



"YOUR VOICE IN THE VILLAGE"

SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
GET INVOLVED.
GIVE BACK.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
for 2027 TVRA
Board of Directors.**

A list of all open positions
for 2027 are listed on
Page 7.

*We ♥ our
Volunteers*

**"WHEN AMERICANS LEND
A HAND TO ONE ANOTHER,
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE.
WE'RE NOT ABOUT WHAT
HAPPENED ON 9/11.
WE'RE ABOUT WHAT
HAPPENED ON 9/12"**



**WHY SOLAR
MATTERS TO
TELICO
VILLAGE**

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ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026 the annual State of Tellico Village program, was hosted by the TVRA featuring guest speaker Claude Thorn, Interim General Manager, and Linda Garza, 2026 TVRA President. The Open Village Meeting experienced robust attendance and included an informative Q & A session with questions from the audience. The 90-minute program was recorded by TVN and can be viewed here >

[CLICK HERE](#)

A written summary is also provided by Kally Barker, Programs VP, on page 8.



President's Message

September 2026

by Linda Garza



Be Engaged

Tellico Village residents made a significant showing at this year's State Primary & County General election polls. While Tellico Village's Loudon County voter registration has increased 5.13% since 2024, voter participation increased 14.93%, with 35.34% of registered voters casting a ballot in this August's election. According to the county's election website, Tellico Village has 7,255 registered voters, of whom 2,564 cast a ballot. Good job Tellico Village!

TVRA sincerely thanks our outgoing County Commissioners for their years of dedicated service and congratulates those elected to serve in the upcoming term:

County	District/Seat	Outgoing	Elected
Loudon	1 – A	—	Chase Randolph (<i>re-elected</i>)
Loudon	1 – B	Bill Geames	Bob Gross (<i>Tellico Village resident</i>)
Loudon	7	Henry Cullen	Rick Damm (<i>Tellico Village resident</i>)
Monroe	4	Paulette Summey	Leslie Moore

It is exciting to see the increase in voter participation and even more exciting to see Tellico Village residents engaging in community leadership opportunities. Doing so sends a strong message to state and county leaders that Tellico Village residents care.

Elections require candidates, and strong communities require volunteers. While many Tellico Village residents have served—and continue to serve—in leadership roles, our community needs additional volunteers to help ensure that Tellico Village and its organizations remain strong and prosperous well into the future.

Volunteer Candidate Opportunities:

- **TVRA is currently seeking volunteer candidates** to fulfill its Executive Board positions. Terms are one year and may be extended by mutual agreement. All positions may be shared by up to two individuals. For more information, send us an email to Contact@TVResidents.org OR [Click Here >](#)
- Applications for two (2) open 2027 POA Board positions are currently being accepted through 3:00pm Friday, September 4. Board positions are for a three-year term. To obtain an application, contact Karen Davis at kdavis@tvpoa.org.

Please consider how **you** can make a difference in Tellico Village!

NOTE: Research was conducted for Tellico Village Monroe County residents' data; however, similar detailed information was not available.

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."

Arthur Ashe

Be Informed

Social News: It's hard to believe that fall officially begins on September 22 with current average daily temperatures still in the 90s. Before you know it, temperatures will cool and East Tennessee's beautiful fall foliage will begin to appear. Regardless of the season, TVRA has something fun and interesting for you to do. Our Event Planning and Golf teams have coordinated nearly 50 events for September and October. To learn more, see a complete list of new and upcoming events on PAGE 5.

CANCELLED - POA CANDIDATE FORUM: For many years, TVRA has hosted a fall POA Candidate Forum, providing residents with an opportunity to hear directly from the candidates and submit questions on issues important to our community. Tellico Village Network has also provided live streaming and recordings for residents unable to attend in person.

TVRA had made plans to host this year's forum on October 7 at the Yacht Club and was prepared to move forward as scheduled. However, we were recently informed that the POA has decided to host all future State of the Village and POA Candidate Forums.

As a result of this change, TVRA's October 7 Candidate Forum has been cancelled. We will share additional information as it becomes available, including the date and location of the POA's forum and how residents can submit questions.

TVPOA: Town Hall and Board meetings continue to provide residents with the most up to date information about board and staff efforts. TVRA encourages all residents to Be Informed by attending these meetings in person whenever possible.

CLICK HERE

to access Tellico Village Network's YouTube channel where you can view the recordings of these and other meetings.

