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As spring settles into Tellico Village, this edition of Tellico Village Pulse captures the renewed energy and activity that define this time of year. From community traditions to new ventures, the stories in this issue reflect how this area continues to grow while staying grounded in what makes it special.

Inside, you'll find a look at The Reserve at Bluebird Hill and a preview of the 26th year of Rockin' the Docks—two features that highlight both the natural beauty and vibrant spirit of our community. We're also covering the Great Smoky Mountain Senior Classic Softball Tournament, where competition and camaraderie come together in a meaningful way.

This issue also introduces Tellico Village author Brian Mulliner and celebrates the 25th anniversary of WATeR, recognizing the people and organizations who contribute to the character and connection we value here. These stories reflect a shared sense of pride and participation that continues to shape life in and around Tellico Village.

We also welcome a new addition to the local scene with Lenoir City Barrel House brewery, a reminder that even as we honor long-standing traditions, there's always something new to discover just around the corner.

Wishing you a wonderful spring,

*Kathy Hartman*  
 Kathy Hartman, General Manager

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Once Upon A Time...

# Passion for storytelling

## Mulliner finds healing and calling as an author

After experiencing the death of his father, Brian Mulliner turned to writing as a means of processing his grief and healing his broken heart. Little did he know, however, that the therapeutic hobby would shift the trajectory of his life.

“My deeper journey into writing began after my father passed away,” said Mulliner, noting that he always had an active imagination and loved writing throughout his childhood. “During that season of grief and reflection, writing became a way for me to process emotions, find healing and reconnect with my creativity.”

Through this creative journey, Mulliner not only found healing; he also found his calling as an author.

“I didn’t originally set out to write a book; I simply began writing stories that touched my own heart—stories about faith, nature, healing and the journeys we all experience in life,” he said. “What started as a reflective escape and creative expression has grown into a true passion for storytelling, one that blends history, faith and the beauty of the natural world.”

His first novel, “The Enchanted Forest” was published in 2024, followed by “The Waters of Awakening” in 2025. Focusing on themes such as restoration, forgiveness, redemption and finding your true purpose, Mulliner said that both novels aim to explore the “deeper journeys we experience as people.”



“These themes reflect some of the deepest struggles we experience as human beings,” said Mulliner. “Many of us carry wounds from our past, whether from family relationships, loss, disappointment or questions about who we are and where we belong. I want the reader’s journey to experience what it looks like to move through those struggles toward healing and purpose.”

Both novels are also inspired heavily by the beauty of the Smoky Mountains.



“Living in East Tennessee has profoundly shaped both my voice and perspective as a writer,” Mulliner explained. “There’s something deeply grounding about these mountains, the rhythm of the seasons, the stillness of the forests and the quiet strength of the land itself. It invites reflection. It slows you down enough to listen, not just to nature, but to your own heart and to God’s presence within it. Much of my writing is rooted in that sense of stillness and spiritual awareness. The outdoors has always been a place where I find clarity, healing, and inspiration. When I step into the woods or stand beside a quiet stream, I’m reminded that every journey, whether physical or spiritual, requires trust, patience and surrender.”

Originally from the mountains of Northern California, Mulliner said that, since moving to the area in 2021, he has been specifically inspired by Cades Cove, the Nantahala National Forest and the rich history of early settlers and Cherokee life.

“East Tennessee doesn’t just serve as a backdrop in my writing. It becomes a living, breathing part of my stories,” he said. “The land itself feels like a character, guiding, challenging and ultimately shaping the journey of those who pass through it.”

Mulliner is currently working on a couple new projects: a book with his mother based on her daily journals throughout cancer treatment and a sequel to “The Waters of the Awakening.”

“Both projects are very different, but they share something important, stories of resilience, faith and the power of transformation,” he said. “If my stories encourage even one person to pause, experience the present moment, appreciate the small blessings that surround us, listen with understanding or take a step forward in faith, then that is more than enough.”

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## *Family legacy lives on at Bluebird Hill*

From large weddings to intimate retreats, the Reserve at Bluebird Hill can accommodate parties of all sizes at its scenic location nestled in the hills of East Tennessee. The family-owned and operated event center, the main venue at Bluebird Hill, is situated on 75-acres and features a 5,500 square-foot facility that offers everything needed to host the party of your dreams.

Haley Hall said that the venue—the brainchild of her mother Jan Hall—first opened in June of 2010.

