



New Villagers Club of Tellico Village News & Events

June 1, 2020

Think for a moment about your arrival here in Tellico Village. Initially all you had to worry about was movers, unpacking boxes and organizing your new “forever” home. But, once that dust settled, then the questions quickly piled up! Where do I go to change my auto registration & driver’s license? How do I register to vote? Where do I grocery shop? Or get my car serviced? Or get a haircut? Are there any good restaurants nearby? What is there to do? Where can I launch/dock my boat? Where can I park my RV? Wasn’t it overwhelming?

Now, consider your first New Villagers’ Social at the Yacht Club. I’m sure that 200 people whom you’d never met and all of those tables was a culture shock of sorts. But, how many of your questions got answered at that meeting? How many of your current “circle of friends” evolved from your New Villagers experience? At the end of the day, New Villagers is your “Port of Entry” for this amazing, new place that we all now call home here in East Tennessee!

Did you know that close to 60 folks have registered as New Villagers since our last NV Social in early March? None of them have had the opportunity to experience that first New Villager Social yet to get those questions answered . . . to begin evolving that new circle of friends. We feel their pain! So in light of Governor Lee’s newest Executive Order relaxing “gathering standards” to less than 50 in Tennessee, your Board of Directors is planning a mid-June WELCOME SOCIAL exclusively for those New Villagers who have registered since March 1st. With any luck, we are hoping to be able to offer a modified “social” to all New Villagers in July or August!

Our tentative plan is for an outdoor gathering on June 16th of 40 or fewer “new” New Villagers along with your NV Board Members. We will be socially appropriate and have several tables to assist our newest NV members with some introductory social outlets - NV Golf, dining out (outdoor venues), hiking, etc. We have reserved the Toqua Pavilion for this event, but are still waiting for your POA Board to formally adopt Phase 2 of the re-opening plan and make the pavilions accessible to us. If that does not happen, we will have an “off-site” contingency plan in place! For up-to-the-minute updates regarding New Villagers, 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

Your New Villager Board of Directors is sensitive to the needs of all of our members and our community at-large. Tennessee and Tellico Village will re-open! For some it will feel like “too much, too soon”. For others, it cannot happen soon enough. We want to provide an opportunity for our newest NV members to immerse themselves in the Tellico Village culture safely & comfortably. Each of us has a responsibility to conduct ourselves in accordance with our own, unique set

of personal circumstances and to respect those whose circumstances are different from our own. Together we will get through all of this! In the meantime, we are happy to be able to pave a way forward and look forward to eventually meeting all of you regardless of which fork in that road you may choose!



Mike Blackwell, President



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Be a Vol!

More than 2,000 years ago a Jewish scholar, Rabbi Hillel, is credited with the expression, "If not me, who? If not now, when?" In 1981, President Ronald Reagan echoed that sentiment in his inauguration speech. Now, your New Villager Board of Directors implores you to ask it of yourselves!

In July our NV By-Laws require us to present a "slate" of candidates to the membership at our regularly-scheduled social. That is likely to be our next opportunity to conduct a semi-normal NV Social! So, it is imperative that we conduct our "replacement search" remotely. **WE REALLY DO NEED YOU!**

New Villagers is a GREAT organization! How easy have we made it for you to acclimate to your new home here in Tennessee? Can you imagine where you would be without us? YOU are the one! NOW is the time! Please consider stepping up to don the red vest and volunteering for one of the following positions for 2021:

PRESIDENT (Mike Blackwell)ROLE: Organizational leadership & guidance.

***ASSOC. VP ACTIVITIES(Pat McLaughlin)ROLE:** Assist/Understudy VP Activities

VP SOCIAL(Karen Egan)ROLE: Organize & Set Up for Socials

VP MEMBERSHIP(Nancy Mariani)ROLE: Member registration & promotions
MEMBERSHIP ADMIN(Marilyn Gengo)ROLE: Membership data management
VP CUMMUNICATIONS(Linda Rasmussen)ROLE: Create/distribute monthly newsletter
HOA LIAISON(Barb Burke)ROLE: Attend/report on monthly HOA meetings
POA LIAISON(Harry Rucker)ROLE: Attend/report on 2x monthly POA meetings
TREASURER(Mark McMahan)ROLE: Manage receipts/disbursements/reporting
SECRETARY(Jan Dougherty)ROLE: Record & distribute meeting minutes/historian
WEBMASTER(Linda Garza)ROLE: Liaison to Tellico Life (database management)

All of your current NV Board members (in parenthesis) are now actively looking for their 2021 replacements. If you think you might like to serve in a leadership capacity for New Villagers in

2021, please reach out to one of us. No experience necessary! If you have a skill set - GREAT! If not, we will train you! It is a lot of fun, requires minimal time, and you will be paving the way for the next wave of Tellico Village New Villagers just like someone else did for you! And, don't let the fact that you may be scheduled to "graduate" from NV in 2021 stop you. All of those who volunteer for a NV leadership position will automatically have their memberships extended for up to 11 months in order to fulfill their term of service!

