Parton's Stampede – 12/3
- TVRA Holiday Gala – 12/6
- Jake Leg Stompers – 1/17/2027!



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.



Loudon Utility Board (LUB) Liaison Report *by Denis Olsen*



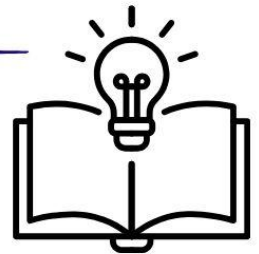
On June 22, 2026, the Loudon Utility Board (LUB) approved a 2% residential electric rate increase effective October 1, 2026. The increase includes a \$2.50 increase to the monthly base charge and a \$0.00045 per kWh increase to the usage rate. Customers will first see the new rates on their November utility bill for October usage.

LUB stated its long-term goal is to structure utility rates so that the base charge covers the cost of providing and delivering utility services (electricity, gas, water, and sewer), while the usage charge more closely reflects the actual cost of purchasing, producing, processing, and delivering the utility consumed.



LIAISON REPORTS

Connecting You to the Community



Loudon County Commissioners / Committee of 100 *by Doug Schetzel*

At its July meeting, the Loudon County Commission approved the FY2027 budget, funding most departmental requests while maintaining a property tax rate slightly below the revenue-neutral rate. Commissioners also approved a six-month moratorium on approving new data center developments.

At the July 9 Committee of 100 meeting, Lenoir City Mayor Tony Aikens announced that the Lenoir City Planning Commission approved the site plan for a new Lowe's Home Improvement store near Aubrey's Restaurant. Loudon Mayor Jeff Harris reported that the Loudon City Planning Commission approved the annexation of 73 homes as part of a new Clayton Homes development at the intersection of Matlock Bend Road and River Road near I-75.



TVRA GOLF NEWS

by George Luttrell, Golf Coordinator



Well, here we are at the mid-point of the 2026 TVRA Golf season and things are going great. While our membership is down about 13% from last year our Committee is doing a great job with prizes and fundraising. In the heat of the summer, player numbers are a bit low but they are a high-quality group of fun-loving friends and neighbors.

TVRA Golf is about much more than golf. Throughout the year, we support great causes like the Loudon County Animal Shelter and Smoky Mountain Service Dogs, and both organizations have been incredibly appreciative. Our next fundraiser, "Never Forget 9/11," benefiting the Tellico Village Fire Department, is coming up on September 9.

We also like to have fun with themed events! In honor of our nation's 250th anniversary, players wearing red, white, and blue earn an extra raffle ticket. Another favorite is our colorful knee-high socks day—think argyle socks and vintage knickers!

A big thank you goes to our main sponsor, Lee Cross of Merrill Lynch, who provides complimentary beer after six of our fifteen events each season, along with a raffle prize of a golf lesson from our pro, Joe Britton. We're also grateful to Chick-fil-A for donating 100 gift cards.

NOW FOR SOME EXCITING NEWS REGARDING NEW FEES!

TV Director of Golf, Casey Flenniken, has announced that golf fees for after-2:00 p.m. leagues will return to the lower twilight rates we enjoyed a few years ago.

"The New Villagers, TVRA, & Toqua Scramblers will begin paying the after 2 PM rates effective immediately. We have ironed it out to where we do not begin blocking these events until 2 PM or later. Since we are used to after 2 PM revenue during this block I do not see it being an issue. This will mean any after 2 PM twilight members will play for free."

