



New Villagers Club of Tellico Village News & Events

April 2, 2020

Well March certainly roared “IN” like a lion! It has been a jungle out there!! Everyone has been on the prowl for toilet paper, hand sanitizer, cleaning products, bottled water, bread and eggs! We had March without the Madness, colleges & schools without classes, work without workplaces (well . . . not us!), and restaurants without seating. Nonetheless, our “pride” has hung together. Under the leadership of your POA/HOA/New Villagers, we have taken every reasonable precaution, and hopefully we are headed down the path to recovery as we welcome April.

Our activities calendar for April has taken a pretty big hit as a result of the COVID-19 containment effort. Most of our events for the month have been cancelled as vendors closed their venues as part of the nationwide efforts to limit the spread of the virus. Still, there are many opportunities for you to engage in limited local outdoor activities like hiking & golf or to gather in small groups (less than 10) in accordance with CDC & WHO guidelines. Our New Villager Golf Scrambles is still scheduled (**subject to change**). You **MUST** be a registered New Villager to participate for the season (April-October). Please register for weekly golf scrambles in Chelsea at <https://tellico.chelseareservations.com/>.

As most of you are already aware, our April 2nd NV Social has been cancelled. All NV activities and NV meetings—including the May 7th NV Social--scheduled for May are still a tentative “GO” but, subject to change. For up-to-the-minute updates, please:

- Check your email regularly
- Tune to Spectrum Channel 193 (Tellico Village Broadcasting)
- View the TVB live stream at <https://tellicovillagebroadcasting.org/>
- Follow TVB on vimeo at <https://vimeo.com/user6448027>
- Follow TVB on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDBQ2xTAcARKFofVnLx6D_A

Rest assured that your Board of Directors are working collaboratively with the POA/HOA to ensure that we can return to some semblance of normalcy ASAP! In the meantime, practice good personal health management habits and stay safe. We look forward to seeing all of you on May 7th or whenever we have finally turned the corner!

Mike Blackwell, President

“Now, this is the law of the jungle remember it forward and back. The strength of the pack is the wolf, but the strength of the wolf is the pack.” Rudyard Kipling (from **The Jungle Book**)



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Greetings New Villagers,

I hope everyone got the news that the April 2nd New Villager Social has been cancelled.

As we all know, the situation with COVID-19 is very serious for our nation at the moment — please be certain that the safety of you, our members, is of the utmost importance to your Board.

(We are sorry we can't do anything about your financial portfolio.)

Of the fourteen events we had scheduled for April, all have been cancelled except for the Muddy Boots Hike on April 13th.

If you signed up for an event at a New Villager Social and it was cancelled, your checks will be shredded. If you signed up online and paid with a credit card, our New Villager volunteer administrators will issue you a refund in due course. Please be patient as they have a lot of events to work on!

Golfing events will go on as planned though the dinners have been cancelled temporarily (subject to change).

Some of our May events are still on the calendar and we will periodically update you on their availability via the Tellico Life events calendar.

Your Activities Committee is planning Summer and Fall events right now. When this terrible pandemic wanes we will be poised to provide you with a robust schedule of activities to get our community fraternizing and socializing, mixing and mingling.

Please play safe.

**Karen Halligan
VP Activities
New Villagers Club**



ASPIRATION

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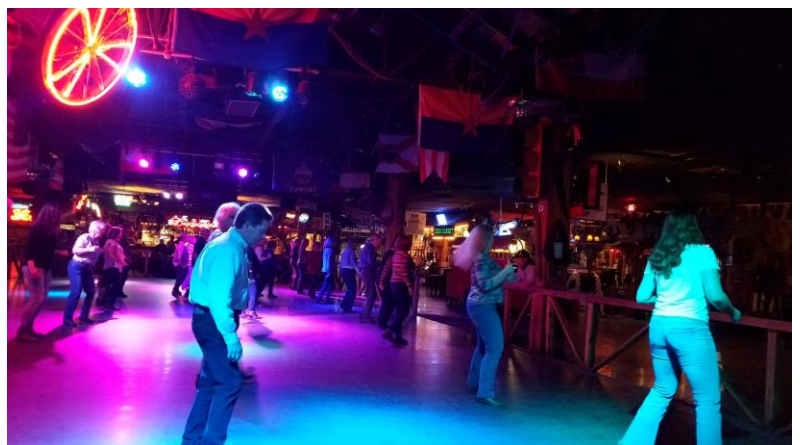


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March 1 - New Villagers and HOA at Cotton Eyed Joes

The group had a lot of fun last Sunday night. The food was great and everyone made lots of new friends. Everyone agreed the Drinks Specials were awesome. The music was super and the dance floor was packed. Line dancing lessons with Bubba were very impressive.





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March 1, Total Wine in Turkey Creek

40 new villagers descended upon Total Wine for a great evening of education and taste testing. The group sampled 8 wines and enjoyed delicious snacks over the course of two hours. Most New Villagers found a new favorite wine and plan to return again for some of their other wine tasting events.





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New Villagers jumped at the opportunity to explore The Old City on LEAP DAY 2020! The group was entertained by a glass blowing demonstration and saw firsthand the exceptional skills that the artisans possess @Pretentious Glass. Throughout the demonstration, the group was able to order from the shared brewery and peruse throughout the gallery to see the wide variety of finished glass pieces. Our day included walking throughout the bustling sidewalks of the Old City as we enjoyed a gorgeous Knoxville day and 3 unique venues.





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A record number for the year of 36 hikers enjoyed the Little River Trail in the Smokies March 9th. The wide path allowed for plenty of conversation and an easy hike along a beautiful rocky river, ending at a waterfall perfect for photo ops. Remnants of old buildings could be found along the trail as well as a field of daffodils. The group returned along the trail to end the hike by strolling past old cabins in the process of being refurbished by the national park service. Afterwards Twenty plus people gathered at a local eatery for lunch and fellowship.





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Sunday evening, 16 New Villagers joined together to attend this concert starring Wynonna and her husband Cactus Moser. We were all taken aback by the power and range of her beautiful voice. She does country but also some very soulful blues. She and Cactus talked a lot giving you a sense of who they are and the love they share for music and for one another. And of course in the Bijou, every seat is a good seat. Additionally 12 of us met up beforehand to dine at Not Watson's on Market square which was very good and reasonably priced. Everyone had a great evening!





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This month we will be featuring a member of the New Villagers Board, Marilyn Gengo who is the VP Membership for the New Villagers Board in our Conversation Corner.

Marilyn Gengo and her husband Joe moved to Tellico Village in December 2018 from Tampa, FL where they had resided for the past 12 years. Marilyn and Joe both grew up in Mobile, AL and have lived in many locations throughout the US during her husband's naval career as a helicopter pilot. Marilyn spent most of her career as a home health nurse and the last 8 years as a hospice nurse. They have 3 kids and 4 grandkids ranging in age from 1-12. Marilyn is involved in several clubs including 2 wine groups, cruising club, 2 book clubs, RN club, GFWC and bunco. Marilyn loves traveling, hiking, boating, kayaking, reading, sewing and decorating but especially visiting with her kids and grandkids.





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