

TELLICO VILLAGE NEW VILLAGERS CLUB 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As 2025 winds to an end, we wanted to look back at the past year and all the great people, events, and opportunities that made the New Villagers Club a unique asset to Tellico Village. When we began 2025, our board's goal was to build on the successful New Villager mission to help our newer residents meet friends, learn about the Village and explore our home in East Tennessee. We feel that we met that goal and hope all of you that were active in the Club benefited from its activities. The hope is that involvement in New Villagers created many fond memories of attending events and making new friends.

The membership of New Villagers is currently around 1050 individuals. Considering that we average around 46 graduates every month, our numbers remained relatively steady throughout the year. This is due to new members joining at an average of 38 per month. One of the main drivers of this is the great reputation New Villagers has within the community and real estate marketplace.

For those of you that have graduated this past year, thank you for your involvement in building this great organization. For those of you who are current members you can look forward to more fun and activities under the new 2026 board. We know they will take what we have accomplished and build on that.

Highlights of 2025 New Villagers

- In an effort to continuously improve, we conducted 2 surveys during the year to obtain feedback and ideas from the membership. This feedback led to a few changes in how we meet the needs of the club.
 - We switched to 2 sessions for the monthly NV Social to alleviate crowding and parking issues. We averaged around 200 attendees for our socials throughout the year.
 - Ensuring that our single members aren't forgotten, designing activities and events to be inclusive of them.
 - Helped serve our members that are still working by scheduling social hours later and providing more events that were on a weekend or an evening.
- Our Activities Team averaged over 20 events each month. They diversified the type of events to meet the interests of new members.
 - We learned that New Villagers love to eat! One of our most popular events was the Dine Outs. There were 39 dine out events with most being sellouts.

- We had over 35 group events such as wine tasting, making charcuterie boards and appetizers, boating/rafting, golf, enjoying beautiful vistas, cave exploring, axe throwing, paint & sips, etc.
- Even NVs can learn new things! There were 37 group events such as fly-fishing classes, cooking classes, and local history tours.
- There were 19 concerts and Broadway shows attended throughout the year
- We had monthly sessions of group games for Singo, Hand & Foot, and Bunco.
- Our team coordinated a very successful New Villagers Golf season. We had full courses for our weekly 9-hole scrambles.
- We coordinated a Tellico Village wide Christmas Tree lighting and caroling event and hope to make this an annual event.
- We added two new Social Groups (Outdoors and Boating) within NVs. These are added to our mainstay groups of Dinner with Friends, Happy Hour groups, Book clubs, and Games Groups.

Volunteers

We really want to thank all of those who have contributed to our success. The events mentioned above and the pictures below would not have been possible without the large group of volunteers that are the foundation of New Villagers. These volunteers are fellow NVs and have stepped up and made every event special and memorable in their own way

- Event coordinators. There were over 30 ECs that were responsible for identifying and coordinating the various NV events throughout the year. These volunteers will continue to support going into 2026 to ensure there are plenty of things to sign up for going forward.
- A group of volunteers that are instrumental in serving NVs are our Tellico Life admins. They are responsible for inputting all events into the calendar and opening each event for registration each month. Many thanks go to them for keeping our events going.
- The Golf Committee comprised of the Golf Lead and Golf coordinators ran the show for our weekly NV golf scrambles.

PHOTO MEMORIES FROM THE YEAR

JANUARY 2025



Charcuterie Class



Axe Throwing
(all made it home safely!)



