



# New Villagers Club of Tellico Village News & Events

**December 1, 2020**



## **THANK YOU NEW VILLAGERS!**

Thank you . . . . for entrusting me with a leadership role in this terrific organization in 2020!

Thank you . . . . for helping to make the best of a crazy year and leading the way back to community re-engagement!

Thank you . . . . for supporting dozens of local causes through your enthusiastic participation in New Villagers!

Thank you . . . . for your community service/volunteerism and your commitment to enhancing the beautiful community that all of us call home! It truly is . . . . .

## ***Better in Tellico Village!!!***

This month we will return to the lower level of the Yacht Club for our December NV Social on **Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Our Event Coordinators will again have their tables in the bar area. We will continue adhering strictly to the CDC and Tennessee Pledge as well as POA guidelines for “gatherings” while continuing to empower you, our members, to decide for yourselves whether you are ready to re-engage socially. The POA face covering mandate (except when eating or drinking) is still in effect, and members are reminded to keep your mask in place except when eating or drinking. Let’s help EVERYONE feel as welcome & comfortable as possible! To attend the social you **MUST PRE-REGISTER** for the session of your choice (limited to 90 NVers per session) online via Tellico Life at [www.tellicolife.org](http://www.tellicolife.org). I hope you will join us. ***Let’s celebrate the “season of giving” and add a little color & spirit to this month’s social by donning your favorite Christmas attire!*** Whether you are ready to re-engage now, or perhaps a bit later on, please know that your New Villagers will be here for you!

This NV Social will be the last for your 2020 NV Board of Directors. They have done a GREAT job balancing the needs of the membership with the well-being of the community during what turned out to be a very challenging year! None of them could have imagined this when they volunteered last fall. Attending the December NV Social is your opportunity to say “Thank You!” to the outgoing BOD and “Welcome!” to the incoming BOD. I hope you’ll join us!

That’s it for now. Whether you are traveling or hosting for the upcoming holiday, please be safe . . . . embrace family . . . . . and be thankful for all of the blessings we enjoy here in beautiful Tellico Village!

Mike Blackwell, President

## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS (in lieu of speakers):**

**TOYS FOR TOTS** – Can you imagine a child on Christmas morning with no packages to open? The Loudon County Sheriff's Office and the Tellico Village Woodworkers' Club can't. This is why they are asking for our help to make the holidays bright and magical for the children of financially distressed families in Loudon County. This year you can help by either "Adopting a Child" or making a cash/check donation. When you "Adopt a Child", you will receive the child's name, age, gender, favorite color, clothing sizes and a suggested gift list. The recommended "Adopt a Child" donation is 2-3 gifts totaling \$100 or more. To help, please contact Debbie Hines at 865-986-4823 or [dhines@lcsotn.org](mailto:dhines@lcsotn.org).

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA** – **CHANGE OF TIME**...WAA has announced that the placing of wreaths at Knoxville Cemetery on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> ..... along with 100 or so of your closest friends and neighbors from Tellico Village please contact Sherry Weber at [sherryweber1221@yahoo.com](mailto:sherryweber1221@yahoo.com).

**OUR PLACE** – This Adult Day Care facility is halfway to their fundraising goal and hoping to break ground by February of 2021, but they still need our help! Could you volunteer some of your time to help solicit items for their online auction in March? If so, please contact Cynthia Rogers at 865-657-5111 or [auction@ourplacetn.org](mailto:auction@ourplacetn.org).



**Have we tried  
unplugging 2020,  
waiting 10 seconds and  
plugging it back in?**



Greetings New Villagers,

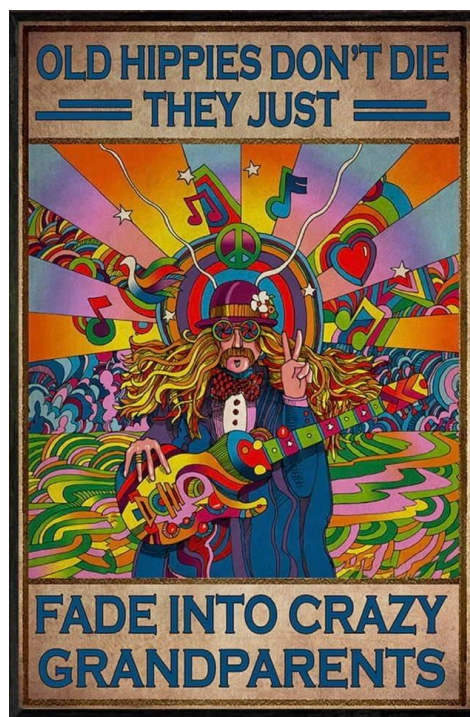
I end my tenure with the New Villagers Club this week with mixed emotions. Great fun was had crafting activities for our members the past two years, and I certainly met a lot of amazing people along the way. That being said, I will miss the camaraderie of working with the innovative professionals on our Board of Directors as well as the enthusiastic volunteers on the Activities Committee. Since 2020 leaves us with a pandemic and a feeling of pervasive uncertainty, I hereby proclaim that we do not have to count our birthdays this year!

Your 2021 leadership team is shaping up to be a strong one! Please be certain that they are keen to uphold the New Villagers mission: To welcome newcomers to Tellico Village; to help acclimate them to our local communities; and to organize interesting and informative activities for friendship and fun.

As I pack my RV and depart for warmer climes, I send you good wishes for a safe and serene holiday season.

Kind Regards,  
Karen Halligan

PS –From now on, you can register online (and pay a non-refundable \$2 per person service charge) for the Dining Out evenings. All **new** activities will be opened the morning **after** the NV Social.  
<https://www.tellicolife.org>



# MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR

Diane Lipinski

I'm originally from Michigan but have lived in Southern California for the last 30+ years, most recently in Oceanside (near San Diego). I live in Chota Shores. I like to play card and board games, I'm a relatively new quilter (3 years) and I like to bake.



If you have registered with New Villagers on March 1, 2020 or after we would like to include you in the next month's newsletter. Please include the following information:


- Where you moved from
- What neighborhood in TV you live
- Some of your main hobbies and interests

Please email your picture and bio to [NVTV.Communications@gmail.com](mailto:NVTV.Communications@gmail.com) to be included in the next month's newsletter.

Thanks,

Linda Rasmussen  
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We have a New Villager Facebook page. Please "like"  Like us on Facebook us and send anything you would like posted to me at [karenlindahalligan@icloud.com](mailto:karenlindahalligan@icloud.com)