Your Voice in the Village

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2026

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS . . .
ALL 88 OF YOU!

As we wrap up 2026, we want you to know how much we appreciate the time and dedication you've given to our organization. Because of you, we've shared great experiences, made wonderful memories, and accomplished things that truly made a difference. It's not just about what people give, but also the friendships, laughter, and satisfaction they get in return.

We hope you've had as much fun and found as much joy in being part of it as we have, working to build a community where people don't just volunteer because something needs to get done, but because they feel connected, appreciated, and part of something meaningful.

Truly Grateful for you.

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President's Message for November 2026

By Linda Garza

A Season of Gratitude, A Community of Giving

November is a time to reflect on the many things for which we are grateful. Here in Tellico Village, we have much to appreciate—not only the beauty of our surroundings and the friendships we enjoy, but also the people who give their time, talents, and energy to make our community a wonderful place to live.

As we observe Veterans Day, we pause to recognize and thank the brave men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces on behalf of our nation. Their courage, sacrifice, and commitment to protecting our freedoms deserve our deepest respect and lasting gratitude. To all our veterans, **thank you for your service** and for the example you set through your dedication to something greater than yourselves.

The spirit of service extends throughout Tellico Village every day. This year, **88 community volunteers supported TVRA in carrying out its mission** of enriching residents' lives through informative programs, open communication, civic involvement, and social fellowship. Their generosity and willingness to help make a meaningful difference, and we are sincerely grateful for every hour contributed and every effort made.

Through initiatives such as Litter Angels, residents help preserve the natural beauty of our community. Through TVRA programs and social gatherings, neighbors build friendships, exchange ideas, and stay informed about issues affecting our village. TVRA also helps bring attention and support to local nonprofit organizations whose services benefit our wider community. Each of these efforts reflects the power of people working together toward a common good.

Community service does not always require a major commitment. Sometimes it begins with offering a helping hand, sharing a special skill, supporting a local nonprofit, welcoming a new neighbor, or attending a community meeting to learn more about an issue. Every contribution matters, and even small acts of kindness can have a lasting impact.

As TVRA looks toward 2027, we invite members to take an active role in shaping the Association's future. Following the October 25 membership email from the Board Nominating Committee, members have until **November 3 to nominate additional volunteers** for open Board positions. Four key leadership roles remain to be filled: President, Communications & Marketing VP, Event Planning VP, and Social VP. At the November 10 TVRA Social, members in attendance will vote on the full 2027 Board Candidate Slate by a show of hands if any changes have been made to the slate originally shared with members. We encourage everyone to consider how their time, talents, and ideas could help TVRA continue serving our community.

At TVRA, we believe a stronger community begins with informed, engaged residents who care about one another and the future of Tellico Village. We are thankful for our members, volunteers, community partners, and everyone who contributes to making our village a special place.



This November, let us give thanks not only for what we have, but also for what we can give. Together, through gratitude, service, and a willingness to participate, we can continue building a community where residents feel connected, valued, and heard. From all of us at the Tellico Village Residents Association, we wish you a happy Thanksgiving and extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helps make Tellico Village a community of giving.

Join us for a

HARVEST HOEDOWN

NOVEMBER SOCIAL

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ALSO, A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING!
Members in attendance will vote on the 2027 TVRA Board Candidate Slate!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
YACHT CLUB
MIX 'N MINGLE – 4:30
PROGRAM – 5:00

YEEHAW

50/50
DOOR PRIZES!
CASH BAR !





Wear your Boot-scootin' Boots and kick your heels up!

LINE DANCING with WENDY COCHRAN!



It's gonna be good, y'all!

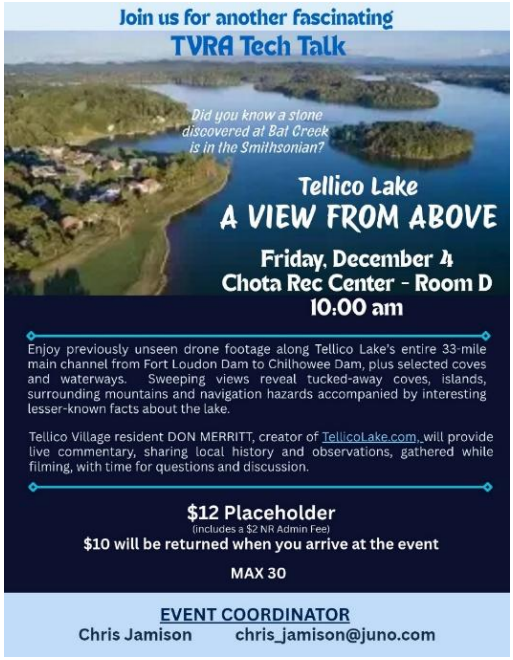


EVENTS
Mark Your Calendar

Click on the Flyers below for all the details and online registration or visit TellicoLife.org