“My mother always dreamed of owning a venue and/or bed-and-breakfast,” explained Haley, adding that she always loved hosting parties. “She was such a vibrant and strong woman; she made friends everywhere she went. My mom put her whole heart into the venue. She dreamed it, created it, landscaped it and welcomed everyone with open arms.”

However, after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2016, and becoming terminal in 2017, Jan asked Haley and her husband Scott Fisher to carry on the family legacy.

“It has been a long road of building it back from losing my mom to the pandemic and so much in between,” she said. “My brother Beau, who also lives on the same property, is our groundskeeper. He’s very talented in landscape

design and care. He puts his soul into his landscaping care and planning.”

While the journey has not been easy, Haley added that the family is thoroughly enjoying running the event business.

“We love being a part of all the celebrations,” she said.

Complete with a full kitchen, indoor and outdoor fireplaces, a 50” flat screen TV and DVD player, a stone firepit and several gardens with views of the Smoky Mountains, the Reserve is the perfect setting for all sorts of events, from weddings to family gatherings.

“Our main focus is typically weddings but we can do proms, receptions, birthdays, reunions and celebrations of any kind,” Haley said, noting that the best part is hearing praise from the clients. “It makes me proud to hear how much they truly appreciate our hard work and efforts. Scott and I love working together and going above and beyond to make the day and event special.”

For more information about The Reserve at Bluebird Hill, visit [reserveatbbh.com](http://reserveatbbh.com).

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# WATeR's

## Work leaves lasting impact

Since its founding in 2001, the Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir — otherwise known as WATeR — has remained committed to its mission of protecting and preserving the natural environment of East Tennessee.

“We focus on the water quality but also the physical environment around the watershed,” explained WATeR President David Flanagan. “And there are a number of ways that we do it.”

Flanagan said this is mostly done by emphasizing three key components of the volunteer-led organization: shoreline cleanup, trail maintenance and water quality.

“We have three major groups of volunteers that handle different projects,” said Flanagan.

The first group, for instance, is involved with WATeR’s annual shoreline clean up event, which just took place March 23, while another group maintains East Lakeshore Trail, a 31-mile long hiking trail that runs opposite to Tellico Village.

“That trail was built over about 15 years by volunteers for WATeR,” said Flanagan, noting that the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) worked with the association during the project’s entirety. “We operate with TVA under a mutual cooperation agreement, and they have fairly strict requirements in terms of land use and checking architectural, archaeological integrity and those sorts of things so building the trail was a fairly big deal.”

The trail, however, must be maintained, especially in the wake of a heavy storm.

“It’s been around 10 years since we built the trail, so we now have a crew of about 50 people who maintain the trail,” Flanagan said. “And if there’s a storm and trees come down, then we have a couple guys with chainsaws that go do the clearing... It can be a fairly significant undertaking.”

In addition to shoreline cleanup and trail maintenance, Flanagan said that WATeR also has a third group dedicated to ensuring a high quality of water in the Tellico Reservoir.

“This is the citizen science group,” he said. “There’s about 20 or so people involved, many of which have advanced degrees or experience working in environmental engineering, and that group is monitoring the water quality across a number of different dimensions.”

### A lasting impact

Ultimately, by prioritizing issues, policies and practices that promote clean air, water and natural habitats, WATeR has proven to have a lasting impact on the local community. In fact, in the 25 years since its inception, Flanagan said that the organization has succeeded at accomplishing many massive feats, particularly the development of East Lakeshore Trail.

“The east shore of the reservoir had been designated as a natural conservation area but TVA said it needs to have public access. They claimed that there was no public access, so therefore it could be sold for residential development,” he explained. “That’s why the watershed association wanted to do this trail project. And now, 15 years and 31 miles later, we’ve got a nationally recognized recreation trail... The East Lakeshore is a forested area because of that.”

The organization was also integral to Madisonville’s semi-recent wastewater treatment plant upgrades. According to Flanagan, the



city’s wastewater treatment plant was routinely exceeding their permitted discharge levels into Bat Creek, a tributary of the Tellico Reservoir.

“About 10 years ago or so, it became apparent that the city of Madisonville was running a wastewater treatment plant improperly and they were polluting a river, and our association took them up on that,” he said. “We ended up going to federal court, and the city of Madisonville agreed to invest in a new wastewater treatment plant and also put some money toward the restoration of Bat Creek... If the association hadn’t been in place, that wouldn’t have happened.”