Interesting highlights from August's meetings include:

- Introduction of incoming Loudon County commissioners; the new Monroe County representative was not present.
- Plans to implement new odor-control equipment at Mialaquo & Toqua lift stations.
- Mechanical and equipment concern at the Toqua lift station.
- Dirt work will begin on the commercial property known as P38 on Poplar Ridge Road at the north end of the Village. Additional information will be provided at a later date.
- Plans to present to Monroe County officials later this month regarding approval to move forward with establishing TVPOA as a utility district governed by TBOUR.
- Water gross profits were down 11% for July and 3% year-to-date.
- Food & Beverage services will introduce a new menu (The Silos) at Tanasi for golfers and residents looking for a more casual menu selection.
- July total operating expense were 21% favorable and 13% favorable year-to-date; however, legal fees (\$54K), common property maintenance (\$132K) and Board expenses (\$130K - Troon) were unfavorable to budget.

Be Heard

TVRA encourages residents to stay engaged – not only by participating in POA amenity and resident surveys, but also by sharing feedback about TVRA activities and initiatives. Members can provide feedback in several ways:

- Monthly Socials/Events - use QR code provided at or following event
- Newsletter - email CommunicationsVP@TVResidents.org
- Questions/concerns - Contact@TVResidents.org

"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito"

- Dalai Lama

TVRA Needs You

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 Executive Board Members** - Work with fellow Executive Council members to establish annual goals and advance TVRA's mission. Help lead TVRA into its 38th year of service to our community.
- **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.
- **FAC & PRAC Liaisons** — Attend monthly advisory committee meetings, report highlights to the TVRA Board and provide occasional newsletter updates.

If you are interested or would like additional information on volunteer opportunities

 **CLICK HERE**

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

“The trees
are about
to show us
how to be
gracefully
strong in
the face
of change.”

Unknown



The flyer is for a 'September Social' event. It features a yellow background with a decorative border of red and orange autumn leaves. At the top center is the TVRA logo. Below it, the title 'September Social' is written in a large, elegant script. The event details are listed: 'Tuesday, September 8', 'Mix 'n Mingle 4:30pm', and 'Program at 5:00pm'. A red ribbon banner with the text 'COME ONE COME ALL' is placed diagonally across the middle. Below the banner, it says 'with Special Guest' followed by 'Andrea Johnson, President, Kiwanis of Tellico Village'. At the bottom, there are three phrases: 'Happy Fall Y'all!' in a large, stylized font, 'CASH BAR!' to the left, and 'NEW EVENTS PREVIEW!' to the right. The word 'PRIZES!' is written at the very bottom center.

TVRA

September Social

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Program at 5:00pm

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with Special Guest
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President, Kiwanis of Tellico Village

Happy
Fall
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CASH
BAR!

NEW
EVENTS
PREVIEW!

PRIZES!

TVRA SOCIAL SIDE

Where neighbors become friends

The following events are NEW
and will open the day after the Social on September 9th.
Events that are already open are indicated.

**Learn
CPR**

**REGISTER
NOW!**

CPR CLASS
9/10

[CLICK HERE](#)

**STOP
THE BLEED
CLASS**

**REGISTER
NOW!**

STOP THE BLEED
9/11

[CLICK HERE](#)



HIKE 'N LUNCH
10/1

[CLICK HERE](#)

Gen-Xish

**REGISTER
NOW!**

OCTOBER SOCIAL
10/18

[CLICK HERE](#)



TOUR 1

**REGISTER
NOW!**

10:00 AM
10/6

[CLICK HERE](#)



TOUR 2

**REGISTER
NOW!**

12:00 NOON
10/6

[CLICK HERE](#)



TOUR 3

**REGISTER
NOW!**

10:00 AM
10/8

[CLICK HERE](#)



TOUR 4

**REGISTER
NOW!**

12:00 NOON
10/8

[CLICK HERE](#)



SINGO

SINGO
10/21

[CLICK HERE](#)



BUNCO

BUNCO
10/28

[CLICK HERE](#)

**Weather
Predicting**

WEATHER TALK
10/30

[CLICK HERE](#)

**9/11
I Was There**



Pentagon

PENTAGON ATTACK
11/3

[CLICK HERE](#)



**UT
Forensics**

FORENSICS TALK
11/5

[CLICK HERE](#)

Mah Jong



101

MAH JONG 101
11/11

[CLICK HERE](#)

Mah Jong



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MAH JONG 102
11/18

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Mah Jong



103

MAH JONG 103
11/24

[CLICK HERE](#)



POP PIANO
11/15

[CLICK HERE](#)



DOLLY'S STAMPEDE
12/3

[CLICK HERE](#)



TVRA GALA
12/6

[CLICK HERE](#)

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For details and online registration

