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One of the things I appreciate most about Tellico Village is that there is always something happening that brings neighbors together. Whether it's through clubs, local businesses, volunteer organizations, or community events, there are countless opportunities to connect, learn something new, and enjoy the friendships that make this such a wonderful place to live. Every issue of Tellico Village Pulse reminds me just how many talented, dedicated, and welcoming people call this community home.

This edition, you'll get a look inside several of those stories—from the Tellico Village Women's Club's upcoming Home Tour and the fun, fitness, and friendships found with the Line Dancing Club to some fascinating facts about Tellico Village that even longtime residents may not know. We're also highlighting Firefly Lane Wine Bar, sharing information about the STAR Songwriters event coming in August, and looking ahead to one of our favorite annual traditions, the 22nd Community Garage Sale and Boutique. I hope you'll enjoy these stories, support these events, and, as always, thank you for being part of what makes Tellico Village such an exceptional community.

Kathy Hartman
Kathy Hartman, General Manager

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Songwriters in the Round

Enjoy acoustic performances for a good cause

Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding (STAR) will host its 10th annual Songwriters in the Round event Saturday, Aug. 29, giving attendees the opportunity to enjoy an intimate evening of acoustic performances while supporting a good cause.

Set in the serene backdrop of the STAR Indoor Arena, located at 11800 U.S. Highway 11 East in Lenoir City, this year's event will feature performances by singer/songwriters Nicole Witt, Andy Austin, Phillip Lammonds and Matt Warren, all of whom have worked with well-known country artists like George Strait and Lee Brice.

STAR Executive Director Emily Justus said the “enchanting” evening will also include a dinner, provided by Chuy’s Tex-Mex Restaurant, along with an open bar and a social hour prior to the songwriters sharing their songs and the stories that inspired them.

“This unscripted evening has a unique way of pairing songwriter passions with their personalities,” explained Justus. “Since the featured artists change every year, the songs they play often come from inspirations felt throughout the evening as the conversation and camaraderie begins to shine through. Some stories will make you laugh, and other songs may make you cry, but the tales of perseverance and a shared love for music always leave our guests captivated in meaningful ways.”

After all, the main point, she continued, is to “bring the community together through song and storytelling while



Photos courtesy of Barry Slaiman, STAR Volunteer and photographer

supporting the organization's mission of providing healing through horses."

"Our programs help participants work through a variety of issues they may be facing, such as emotional, physical, neurological, cognitive and behavioral challenges, through the incredible bond of horse and human," said Justus, noting that the event typically raises between \$60,000 and \$70,000 for STAR through ticket sales and sponsorship opportunities from local businesses. "All funds go toward supporting our programs that serve both children and adults, ages 4 through seniors."

Founded in 1987 as founder Lunn Petr's therapeutic recreation master's thesis project at the University of Tennessee, Lenoir City-based STAR currently offers five core programs for participants with disabilities, military veterans, adolescents and those experiencing Alzheimer's and early on-set dementia. Educational visits and field trips are also offered at the property.

In addition to Songwriters in the Round, the organization holds another major fundraiser each April—Bridles and Blue Jeans, a more casual event that consists of both a silent and live auction.

"STAR's mission is powered by donor and volunteer support," Justus said. "From working with participants in lessons to leading horses and cleaning the barn or helping our facilities team on our 64-acre grounds, there is something for everyone!"

For more information about Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding or to purchase a Songwriters in the Round ticket, visit rideatstar.org. Sponsorships can also be secured by calling the STAR office at 865-988-4711 or emailing angela@rideatstar.org.





GFWC to host 30th annual Home Tour

The General Federation of Women's Club – Tellico Village will host its 30th annual Home Tour from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, offering attendees the ability to view four stunning homes and support the group's local efforts.

As the organization's major fundraising event of the year, Annette Quimper, past president of GFWC and member of the club's publicity committee, said that 100 percent of ticket and sponsorship proceeds will directly benefit charities in the Tellico Village area.

"We have raised over a half-a million-dollars over the 30 years that we've been doing this, all donated to local charities and organizations in our local community," she said. "And just last year, we were able to gift more than \$21,000."

This year, however, the club is striving to set a new record—one matching the event's three-decade history.

"With this being our 30th year, our ambition is to raise \$30,000," Quimper said.

In addition to the Home Tour, a reception and expo will also be held concurrently at the Yacht Club, with special festivities planned to commemorate this milestone anniversary.