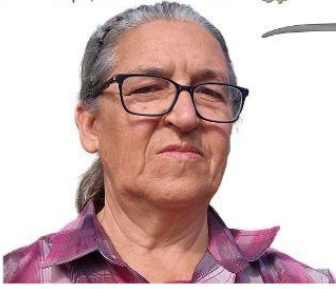
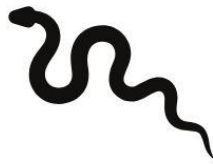
To view the complete fee schedule:

[**CLICK HERE**](#)



There's still plenty of golf left this season! TVRA members can join the league for just \$20. We're a friendly, non-competitive group with fun, relaxed rules, a variety of formats, and no pressure – perfect for couples and friends and a great opportunity to meet and get to know more of your neighbors here in Tellico Village. ***We'd love to have you join us!***





Your Neighbors Are WILD!

by Lynda Parker, Aesthetics & Environment Chair

I'm not talking about the sweet couple that lives next door or across the street.... Who's that taking a shortcut across your backyard? And who's been digging in your garden bed? When we moved to Tellico Village, we quickly learned we share our space with some wild neighbors.

Some of us may be delighted to learn a mother deer feels our yard is a safe place to hide her baby, or that a red fox feels comfortable enough to let her little ones play near your back patio.

But what to do when wildlife oversteps their welcome? Deer eating your flowers? Squirrels or raccoons in your attic? Skunks nesting under your porch? They might be cute, but we don't always want them this close.

Wild animals are often classified as a nuisance because of misunderstanding. When we see an animal in our yard, we should first seek to understand that animal, just as when a new family moves onto our street, we want to meet them and learn about them. Do a simple Google search and learn about the wild animal's life cycle. You may find that the babies grow up quickly and within a few weeks this nocturnal family of skunks will just move on without you interfering. So, for only a few weeks, you'll need to keep your dog on a leash and not out in the yard after dark. You may also learn those skunks are ravenous for yellow jackets and will eliminate every yellow jacket and their nests from your yard, you may ultimately decide you'd rather have the skunks than angry vicious yellow jackets.

And don't be so quick to call a pest control company. They may make promises about humanely trapping and removing animals from your yard. This is just marketing. The truth is: in the state of Tennessee (as in most states), it's illegal to relocate a wild animal without a permit from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Association (TWRA). So, unless they have a permit, most of these companies will trap animals and then euthanize them.

Attempting to eliminate wildlife yourself always has unintended consequences. Rodenticides and pesticides are not targeted to the specific animal you're trying to remove. Rat poison doesn't always kill the rodent but just makes it sick and an easy target for predators. Owls, hawks, foxes and other predators often become sick and die of secondary rodenticide from catching and eating poisoned rodents. Sticky traps are inhumane and catch all kinds of animals other than the one you're trying to catch. I've seen songbirds, skinks and snakes all stuck on sticky traps. No one was trying to catch them and that's a slow, painful death. Spraying your yard for mosquitoes fleas or ticks also kills the larva of butterflies, moths and fireflies. When hiring a pest control company, be sure to ask them lots of questions. If they tell you to keep your dog off the grass that should be a red flag for you. None of them can guarantee that they're not killing fireflies and caterpillars. Don't trust the guy who's walking around your yard spraying; it's not his job to know all the details of the chemical product he's using.

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When you have wildlife in your yard, you have two options: appreciation or deterrence.

- Love them or learn what attracted them to your yard and remove it.
- Eliminate food sources, keep pet food and birdseed inside your home.
- Be sure trash cans are secure.
- Remove standing water sources.
- Block entrances to shelter. Use repellents to make your area less attractive to the animals.
- Many rodents, including squirrels and mice have an aversion to the smell of peppermint, so you could plant mint in your garden beds or purchase peppermint spray to saturate particularly problem areas.



We should be thankful that wildlife doesn't use a pest control service to remove us after we took their land and moved into their home.

"Can't we all just get along?"

Lynda

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Good People Do Good Things for Good Causes

by Tammy Flynn, VP of Social Planning

The definition of karma, broadly, according to Merriam-Webster, is such a force considered as affecting the events of one's life. Hold that thought for a moment . . .

In July, the TVRA partnered with Adopt-a-Class for its annual school supply drive. We were asked to notify our residents of this drive which was done via the TVRA social flyer and our monthly newsletter. The night of the social we were inundated with supplies and I was thrilled!

