



New Villagers Club of Tellico Village News & Events

July 1, 2020



How about your New Villagers Board of Directors! We FINALLY were able to create some excitement for our newest members with an outdoor mini-social on June 16th at the Toqua Pavilion! Did you realize that more than 80 people have registered as New Villagers since our last NV Social back in March? Almost all of them (81) showed up for this special “invitation only” event. The AWE staff from the Toqua Bar & Grill did a fabulous job manning the cash bar and meeting the needs of our “New” New Villagers before, during and after the mini-social. There were 9 Event Coordinators on hand to facilitate signups for NV Golf, Raft-Offs, Cards & Games, Dinners, NFL Football, Wine Groups and more! As with any large, group endeavor, there were a few folks who “slipped through the cracks”. If we missed you in June, we apologize! Hope is on the way! We are working hard to put together a similar social event on a bit larger scale in July. Unfortunately, we are still waiting for our governor to issue an updated Executive Order which will then need POA approval before we can proceed with our plan. **Sadly, that means that we must cancel the New Villager Social that was scheduled for July 2nd at the Yacht Club.**

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

Confucius once said that “A journey of 1,000 miles begins with a single step”. I can’t begin to tell you how proud I am of those of you who took that “first step” and attended our mini-social AND of your NV Board of Directors who took the bold step to be the first to move toward a social re-opening of Tellico Village! While your New Villager Board of Directors is sensitive to the needs of all of our members and our community at-large, we respect the right of each of our members to make personal decisions based on their own, individual circumstances regarding how much and how soon you choose to re-engage in the social fabric of our beautiful village. Our role is simply to provide reasonably safe & respectful opportunities within the limitations of Governor Lee’s Executive Orders for Tennessee and directives from our POA Board. Your overwhelming response to this first attempt speaks volumes about your readiness & willingness to re-engage! We are all in this thing together and we will come out of it better and stronger on the other side!

Mike Blackwell, President



VOLUNTEER

Be a Vol!

THANK YOU . . . so much to those who have volunteered to step into a leadership role for our 2021 New Villagers Board of Directors! We now have interested & enthusiastic candidates for **VP Activities, VP Membership, Member Admin, VP Communications, POA Liaison, HOA Liaison** and **Secretary!** There are still 5 positions OPEN for which we are seeking candidates . . . someone like YOU!

In July our NV By-Laws require us to present a "slate" of candidates to the membership at our regularly-scheduled social. Unfortunately, we are still not ready to conduct a "business as usual", full-scale NV Social in July. 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
TREASURER (Mark McMahan) ROLE: Manage receipts/disbursements/reporting
WEBMASTER (Linda Garza) ROLE: Liaison to Tellico Life (database management)

Some of your current NV Board members (in parenthesis) are still 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 us. No experience needed! 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!
So, what's stopping you?

NOTE: With or without a NV Social in August, we will publish pics & brief bios for the 2021 "Slate of Candidates" in the August newsletter.

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

Dear New Villagers,

A splinter group "Regeneration" of the Tellico Singers said it best:

https://mixcord.co/acapella/p/XEG9Tu6Fgub5c_E7QEv13A/

As you know, the community is slowly opening up and your Event Coordinators are busy trying to organize some summer fun for all.

The Tellico Life Events Calendar is the place to look for recently added activities, so please check it often to see what's new: https://tlife.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_events

If you are golfers you moved to the right place. New Villagers Golf has three primary goals: First & foremost -- HAVE FUN!; be introduced to the three beautiful Tellico Village golf courses; be introduced to other New Villagers. So come one, come all regardless of your golf skill level. See you on the course!

Another great place to meet people and cool off is floating in the water on one of our Raft-Offs. People who have boats take those who don't out to a designated cove and the boats all tie up together. Everybody brings their own food, drinks, and inflatables for some socializing both in the water and on the boats. Here we are arriving for the Woodstock-themed raft off last summer!