Heron Island, a popular landmark located near Clear Creek boat ramp in Loudon County, was also salvaged, thanks to WATeR.

“15 years ago or so, the island was washing away and our association organized a big fundraising campaign and raised a significant amount of money that went toward shoreline stabilization,” he said. “The island was even at risk of losing its heron rookery, but fortunately they’re back now.”

The organization also worked alongside the Environmental Protection Agency and the University of Tennessee’s Department of Microbiology to study the algae in Tellico Lake, ultimately ensuring its impact for many more years to come.

“The good news is we don’t really have harmful algae. They also discovered a new algae and named it Tanasi,” Flanagan said.

For more information about the Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir (WATeR), visit [tellicowater.org](http://tellicowater.org).

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# Brewery, Barrel House set to open in Lenoir City



Tennessee-based craft brewery Tennessee Brew Works is coming to East Tennessee. Located at 200 East Depot St., Lenoir City Barrel House is slated to open this spring in the 22,000-square-foot space that formerly served as Lenoir City Fire Station 1.

According to the Lenoir City Barrel House website, the new establishment will be “community-focused, notably utilizing the built-in courtyard for indoor and outdoor family enjoyment.” Like its additional locations, the Lenoir City Barrel House will also emphasize an array of craft beer-centric food, as well as catering options.

“We are focusing on sourcing local ingredients, creating a strong working relationship with the community and ultimately delivering the best of Tennessee and craft beer in our culinary creations,” Alex Leibow, Tennessee Brew Works executive chef, said in a post on the company’s website.

In addition to serving as a brewery and restaurant, the Lenoir City Barrel House also offers a large private event space. This allows the space to be used as a sports and live music venue.

To kick off its much-anticipated opening, Lenoir City Barrel House is hosting the inaugural Snail Darter Fest from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 25. The free all-day event will feature a traditional low country shrimp boil, local merchants and live music acts from Greasy Chicken Review, Rebecca Frazier, Willow and Jesse, and Cole Sitzlar.

Adult attendees will have the opportunity to choose from a selection of wines, cocktails and Tennessee ciders. Tennessee Brew Works will also be rolling out several limited offerings, including the English-style Snail Darter Amber Ale. A dedicated “Kid’s Park” will be set up as well, for children to enjoy a bounce house and other festivities.

Founded in 2013, Tennessee Brew Works’ mission is to create high-quality craft beer that highlights the land, traditions and culture of Tennessee. The award-winning brewery currently has two additional locations in Nashville.

For more information about Lenoir City Barrel House or the Snail Darter Fest, visit [tnbrew.com](http://tnbrew.com).





# Tanasi rebuild

## brings new life to community hub

Tellico Village's Tanasi Clubhouse is expected to open this summer, after a kitchen fire destroyed the former building in 2022. Beth Kuberka, Tellico Village Property Owners Association's Chief Development Officer, said the new clubhouse, which is located at the exact same spot as the previous location, will include a golf pro shop, golf simulator and restaurant, Tanasi Lakeside Grill.

"The new Tanasi Clubhouse was thoughtfully designed to feel more modern while still keeping nature at the forefront. We incorporated natural colors and materials to reflect the surrounding landscape and lake views," said, noting that the aim was to expand on the facility's former offerings. "One of the biggest challenges with the previous clubhouse was its size and limited parking. In the new design, we've addressed both by expanding the footprint and creating a layout that separates golf operations from the restaurant, while still offering shared common areas that bring people together."

Tanasi Lakeside Grill, for example, features a large, modern kitchen, open dining with panoramic views of Tellico Lake, a private dining room and a spacious bar that seats more than 30 guests.

"It's all designed so every seat enjoys the scenery, including views of the Silos," Kuberka said. "The atmosphere is designed for gathering—whether after a round of golf, for a casual lunch, or an evening out."

In terms of food options, Director of Food Service Christine Martinez, describes Tanasi Lakeside Grill as "a modern American social house inspired by pristine lakefront views, with a focus on both comfort and refinement." Some highly anticipated dishes include Blue Crab Hushpuppies; Smoked Fish Dip; Charred Corn & Gem Lettuce Salad; Roasted Half Chicken with Salsa Verde; Aged Ribeye; Tomahawk Pork Chop; Crispy Chicken Paillard; Seasonal Grilled Peach Shortcake; and a Millionaire's Brownie.