"We really want to acknowledge our 30th anniversary of giving proceeds to the local community and charities," explained Quimper. "We will have free prizes to win with the purchase of a Home Tour ticket, as well as many great silent auction items."

Several vendors will also be on site to offer resources and expertise on topics such as landscaping, home decor and real estate.



Tickets for the event can be purchased beginning Sept. 1 for \$25 at various locations throughout Tellico Village, including the Tellico Village Welcome Center, Sloan's Village Home Center and the Village Salon.

Founded in 1890, the General Federation of Women's Club is an international women's organization that seeks to improve local communities and enhance the lives of others through volunteer service.

The Tellico Village chapter, which was established in 1996, has remained true to this mission over the last 30 years, actively supporting organizations in Loudon County and surrounding areas through donations and service hours.

In fact, according to Quimper, proceeds from the Home Tour ultimately allows the club to fund its local volunteer efforts in areas like education, culture and civil engagement.

"We're the first and oldest women's group in Tellico Village, and one of the biggest compliments we get from people who attend the Home Tour is how they're so impressed how well organized it is," Quimper said. "And it really is. These women, they all have their jobs and they do it so well without any prompting... They just all put their heart and soul into it. They're the greatest bunch of women I have ever worked with, and I continue to look forward to doing so."

For more information about GFWC-Tellico Village or to purchase tickets for the Home Tour, visit gfwtellico.org.

30th Annual Home Tour



Nestled on a serene cul-de-sac with stunning lake views, this striking home was built in 2009 and boasts over 5,100 square feet of thoughtfully designed living space. Upon entering, the inviting front porch and curated art lead to a breathtaking sightline that extends to the newly redone deck overlooking the water. The heart of the home features a chef's kitchen with high-end appliances and a large island for ample seating, complemented by a well-appointed mudroom, laundry room, and butler's pantry. Effortless flow characterizes the adjacent living spaces, including a beautiful octagon-shaped sunroom with its own fireplace and a dedicated office with built-ins. The primary suite offers a private balcony, spa-like bath with a walk-in shower, double vanities, and a jetted tub. Upstairs, a versatile bonus room with a full bathroom caters to guests or hobbies. The lower level is designed for entertainment, featuring a spacious family room with a fireplace, wet bar, and three additional bedrooms, all with lake views. Outdoor living is enhanced by a dock and boathouse, providing easy access to the water. This home seamlessly combines luxury and comfort with mesmerizing lakeside tranquility.



This stunning Colorado-inspired home, built two years ago, spans 4,200 square feet with four bedrooms and five bathrooms, all featuring ten-foot ceilings. The property includes a three-door, four-car garage with a lift for car enthusiasts. A large front porch and impressive iron door welcome you inside, where Acacia hardwood floors and tilt-and-turn windows create a bright atmosphere. The main living area flows seamlessly into a custom kitchen and dining space with under-cabinet lighting. Thoughtful design elements pay homage to the owners' roots, including artwork and framed images along the walls. Each bathroom boasts beautiful marble finishes and heated bidet seats, while the primary suite features heated floors and electronic window treatments. The entertainer's basement includes game tables, a bar, and acoustically engineered panels for exceptional sound quality, adorned with signed concert posters. A hidden projection theater, with three tiers of seating and a popcorn machine, adds to the appeal. Covered patios provide serene views of a wooded area that will remain undeveloped, offering a peaceful space designed for elegance and easy living.



This beautifully crafted home, built in 2024, spans 2,613 square feet and seamlessly combines modern design with practical features. The main level boasts luxury vinyl flooring and vibrant decor, with an inviting dining room featuring a round table under a stylish light fixture. The cozy living room centers around a fireplace and a comfortable sectional, complemented by a stunning Persian rug. The kitchen includes a bright eat-in area, a walk-in pantry, and direct access to the patio. The master suite serves as a personal retreat with a spacious walk-in closet and a luxurious en-suite bath, complete with a soaking tub and tiled shower. The impressive three-car garage features durable, easy-clean flooring and a flip-down workbench. Adjacent to the garage, a convenient mudroom and laundry room enhance functionality. Upstairs, the bonus room, currently a music space, includes a full bathroom and closet, making it ideal for guests or as an additional bedroom. The backyard, surrounded by mature trees for natural privacy, showcases tasteful landscaping that elevates the home's charm. This residence perfectly marries comfort and style for modern living.