The Muddy Boots Hiking Club is an active and lively group who organize monthly hikes that are not too hard for our age demographic. They are scheduled the second Monday of every month: https://www.tellicolife.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=103:muddy-boots-hiking-group&catid=44:tellicolife-clubs-org&Itemid=213 or contact Renee at: rjbaker427@gmail.com



Dining-Outs are an easy way to meet new friends and you don't have to cook! We pick restaurants that will accommodate a reasonable size group and you sign up and mail a "placeholder" check which you get back that evening. This is one we had BC (before Covid).



The Historic Loudon Theatre has an outdoor venue and the bands they hire are great! You can take your own adult beverages and food so check out the dates of July 25th and August 1st. We would love to see you there.



Please join us for a beach party July 23rd right here at our own Tugaloo Beach. Put your name tag on your sun visor and meet us at the Pavilion at 1:00. Pack a picnic, some cold beverages and maybe a lawn game like JARTS or KAN JAM or giant JENGA and have some fun with other New Villagers. Go for a swim, listen to some oldies, or just lounge in the sun for a relaxing day away from the television news. Even though it's free, please register online so we know how many people to expect.



Other fun miscellaneous events include a whitewater rafting adventure on 8/13, a “return by popular demand” name that tune Music Trivia game at the Yacht Club 8/19; an informative and delicious Wine Tasting in the Village on 8/28; tours of the office at the Fort Loudoun Dam and Locks on 9/22 and 9/23; a paddleboat tour and luncheon in Knoxville on 9/30; and our 7th annual Chili Cook-Off on 10/25 at Tugaloo (proceeds benefitting the Smoky Mountain Service Dogs). Sign up for some fun on the Tellico Life Events

Page: https://tvlife.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_jevents

Last but certainly not least, one of the best ways to meet new people is to join some of our groups. We have a Wine Group (but you don't have to know anything about wine or even like to drink it — they are just small, socializing groups in homes). Email Cathy at: cathyselber02@gmail.com for information. The Dinner-In-Homes contact is Bruce at: brjones1385@att.net. The Cards and Games Guru is Melly: melaniestrand@yahoo.com, our Book Club contact is: erinoswanski@gmail.com

Be safe and be sane,
Karen Halligan
VP Activities

P.S. The Activities Committee needs five new event coordinators. If you like to plan special events and work with a dedicated team of fun people, please email me at KarenLindaHalligan@icloud.com! You will have lots of help and training on how our system works, and will only take up a couple hours per month. Thank you.

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MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Dona Oliver

I moved from Montana (near Red Lodge). Have an Australian Shepherd named "JD" who was a working dog on a ranch in Wyoming.

Live in the Mialaquo Neighborhood

Hobbies/Interests -- golf, outdoor activities, bridge and other card games, ping pong, horseback riding & horse activities, dogs and agility. Volunteer at STAR.



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Toni & Peter Farmer

We are Toni and Peter Farmer and are delighted to get to know our new neighbors! Peter is originally from Nottingham, England, Toni a lifelong Chicago resident. In his early years, Peter was a teacher and came to the US on a Fulbright teaching exchange and decided he wanted to call the USA home. He switched careers to international sales with a manufacturing firm in the printing/newspaper industry and Toni worked for the City of Chicago. We purchased “our retirement home” home in Tellico in 2015. The sudden death of a close friend helped us to realize how short life is and we weren’t ready to “settle down in retirement”. We rented out our home, sold all our belongings and have traveled the world nomadically since 2016. We have visited 30 countries, over 800 cities and thousands of places and prefer living in Tellico to anywhere else on earth. We would have been hiking the Carpathian Mountains this summer if not for CoVid19! We have an amateurish Facebook page (for family and friends) that follows some of our travels. It is <https://www.facebook.com/worldwideretirement/>
We had planned to return to Tellico in 2021 so we’re ahead of schedule!