Wednesday, December 2nd at 5:00 pm
103 S. Campbell Station Rd, Knoxville
$12 fee; $10.00 placeholder will be refunded at the restaurant on the day of the event
Minimum/Maximum # of guests = 12;
Last day to sign up or request refund = 11-25-26
Event Coordinator: MB Raimondi – mbrcpa001@gmail.com – 203-258-8349
Contact Event Coordinator to be put on the waitlist













But wait! There's MORE!

EVENTS BELOW ARE STILL OPEN!

CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS

2026

GenX-ish Bowling	Nov. 8
Pinchy's	Nov. 14
Pop Piano Players	Nov. 15
River Operations Talk	Nov. 24
Wreaths Across America	Dec. 19

2027

Jake Leg Stompers	Jan. 17
POPS Rock 'n Roll	Feb. 6
TN Theater "Mamma Mia"	Feb 17
TN Theater "Hadestown"	April 25



Thank you to everyone who stopped by our tent at the Community Fest – We enjoyed talking with you!

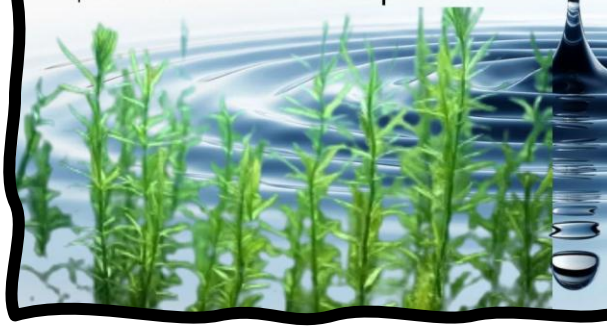
Special Notices

HYDRILLA DETECTED IN TELLICO LAKE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
2:00 PM – YACHT CLUB DOWNSTAIRS

TVRA TECH TALK
Must register to attend
$12 Placeholder fee
(includes $2 NR admin fee)
$10 will be returned upon arrival.

Considered to be one of the world's most invasive aquatic plants that can spread rapidly and disrupt ecosystems, HYDRILLA has found its way to our beautiful lake. Come hear TV resident David Flanagan, President of WATeR, explain what happens when dense mats of this aggressive plant block sunlight, reduce oxygen levels and outcompete native species. Find out what efforts are being taken to control it's growth.



Register NOW!

MAX 100
LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS NOVEMBER 10

LIMITED TIME OFFER

TVRA Annual MEMBERSHIP DRIVE Begins October 1

$15 per household
Annual fees increase January 1
JOIN OR RENEW TODAY

TVResidents.org



TVRA 2027 Board of Directors 4 Volunteer Positions Remain Open!

- PRESIDENT
- COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING
- EVENT PLANNING
- SOCIAL PLANNING

All Board positions may be shared by two elected members, and some duties may be supported by the Support Team.

Click Here for Job Descriptions

Click Here to Inquire


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IN THE SMOKIES
October 22, 2026

Community Initiatives

. . . 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 build a stronger, more united community.

Be sure to watch the interview with Annie LaCour, Litter Angels, and Linda Garza, TVRA President, as they share the history, dedication, and coordination efforts with TN Dept. of Transportation to keep Tellico Parkway roadside clean and beautiful. Learn how a handful of civic-minded residents started a vital advocacy initiative that has grown since 2010.

CLICK HERE TO WATCH



ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Be Engaged

Early voting for this year's State and Federal General Elections has ended and according to Tennessee Firefly, early and absentee voting in Loudon and Monroe Counties were considerably ahead of the 2018 and 2022 elections. This strong turnout underscores the importance of participating in our elections and making our voices heard. **Election Day is Tuesday, November 3.** If you didn't vote early, make a plan to vote on Election Day! Visit the TVRA Election Information page for details on where to vote and other helpful information.