This stunning custom-built lakefront home, completed in 2022, offers over 6,200 square feet of modern luxury and family-friendly living. Upon entering, large sliding glass doors in the living room connect the indoor space to the patio. The elegant dining room is perfect for gatherings, and a cozy sitting area with a fireplace provides serene lake views. The chef's kitchen features a Wolf cooktop, double ovens, an island, a sleek cabinetry-fronted refrigerator, and ample storage in the walk-in pantry. Entertainment is made easy with a wine fridge and dual refrigerated drawers. The main floor also includes a private den, half bath, mudroom off the garage, and a laundry room. The luxurious primary suite boasts a spacious walk-in closet and spa-like bathroom, with sliding doors opening to the patio. Upstairs, a versatile space features four built-in bunks, a full bath, kitchenette, and living area, ideal for guests or kids. The lower level enhances functionality with two bedrooms, a large family room, a full bar, and a unique lake room with outdoor access. A private dock complements the property, offering easy access to lake life. A charming brick driveway leads to a fire pit on the patio, completing this exceptional home.



FOOTLOOSE

Dance club provides social outlet and skill-enhancing fun

Since its inception in 2007, Footloose in Tellico has remained committed to its mission of encouraging those interested in the art of line dancing and providing a social outlet for members to enhance their skills.

“As Tellico Village is a very social community, our dancers are encouraged to socialize together and to foster relationships among dancers, novice to experienced,” explained Wendy Cochran, the club’s dance instructor.





In fact, according to Cochran, founding dance instructor Toni Grovier started Footloose in Tellico with the sole purpose of giving members the opportunity to not only dance in class, but also at monthly parties and other social events throughout Tellico Village.

"We have monthly dances on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Yacht Club," said Cochran, who took over as lead instructor in 2021. "We also have six regular dances a year and four themed special dances with a dinner and special decorations and dances included."

With classes ranging from intro to advanced, the club ultimately ensures that all its 99 members can access the instruction level needed to keep them engaged but not overwhelmed. All classes are held Monday through Thursday ten months out of the year at the Tellico Village Wellness Center.

"Beginner classes are held four or five times a year, and each session lasts two to three months," said Cochran, noting that all classes will resume on Aug. 3. "Intermediate 1 classes are for those that have graduated from the beginner class and are ready for a slightly faster pace of instruction and a few more difficult steps, while Intermediate 2 classes are for those that have conquered these two levels and are wanting more complex dances."

Advanced classes, on the other hand, are aimed at dancers who are open to learning more complex dances that require more concentration and combinations of steps.

"Our classes are 45 minutes in length and we have two classes for each of four levels of dance," Cochran added. "We have a warmup followed by four or five dances, some well known and some brand new, and finish the class with a cool-down dance."

In terms of music, Cochran said the club dances to everything from country and pop to rhythm and blues.

"I try to choose popular music that has a good beat," she said, naming member favorites like "Choosin' Texas," "Uptown Funk" and "Footloose in Tellico," which was choreographed by Toni Grovier. "New music is always coming out and the line dance choreographers are always busy writing new dances for the new music."

Footloose in Tellico is open to all Tellico Village residents for \$15 per year; however, a Wellness Center membership is also needed in order to join. For more information, visit footlooseintellico.com.





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Annual *Garage Sale* & *Boutique* to be held Sept. 12

Loudon County Habitat for Humanity (LCHFH) is once again partnering with the Tellico Village Community Church Crafters to host its yearly garage sale, a beloved community-wide event that helps build homes and hope.

A perfect opportunity to support local families in need, the 22nd annual fundraising event will take place from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Christian Life Center of the Community Church at Tellico Village, 130 Chota Center. Amanda Frangu, LCHFH volunteer coordinator, said that attendees can expect to find everything from clothing and furniture to yard tools and sports gear.

"There will be handmade crafts, kitchen items, small appliances, Christmas decor, shoes, walkers and other medical equipment, electronics, golf clubs, luggage, tools, outdoor furniture and items such as camping equipment, yard games, lawnmowers, kayaks, bikes and much more," said Frangu, emphasizing the event's importance to local residents. "This is for our community. People come from all over Loudon and Monroe Counties to come to this sale. We typically have a line of excited shoppers before the sale even opens."

With such a massive community response, the sale has proven to be a valuable staple to the area, sometimes raising as much as \$14,000 to support LCHFH and other local charities. It also serves as a means of helping out individuals and families experiencing difficult life circumstances.

