

NEW VILLAGERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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2026 NV BOARD

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Happy New Year and welcome to 2026! As we step into a fresh new year, we celebrate the friendships, laughter and shared experiences that make our New Villagers Club so special.

Your new Board is working hard to bring you exciting new socials and events. The January Social is Thursday, January 8th. We hope you will attend one of our sessions to meet and greet fellow New Villagers and to learn about upcoming events.

Event Coordinators will be on hand to describe the fun adventures they have planned. Several events will open-up on Friday morning, January 9th, the day after the January Social.

Here's to new adventures, new neighbors and another year of making memories together!

Ron Roberts
New Villager President

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- Meet the newest members this month.
- Events now open for registration and those coming soon.
- In-depth view of fun opportunities at socials and invitation to our next month's social.
- Important things to know and social opportunities.

Reminder – January Social

Join us to hear about the upcoming New Villagers Events. If you have not recently attended, please consider picking a session to get updated on all the upcoming events and news from the club (and pick up that winning raffle ticket!).



The poster features a winter theme with a blue background, snowflakes, and evergreen trees. At the top left is the New Villagers Club logo. The text reads: 'Hello New Villagers Welcome to the January Social Let's ring in the New Year Together January 8TH Yacht Club Lower Level register at www.tellicolife.org to assure your place'. Below this, two sessions are listed: '1st SESSION' (3:30-4:00pm gather & chat, 4:00-5:00pm New Villager Events, 5:00-5:30pm Event & Club tables open) and '2nd SESSION' (5:30-6:00pm event & club tables open, 6:00-7:00pm New Villager Events, 7:00-7:30pm stay and chat). A note states 'CLUB & EVENT TABLES OPEN BETWEEN THE 1ST & 2ND SESSION!'. It also says 'SIGN UP FOR NEW JANUARY EVENTS STARTING THE MORNING OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH!' and 'End the night with dinner at the Yacht Club!'. Contact information for Maridee Clark is at the bottom.

Signup for either session on Tellico Life or by clicking [here](#)

First Session

3:30 – 4:00 pm: Doors open! Come early to socialize

4:00 – 5:00 pm: Meeting

5:00 – 5:30 pm: Time to socialize, visit Community club and NV events tables

Second Session

5:30 – 6:00 pm: Time to socialize, visit Community club and NV events tables

6:00 – 7:00 pm: Meeting

7:00 – 7:30 pm: Stay and chat

Don't forget to take advantage of the Yacht Club for dinner, either before or after your session.



**NEW VILLAGERS WHO JOINED LAST MONTH
INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND WELCOME THEM TO THE VILLAGE**

California			North Carolina		
Russ & Sue Lowe	San Diego	CA	John & Denise Caprara	Denver	NC
Keith & Heidi Sipes	Santa Barbara	CA			
Colorado			New Jersey		
Carol Ann Watson	Denver	CO	Christine & Frank Koutsogiannis	Barneгат	NJ
Connecticut			New York		
Dan & Eunice Hoffman	Hamden	CT	Tom & Maria Marinelli	Baldwin	NY
Florida			Ohio		
Rusty & Andrea Mann	Bonita Springs	FL	Tony & Laura Geer	Sylvania	OH
Jack Boyd & Joyce Kirby	Palm Coast	FL	Tennessee		
Fred & Bonnie Stanuszek	South Daytona	FL	Brad & Sherri Adama	Knoxville	TN
Georgia			Rick & Jen Thetga	Loudon	TN
Jon & Marcia Jaudon	Dalton	GA	Texas		
Craig & Tami Warman	Peachtree City	GA	Jeff & Beth Fitch	Houston	TX
Illinois			Virginia		
Patrick Crown	Lake Villa	IL	Valerie & Julian Chandler	Leesburg	VA
Larry Beske	Orland Park	IL	Wisconsin		
Maryland			Marie Vitale	Janesville	WI
Dave & Pam Ward	Bowie	MD			

NV Social Events

December was a busy month for activities and Home for the Holidays events (some pictures below). We have several exciting events scheduled for January and into February that are still open for registration. A few of those events are highlighted in the following pages. Our activities team has been busy with many new events scheduled to be opened for registration after January's social. Look for new dine outs and group outings. Scroll down in this newsletter to see a complete listing of all events that are open or will be opened on the Friday after the social.

