



### **Message from the New Villagers Club President**

The merry month of May is here! Torrential April showers this year will certainly bring the flowers, but what is all this "yellow stuff" on our cars and decks that will not go quietly?! Oh, just Tennessee pollen season for those of us who have not lived here before. The good news is that the amount of rain has shortened the season this year so get ready to use that power washer to clean the decks! Fun on the lake is starting so for all you boaters make sure your safety gear is in good order and you have familiarized yourself with the mile markers so if there is an emergency you can

succinctly tell 911 your exact location. Cell phones are great, but a hand-held marine radio is also recommended.

All the folks wearing red vests are your New Villager board members who have volunteered to help make your transition to Tellico Village as easy as possible. We are here to answer your questions and make sure you meet as many of your new neighbors as possible. As the weather warms, we can have more activities outdoors.

We continue to abide by the guidelines established by the state of Tennessee for your safety and well-being to keep you safe at our monthly meetings. Join us at the 5:00 PM or 6:30 PM session on Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Yacht Club, lower level. The Blue Heron restaurant is available for dinner either before or after each session so make a reservation and enjoy the lake view.

Tennessee is the "Volunteer" state, better known as the "Vols." More about that next month!

### **John Arguelles**

"Where you are in 5 years depends on who you meet today!"

...George Stamatis



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# **New Villagers Club**

recently launched a new Facebook page!



Keep informed of what's happening and post your **own** photos of New Villager activites that you think others will enjoy!



# Event Coordinators Needed!

Join the New Villagers Activities Committee and help plan and coordinate group outings this summer and beyond!

As life opens up and our numbers increase, we are looking for additional volunteers to help provide more group activities for our growing list of New Villagers.

Take a look at some of the great events below that will be taking place in East Tennessee this year and next, and consider joining our group of coordinators who will teach you everything you need to know!

Contact Pat McLaughlin at vp4nvactivities@gmail.com

Night Hike @ Fort Loudon May 25th

Caribbean Jerk Festival May 30th

Family Fishing Tournament June 12th

Great Tennessee Air Show June 5th-6th

Bike - Boat - Brew- & Bark June 5th

Barn Dance at Museum of Appalachia
June 25th

Gatlinburg Craftsmen's Fair
July 9th

Hot Air Balloon Festival August 21st

Margaritaville Crawl Knoxville November 27th

Elton John Concert in Knoxville 2022

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### **ATTENTION ALL NEW VILLAGERS**

Please understand that the NV Board of Directors is aware of the frustration that many of you are having getting your names on the lists of some of the more popular events, and we are working hard to meet the demand. We currently have 1239 New Villagers competing for extremely limited spots on our event registration lists, and since we are a year behind with some of our more popular excursions, people are lining up more than ever before! As Villagers start breaking out of their Covid cocoons, vaccinations expand, governmental regulations begin to loosen, and our numbers continue to grow, competition for slots is at an all-time high. We know how much everyone wants to make up for lost time and get back to the retirement way of life you moved to Tellico to live, but until our supply of activities can meet the demand, here are some ways to help you get ready to sign up at the earliest possible time

- 1. Most all events are scheduled 2 months in advance, and in the spirit of fairness, are open for registration <u>online</u> the day AFTER each monthly social. (For example, this year's June events will be available for online registration early morning on May 7<sup>th</sup>, the day after our next social. May events began registration on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is why many were "sold out" weeks ago).
- 2. All registrations are now done online, so everyone has an equal chance of getting a spot by signing up at the first opportunity. Attendance at the Social does not give you an advantage, however.... attending the social gives you info on events that are coming later, so you can mark your calendar to be ready as soon as registration opens.
- 3. Each monthly newsletter is emailed to all 1200+ New Villagers on the Monday prior to the monthly Social. The newsletters feature all the activities currently open for that month, as well as a preview of events for the following Month.
- 4. Keep in mind that events are being planned and added to the monthly event calendar all the time. It is a good idea to check the NV event calendar and NV website from time to time to see what's been added. New Villagers Club on Facebook and NV notifications on Next Door also help to inform followers of happenings, but the best way is frequent monitoring of Tellico Life NV Event Calendar.
- 5. The Mid-month Social Update is just that.... an update on what is still available, a preview of what events are coming NEXT month, and what will be presented the next month's social. If something new is added and is still available, it will be posted in the Mid-Month Update, so stay tuned!!!

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### **THESE MAY EVENTS ARE STILL OPEN!**

Click on the **PICTURE** for a link to more information and registration

# Smoky Mountain Speedway Saturday, May 8th



Today (May 3) is the last day to sign up! Don't miss this exhilarating night of New Villager tailgating and speedway racing!

### Muddy Boots Hike Monday, May 10th



Cumberland
Mountain
State Park
A suspension
bridge,
rhododendrons,
and lakeside
views await you!
EASY rating.

Sweetwater Valley Farm Wednesday, May 12

Take "THE RED COW TOUR" of this ROBOTIC facility and learn about the cheese making process.



<u>Learn to Play Hand & Foot</u> Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>



Learn how to play this fun card game that just about everyone in the Village is playing these days. Easy peasy!