"The menu will feature globally inspired cuisine, balancing high-quality proteins with vegetable-forward options. It's root-



ed in familiar flavors but elevated through thoughtful preparation and presentation, with an emphasis on shareable dishes and seasonal ingredients," Kuberka said. "The goal is to offer something unique to the area while still feeling approachable and inviting."

Because the rebuild project, which began in December 2024, is being completed in phases, Kuberka added that Tanasi Lakeside Grill is not expected to open to the public until later this summer.

"Construction has progressed through four phases, and the opening will follow a similar approach," she said. "We anticipate the golf pro shop and The Silos golf simulator space opening by May 1. Tanasi Lakeside Grill is expected to open later this summer, though an exact date has not yet been set. We encourage everyone to follow the Tanasi Lakeside Grill Facebook page for the latest updates."

As the opening gets closer, Kuberka said that Tellico Village residents are especially excited about the clubhouse's expansive outdoor patio, which offers both covered and uncovered seating, as well as a comfortable lounge area that's centered around a 12-foot fireplace.

"While the building itself is new, we've been intentional about maintaining the spirit of the original clubhouse as a gathering place for the community, with warm, inviting spaces that encourage connection," she said.





# Rockin' the Docks

Returns for America's 250th birthday

When describing something that's culturally linked to the United States of America, there is a seven-word phrase that comes to mind: "as American as baseball and apple pie."

Residents of Loudon County may feel similarly about "Rockin' the Docks," an annual July 4 celebration that will write its 26th chapter this summer.

Set on the shore of Fort Loudoun Lake, this free community tradition brings together locals and visitors alike to celebrate Independence Day.

Like years' past, this year's event will feature different food trucks with bands throughout the afternoon.

Food vendors will open at 1 p.m., and The Deep Fakes, Mike McGill and the Refills and Full Service will all hit the stage starting at 5 p.m., per the website.

A full fireworks show will cap off the night at 9:45 p.m.

"We are excited to have another year for Rockin' the Docks," Lenoir City Parks and Recreation Director Zack Cusick said. "This will be our 26th year, and similar to last year,

it will be one big show on July 4 that ties in with the 250th birthday of our country. We are excited to bring out the great bands, food trucks, vendors and to enjoy the day and end it with a big fireworks show."

Cusick noted the remarkable continuity of the event, which typically sees 10,000 to 14,000 people throughout the day.

"It speaks to the volume of the community that loves having this event, and our sponsors," Cusick said. "Five of our biggest sponsors have been with us since the very beginning, so they have seen a great impact from it. For them to come out and support the event, it makes all the difference."

Staffers will help with parking for those who drive to the event, but Cusick also noted that boats should be mindful to stay out of the main channel of the Tennessee River when arriving for the celebration.

"From there, just enjoy the afternoon," he said. "We'll have a good variety of food, so there will be something for anyone in the family to enjoy."

For more information visit [rockinthedockstn.com](http://rockinthedockstn.com)



# Honor & Remember

## *Loudon County Concert Band to present Memorial Day celebration*

The Loudon County Concert Band will present Honor and Remember: A Memorial Day Celebration on Monday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Lenoir City, 2085 E. Simpson Rd., Lenoir City, 37772. Admission to the concert is free. No tickets are required.

The concert will honor and celebrate the great and often ultimate sacrifice made by thousands of men and women who have served in our Armed Services to defend the freedoms we enjoy every day. The band will also be honoring all veterans and active-duty service members as part of the concert program. In addition, there will be a special time of remembrance to honor those who are part of “the Greatest Generation,” who courageously served during World War II. In addition to veterans, the first responders who serve and protect us every day will also be recognized.

The concert program will include *An American Fanfare* arranged by Rick Kirby, *The Star-Spangled Banner* arranged by Sean O’Loughlin, *Salute to the Armed Forces* arranged by Camp Kirkland, *American Salute (“When Johnny Comes Marching Home”)* by Morton Gould and arranged by Douglas E. Wagner, *The Greatest Generation* by Robert Smith, *Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones* arranged by Keith Christopher, *Hymn to the Fallen* by John Williams and arranged by Paul Lavender, *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* arranged by Peter Wilhousky, *Portrait of Freedom* by Steven Reineke,

*God of Our Fathers* by Thomas Knox, *America the Beautiful* arranged by Carmen Dragon, and *National Emblem March* by Edwin Eugene Bagley.