Reminder: All new events will be open for sign-up up between 7:00 am and 12:00 pm on Friday (January 9th)!



Dessert First

Brunch with Paula



**Christmas
in Kahite**



Holiday Cheer

Christmas with the Roberts



Gatsby Christmas Eve

Events that are currently open and available for signup

Enjoy a FUN Time at our Mid-Winter Celebration!



New Villagers
The AFTER Party...
After The Holiday Season
A Mid-Winter Celebration Party!
Thursday, January 29th
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
At the Yacht club Lower Level and Patio

A Cash Bar and a Dance Floor!
Crazy Dancing, Line Dancing, Slow Dancing...

It's just a Party to meet new friends and relax with old friends.

Bust a move, not a hip with our world famous DJ, Micky D playing your requests.

Cost to Reserve: \$ 15.00 per person.
(includes \$2.00 non-refundable admin fee)
Min: 30 people Max: 90 people

Last day to Register/Cancel/Refund: 1/23/26
Event Coordinators: Dan Bendik danbnew@hotmail.com
Peggy Nicolai panicolai@aol.com
Register at www.tellico.life.org



Use your skills and experience an exhilarating breakout adventure



New Villagers Breakout!

Join your friends for a fun evening as we attempt to escape "Breakout" in Knoxville.

Breakout games are Life-Sized Games of Twists & Turns where your team searches for clues and solves puzzles to accomplish your mission and escape before time expires. Knoxville Breakout has several different rooms that follow unique storylines, you and your friends will have 60 minutes to escape by working together cracking codes, solving puzzles and following clues. Part problem solving, part adrenaline and hard fun. Optional drinks are at 6:00pm - Carolina Ale House (8046 Kingston Pike) afterwards.

Where: Knoxville Breakout www.knoxbreakout.com
211 Center Park Dr #3040, Knoxville, TN 37922

When: Saturday Jan. 24th 4:30 pm

Cost to reserve: \$27.00 per person, includes one breakout room (price includes \$2.00 non-refundable admin fee)

Min: 10 Plus 20 people
Last day to Register/Cancel/Refund: January 10th

Event Coordinator: Lloyd Langdon Email: llo@tellico.life



Start the year with friends and a fun evening playing BUNCO!




NEW VILLAGERS
Kick Off 2026 with
BUNCO
LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

Monday January 19th, 2-4 PM **Guys & Gals**
1st Floor of the Yacht Club

Cost: \$6.00
Non-Refundable

Last day to sign up: 1/15/26
Maximum: 40 people

Contact: Linda Hear atlinda@gmail.com
If you have any questions or to be added to the waitlist



Join your friends for a fun evening of flinging "Heavy Metal"



New Villagers
Let's go AXE Throwing

CRAFT AXE THROWING

Axe hurling and alcohol, what could be more thrilling...
Join your friends for a fun evening of flinging "Heavy Metal"

Although axes are one of the oldest tools used by mankind, legend has it that competitive axe throwing started in a backyard in Toronto, Canada in 2006. Canadians are! At Craft Axe Throwing you'll use Axes, Ninja stars and other throwing items to take aim at the target and try for the bullseye. While you're at it why not start a little friendly competition with your friends. To make your time even more exciting indulge in a local craft beer or two from the in-house bar. Optional drink at El Barro Pops (8079 Kingston Pike) afterwards.