Karen Hamerslag emailed me stating that because of your generosity, Adopt-a-Class should be fulfilling their needs for the upcoming school year. She also asked how she could ever thank you and I said a simple thank you message would suffice. So...

"Thank you from Adopt-a-Class! Your generous donations at the July TVRA Social will provide needed school supplies at local public elementary schools. YOU are making a difference in the lives of children!"

Karen Hamerslag

Our karma together will affect the lives of many children. From the bottom of my heart – THANK YOU ALL!



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

TOWN HALL
Tues, Aug 17
3:00
Yacht Club
Top Floor

TVPOA WELCOME
ORIENTATION
TUESDAY, 8/14
2:00
YACHT CLUB

A MESSAGE FROM THE LIONS TO YOU!

Vision Protection and Diabetes Awareness are the major Global Objectives of Lions Clubs International. Our club manages the following local programs:



Lions KidSight USA is a nationwide program to safeguard the vision of children, by using non-intrusive, digital technology to assess their eyes for six types of vision issues. Our club screens over 3,000 Loudon County children each year, and 10% to 15% are referred to visit an eye care professional.



Lions Recycle for Sight has refurbished and recycled glasses for many, many years. The glasses may be refurbished for re-use by humanitarian missions, or recycled into primary materials with proceeds used to support charitable services. Our local drop locations are behind the Welcome Center, in the United Community Bank, and the Tellico Village Library. We also take cell phones and hearing aids at the same locations.

ADULT EYE AND GLUCOSE SCREENINGS

Our Vision and Health Screenings for Adults program provides monthly eye and glucose testing in Loudon, Lenoir City, or Madisonville. We provide vision correction, through licensed, professional partners, providing 150 to 200 prescription glasses per year.



STRIDES

STRIDES FOR CAMP CURE, a pledge driven, walking event at the Wellness Center, promotes brisk walks after meals to lower blood sugar, 50 times more than being sedentary. Pledge donations go to Type 1 Diabetic Children's Camps.

You can "Help Us, Help Others!" with a donation of your choice.

BY CHECK

- a. Payable to: Tellico Village Lions Club
- b. Mail To: Tellico Village Lions Club
- c. Address: P.O. Box 872, Loudon, TN, 37774

BY CREDIT CARD, SCAN CODE



A&E presents... Solar 101 for homeowners

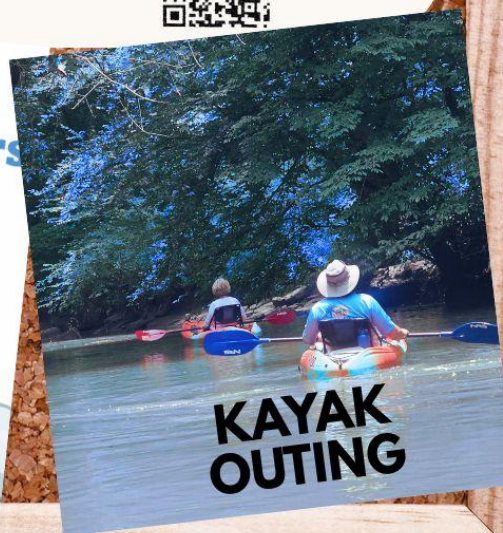
Are you considering solar energy for your home?
Don't know where to begin?

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



KAYAK
OUTING



GREAT NEWS FOR KAHITE RESIDENTS!



During the last Monroe County Board meeting, the Board of commissioners approved the following tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026. 1.5228 per \$100.00 of taxable property countywide. This would make the 4th consecutive year with no property tax increase for the county.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

NOW!

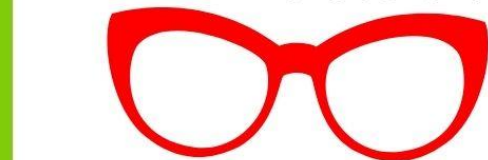
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**Energy Storage
Tour**

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ON AUGUST 11!**

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR OLD



**EYEGLASSES
HEARING AIDS
CELL PHONES
FOR THE LIONS!**