Be Informed

TVPOA's monthly Town Hall and Board meetings give residents an opportunity to learn about community operations, hear updates from staff and board members, and ask questions about issues affecting Tellico Village. Recent discussions highlighted several important concerns:

Highway Safety — Residents continue to raise concerns about safety along Tellico Parkway (Highway 444) with County Commissioner Rick Dramm and TVPOA board members. TVPOA Board President Michael Lackey reported that the status of the Highway Safety Advisory Committee (HiAC), and other advisory committees, is still under evaluation. No timeline for completing that review was provided. Although TVPOA is accepting applications for 2027 committee volunteers, the HiAC is not listed among the current committees. Residents still need clarification on whether this committee will continue and how highway safety concerns will be addressed.

What's the Plan? — Residents continue to seek greater transparency and communication regarding TVPOA's business and strategic plans. Key concerns brought up at this month's meetings include plans to address the community's aging water and sewer infrastructure, future revenue as Tellico Village approaches build-out, and a better understanding of the impacts of separating water and sewer revenue from the general operating funds. Board members appeared to take these concerns to heart and indicated that the Strategic Initiatives Advisory Committee (SIAC) would soon begin updating the Village's existing Strategic Plan. Residents need a clear understanding of short and long-term priorities, financial outlook and plans for the addressing these challenges.

(Advocacy continued)

2027 Budget Plans — TVPOA staff and board members are preparing the 2027 budget. The budget is scheduled for public review at the **November 16 Town Hall**, with a final board vote planned for later that week. Residents seeking details about specific projects and priorities were directed to the upcoming public review. Attending this meeting will give residents an opportunity to learn more about how their assessments and other revenues are expected to be used.

Residents' Sewer Tanks — TVPOA Board member Joel Reed provided an update on the Village's Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation (TDEC) Consent Decree and related Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) concerns. According to the update, Public Works and Public Services Advisory Committee (PSAC) members identified a problem with tank installations completed between 2015 and 2020. The vendor reportedly failed to install a gasket where pipes connect to the tanks, allowing water to infiltrate.

The issue is estimated to affect approximately 800 residents, with a reported repair cost of about $3,000 per tank. The preliminary approach is to install approximately 100 gaskets annually, potentially taking five to eight years to address all affected tanks. Residents will benefit from further clarification of the repair schedule, costs, and plans for notifying those affected.

Be Heard

Residents had the opportunity to ask questions and express their views on issues affecting Tellico Village at the October 26 open village meeting introducing TVPOA board candidates Gary Bush and Gary Zika. Villagers were invited to submit questions in advance for the candidates to address during the meeting. The meeting was also recorded by Tellico Village Network so residents who could not attend could stay informed.

Your voice matters! Participate in community meetings, ask questions, and share your concerns with TVPOA board members and county officials. An informed and engaged community is better positioned to encourage transparency, accountability, and thoughtful decisions about Tellico Village's future.





TVRA members tour the Smoky Mountain Service Dog Training Facility





Another fun evening at TENNESSEE BREWORKS in Lenoir City

"Unity in fellowship is the foundation of any thriving community."

Anonymous

Where Have All the Fireflies Gone?

By Lynda Parker, AGE Chair

Do you remember when you were younger and could go outside at night to see hundreds, maybe even thousands, of fireflies? How many do you see in your yard today? I know I see only a handful—maybe 30 or 40 on a summer evening here in Tellico Village. As a child, I remember going into the field behind our old farmhouse in New Hampshire and marveling at hundreds and hundreds of fireflies, or lightning bugs, as we called them. My friends and I would try to catch them in jars to make our own little lanterns. So, are there really fewer fireflies here in Tennessee than there were where we came from? The answer isn't a simple yes or no. It's much more complicated than that! There are more than 2,400 species of fireflies worldwide, about 270 in North America, and around 26 in Tennessee. Because fireflies weren't studied or monitored in the 1970s when I was a child, we really don't know how their populations compared to today. In the late 1990s and early 2000s, entomologists began paying closer attention to these fascinating insects. We now know that populations of many species are declining significantly, largely because of habitat loss and pesticide use. Some species may already be extinct or are at risk of extinction. Scientists continue to discover previously unknown species while working to monitor and protect their populations.

The good news is that we still have lightning bugs here in Tellico Village, and there are things we can do to help them thrive. First, it helps to understand their life cycle and when they're most vulnerable. An adult firefly lives only one to four weeks—just long enough to mate and lay eggs. After laying their eggs in midsummer, the adults die. The eggs are deposited on or just below the soil's surface, often in moss, leaf litter, or near water. After three to four weeks, the eggs hatch into tiny larvae that live near the soil surface for one to two years. These larvae are carnivores, feeding on slugs, earthworms, and other soft-bodied creatures, including some moth and butterfly caterpillars. Once the larvae finish developing, they stop eating and form protective pupal cases, where they remain until spring, when adult fireflies emerge.