In fact, just last year, Frangu said that a woman, who had recently moved to the area after losing her husband, was able to completely furnish her new home with items found at the sale.

"She bought so many things she had to call other relatives to come with their vehicles to load up her things. We even had a volunteer offer to deliver the rest of the items that would not fit in her fleet of cars



and trucks,” she explained. “It was so fulfilling to see how relieved she was to find much of what she needed in one place and for a great deal.”

Those interested in donating to the sale should drop off their items between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11. Pickup times for large donations can also be scheduled by calling Evelyn Dinkgrave at 865-657-5119 before 12 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10.

For computer donations, contact the Tellico Village Computer Users Club at 865-332-5313 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. All donations must be clean and gently used.

“We are thankful to the Community Church of Tellico Village for allowing us to host this sale at the church,” said Frangu. “Our staff and volunteers work very hard to put this event on every year and we have a blast doing it.”

In addition to the annual sale and boutique, LCHFV is also hosting a “Handbags for Habitat” event from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at the Venue at Lenoir City, 7690 Creekwood Park Blvd. This event will include dinner, entertainment and a handbag raffle, in which one lucky winner will receive a grand prize of up to \$10,000 hidden in a purse.

For more information about Loudon County Habitat for Humanity’s upcoming events, visit loudoncountyhabitat.org. Anyone interested in assisting with the garage sale should call Kathy Blevins at 865-250-0671, Patti Thompson at 845-629-3157 or Maureen Collins at 315-729-0376.



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10 unusual facts about Tellico Village

With over 5,600 homes, Tellico Village has proven to be one of the most successful and respected regional developments for retirees and active adults in Tennessee; however, its rich history is generally not as well known as its name.

So, to share the development's unique roots, we've outlined 10 unusual facts about Tellico Village that even many long-time residents may not know.

1. Tellico Village almost had a completely different identity.

Before Tellico Village existed, the shoreline around Tellico Lake was part of a massive TVA development vision known as "Timberlake." The plan called for residential, industrial, and recreational development around the future reservoir decades before the Village was conceived.

Named after colonial journalist and cartographer Henry Timberlake, the project, backed heavily by the Boeing Corp., essentially aimed to build a new planned city that would house about 42,000 people and boost the area's economy in the early 1970s.

Plans for this new urban center were later abandoned, with the aerospace company withdrawing from the project in 1975, ultimately determining that the ambitious development was not financially viable. In 1984, Arkansas-based development company Cooper Communities Inc. proposed to develop the 4,500 acres of land that would become Tellico Village.

2. The Village is built on land purchased from TVA—not private farms alone.

When Cooper Communities developed Tellico Village in the 1980s, it acquired the property from the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Tellico Reservoir Development Agency. The community is one outcome of TVA's broader economic development strategy for the region.

With the inception of the TRDA, an independent state agency created by Loudon, Monroe and Blount counties and the Tennessee Legislature, TVA turned over about 11,000 acres of shoreline lands for residential, industrial, commercial and recreational development, as well as wildlife enhancement.

Cooper Communities, which had already developed various planned communities in Arkansas, then agreed to invest \$10.5 million in infrastructure and amenities for a new lakeside community, now known as Tellico Village. The company held a public groundbreaking celebration in June of 1985, quickly beginning the construction of the Toqua Golf Club and Tellico Village Yacht Club. Lots were available for purchase that following year, bringing the first residents to the Village in 1987.

3. The first "resident" wasn't actually a resident.

The very first Tellico Village lot was sold in 1986 to a Maryville newspaper executive who never built on it. Many of the earliest buyers purchased lots as investments or future retirement homes years before moving in.

However, on Feb. 6, 1987, the first family officially moved into Tellico Village. And, by the end of that same year, the community grew to include 2,100 property owners and less than 100 resident families, often referred to as "The Pioneers," who cultivated the foundation of the Village with the establishment of the Home-Owners Association in January 1989.

4. Only 59 families lived here at the end of 1987.

Today it's hard to imagine, but by December 1987 the entire Village consisted of just 59 families. Growth accelerated rapidly during the 1990s and 2000s.

With about 3,000 property owners in 1989, Tellico Village experienced massive growth throughout the 90s, bringing out-of-state migrants and professionals seeking active-adult lakefront retirement to the area to reach an estimated population of 4,000 by 2000.

This growth was likely the result of the opening of Lakeside Plaza in January 1993, and the Mialaqu Center and Village Square 1994. Then, in June of 1996, the Tanasi Golf Course was complete, with Cooper Communities beginning the development of the Kahite neighborhood in Monroe County the following month.