- Raft Off - LAST ONE! - Sept 11
- SINGO! - Sept 16
- Estate Planning - Sept 20
- BUNCO - Sept 23
- Pirates Dinner Voyage - Sept 28
- Soccer Game w/ Dinner - Oct 7
- TRIVIA - Oct 8
- Chili Cook Off - Oct 9
- Rocky Horror Pic Show - Oct 16
- Medicare / SS Talk - Oct 16
- Detective Dinner - Oct 20
- Zipline @ 10:00 am - Oct 22
- Zipline @ 11:00 am - Oct 22
- Horseback Riding @ 3pm - Oct 22
- Cades Cove Hayride @ 10 am - Oct 28
- Cades Cove Hayride @12 pm - Oct 28
- Halloween Scavenger Hunt - Oct 29
- Clayton Holiday Concert - Dec 19

Open Now

Help Shape the Future of TVRA

2027 Executive Council Nominations

TVRA is looking for a few good volunteers to join our 2027 Executive Council!

For nearly 40 years, TVRA volunteers have worked together to make Tellico Village a better place to live—through advocacy, community partnerships, educational programs, social activities, and efforts that strengthen our neighborhood and quality of life. Now it's your turn to be part of that team.

We're looking for residents who enjoy working with others, sharing ideas, getting things done, and giving back to the community. You don't need to be an expert. If you have experience—or simply enthusiasm—in communications, technology, finance, events, membership, advocacy, or community service, there may be a place for you.

2027 Positions

- Vice President of Advocacy
- Vice President of Communications & Marketing
- Vice President of Event Planning
- Vice President of Membership
- Vice President of Programs
- Vice President of Social Planning
- Vice President of Technology
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Standing Committee Chair
- President



Why Volunteer?

Because good communities don't just happen. They're built by people who care enough to get involved. Serving on the Executive Council is an opportunity to meet new people, build relationships, contribute your talents, and help shape the future of Tellico Village—all while working alongside a great group of community volunteers.

Interested? We'd love to hear from you!

Most Executive Council positions may be shared by two individuals, although both must be elected. Officers and Standing Committee Chairs serve one-year terms.

President: Candidates normally should have served at least one year on the TVRA Board. If no qualified Board candidate is available, the Board may approve a qualified member from the general membership.

Detailed job descriptions are available on our TVRA website:

CLICK HERE

To be considered for a position, send your name and contact information TODAY to
contact@TVResidents.org



TVRA CIVIC SIDE

Be Engaged. Be Informed.

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.



STATE OF TELlico VILLAGE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

by Kally Barker, VP Programs

The annual State of Tellico Village meeting was held August 5 at the Yacht Club, featuring updates from TVPOA Executive Leader Claude Thorn and TVRA President Linda Garza, followed by questions from residents.

TVPOA Updates

Troon Advisory Services Review: The 12-month review remains on schedule. Areas examined include accounting, information technology, food and beverage operations, and preventive maintenance. The review identified opportunities to better integrate technology and improve tracking of vehicles, HVAC systems, restaurants, marinas, and other assets. The goal is to improve efficiency and provide better information for long-term repair, replacement, and investment decisions—not simply reduce expenses.

Tanasi: The new Tanasi restaurant is scheduled to officially open August 27, with more than 90 employees currently in training and soft openings planned. Residents were encouraged to support the operation and allow the staff time to get established.

WSIAF Refunds: The Water and Sewer Infrastructure Asset Fee refund process is underway, involving more than 7,000 current and former residents. Current residents will receive account credits based on their eligibility, while former residents will receive checks after outstanding balances are resolved. Credits will be applied by neighborhood as calculations are completed. Residents may also choose to donate their refund to Timeless Tellico or allow TVPOA to retain it for future use. Questions should be directed to

WSIAF-Refund@tvpoa.org or

[Click Here >](#)

Additional information was provided in the August 8 email from the TVPOA Communications Department.

Other updates included expanded wellness hours, new EZGO golf carts with complimentary GPS access, and the beginning of the 2027 budget process. Departments are reviewing operations, future needs, and performance goals as part of the Balanced Scorecard process.

TVRA Updates

TVRA President Linda Garza highlighted TVRA's role in keeping residents informed, encouraging communication, supporting community improvements, and providing opportunities for residents to connect. TVRA now has more than 3,000 members, representing approximately 1,650 households, and relies on more than 100 volunteers.

She cited resident-created programs including **New Villagers**, **Litter Angels**, **Neighborhood Watch**, **TellicoLife**, **StayinTV**, and the **community library** as examples of what residents can accomplish through involvement and volunteerism.

