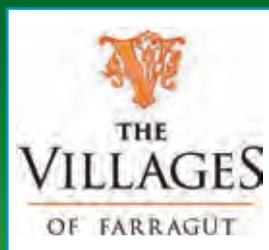




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The community, owned by Goodworks Unlimited, LLC, opened in December of 2019 at Village Commons Boulevard, and has been thriving ever since. Located on the corner property at Kingston Pike and Smith Road, The Villages of Farragut is very proud to be a part of

the fabric of Farragut, and the community is now celebrating 6 years of “Goodworks” in serving independent seniors.

Residents are living life to the fullest and thriving with a very active lifestyle. Each day offers different opportunities, including fitness and wellness, educational growth, spiritual studies, philanthropy, several clubs for various interests, social outings, live music and themed parties, and celebrations of special events and holidays.

Photos of our Villages’ Veterans are proudly displayed on our Wall of Honor, and our veterans who served this great nation are celebrated on patriotic holidays. Access to our walking trail promotes good health and encourages all residents to stay active by walking and counting steps, and our Sunshine Club provides outreach and well wishes with greeting cards and well wishes.

Residents enjoy educational and fun outings, art classes and crafts, courtyard golf, the library, spiritual gatherings, and especially music and dance. Wednesdays include live entertain-

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ment along with Happy Hour and live music every Friday. From Big Orange tail-gate parties to Fall Festival to holiday dinners and events, residents enjoy an active and engaged social life all year long.

Resident Agnes Strevel stated, “When I walked in the community, there was a warm feeling, and it felt like home. I knew this is where I wanted to live. I moved here 3 years ago, and I’ve made lots of new friends, the staff is wonderful, and I’m really happy with my decision.”

“When you choose to live here, you truly become part of our family,” said Melody Matney, Executive Director. “Our ministry of “good works” is serving and loving our residents, and we strive to offer exceptional services with all the luxuries of home.”

The vision for The Villages took several years of planning and nearly three years of construction to become a reality, as married couple Gary and Ricki Keckley — owners of GoodWorks Unlimited, LLC — along with several local investor partners, worked on every detail. The community is adorned with portraits, pictures, and artifacts reflecting not only the Town of Farragut, but also the beauty of East Tennessee. The 25-acre campus provides breathtaking views of the Smoky Mountains from our outdoor porches. Residents also enjoy restaurant style dining with chef-prepared meals offering many menu choices. We support an active and healthy lifestyle with paved walking paths, cardio classes, Tai Chi, Bridge Club, Book Club, Poker Night, and Golf Tournaments on the putting green. We are also proud to offer on-site physical therapy through EmpowerMe Wellness.



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Villages

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Spacious apartments, in a wide variety of floorplans (from 685 to just under 1,500 square feet, many with balconies, sunrooms, or screened in porches), surround the main three-story palatial shared living spaces that include an expansive dining area complete with a grand piano for live musical concerts. Residents have a variety of activities literally at their fingertips, from interpersonal social and creative opportunities to a wellness center, billiard parlor, and courtyard with putting green, along with a spa, and on-site salon services, among its many amenities.

Matney is proud to have a strong leadership team and great employees who have a servant heart. The entire Villages team goes above and beyond to provide exceptional services every moment every day.

Residents are invited to bring their ideas and customs to The Villages under the slogan “Your Life. Your Way,” which they incorporate into prominent social events, such as Fall Festival, Christmas Open House, Mardi Gras celebration, Kentucky Derby, and much more.

The Villages residents enjoy giving back to the Community. Since 2020, residents have raised significant funds for Parkinson’s Research, Wreaths Across America for the Veterans, funds for a local school music program, and a local food pantry, Mobile Meals for Seniors, and Alzheimer’s Tennessee. They have also partnered with the Tennessee Valley Humane Society adoption program. As part of their Kentucky Derby celebration, residents support a fund-raiser for Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding (STAR), a local therapeutic horseback riding organization for disabled

youth, veterans, and seniors.