The housing boom in the early 2000s further bolstered the Village's community growth, leading to the launch of new marketing strategies to attract potential homebuyers. Rather than direct-mail campaigns, Cooper Communities shifted its focus to targeted interstate billboards, trade show advertisements and even a television commercial, expanding Tellico Village's population to more than 7,200 residents by 2010.

5. Most neighborhood names honor Cherokee history.

Names like Toqua, Chota, Tanasi, Kahite, and Chatuga weren't chosen randomly. Developers intentionally used Cherokee place names to reflect the rich Native American history of the Little Tennessee River Valley.

Part of the historic Cherokee "Overhill" homelands, many original Cherokee settlement sites were located right along the community's nearby river banks. Sequoyah, creator of the Cherokee syllabary, was also born only minutes away from today's Village, deepening the area's significance to the Cherokee Nation.

To preserve the unique local identity and historical footprint of the land, Tellico Village's residential sections, golf courses and streets were given traditional Cherokee names. The community's name was also derived from the Cherokee word Talikwa, often suggested to mean "plains," "rare peace" or "great meaning place."

6. A national TV campaign once made Tellico Village famous.

In the mid-2000s, former CHiPs star Erik Estrada appeared in television commercials promoting Tellico Village lots through a California land company. For a time, the community enjoyed national exposure before the 2007 housing downturn ended the campaign.

A national spokesman for National Recreational Properties Inc. (NRPI), Estrada endorsed Tellico Village, along with 22 other master-planned communities throughout the country, through a combination of 60-second spots and infomercials that aired in major urban media markets.

Interested viewers could then dial an 800-number to book an organized promotional trip to East Tennessee for targeted showings of Tellico Village properties. Many of these lots, however, experienced a high markup, as they were generally sold to new buyers at prices three to four times higher than what NRPI had originally paid for them.

7. The community didn't always govern itself.

When Tellico Village began, Cooper Communities controlled the Property Owners Association. Over time, governance transitioned to a resident-elected board, making today's Village largely resident-managed.

In June of 1999, Cooper Communities officially relinquished its majority voting control on the POA board, ensuring Tellico Village homeowners have a say in topics concerning the community's interests.

Rather than being governed exclusively by developer employees, the Village now operates as a fully resident-managed community, complete with a seven-member board and professional staff. Elected to three-year terms every November, the POA board ultimately works together to set strategic direction, manage the annual budget and oversee the community's amenities.

8. The East Lakeshore Trail has national recognition.

Many residents enjoy the East Lakeshore Trail, but fewer know it became part of the National Recreation Trail system in 2012, recognizing it as one of the country's notable recreational trails.

Managed by the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir, the scenic 31-mile hiking network is made up of several scenic branch trails along Tellico Lake, with multiple trailheads and a boat landing for easy water access.

Its rolling hills and gentle slopes ensure hikers of all ages can enjoy its tranquil beauty, making it a favorite for tourists and East Tennessee locals alike.

9. The Village has more than doubled in population in little over a decade.

When Tellico Village celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2012, it had roughly 6,000 residents. Today, year-round population exceeds 11,000, making it one of Tennessee's largest and most successful planned active-adult communities.

Beth Kuberka, chief development officer for the Tellico Village Property Owners Association, said this self-sustained growth is likely due to all the community's unique identity and resort-like atmosphere.

"I think that we have something for everyone," she said. "It's not cookie cutter, the fees are reasonable and you pay for what you participate in."

10. Tellico Village exists because of one of TVA's most controversial projects.

The creation of Tellico Lake followed construction of Tellico Dam, a project that sparked decades of environmental and legal controversy—including the famous snail darter case. While controversial, the reservoir ultimately enabled the development of Tellico Village and the recreation economy that surrounds it today.

Discovered by biologists in 1973, the snail darter's presence in the Little Tennessee River caused a massive legal battle in the local area, with various environmental groups taking action against the TVA. In 1978, the Supreme Court agreed the dam would harm the endangered fish; however, Congress later passed an exemption so the dam could be finished, causing the fish to be relocated.

Scientists later found the snail darter living in several other rivers in Tennessee, which led the government to remove the fish from the endangered list in 2022.