Where: Craft Axe Throwing, Knoxville www.craftaxethrowing.com
300 N Peters Rd Suite 107 Knoxville, TN 37922

When: Wednesday Jan. 13th 5:30 pm

Cost to reserve: \$28.00 per person, includes 1.5 hours of throwing (price includes \$2.00 non-refundable admin fee)

Min: 8 Plus 22 people

Last day to Register/Cancel/Refund: December 31st

Event Coordinator: Lloyd Langdon Email: llo@tellico.life



New Villagers events are the lifeblood of our club! **Registration is required for all events!** To register, please click on any event and you will be linked to the flyer with detailed information and an opportunity to register. More events are added all the time. Check the New Villagers calendar at Tellico Life for all events.

Events with an asterisk * are currently open and ready for sign-up.

Event Name	Day/Date	Time/Place
NV January Social *	Thursday, Jan 8	3:30 1 st Session@ Yacht Club 5:30 2 nd Session@ Yacht Club
NV February Social	Thursday, Feb 5	3:30 1 st Session@ Yacht Club 5:30 2 nd Session@ Yacht Club
MONTHLY FAVORITES!		
Singo *	Wednesday, Jan 28	7:00 pm @ Yacht Club
Bunco for guys and gals *	Monday, Jan 19	2-4 pm @ Yacht Club
Hand & Foot Practice	Wednesday, Feb 4	1 – 4 pm @ Chota Rec
Bunco for guys and gals	Monday, Feb 16	2 – 4pm @ Yacht Club
Learn Hand & Foot	Wednesday, Feb 18	1 – 4pm @ Chota Rec
Singo	Wednesday, Feb 25	7:00 pm @ Yacht Club
ENTERTAINMENT!		
Shaw Family Pops Motown	Saturday, Mar 7	8:00 pm Knoxville
GROUP FUN THINGS TO DO!		
Axe Throwing *	Tuesday, Jan 13	5:00 pm Knoxville
Breakout Escape Room *	Saturday, Jan 24	4:30 pm Knoxville
The After Party *	Thursday, Jan 29	7 – 9 pm @ Yacht Club
Ladies Lunch Bunch	Tuesday, Feb 10	12 pm @ Yacht Club
Lost Sea Adventure	Thursday, Feb 12	2 – 3:30 pm Sweetwater
Wine Tasting – Tennessee Valley Winery	Sunday, Feb 15	3 pm - Loudon
Trivia Night	Saturday, Feb 21	7 – 9 pm @ Yacht Club
Speed Indoor Kart Racing	Saturday, Feb 28	3:30 pm Knoxville
TALKS, TRAINING, TOURS!		
Tellico Village Wellness Center Tour *	Thursday, Jan 15	4 – 5 pm Tellico Village
Tellico Fire Dept. Training – Stop the Bleed	Saturday, Mar 7	10 am – 11 am - Loudon
DINE OUTS!		
Copper Cellar	Tuesday, Feb 10	6:00 pm Knoxville
The Smokin F BBQ Barn	Friday, Feb 20	4:30pm Philadelphia
Farmacy	Saturday, Feb 28	6:00 pm Knoxville
MORE Opening Up after Jan Social		
	Give Us Ideas and/or volunteer to lead an event!	

New Villagers Groups and Clubs

If you talk to residents who have been here for a while, you will often hear them say that their very best friendships were forged in the small social groups they joined when they first moved here! If you like to eat, drink, read books, play games or enjoy the outdoors with friends there are New Villager clubs for you. Visit the club tables at the next social and sign up to join in the fun.

Note: If you have already signed up for a group but haven't clicked as a group, it's OK! You are welcome to sign up again to be put back on the list to be added to a fresh group. These are all about meeting friends and having fun.

Tellico Village
NEW VILLAGERS
BOOK CLUB

We'll help you form your own New Villagers group!

Your contact information will be taken, and a meeting scheduled to help the new book group of 3-8 readers get started.

There is a list of guidelines and other information on having successful book groups that is available. Each group decides what to read, where and when to meet and how frequently, and other details.

Contact Lea Harris with any questions!
leaharris@gmail.com

New Villagers - Happy Hour at Home Group



Happy Hour at Home is fun, easy, and it's a regular event!
Meet new friends in a relaxed setting. Share problems and enjoy the beverage of your choice!