“We invite seniors to come visit and feel the warmth of our community and experience what catered living is all about,” said Matney. “The residents who come here want a happy, safe environment, providing a vibrant social life with great food, friends, and a family atmosphere, and that is exactly what we offer. Additional on-site services such as physical therapy, podiatry care, and a visiting nurse practitioner help support our residents’ overall wellness and longevity. After all, our goal is to help residents remain in the community through an active and healthy lifestyle.”

While the Villages’ independent living community is flourishing in the main building, plans are currently in progress for future development. We are excited to announce construction is now underway for the first 6 villas being built on our 25-acre property here at The Villages of Farragut. Completion dates for these six villas are May and August, with plans to continue villa construction to include some single unit dwellings. Our current villas offer two optional floor plans with spacious living areas, 2 bedrooms and 2 baths, 9-10 foot ceilings, a gas fireplace, tankless water heater, granite countertops, a 2-car garage, and many upscale features designed for a maintenance free lifestyle and aging in place.

Interested parties are invited to call or stop by the community for additional information and to be added to the wait list. We are excited to offer this lifestyle to our community! With the independent living villas as the current focus for expansion, additional phases of construction will eventually include an assisted living and memory care community. The future development will allow for a continuum of care for seniors to age in place right here at home in the heart of Farragut.



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Building hope through housing

Across East Tennessee, one of the most important conversations facing our communities today is about housing. Everyone from teachers, healthcare workers, and young families, to seniors are all feeling the effects of rising housing costs and limited supply. For many hardworking families, affordable housing is becoming harder to reach.

At Loudon County Habitat for Humanity, we see this challenge every day. Families who work in our schools, hospitals, small businesses, and service industries want the same thing generations before them have wanted: a safe, stable place to call home. But as housing prices climb and available homes become scarce, the need for long-term solutions continues to grow.

That is why Loudon County Habitat for Humanity is expanding its efforts beyond Loudon County and into Monroe County. This new chapter reflects both the growing need across our region and the belief that strong communities are built when neighbors come together to support one another.

“Affordable housing is not just a housing issue,” said Tony Gibbons, Executive Director of Loudon County Habitat for Humanity.

“It is a workforce issue, an economic issue, and a health issue. When families have stable homes, children succeed in school, parents build financial stability, and long term health outcomes improve for seniors and children.”

To help bring this important conversation to the forefront, Loudon County Habitat for Humanity will host its annual Houses & Hope event on April 29th. The gathering will bring together community members, leaders, and local partners to explore the future of housing in our region.

Guests will enjoy breakfast while participating in the community housing panel, where local and regional experts and leaders will discuss the challenges and opportunities facing our area. The conversation will highlight how housing impacts economic development, workforce stability, and the long-term health of our towns and counties.

Houses & Hope is more than an event. It is an opportunity for neighbors to come together, share ideas, and strengthen the partnerships that make lasting change possible.

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A longstanding leader in Knoxville real estate, Gina guides clients through every step of the real estate transaction process. Gina’s knowledge of the market and dedication to finding the best fit for each client has allowed her clientele to continually grow from referrals alone. She provides virtual tours, professional photography, social media visibility, and more to attract the right buyer for her clients. “I care about my clients and because of my desire to make sure they receive superb customer service, I become not only their trusted real estate professional but their dear friend,” Gina explained. She continued, “I am blessed to have a career that I am passionate about. I love homes, design styles, and all things real estate.” With Knoxville becoming increasingly popular, Gina Johnson also specializes in clients who are interested in relocating to the Knoxville area. As a relocation expert, with designations in ePro, CRS (Certified Residential Specialist), and GRI (Graduate, REALTOR® Institute), Gina ensures her clients have a smooth transition to East Tennessee living. Although predominantly serving West Knoxville, specifically Farragut, Gina is always aware of the market offerings in surrounding areas to best serve her clients. You can get in touch with her at (865)-567-5478 or email her at relocateknox@gmail.com.