** This position is a 2-year commitment—one as **Associate VP Activities** and one as **VP Activities***

On behalf of the New Villagers Club, my heart goes out to those folks who moved to the Village in the past few months and have been isolated from all the wonderful and wondrous aspects of our community and its beautiful surrounds! Nothing is more peaceful than a day boating and floating in Tellico Lake or hiking a trail in the spectacular Smoky Mountains. But these things are better when shared with friends, and many of you have been denied that pleasure.

Our scheduled activities are nearly non-existent at the moment, but when the Village and local communities open up more fully we will start planning fun social events in earnest. Please be certain that all activities will be organized with your safety in mind. Our plan is to concentrate mainly on outdoor activities, many of them free, so please check the Tellico Life events calendar from time to time to see what's been added. https://tvlife.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_jevents&task=month.calendar&Itemid=190&year=2020&month=06&day=27

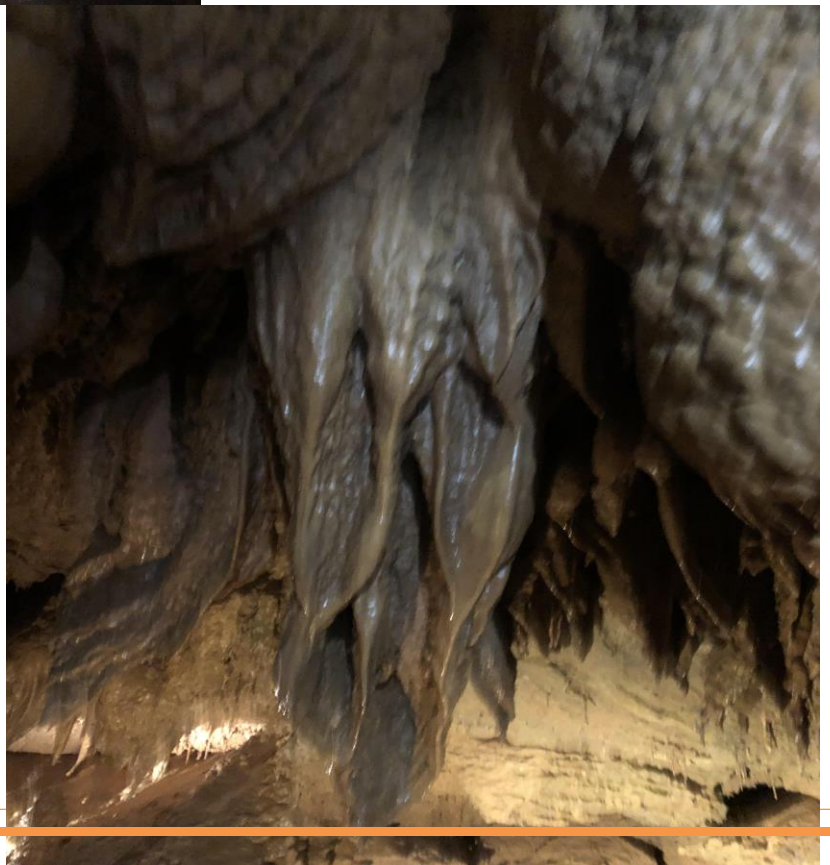
Karen Halligan
VP Activities
New Villagers Club

P.S. Another good resource to find shared hobbies is to check out the CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS list on Tellico Life: <https://www.tellicolife.org/home-pages>
We have many more clubs that do not have web pages but they may have Facebook links. The Welcome Center has a more complete list of clubs and groups and would be happy to help you.



A total of 25 New Villagers toured the Tuckaleechee Caverns on May 20 2020. The Caverns offered a variety of geological sites and amazing formations along with an underground waterfall and stream.

Everyone had an awesome experience.



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Karen Kuske - New Villager

I moved to TN from Punta Gorda, FL in Dec 2019. I rented a house in Farragut while I shopped around for a house to buy. Closed on my house in TN in March 2020. I live on Tanasi Circle now. I'm retired (widow) and also a quilter and quilt pattern designer. My patterns are available on my website; www.quiltpatternsmore.com. I also design and make custom quilts.

I moved to TN to enjoy the change of seasons and the nearby mountains. I grew up in Northeast Ohio, then spent 12 years living on and traveling on boats, then spent many years living in the CO mountains.