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Gary Wheelock

From: Vermont and I currently live on Ogana Way and just moved in June 10th

Hobbies: I am a music collector and hi-fi stereo equipment (both vintage and modern) enthusiast. My musical interests include old jazz, blues, country and bluegrass music from the 1920s through the 1940s. However, I also enjoy more modern rock, jazz and classical music.

I am a card-playing enthusiast, particularly cribbage and 500.

Fine wine and Bavarian and Czech-style beers interest me.

I love to cook.

Travel has been a passion; I've visited Paris, London, Stockholm, Munich, Prague, Budapest and the French wine regions of Alsace, Burgundy, Loire, and Rhone.

Other comments:

I am widowed after 41 years of marriage, my wife passed on in March 2019. It was a sad time, she was very ill for 4 difficult years, complications of Type 1 diabetes. My arrival here is principally centered on making new friends, in a warmer climate. The last straw, so to speak, for my life in Vermont was the arrival of 15 inches of snow in late February of this year. I have had my fill of shoveling snow, LOL. My professional career is divided into two parts: I worked in radio and television as a news reporter in the 70s and 80s. The last half of my career was spent in public relations and as CEO of the New England Dairy Promotion Board and Dairy Council based in Boston, working for dairy farmers from that region to help them promote sales and consumption of milk, cheese, yogurt and ice cream. Yum! It was a great career, but my life now is focused on making the most of my newly-found leisure time here in Tellico Village. I look forward to meeting you, if you're reading this! Thank you.



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Kim and Andy Flad

Andy and I came to Tellico Village for the first time in September of 2019. We have a good friend from Illinois living here and she offered us shelter from hurricane Dorian. It was love at first sight!! We had been living on the South Carolina coast, and intended to make that our retirement home. Having owned property on Seabrook Island since 2003, we had not encountered many hurricanes until the past 4 years. They began to hit in rapid succession, and enduring a hurricane while you live on the coast is a game-changer. We returned to South Carolina after the storm and decided over the next few months, that we wanted to transplant ourselves in Tellico Village. We sold our home this past April and here we are!

Andy and I are both pretty active. We enjoy running, hiking, backpacking, walking, swimming, biking, Orange Theory Fitness, golf, kayaking and look forward to learning some new things such as pickle ball! I retired in April of 2019 and Andy will retire in early 2021. We are adjusting to retirement life which has been interesting and at times challenging! Having the opportunity to read for pleasure, and have a more flexible schedule is both wonderful and new for both Andy and I. Retirement is truly a gift of time and we hope to use it well. We are also civic minded and as such, I have already been accepted to begin training as a CASA volunteer for the local CASA program here in Loudon. Child welfare is my background so it is good to be able to give back in this way. Andy has enjoyed a long and successful sales leadership career with the same company for over 35 years. He will look for opportunities to serve in a volunteer capacity once he is fully retired.

Andy is originally from the Philadelphia area and moved to Chicago in his early 20's to accept a sales position. That is how we met. Andy has 3 sisters all who live in the suburban Philadelphia area. I am a Chicago native, and have 6 siblings who still live in the Midwest, most in the Chicago area. We have 2 adult children, both are married. Our son and his wife live in Kansas City, MO and our daughter and her husband live in Kelso, WA about 30 minutes north of Vancouver, WA. We enjoy travel and have traveled with our entire family to Ireland last year and have a Colorado trip planned for next month. We are looking forward to having our new home completed, set for this September and we will be living in the Mialaquo neighborhood.



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Doreen & Joe Cash

Both of us moved from Jacksonville, FL. Doreen is originally from Chicago, IL and Joe is originally from Charlestown, IN.

We live in Toqua neighborhood near the clubhouse.

Joe likes fishing, camping, hiking, and drinking beer.

Doreen likes hiking, camping and reading books.

We both are still working and we work from home. We are excited once things open back up to meet people.