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“I feel so fortunate to have been born and raised in Knoxville.”

Owen discovered real estate after owning her own business then working for a large corporation.

“I really have spent a lifetime working with people, and working in service,” she said.

“I have had three wonderful careers, but I enjoy this one the best.”

She has some advice for those who might consider a similar professional path.

“This can be a hard business, but I tell potential agents that, No. 1, they have to like people, and No. 2, they have to be in it for their clients,” she said. “If they don’t, and aren’t, they might consider a different path.

“It’s much more stress free.”

Helping her along the way has been Jim, her husband of 47 years, who’s support has given her the freedom and security to make her own way in the world.

“He never told me what to do, but has encouraged me to do what I like,” she said. “He’s been very supportive and helps me in my business, too.”



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“We work on any kind of man door,” said Laura Bowen, noting that the company also handles glass repairs. “So if somebody’s small business is having an issue, whether the doors are sticking or needs new hardware, we can come and do a simple fix on that or a full on replacement.”

Bowen Door Service’s expert technicians are also available 24/7 to assist with any door or glass emergencies.

“We can come and do emergency board-ups for people, measure and get the replacement to help you secure your business,” Laura said.

While the company primarily focuses on commercial projects, Laura said that they do offer some residential services.



“We’re starting to get back into residential,” she said. “We can do full replacement windows on existing buildings, and we also partner with general contractors and supply their windows for their residential projects.”

This ability to take on projects of all sizes is ultimately what sets Bowen Door Service apart from similar companies.

“Our team has a diverse set of backgrounds and can do pretty much any kind of door work,” said Laura, also emphasizing the company’s customer-centric focus. “We pride ourselves in our customer service. We really try to have a positive impact on our customers and develop relationships with them.”

As a local business, Laura added that Bowen Door Service always strives to stay active in the community.

“We really care about the East Tennessee community,” she said. “We’re a member of different chambers in the area, and try to get out there and be a part of the communities we serve.”

For more information about Bowen Door Service, located at 107 Brickmill Commercial Drive in Maryville, call 865-830-3667 or visit bowendoorservice.com.

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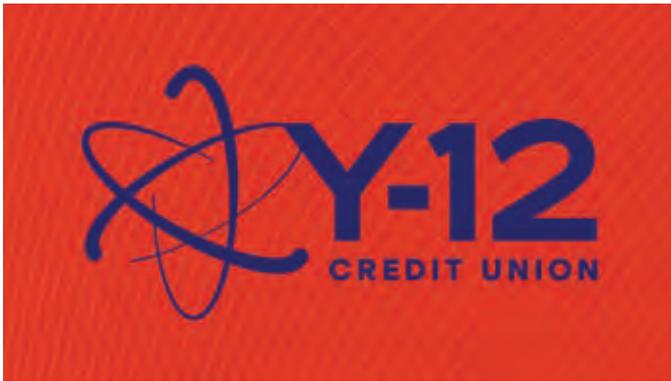
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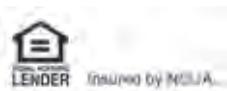
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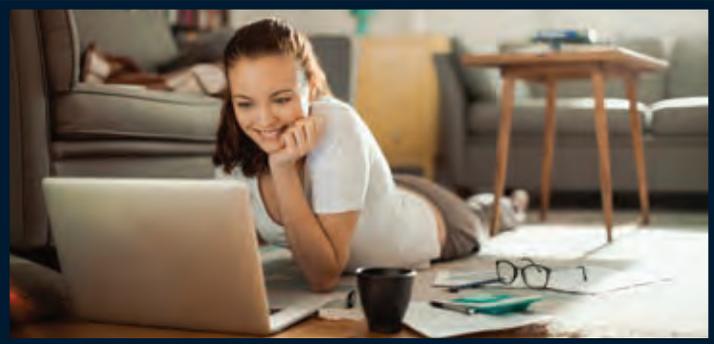
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