TN offers the change of seasons without extremes, which I'm loving.

My 5 kids (fur babies) are 2 dogs; Montana & Dakota and 3 kitties; Cheyenne, Cody, & Ginger (all rescue pets).

Loving the friendliness of the neighbors here!
Looking forward to meeting others in the Village.



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Ray Slonina & Kathy Bougie - New Villager

Moved November 2019 from Minneapolis, MN

Live in Tommotley neighborhood

Hobbies/Interests:

Golf, Scuba diving, Hiking, Kayaking, Cooking, Wine, Bird watching, Live Music/Arts, Reading/Writing, Playing Pool/cards/games, Boating, our Pets (Golden Retriever and 3 cats) - and spending quality time with friends and family!!!



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Matt & Barbara Ketcham - New Villager

Hello to all from Matt & Barbara. We moved to TV from Landrum, SC located in the foothills along the NC/SC state line near I-26. Our former home was in the middle of that area's horse country. Our new home on Saloli Lane is within the beautiful Chatuga Cove community of TV.

We have interests in walking trails, biking, kayaking, cruising the backroads, landscaping, and camping in our motor coach. So, thankful to the good Lord for planning our next life chapter to be together here in Tellico Village.



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George & Kathy Fanno - New Villager

Kathy and I lived in Plainview, Long Island, New York for 36 years. I was raised in Floral Park, New York while Kathy was raised in Ramsey, New Jersey. Kathy worked in IT for Citibank and First Data Corp. (now Fiserv) and I owned a business in the digital graphics imaging field.

We moved here on Feb 1st, and are currently living in Mialaquo Point and so far we enjoy walking the trails, playing golf, boating, and are looking forward to many other activities once the pandemic is over.



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Mike & Sandy Thomas - New Villager

We are from Sterling Heights, Michigan; we were owners of a small business for 37 years. Live now in Chatuga Neighborhood.

Hobbies are for Mike: Photography and Classic Car admirer
Sandy: Advanced Master Gardener since 2001 and amateur cook/baker



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Steve & Cheri Tompkins - New Villager

We retired in 2017 and moved from Naperville, Illinois to our home in Chatuga in late March, just as social distancing became the norm. Steve loves music and Tall Ship photography, as well as reading.

Cheri is an avid quilter and has recently learned how to do glass on glass mosaics. She likes reading, gardening, chocolate and socializing with friends (missing that right now).

We have a cream colored golden retriever named Lucy who has become well known already in our neighborhood. We are hoping to have a kayak soon so that we can get to know the "neighborhood."



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Sharon & Norm Mitchell - New Villager

Norm and I moved from Batavia Illinois. We are currently living in Chota View Courts, until our home on Elokwa Way in Toqua Coves is completed in the fall.

Some of my interests are golfing, reading, and volunteering. Norm shares my love of golf and reading. He also enjoys shooting.

We are looking forward to joining a wine club and making new friends.



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Bill & Lynn Lockard - New Villager

We are excited to be in Tellico Village and live in Toqua. We moved here from Jackson, NH. Bill likes to tinker with tools and Lynn likes anything that will take her outside.



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Dave & Sue Johnson - New Villager

We moved here from KY, but have lived in many places including MI and both raised in IA. We currently live in Chota on Chahyga Way. We love visiting wineries, cruising, and hiking. Dave likes to golf, hunt, fish, and doing yard work. I enjoy reading and digital scrapbooking.

Looking forward to getting together and meeting other newcomers.



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Toni & Jack Reeves - New Villager

We moved from Dexter Michigan, just outside Ann Arbor. We live in Tommotley neighborhood, on the golf course, tee #5.

Our main hobbies and interests are Golfing and RVing.



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Charlie & Beth Stahr – New Villager

We moved from Covington, Louisiana to Coyatee Neighborhood on April 14. Charlie is an Ohio native, and Beth is originally from the Chicago area, born in Elmhurst. (Any Devilbiss High, West Leyden HS, Miami University or Purdue University alums out there?) However, we have also lived in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, and we consider ourselves Midwesterners despite a long stay in Louisiana.

Charlie is delighted to be in a location with a good pickleball program. Beth will continue her family history research, speaking, and writing activities. We're thankful for the splendid welcome we've received from our neighbors, and we're eager to be part of more activities in TV



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Mark and LuAnne Zimmerman moved from Jensen Beach, Florida to the Toqua community on March 8, 2020. Mark has enjoyed playing the Tellico golf courses and LuAnne is anxiously awaiting to play tennis. We are looking forward to playing pickleball, doing lots of hiking, and learning about all that Tellico Village and East Tennessee have to offer.