Here in our area, fireflies are especially vulnerable during their larval stage, which generally lasts from August through April. Spraying your yard with pesticides can kill hundreds or even thousands of firefly larvae. No larvae means no fireflies lighting up your backyard next summer! Another problem occurs in November and December, when many of us get out our rakes or hire lawn services to remove every last leaf from the yard. Unfortunately, that leaves firefly larvae without the protective leaf litter they need to survive. With all the trees we have in Tellico Village, we should have plenty of leaf litter to support a healthy firefly population. But our social norms and habits have taught us that leaves are messy and must be cleaned up. Many of us worry that leaves will smother or ruin our lawns. Others want to avoid having neighbors think they're lazy or sloppy, so they tidy up their yards for appearances' sake.

The good news is that you don't have to sacrifice your lawn to protect firefly larvae and the many moth and butterfly caterpillars that spend the winter in leaf litter. Simply rake the leaves off your lawn and move them onto your garden beds -- You'll have free mulch! As the leaves break down, they'll return valuable nutrients to the soil and nourish your plants. When spring arrives, you can still buy and spread your favorite black or brown mulch to give your garden beds a polished look, but you won't need as much, which saves you a little money, too.

You've probably heard the slogan “Leave the Leaves,” and that's exactly what this is all about!
By simply leaving your leaves in the right places, you can do wonderful things for the ecosystem—and for yourself. You'll have a little less yard work, naturally enrich your garden beds, and help firefly and butterfly larvae survive the winter. And when summer rolls around, you may once again enjoy the magical sight of fireflies and butterflies dancing around your yard.













Jerry Brown's 2026

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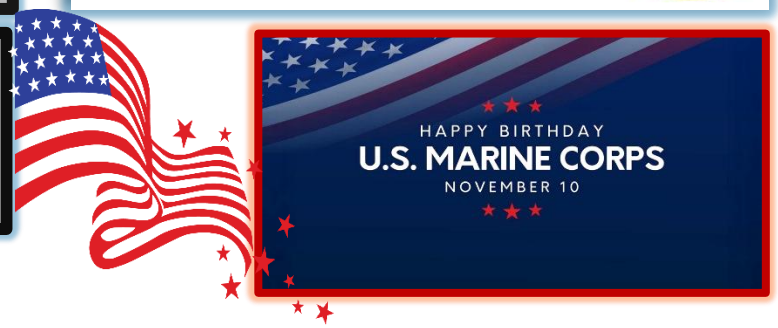


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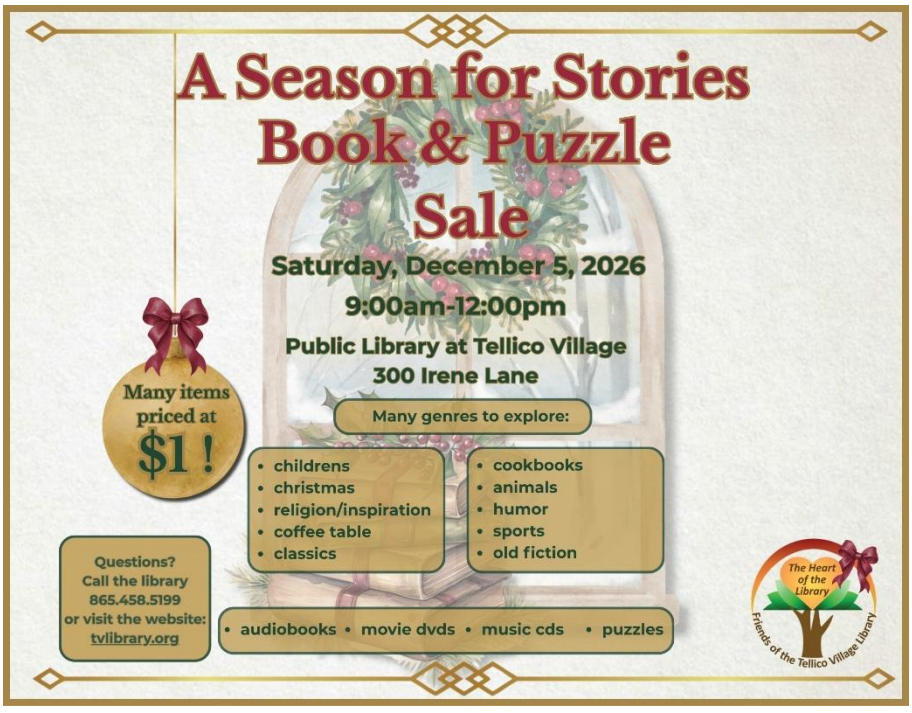


VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY
November 11th @ 9:00 am
Community Church









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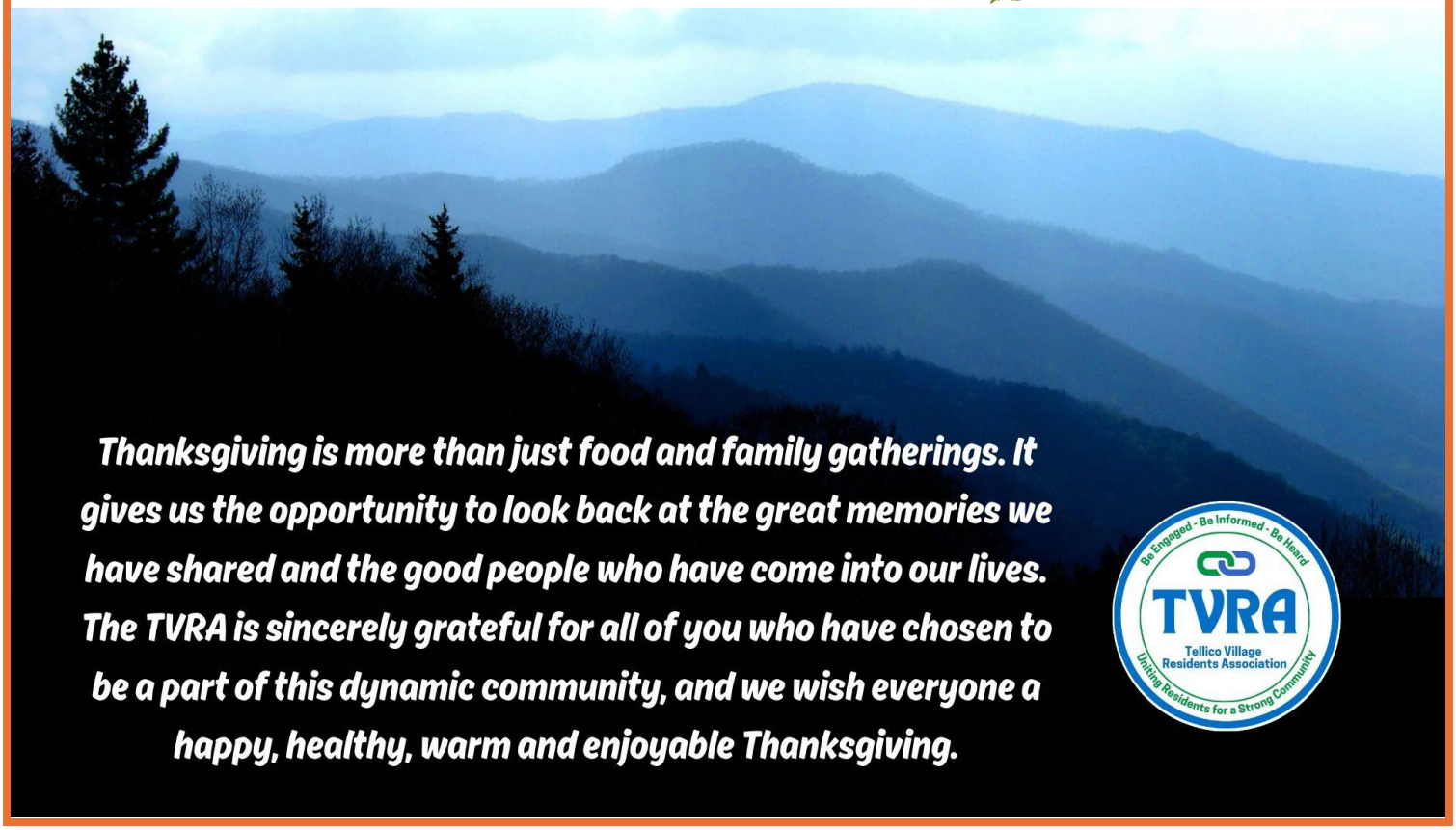
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Please direct all questions and comments to

mailto:Contact@TVResidents.org

We welcome your feedback!





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

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