~~TVRA is currently recruiting volunteers for the 2027 Executive Board and is forming a committee to help plan the upcoming TVPOA candidate forum.~~

Residents' Questions

Residents raised questions about amenities, infrastructure, traffic, wastewater, and future planning. Claude explained that regulatory requirements will keep water and sewer finances separate from other TVPOA operations; those funds cannot be used for amenities, roads, or other projects. A five-year capital improvement plan is in place, with projects such as refurbishment of the Chota pool being considered.

Sewer tank replacement options remain under review, while a **roundabout near Mialaquo** is currently projected for 2028–2029. Because Highway 444 is controlled by TDOT, residents concerned about increasing traffic were encouraged to contact state officials directly.

Other topics included the temporary Tanasi pump issue, the proposed Tanasi driving range, future TVPOA leadership, food and beverage benchmarking, and revenue opportunities. Troon's food and beverage consultants will compare staffing, costs, expenses, and performance with similar organizations.

Looking Ahead

The meeting closed with a shared message: Tellico Village is strongest when residents stay involved. Leaders encouraged residents to join TVRA, volunteer, attend meetings, ask questions, and continue contributing ideas that help shape the future of our community. A full recording of the meeting is available on YouTube through the Tellico Village Network.



**Never
forget**

Twenty-five years after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, millions of Americans were not yet born or are too young to remember the day that forever changed our nation. As we mark this important anniversary, it is our responsibility to keep the memories and lessons of that day alive for future generations.

While the loss was unimaginable, September 11 also revealed the very best of the human spirit—extraordinary courage, selflessness, compassion, unity, and a willingness to serve others. These powerful examples have continued to inspire us through the years. By remembering, we honor those we lost and help ensure that their stories, and the enduring spirit of America they represent, are never forgotten.



WHY SOLAR MATTERS

by Jeff Corthell, Sandra McEntire, James & Lynn Howe
Aesthetics & Environment Committee



Have you noticed an increase in your electric bills? And are you concerned about electric outages leading to loss of food, medical appliances, medication, etc., and the likelihood of more such events in the summer and winter months. (Nashville's electrical outage after the winter 2026 storm exceeded 21 days in some neighborhoods!) Further, the TVA estimates that rates will continue to climb due to inclement weather events, the possibility of privatization of the company, and the increased demand for more energy for data centers. Tellico Village needs to plan ahead and be better prepared to address this likely financial burden and crisis. Tellico Village already experiences frequent power interruptions and "blinks," often from storms or grid strain.

Home solar—especially when paired with optional battery storage—can be one sensible option for resolving our future home energy needs.

Why Solar Matters: At its most basic, Solar installation provides homeowners immediate benefits and long-term energy resilience:

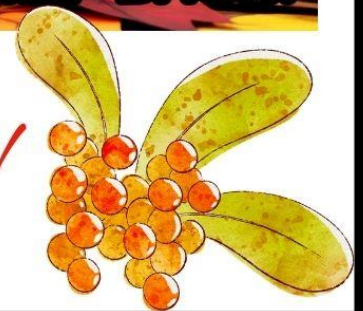
- Keep lights, appliances, and medical devices running during outages
- Reduce electric bills and dependence on aging grid infrastructure
- Provide reliable, predictable long-term energy
- Increase each home's environmental resilience, safety, and comfort
- Eliminate blackouts and brownouts in peak energy demand seasons

Additionally, communities that enable solar enjoy broad benefits, including:

- Higher property values and faster appreciation
- Lower grid strain and improved community reliability
- Better neighborhood marketability to future homebuyers
- Reduced HOA disputes and liability when clear solar standards are in place
- Alignment with state-level solar-access protections that many HOAs already follow



Mark Your Calendars!





TELLICO TREES

by Lynda Parker, A&E Committee Chair



Tellico village is often marketed as a woodland lakeside community by the POA, on their own public website and by the numerous realtors who specialize in selling village properties. Whether consciously or subconsciously, we each noticed the lush tree canopy and decided yes, this is where I want to live. And it's no wonder – numerous studies have shown that living among trees is healthy for us. Most importantly, trees clean the air; they absorb carbon dioxide and make oxygen; they provide shade to cool the air temperature; they filter and slow rainwater, reducing erosion. Additionally, it's been shown in numerous studies that trees actually reduce stress; scientific research confirms that being among trees and green spaces can lower levels of cortisol, the stress hormone. Green space forests encourage outdoor physical activity, which, of course, has abundant health benefits. So yes, we're a woodland community. But it's that woodland aspect that makes Tellico Village really special.