Singo



Lost Sea Adventure



Stop the Bleed Class



**Cook n Craft
Appetizer Class**



FEBRUARY 2025



Tennessee Valley Winery

History of Tellico Village



Dining Outs



Theater



**American Eagle
Foundation**



Bunco

Pizza & Games



MARCH 2025

Ruby Falls



Dine Out - 35 North

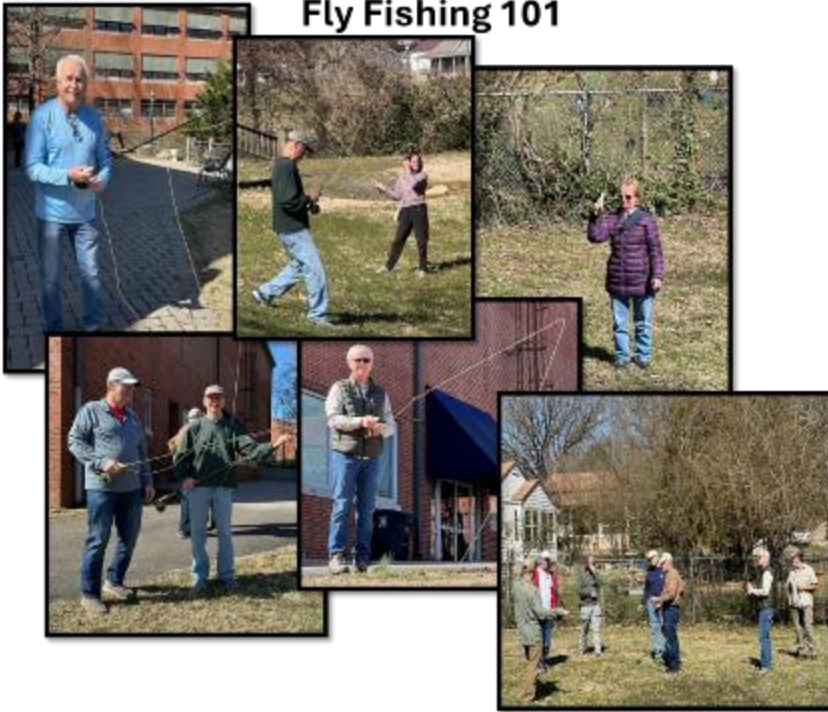


Singo



APRIL 2025

Fly Fishing 101



April Social



The World of Cheese



Ice Bears Hockey



New Villagers Golf



Mayfield Dairy



**Easter Brunch
Dancing Bear Lodge**



Bluetick Tavern

Hand and Foot Practice



Beethoven's 9th Symphony

MAY 2025

**Fly Fishing
201**



Erin's Herbs



Rock City



UT Botanical Gardens



Moulin Rouge



Fork & Vine



Mothers Day Picnic



Peaceful Side Brewery



Back to the Future Concert



Death at a Speakeasy



JUNE 2025



NV Golf



Singo



Ancient Lore Village

Highland Cow Painting



RT Lodge



Misbehaving
Women History Tour



JULY 2025

Raft Off



Vittorino's



**Blackjack
Tournament**



**Bo Carey
History Lecture**



NV Golf



Dueling Pianos



AUGUST 2025



Ladies Lunch Bunch



Cielito Lindo



Elkmont Station



Tacos & Tequila





Bo Carey Lecture



Axe Throwing



NV Golf

SEPTEMBER 2025



The "After" Party



Steekee Cemetery Tour

NV Hoedown



Fire & Salt Dine Out

Cades Cove Bike Ride



Cades Cove Bike Rentals	
BIKE THE LOOP!	
OPEN 9-5	LAST RENTAL 3PM
- EARLY MORNING BIKE RIDES	
OPEN 7AM MAY 1 TO 7th	SEPT 29 WED-ONLY
CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ALL DAY	
BIKE RENTAL PRICES	CAMPERS SPECIAL
ADULT \$15.00 PER HR	24HR BIKE RENTAL
CHILD \$10.00 & TAX	ADULT \$140
* INCLUDES HELMET	KIDS \$140
	PLUS TAX

OCTOBER 2025

Fall Foliage Boat Ride



Paint & Sip



Loudon Ghost Tour



Tellico Plains Brewery



Walnut Kitchen



Knoxville Ghost Tour



Bocce Ball



NOVEMBER 2025

**Ladies Lunch Bunch
Mimi's Cafe**



Cazzy's Corner



**Murder Mystery
Dinner**



Biltmore



Singo



Chili Cookoff

DECEMBER 2025

Christmas Tree Lighting & Caroling



December Social



NV Gala



FINAL THANK YOU



2025 New Villagers Board

As you can see, we had a very busy 2025. We wouldn't have had it any other way. It was our privilege and pleasure to serve New Villagers. We may be retiring from the board this year, but you will still see us at New Villagers events and throughout the village. Thank you all for making this a very special club.

We are leaving the club in very capable hands with the 2026 NV Board. We encourage all members to continue to support the club and help it continue to grow. We also encourage those members that may not have participated as much in 2025 to jump in and make this the best organization within Tellico Village.

May you all have a great holiday season and a wonderful new year.

2025 NV Board

Brain Hawkins - President

Kim Silvestri - Secretary

Belinda & Reed Strobl - Activities

Linda Haar - Social

Don Naylor - Communications

Jane Moderhack - Membership

Carl Nordman - Treasurer

Chris Wuestefeld - Technology

Dawn Franz - TVRA Liaison