

New Villagers Club of Tellico Village News & Events

November 2, 2020







The autumn leaves are falling in East Tennessee. That signals the end of our magnificent summer and the onset of an equally beautiful fall in the Great Smoky Mountains. As the holiday season approaches and restrictions begin to ease, many of us will be traveling to spend Thanksgiving with family . . . or family will be traveling to spend the holiday with us. It seems like a good time to take pause and give thanks for all of the blessings we enjoy. What are you thankful for? I'm thankful for the opportunity to have served as your New Villagers President for 2020 (COVID-19 notwithstanding!) It has been a challenging year, but an enjoyable one nonetheless. I'm a firm believer in the axiom, "the greater the challenge, the greater the reward". It has been deeply rewarding term and I'm looking forward to our last couple of months together!

This month we will return to the lower level of the Yacht Club for our November NV Social on **Thursday, November 5**th. Our Event Coordinators will be moving their tables indoors to 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. I hope you will join us. Let's celebrate the "season of thanks" and add a little color & spirit to this month's social by donning your favorite patriotic and/or military apparel in appreciation for the freedoms that we all enjoy thanks to our honored veterans - and active service personnel! 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!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Last month, after we announced the end of our "membership extension", most (if not all) of you received a "graduation" email indicating that your membership in New Villagers was up effective 31 October 2020. That was obviously a mistake! You should since have received a CORRECTION e-mail. Please forgive our error technology can be both freedom & fetters at the same time! Some of you - those who were originally scheduled to "graduate" in April 2020 - will still be graduating as of October 31st. The rest of those whose memberships were interrupted by the pandemic will continue to enjoy your NV memberships until 6 months from your originally-scheduled graduation date.

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 ANNONCEMENTS (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! That is why they are asking for our help to make the holidays bright & magical for the children of financially distressed families in Loudon County. In years past, this program collected new, unwrapped toys for this effort. In 2020, COVID-19 necessitates some changes. 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.

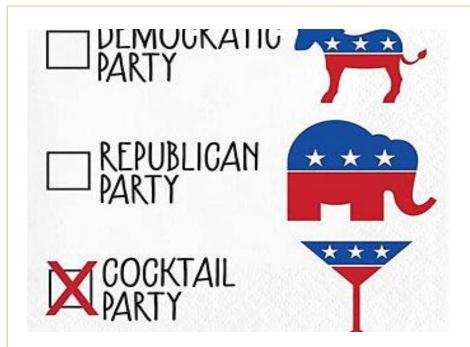
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - November is your last opportunity to help us honor each & every veteran interred at Knoxville's National Cemetery with a wreath of remembrance on Saturday, December 19th at noon. To sponsor a wreath or wreaths at \$15 each through our Tellico Village Honors Veterans initiative, please visit www.knoxwreaths.org. Scroll down to the Knoxville National Cemetery and click on the link for *Tellico Village Honors Veterans*. What a great way to honor our American heroes in the month of Veterans' Day! You can also volunteer to help place wreaths on December 19th along with 100 or so of your closest friends & neighbors from Tellico Village! To volunteer, please contact Sherry Weber at sherryweber1221@yahoo.com.

<u>TELLICO RIDERS - SANTA'S HELPER PROGRAM</u> - Another GREAT cause in a time of great need! The Tellico Riders Motorcycle club is partnering with the Lenoir City Schools' Family Resource Center to provide gifts for the children of economically-depressed children in the district. Your donation will help brighten the holiday for a child in our local community. To donate, **make checks payable to LCS-FRC** and send them to **Ms. Jo Lynn Bloomquist** at **114 Coyatee Circle** here in the village.

<u>TELLICO VILLAGE LIBRARY</u> - The "Friends of the Library" are holding a fundraising Road Rally on Saturday, November 7. Cost is \$15 if you are a "Friend of the Library" (\$20 if not). Great time for a good cause. Pick up clue packets at the library between 10-11AM and return them between 3-5PM. Purchase tickets in advance at the Tellico Village Library.

<u>POA ELECTION</u> – While the 2020 election season is FINALLY nearing its end, you still have the time and opportunity to effect change in your community! You should recently have received (or you will) in the mail instructions from your POA regarding how to vote – online or in person – in the POA's 2020 election. Every Tellico Village property owner (resident & non-resident) is eligible to vote ONE VOTE PER HOUSEHOLD. Make a difference – VOTE!

<u>OUR PLACE</u> - 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 <u>auction@ourplacetn.org</u>





Greetings New Villagers,

The holidays are approaching and I'm sure everyone is busy making lists of things to do, meals to plan, gifts to buy, and anxiously waiting for this election to be over and the pandemic to end - I know I am...

We have a few things on the events calendar that may help get you through the rest of the year. The Muddy Boots hikes on 11/9 and 12/14 are lots of fun and they're free. Please check out our dinner at **The Whitestone Inn** 11/17, the **Holiday Cookie Exchange** 12/2, enjoy luxury transportation to the **Tanger Shopping Outlets & Holiday Lights Display** on 12/8 and have lunch at Paula Deen's restaurant, **Peppermint Pub Crawls** in Knoxville 12/7 & 14, and of course, the **New Villagers Holiday Soiree** at the Yacht Club on December 11th. As usual, log on to Tellico Life to register. If an event is full please email the relevant coordinator to be put on a waiting list as we almost always have cancellations.

One of my favorite poets, Charles Bukowski, said "The problem is, we look for someone to grow old together, while the secret is to find someone to stay a child with!" Well, we can help you out with that! Enjoy a day of Christmas movies at The Historic Loudon Theatre 12/6 - four family - appropriate movies running back to back - come for one, two, or all for just \$10! Movie Line – Up: ELF (12:30p-2p) How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2p-2:30p) Charlie Brown's Christmas (2:30p-3p) White Christmas (3p-5:30p). The tables will be socially distanced and you are encouraged to bring your own food and drinks and maybe a couple grandchildren or friends!

The upcoming **New Villager Social** is on 11/5 and you should register for that as soon as possible if you wish to attend. We hope to see you there!

Here's a Thanksgiving poem by an unknown author that made me smile:

"May your stuffing be tasty, may your turkey plump, may your potatoes and gravy have nary a lump. May your yams be delicious, and your pies take the prize, and may your Thanksgiving dinner stay off of your thighs!"

Kind Regards, Karen Halligan VP Activities New Villagers Club



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2021 Membership

Household dues: \$15.00 by check or Save \$5.00 & pay \$10.00 by credit card through TellicoLife

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- Advocacy on issues of concern to home owners
- o Monthly HOA Socials on the second Tuesday of every month
- Over 100 sponsored HOA social events and discounted theatre tickets
- Open Village meetings held four to six times a year
- The HOA Neighborhood Watch Program
- Monthly HOA VOICE emails
- Surveys to gather home owner input on important issues
- Liaisons to Monroe and Loudon County governments and TDOT
- Representatives on POA Advisory Committees

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MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Wolf and Judith Strohwig

We moved here from Wisconsin. We live in the Toqua Point area. Our hobbies are Mahjongg for me and Chess for my husband. Motorcycle trips, boating and Golf.



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



We have a New Villager Facebook page. Please "like" Facebook us and send anything you would like posted to me at karenlindahalligan@icloud.com