This year’s concert will also include a time celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. It will also include a special recognition of Knoxville native, Master Sergeant Roderick W. “Roddie” Edmonds, who was recently posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Donald Trump.

Sauni Rinehart will be the narrator for this special time of remembrance. Sauni is a Southern California transplant who has been a happy East Tennessean for over 10 years. She has been blessed to be a part of drama and worship ministry though the last few decades. She is an actor, speaker and women’s Bible study leader, and she is the author of several devotional books. Her passion is to share God’s Word through the creative arts. Sauni is honored to provide the narration for this moving program.

The Loudon County Concert Band is a volunteer community group of over 50 musicians from Loudon County and the surrounding area. Under the musical direction of David Whipple, Jr., the band plays a variety of concert band literature including seasonal music, thematic pieces, songs from film and Broadway and patriotic marches, as well as original works composed for concert band.

The band is always looking for new members and welcomes anyone high school aged and up. They rehearse on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Church at Tellico Village. If you would like to join the band, please visit [www.loudonconcertband.org](http://www.loudonconcertband.org) and click on the “Join” tab. You may also contact music director David Whipple, Jr. at 865-335-1543, and let him know you are interested in joining.

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# Senior softball tournament returning to Loudon

This summer, more than 200 senior softball teams from across the country will descend on East Tennessee for the 2026 Great Smoky Mountain Senior Classic.

The tournament will be held from Friday, May 29, through Sunday, June 7, at parks across the region.

This event is a product of the International Senior Softball Association (ISSA), which puts on similar events across the nation

each spring and summer.

The Smoky Mountain tournament has taken place each summer dating back to 2012, and the fields in Loudon have been used for at least six of those years, according to the Loudon County Parks and Recreation Department.

At Loudon Municipal Park, 1470 Roberson Springs Road in Loudon, the Men's 60 Major Gold Division will compete the first weekend — Friday through Sunday, May 29-31 — with the Men's 70 Major, 75 Major and 75 Major Gold Divisions taking the field that Tuesday through Thursday, June 2-4. To wrap up the event's stay in Loudon County, teams in the Men's 55 AAA Division will compete the final weekend, Friday through Sunday, June 5-7.

Ramey Lyle, the recently-sworn-in Loudon County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, noted that they have offered the fields "free of charge" each year.

He added that there is plenty of overtime work required, as the playing surfaces must be prepared for all the action with bathrooms kept clean and stocked as well.

"The people who have played in the tournament have always seemed to appreciate us having them," he said.

Other locations for this year's event will include Everett Park and Sandy Springs Park in Maryville, Caswell Park and Knox County SportsPark in Knoxville and Athens Regional Park in Athens.

On the first weekend, Friday through Sunday, May 29-31, Sandy Springs Park, 702 Best Street in Maryville, will host all men's 40 divisions. The second and final weekend, Friday through Sunday, June 5-7, it will host the Men's 50 Major Gold and 55 Major Plus Divisions and the 55 Major Gold Division.

Everett Park — located at 612 South Everett High Road in Maryville — will host the Men's 40 AAA and all women's divi-





sions from Friday through Sunday, May 29-31. The following weekend, Friday through Sunday, June 5-7, will be for Men's 50 Major Gold and 55 Major Gold Divisions.

Caswell Park — located at 570 Winona Street in Knoxville — is set to welcome the Men's 60 AAA Division that first weekend. From Tuesday through Thursday, June 2-4, the park will play host to Men's 70 Major Gold, Major Plus, 75 Major Plus, 75 AAA and All 80 Divisions and will welcome the Men's 55 Major Division on the second and final weekend.

At Knox County SportsPark, 8050 Oak Ridge Highway, the Men's 50 AAA Division will hit the field from Friday through Sunday on the final weekend in May. The Men's 65 AA, 70 AA and 70 AAA Divisions will play there Tuesday through Thursday, June 2-4, and the next weekend, the first one in June, the Men's 55 AA/60 AA and Men's 50 Major Divisions will compete for titles.

Finally, Athens Regional Park, located at Regional Park Drive in Athens, will host the Men's 50 AA & 60 Major divisions on the first weekend with the Men's 65 AAA, 65 Major and 65 Major Gold Divisions set to hit the field Tuesday through Thursday, June 2-4.