As the village continues to grow, many of us have been dismayed to see builders clear cutting lots, removing mature trees, reducing our tree canopy and destroying one of our wellness amenities. Of course, a builder must obtain a permit from the ACC prior to cutting any trees larger than 6 inches in diameter. Builders must plant a minimum of 1 shade tree on the lots that they have clear cut. New homeowners in Tellico Village often find themselves with a lot that is sparse in landscaping; That one shade tree does not make up for all the trees removed to build the house. Fortunately, the Aesthetics and Environment Committee's upcoming program will help us learn what trees we should put in our yards. "Native Trees of East Tennessee" will be presented by John Wolters, a professional forester and village resident, on **Saturday, October 3rd, 10:30 at the Chota Rec Center in room D**; John will tell us about the trees that evolved here in this geographic area. Which would be the best choice for your yard, whether you have full sun or partial shade; whether you're looking for spring blossoms or fall color.

This seems like a good time to remind you that the Tennessee Environmental Council, in partnership with the Tennessee Department of Forestry, sponsors an annual Tree Day when you can purchase native tree saplings at a very affordable price – between \$3 and \$6 per tree, depending on the species. You can begin placing your orders for trees in February 2027, to pick up in March.

There's an old proverb that says "A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they know they shall never sit." I probably won't be here in 30 to 40 years to enjoy the shade of a tree I plant today, yet I will plant trees for the future benefit of our community.



*Trees do not fear losing their leaves;
instead, they boldly transform,
knowing that this process
will lead to future growth.*

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Biographies, History,
and MORE...

Book Sale!!
Saturday, September 12
9am-12pm

Public Library at Tellico Village
300 Irene Lane

Non-Fiction
Hardcover \$4 Paperback \$2

- general non-fiction
- history
- government/politics
- biography/memoirs
- science
- crafts
- art/music/photography

Questions?
Call the library
865.458.5199
or visit the website:
tvllibrary.org

Special Items

- military/aviation history
- great courses
- dvd's
- audiobooks
- puzzles

Old
Mysteries
\$1

**OUR PLACE
WALK TO REMEMBER
+
CAR SHOW
OCT 10 - 8AM-NOON
LENOIR CITY PARK**

CHESS CLUB
Sept 4
5 - 7 pm
Chota Rec Center

Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department

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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."

HOME SAFETY

A **Vial of Life Kit** could help save your life and is available **FREE** at the Tellico Village Fire Department, 210 Chota Road. In an emergency, every second counts. If you're unable to speak, the **Vial of Life Kit** speaks for you. The Kit contains a Medical Information Form and two Bright Decals to alert emergency first responders. Pick up a kit at the station and then follow these steps:

1. **Fill out the Medical Form** that comes with your kit and list your medical conditions, medications, allergies, and emergency contacts.
2. **Place the Form** on the front of your refrigerator. It is recommended you tape it securely using a clear plastic bag to protect it.
3. **Apply one Decal** on the refrigerator door and the other on your front door at eye level. This alerts emergency responders that your medical information is inside.



**TVPOA WELCOME
ORIENTATION
TUESDAY, 10/6
2:00
YACHT CLUB**

PLEASE SUPPORT
THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES WHO DONATED
GENEROUSLY TO THE AUGUST DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS

Lakeside Charity Concerts

Sloan's



Tellico Community Playhouse

Sirabelle

Estefania Nance



TELICO VILLAGE
LIONS CLUB



OKTOBERFEST

Oktober 5

Tellico Village Yacht Club



BRATS / German Potato Salad / Beans / Sauerkraut
Ice Cream / Cookies / Iced Tea / Lemonade / Raffle / BEER!



Dinner Served 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$20



Tickets available from Lions Club Members & the following businesses:
Sloan's Home Center, Village Salon, & United Community Bank

*Thank you for supporting our local community efforts for youth
services, vision, diabetes, youth cancer, hunger, disaster relief,
local charities, & environmental stewardship.*

E-mail: tvlfions1@gmail.com with questions

Facebook: [facebook.com/TellicoVillageLions](https://www.facebook.com/TellicoVillageLions)

Tellico Village Lions Club, an IRS qualified 501(c)(3) organization, EIN: 42-1564423

TellicoLife Database Volunteers Needed

We are currently seeking an
additional team member
for our Database Admin
Team. This team monitors
inquiries to
info@tellicolife.org.

Primary duties include
making edits to member
profiles in TellicoLife and
monitoring our inbox.

Training is provided.
For additional information,

Click NOW
For More Info!

"Unity is strength . . .
When there is
teamwork and
collaboration,
wonderful things can
be achieved." *Mattie Stepanek*

TVRA would love to hear from you!
Please direct all questions or
comments to
communicationsVP@TVResidents

Click here