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Wally & Renee Robinson

Wally and Renee live in the Toqua community. Wally is a South Carolina native but has lived in Middle and East Tennessee most of his life. Renee grew up in Carlsbad, California. They were married here at the Yacht Club in the 1990s. Wally and Renee both work in the nuclear industry. They have three grown children (two girls and a boy), three grandchildren, and three fur babies. Wally enjoys golf, football (Vols and Titans), reading, bird watching, the lake, traveling, and spending time with his family and pets. Renee enjoys cooking, reading, yoga, the lake, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. They both love the natural beauty, friendly folks, and relaxed lifestyle the Village has to offer!



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Walt & Deb Eddy

We are originally from Allegany, NY, which is directly south of Buffalo, NY. We retired in 2010 and moved to Spring City, TN on Watts Bar Lake. We sold our lake house and moved to Tellico in November, 2019. We love to travel within the United States and the Caribbean. We love anything to do with water and boating.



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

David and Jan Nason

Moved from: Pickerington, OH (Columbus suburb)

Live in: Tanasi

David: main interests are guitar playing, drumming, running, cycling, and techie related stuff.

Jan: hopes to get involved in volunteering and fun NV activities.



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Ed & Carolyn Hamm

We most recently moved from Farragut (Knoxville, TN) but 9 years prior to that, we spent our lives in northern Ohio, raising our three children, cheering and agonizing for Cleveland sports teams, and enjoying Cedar Point. We met at Miami University where Ed studied accounting, and now works for Team Health, and Carolyn studied special education, currently working for Knox County Schools. We moved May 1 to Toqua, and we are thoroughly enjoying our life in Tellico Village.

We spend our free time hiking, bicycling, boating, playing games with our family and friends, and we've taken up golf again after a many year hiatus. We are especially looking forward to the birth of our first grandchild in a few weeks!

Tellico Village is an amazing place to live, and we feel very fortunate to be here!



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Tim Jackson & Heather Majka

My husband - Tim Jackson and I (Heather Majka) moved to TV from good 'ole Knoxville TN. My husband is a retired Desert Storm Vet and I own my own business helping people with Health Insurance and Medicare (Citizens Insurance Solutions). I personally work part time and have a whole team of folks across the US. My company and I represent all insurance companies and options. We wanted to live the lake life and be part of a close knit community!

I love volunteering, exercising, boating, eating, traveling, wine and friendships. Tim loves boating, fishing, and fishing. He also is a volunteer Veterans Advocate. We have two dogs Colonel and Lucy. All our children are grown and gone! I am originally from upstate NY!



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Wayne & Brenda Robinson

Moved from Bakersfield CA and are building in the Mialaquo neighborhood. Hobbies include hot rods, exploring the Great Smokies, Civil War History and outdoor activities. Looking forward to all Tellico Village offers.



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Paula & Dave Doherty

We are Paula and Dave Doherty from Fremont California. Where is that you might ask? It's in The Bay Area just north of San Jose. We live in the Tanasi Neighborhood and LOVE IT! Our hobbies and interests involve the outdoors- hiking, golf, tennis and most recently kayaking and paddle boarding. It also involves wood working for Dave and Line Dancing for Paula plus we both enjoy cooking and creating new friendships.



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Brock & Judy Bigsby

Name: Brock & Judy Bigsby

Neighborhood: Coyatee Hills

The Bigsby's moved to TV from Plainfield IL, (metro Chicago area)
Brock enjoys the outdoors, gardening (flowers) and reading. Judy likes to do crafts, quilting and cooking. Both like watching wildlife, volunteering and socializing.



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Mike & Dorene

We are Mike and Dorene Napierkowski and we live at Tommotley Drive.

We moved from Venice Florida where we only lived for 5 years we claim Virginia as our former home.

Mike likes hiking, woodworking, kayaking, and traveling.

Dorene likes reading, traveling, shopping and photography.



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 to be included in the next month's newsletter.

Thanks,

Linda Rasmussen
VP Communications