Overflow fields, if needed, will be located at Rockwood Baseball Complex — 119 Kirby Lane in Rockwood — and Mayor Bob Leonard Park, 301 Watt Road in Knoxville.

Admission to all venues will be free, as softball fans can watch players compete for rings that will be given to the champions of the respective divisions.

To register as a team or find out more about the tournament, go to [www.seniorsoftball.org/great-smoky-mountain-senior-classic.html](http://www.seniorsoftball.org/great-smoky-mountain-senior-classic.html).

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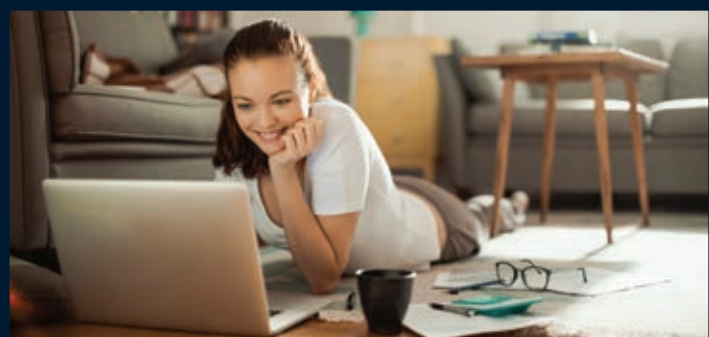


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# Loudon County Chamber celebrates ‘Run for the Roses’

The Loudon County Chamber of Commerce invited the community to an unforgettable evening of celebration, connection and classic Southern charm at the 2026 Chamber Choice Awards and Gala: Run for the Roses III – A Kentucky Derby Party. This signature event, which took place on May 2 at the beautiful Tellico Village Yacht Club, blended the excitement of Derby Day with the spirit of honoring the very best of Loudon County.

Presented by United Community Bank, the gala is one of the Chamber’s most anticipated events of the year. Guests are encouraged to embrace the Derby theme—think bold hats, bow ties, and spring style—as they gather for an evening filled with celebration, networking, and recognition of excellence across our community.

At the heart of the evening was the Chamber Choice Awards ceremony, where outstanding individuals and organizations were recognized for their contributions and impact. Awards were presented in five distinguished categories: Business of the Year, Person of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Young Professional of the Year and Non-Profit of the Year. In a meaningful show of support for the nonprofit sector, the Non-Profit of the Year recipient was also awarded a \$2,500 prize, helping further their mission and service.

These awards shine a spotlight on those who go above and beyond—leaders who innovate, volunteers who give selflessly, professionals who inspire, and organizations that strengthen the fabric of our community. Each nominee represents the dedication and excellence that make Loudon County a thriving place to live and work.

The Chamber extends special thanks to this year’s award sponsors: Buckeye Corrugated, LCUB, Loudon Funeral Home & Creations, and SouthEast Bank. Their generous support helps make this celebration possible and underscores their commitment to recognizing excellence in our region.

Beyond the awards, attendees enjoyed an evening of great food, lively conversation and the festive energy inspired by the Kentucky Derby. Whether networking with fellow business leaders,



celebrating colleagues or simply enjoying a night out, the gala offered a memorable experience for all who attended.

The Run for the Roses III Gala is more than just an event—it’s a celebration of the people and organizations who make Loudon County exceptional. Thank you to all who joined the Loudon County Chamber of Commerce as we honored achievement, fostered connections, and toasted to another year of growth and success in our community.

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## Loudon County Chamber and Young Professionals Host “Meet the Candidates” Forum

The Loudon County Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Young Professionals of Loudon County, hosted a “Meet the Candidates” Forum on March 24th, offering community members an opportunity to hear directly from individuals running in the upcoming local election.

The event brought together candidates, Chamber members, and residents from across Loudon County for an evening focused on civic engagement and informed decision-making. Attendees gathered to learn more about those seeking public office and to gain insight into the priorities shaping this election cycle.

Each candidate was given time to introduce themselves, share the position they are seeking, and highlight key aspects of their campaign. The format allowed for a broad overview of each candi-

date’s background, experience, and vision for the future of Loudon County.

The forum created a welcoming and respectful environment where community members could become more familiar with the candidates in a straightforward and accessible way.

Events like the “Meet the Candidates” Forum reflect the Chamber’s ongoing commitment to fostering community involvement. The Young Professionals of Loudon County played a key role in encouraging engagement among emerging leaders and younger residents.