It's in the good news that also includes other things: new bar menu, cover and your new best friends!

Groups are 4-8 residents of Tellico Village who enjoy socializing over drinks and food. Hosts rotate on a regular basis and their own beverage (beer, wine, or non-alcoholic) is provided. (No cash bar!)

The host rotates in the order of the group with dates. If there are not enough people for a rotating group then there will be one and a date set.

You are not obligated to the group beyond what you want to do. You can stop going at any time, or just not show up one time.

Remember the 90 and Happy Hour! Be a good host of your own and a Member of the Club!

Happy Hour at Home can't leave you alone!

Contact us at:
387-624-1114
or by email: hah@tellico.com



New Villagers
Join a Cards and Games Group
and meet some new fun friends!!

GAME NIGHT

—New Game Groups range in size from 6-8
—Couples and singles welcome
—Once a group is formed, an email will be sent out to everyone and our hostess will organize the first few nights!
—You will work with your group to plan how often you get together and when you decide to play!
—You can play whatever game you like. Cards or Board games!

Some Game Suggestions:
Mahjong—Yummy
Scrap—Blindfold
Pictionary—QI—Up and Down the River
Yule—Rummy—Rummy
999—Puzzle—Puzzle

If you have any questions, contact the meet coordinators:
Lemetha Horne lemehor@aol.com

New Villagers

Dinner with Friends
A group where you Meet and Eat with new friends!

You will be put together with a group of 6-8 other New Villagers to enjoy dinner in each others homes.

Each month, the **HOST** will make the main course and the guests will be tasked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

This is a minimum of 3-4 month commitment

Each month different house will host the dinner.

If you have any questions, please contact
Marie Anne Hoffmann
richmarh@aol.com

New Villagers **NATURE IS my THERAPY**

Outdoor Enthusiast Club

ADVENTURE
🌲 awaits 🌲

Outdoor enthusiast (noun): a person who loves nature and being outdoors.

Do you enjoy hiking, kayaking, fishing, walking, rafting or just anything that evokes being outdoors?

Sign up and join this NEW club!

You will be put together in group with a total of 8-10 other New Villagers that love doing things outdoors! Together you will plan monthly activities to enjoy as a group. Take a hike, plan a bike ride, go for a walk or go white water rafting! Whatever you enjoy doing **OUTDOORS!**

For additional information, contact:
BARB SAYLOR
4batsaying@gmail.com

NEW VILLAGERS
BOAT CLUB
NEW CLUB

Do you have a boat and want to get together other friends with boats? Then this **NEW CLUB** is for you!

Must have a boat to join!!

You will be paired with 3-4 other New Villagers so you can start planning your own boating adventures together!

For more information contact: Danielle Tate
whitefeather2028@yahoo.com

Go to our website www.telliconewvillagers.com for more information.

Tellico Village Clubs

While the New Villagers Club has a varied set of events and activities, we know that there are a wide range of interests and backgrounds that New Villagers bring with them. One of the strengths of the Tellico Village community is the various clubs and organizations that exist. Listed below are a sample of those groups. There is a good chance that some of these match your interests. If not, you can always reach out to the community and start one.

A complete list of the TellicoLife registered clubs and organizations along with further information is located at this link. [Tellico Clubs](#)