New Villagers' Night @ Loudon Theater - "Uptown Moonlighting"
Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

Fabulous outdoor music venue is being reserved JUST for New Villagers to hear one of the area's favorite bands singing your favorite songs!



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# **EVENTS PLANNED FOR JUNE**

Registration opens Friday, May 7th!

# NV Lunch and Flotilla Through the Fort Loudon Lock Friday, June 4th

After boating to Calhoun's for a lunch buffet, up to 40 boats will cruise to the lock to be lowered down to Watts Bar Lake, head down to Loudon for an afternoon of socializing and swimming, and then head back to the lock to be raised up to Ft. Loudon Lake to travel home. Exciting!



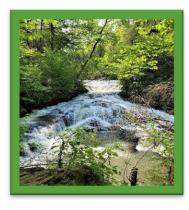


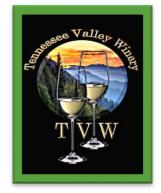
# NV Riverboat Cruise Wednesday, June 9th

Experience breathtaking views cruising along the Tennessee River while enjoying a lunch buffet and live music aboard the Star of Knoxville. \$36 includes lunch and gratuity.

### <u>Muddy Boots Hike - Turtletown Creek Falls</u> Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

Come along on this enjoyable, mostly shaded 4-mile loop hike along water cascades and 2 beautiful waterfalls in the Cherokee National Forest. Bring your own lunch to eat at the base of the waterfalls! Rated Easy to Moderate.





# NV Country Style BBQ @ Tennessee Valley Winery Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

What could be more enjoyable than dining on BBQ pulled pork with all the fixins, dessert, and 3 glasses of complimentary wine of your choice while overlooking the beautiful Tennessee valley! \$40 per person.



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# NV Tail of the Dragon and Tapoco Tavern Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>



Enjoy fantastic views on this scenic drive, fun curves for the driver, mountains, river, forests, border crossing into North Carolina, and great dining on the Cheoah riverfront. Caravan from the Yacht Club, return home at your leisure.

# **NV Pub Crawl ~ Collaboration II**Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

Transportation is included in this tasty and informative excursion to Post Modern Distillery, The Barrelhouse craft cidery and Bohemian restaurant, and Crafty Bastards nanobrewery. Tastings include beer, ciders, wines, spirits, and both quirky and experimental brews. Cost is \$49.50/person.



# EOO!

### <u>Learn to Play Hand & Foot</u> Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Join fellow New Villagers to learn this popular Tellico Village card game! A coach at each table will be provided. A non-refundable \$2 registration fee is required.

# **NV Summer Beach Party** Wednesday, June 30th

Enjoy the perfect blend of fun and relaxation on Tugaloo Beach right here in the Village! Bring your own drinks and snacks, a folding chair, beach games and some floaty toys from 2-5pm. Benton's hot dogs with all the trimmings will be served in the pavilion! \$5.00 /person.



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Life on the links is getting better and better now that the rain is greening up the course and temps are climbing!

New Villagers Golf
currently has over 200
members and is
growing daily.
Every Thursday afternoon,
over IOO New Villagers
gather at one of the 3
Tellico courses for a 9-hole
scramble of "best ball"
followed by
complimentary beer,
snacks and door prizes.



# Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department Needs Your Talent!

We need a new volunteer editor to join our group with primary responsibilities for preparing the quarterly Newsletter. The Fund Raising Committee supports our Volunteer Fire Department by taking the burden of fund raising off of the volunteer firefighters so they can concentrate on responding to fire and medical calls.

The current editor will be available to assist with the transition and facilitation of the logistics of design and printing. This Newsletter raises awareness, informs our community and helpsraise contributions for the Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department operation.

If you would like to help support our Tellico Village
Volunteer Fire Department and join our Fund Raising
Committee, please contact Jim Nelson at 419-788-4475
or jimnelson1006@gmail.com.

# ATTENTION NEW VILLAGERS!

The Activities Committee is getting busier and is in need of another computer admin!

If you have 5-6 hours per month to volunteer your WORD and EXCEL skills, please contact Pat McLaughlin at

vp4nvactivities@gmail.com

New Villagers
Social

# JUNE 3, 2021 Tellico Village Yacht Club

Reservations are required!

Go to the Event Calendar for New Villagers at <a href="https://www.TellicoLife.org">www.TellicoLife.org</a> and select either the 5:00 pm session or the 6:30 session

## AGENDA FOR 1ST HALF OF EACH SESSION (30 mins)

- ➤ Board President John Arguelles will introduce 1<sup>st</sup> time New Villagers and update members on happenings in and around the village regarding New Villagers Club.
- Activities VP Pat McLaughlin will speak about upcoming events
- Door Prizes!



# AGENDA FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> HALF OF EACH SESSION (30 mins)

Socialize with other New Villagers and visit the tables below for details about events.

Library (Name Tags)
Coast Guard
Tellico Ladies Luncheon

New Villager Golf TBart

Raft Off TN Bluebird

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Questions? Contact Nancy Mariani at <a href="https://nvtv.membership@gmail.com">nvtv.membership@gmail.com</a>

**Our Place** 



Consider having dinner upstairs at the Blue Heron either before or after the meeting!

Tables will be sanitized between sessions. We comply with all Covid-19 protocols for gatherings as outlined by the CDC, the State of Tennessee, and the POA