With local elections approaching, the forum served as an important reminder of the importance and impact of local leadership on the community’s future.

# UPCOMING TVRA events.



**5/14/26 • Thursday • 8:30am**  
**Cumberland Mountain Hike n Lunch**

Meet at Poplar Springs Boat Ramp;  
hike trails in Cumberland Mtn. State Park;  
lunch at Pour House Bistro in Crossville

**5/14/26 • Thursday • 7 - 9 p.m.**

**Scott Southworth and  
the Honky Tonk Anonymous Band**

Yacht Club at Tellico Village, doors open at 6 p.m.,  
tickets are \$43 each; Not a member? Email for  
reservations at [eventsvp@tvresidents.org](mailto:eventsvp@tvresidents.org)

**5/17/26 • Sunday • 4 - 8 p.m.**

**Gen-Xish 9 minute meet your neighbor**

A “getting to know you” event held at Toqua Pavilion,  
\$15 per person

**5/19/26 • Monday • 10am**

**Flutter and Glow**

Free aesthetics and environment  
seminar held at the Yacht Club at  
Tellico Village; bring more birds,  
butterflies and fireflies into your yard

**5/19/26 • Tuesday • 1:30pm**

**Kayak and a Current**

Leisurely 3.8 mile kayak float; meet at Hardin Valley  
Event Center, 2620 Willow Point Way

**5/20/26 • Wednesday • 7 - 9 p.m.**

**SINGO**

Music bingo at Yacht Club at Tellico Village,  
\$11 per person

**5/27/26 • Wednesday • 2 - 4 p.m.**

**Bunco**

Held at the Yacht Club at Tellico Village; \$6 per person

**5/27/26 • Wednesday • 5 p.m.**

**Dine Out - The Raven**

Raven Steakhouse,  
211 W Broadway Avenue in Maryville

**5/31/26 • Sunday • 12 p.m.**

**Caramella Bistro - brunch**

Caramella Bistro, 337 West Race Street in Kingston

**6/6/26 • Saturday • 2 - 8 p.m.**

**Kayak and a music festival**

Leisurely 3.8 mile kayak float; meet at Hardin Valley  
Event Center, 2620 Willow Point Way

**6/8/26 • Monday • 4 - 8 p.m.**

**TVRA Sunshine Social**

Third annual membership appreciation picnic at the  
Yacht Club at Tellico Village; \$12 per person

**6/11/26 • Thursday • 3 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Blackjack Learn to Play**

Class held at the Yacht Club at Tellico Village; learn  
the basics, simple strategies and table etiquette

**6/11/26 • Thursday • 7 - 9 p.m.**

**Blackjack Tournament**

Held at the Yacht Club at Tellico Village; \$25 per per-  
son, cash bar and prizes

**6/11/26 • Thursday • 3 - 5 p.m.**

**Whiskey and Chocolate**

Company Distilling, 8351 TN-73 in Townsend;  
\$42 per person

All TVRA activity events  
require registration\* through  
**[www.TellicoLife.org](http://www.TellicoLife.org)**

*\*In order to register, you must be a member.  
Not currently a Member?  
You can sign up to become a member  
on [www.TellicoLife.org](http://www.TellicoLife.org)*

*For questions or more information contact:  
[eventsvp@tvresidents.org](mailto:eventsvp@tvresidents.org)  
[communications@tvresidents.org](mailto:communications@tvresidents.org)*

# Tellico Village Contacts

## **Tellico Village Main Numbers**

TV Property Owners Association (POA).....	(865) 458-5408
TV Homeowners Association (HOA) .....	(865) 657-1405
TV Townhouse Association.....	(865) 657-3044
TV Network.....	(865) 657-6278
TV Public Library .....	(865) 458-5199
TV Welcome Center .....	(865) 458-7061
TV Phone Directory .....	amanda.kimbrell@news-herald.net
.....	(send email for updates)
Public Works Department.....	(865) 458-4522
STAYinTV Requests.....	(865) 458-7084
The Neighborhood Assisted Living .....	(865) 408-0211
Premier Residences .....	(865) 408-4583
Our Place Adult Day Center .....	(865) 657-7222
Yacht Club .....	(865) 458-4363