Game Clubs (Bridge, Euchre, Hand & Foot, Mah Jongg, Pinochle, RUMMIKUB, etc)	Knifty Knitters, Crochet and Fiber Arts
Sports Clubs (Badminton, Pickleball, Senior Olympics, Swim Club, Softball, Shooting, Table Tennis, Tennis)	Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show
Music Clubs (Bluegrass Jam, Dulcimer, Guitar, Jazz, Ukelele)	Tellico Military History Group
Various Car Clubs	Tellico Riders Motorcycle Club
American Wine Society - Smoky Mountain Chapter	Tellico Village Network
Art Guild of Tellico Village	TV Naturalists
Tellico Lake Amateur Radio Club (TLARC)	Just for fun Photography
Adopt-A-Class	Village Pool Players
Animal Rescue: Loudon County Friends of Animals	Village Quilters
Bluebird Society (Valley Chapter TBS)	Roadrunners RV Club
Bird Watching	Rover Run Dog Park
Tellico Village Computer Users Club (TVCUC)	STAYinTV
Citizens Observer Patrol (COPs)	Square Dancing: Little T Squares Dance Club
Conservative Club of Tellico	Scrapbook Club
Crafters at the Community Church	Smoky Mountain Service Dogs
Tellico Cruising Club	Tellico Village Singers
Democrats Club - Living Blue in the Village	Tellico Village Single Baby Boomers
Dancing: Footloose Line Dancing Club	Singles Group: TV Solos Club
Dragon Boating - Tellico Heat Dragon Boat Club	T-BART - Tellico Boaters Assistance Response Team
Tellico Village Fishing Club	Tellico Community Players
Friends of the Library	Travel: Telli-GO
Garden Club of Tellico Village	TimeLess Tellico Foundation
Genealogy Research Club	Tennessee in Teal
GFWC Tellico Village Women's Club	Tellico Village Woodworkers Club
Hiking Clubs	Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir (WATeR)
Kayaking: Soggy Bottom Kayakers	

Look for representatives and information on some of these organizations at the monthly NV Socials.

Don't hesitate to come up to your board members during the upcoming social or via email if you have any questions or suggestions. We are always open to new ideas that will enhance the NV experience.

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Looking forward to next month's Social!

3:30-4:00pm Gather & Chat
4:00-5:00pm New Villager Events
Welcome New Villagers
Prizes
5:00-5:30pm Event & Club tables open

SESSION ONE

5:30-6:00pm Event & Club tables open
6:00-7:00pm New Villager Events
Welcome New Villagers
Prizes
7:00-7:30pm Gather & Chat

SESSION TWO

CLUB & EVENT TABLES OPEN BETWEEN THE 1ST & 2ND SESSION

**SIGN UP FOR NEW FEBRUARY EVENTS
STARTING FRIDAY MORNING
FEBRUARY 6TH!
AT WWW.TELLICOLIFE.ORG**

**TREAT YOUR VALENTINE TO DINNER
AT THE YACHT CLUB FOLLOWING THE SOCIAL!**

**Any questions contact: Maridee Clark
membership@telliconewvillagers.com**

**Welcome
New Villagers to the
February
Social!
February 5th
Yacht Club Lower Level
Register at www.tellicolife.org
to reserve your place**

IMPORTANT THINGS FOR NEWCOMERS TO KNOW:

- Coming to socials lets you meet new friends, sign up for activities such as dinner parties, wine groups, game groups, and learn about many clubs at the information tables! Come at 3:30 or 5:30 and stop by tables and get information about the fun they offer.
- **NOTICE: YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE MONTHLY SOCIAL TO BE GUARANTEED A SEAT!** Register anytime for next month's social the day after each month's social meeting (Friday) when many events open for registration!
- If you haven't yet, you can get your Tellico Village name tags from the TV Library.
- If you have suggestions for events/activities, email activities@telliconewvillagers.com or President@telliconewvillagers.com or IF you want to sponsor or coordinate an event.
- Every **Wednesday** morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., one can shop at the Tellico Village Farmers Market. It is conveniently located in the Village Square parking lot behind the Welcome Center (202 Chota Road). The Farmers Market is open year-round, but more vendors are present in the summer months. There is lots of fresh produce, more as the season progresses. In addition, you will find baked goods, chemical-free cleaning products, handmade items, gifts, and more. We hope you will find time to visit the Farmers Market soon.



Note

By attending any New Villager activity or meeting you are giving your consent to use any photograph, video, image, voice and/or likeness in the promotion Tellico Village and New Villagers. Any and all media recorded may be used in our promotional materials, social media, and/or website in perpetuity without remuneration.