## **Tellico Village Recreation Centers**

Chelsea Golf Reservations.....	tellico.chelseareservations.com
Chota Recreation Center.....	(865) 458-6779
Kahite Activity Center.....	(423) 884-6353
Kahite Pro Shop.....	(423) 884-6108
Tanasi Pro Shop.....	(865) 458-4707
Toqua Pro Shop.....	(865) 458-6546
Wellness Center.....	(865) 458-7070

## **Tellico Village Area Restaurants**

Blue Heron at the Yacht Club.....	(865) 458-4363
Kahite Pub and Grill .....	(423) 884-2159
Little Italy.....	(865) 657-6224
Lorenzo's Mexican Grill.....	(865) 458-4655
Tanasi Lakeside Grill ( <i>Opening Summer 2026</i> ).....	(865) 458-9392
Thai Bistro .....	(865) 657-6440
Toqua Cafe.....	(865) 458-1330
Subway at Marathon.....	(865) 458-8011

## **EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

### **Law Enforcement - Dial 911 for an Emergency**

Loudon County Sheriff's Office.....	(865) 986-4823
Monroe County Sheriff's Office.....	(423) 442-3911
Loudon Local security, non-emergency (solicitors, hunting on common property, etc.).....	(865) 458-9081
Citizens Observer Patrol (COPs) .....	(865) 458-5193
Monroe County Sheriff's Office.....	(423) 442-4357
Monroe Local security, non-emergency (solicitors, hunting on common property, etc.).....	(423) 442-3911

## **Boater Rescue**

Tellico Boaters Assistance Response (T-Bart)	
Dial 911 and the dispatch will contact Tbart.....	911
Towboatus Fortloudoun Tellico Wattsbar .....	(865) 414-1626
Boat Police Region 4.....	(865) 322-0900

## **Fire Departments**

Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department.....	(865) 458-5733
Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department.....	(423) 442-2074

## **Hospitals**

Fort Loudoun Medical Center .....	(865) 271-6000
550 Fort Loudoun Medical Center Drive, Lenoir City, TN 37772	
Parkwest Medical Center.....	(865) 373-1000
9352 Park West Blvd., Knoxville, TN 37923	
Turkey Creek Medical Center.....	(865) 218-7011
10820 Parkside Drive, Knoxville, TN 37934	
Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center .....	(865) 541-1111
1901 Clinch Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37919	
Physicans Regional Medical Center .....	(865) 545-8000
900 E. Oak Hill Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917	
Tennova Riverside .....	(865) 632-5011
137 Blount Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37920	
The University of Tennessee Medical Center .....	(865) 305-9000
1924 Alcoa Highway, Knoxville, TN	
Sweetwater Hospital.....	(865) 213-8200
304 Wright Street, Sweetwater, TN	
Blount Memorial Hospital .....	(865) 983-7211
907 East Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN	
Blount Memorial Occupational Health Center at Tellico West	
110 Deer Crossing, Vonore, TN .....	(423) 884-1921

## **Churches**

Community Church at Tellico Village.....	(865) 458-1516
130 Chota Center, Loudon, TN 37774	
www.tellicochurch.com	
First Baptist Church of Tellico Village.....	(865) 408-0110
205 Chota Road, Loudon, TN 37774	
www.fbctellicovillage.org	
Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church.....	(865) 816-4756
143 Chota Center, Loudon, TN 37774	
shepherdofthelaketn.org	

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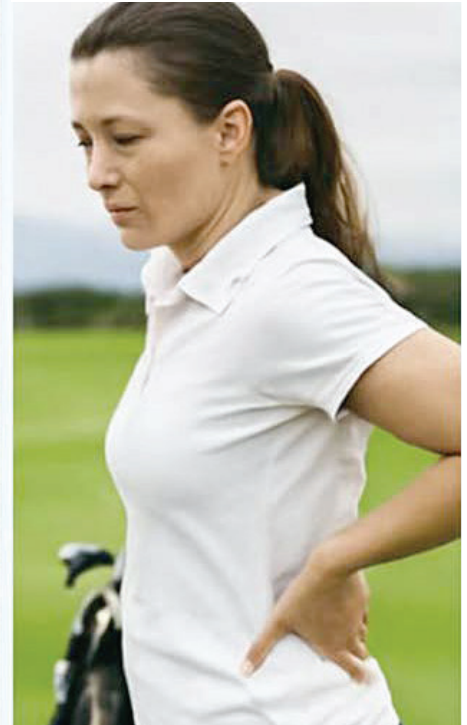
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