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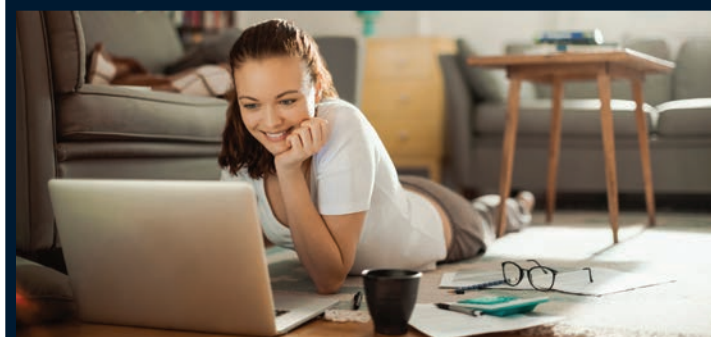


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Firefly Lane

Located in the heart of historic downtown Loudon, Firefly Lane Wine Bar provides the perfect atmosphere for catching up with old friends and enjoying a relaxing beverage. And, according to owner LeeAnn Kennedy, that is precisely what the establishment was built for.

"I wanted to create a space for the community where friends and family could go to hang out, sip wine and have a bite to eat while they visit," said Kennedy.

The bar, which opened at 404 Wharf St. on Oct. 1, 2025, offers an impressive selection of red and white wines, along with beer, bourbon and mocktails. Some food options are also available, ensuring guests can get a bite to eat while they drink.

"We offer elevated appetizers such as charcuterie boards, flatbreads, paninis, soups and deserts," Kennedy said. "We also make our own soups, humus, feta dishes and flatbreads in house."

Because the main goal is to provide a place for Loudon locals to go for an exciting evening out, Firefly Lane also regularly hosts live music performances on Thursdays and Saturdays, as well as "Bingo for Winos" events on Wednesdays.

"We like to have fun at Firefly," said Kennedy, noting that many guests end up forming friendships with one another. "We have a lot of laughs here and everyone that comes in ends up leaving having made new friends, especially those who sit at the bar. It warms my heart to see new customers leaving having made a new friend and a ton of laughs."

For those interested in learning more about different wines, Firefly Lane also hosts tasting events the second Tuesday of each month. Kennedy said that the Tasting Passport Program, which launched in January, is specifically designed to educate attendees on various wines from around the world.

"Each month we select a country or region and taste different varieties from those selected regions," she said, adding that all tasting events are led by the bar's sommelier, Joanne Wojdula. "After the class, we open the kitchen so guests can stay, relax, order food and enjoy a glass of their favorite wine from the tasting."

The wine bar's guests are also always welcomed just as they are and encouraged to dress as casual or dressed up as they'd like.

"It's just a cozy and inviting space where you can show up in shorts and flip flops or come in dressed up if you wanted," Kennedy said.

Firefly Lane can even be rented out for private events, from corporate happy hours and wine groups to birthday celebrations and engagement parties.

To book a reservation at Firefly Lane Wine Bar, visit fireflylaneonwharf.com or call 865-657-3208.





Community invited to kick off Riverfest with morning paddle on the Tennessee River

Outdoor enthusiasts are invited to begin Riverfest with a scenic paddle down the Tennessee River during a special event hosted by Visit Loudon County and the Tennessee RiverLine. The free paddle event will take place on Saturday, August 15th. Check-in will begin at 8 a.m., with paddlers launching at 9 a.m. from the Tellico Dam boat launch off Highway 444.

The approximately nine-mile route will follow the Tennessee River from river marker 601 below Tellico Dam to river marker 592 at the Ferry Street boat ramp in Loudon. The paddle is expected to take around three hours to complete.

Participants are asked to bring their own equipment, including a kayak, paddle, and properly fitting U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket. While the event is free to attend, advanced registration is required.

To make transportation convenient, paddlers may park at the Tellico Dam boat launch before the event. Upon completion of the paddle in downtown Loudon, a complimentary shuttle service will transport participants back to their vehicles.

The event will be held rain or shine, with both experienced paddlers and newcomers encouraged to participate in this scenic journey celebrating the Tennessee River and the abundant recreational opportunities it provides for residents and visitors alike.

The paddle serves as a kickoff to Riverfest festivities and highlights Loudon County's connection to the Tennessee River and the ongoing efforts of the Tennessee RiverLine to promote recreation, stewardship, and community engagement along the river corridor.

For additional information or to register, visit www.loudonriverfest.com or contact the Loudon County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Department at 865-458-2067 extension 2.





Community connections shine at the 7th annual Non-Profit Showcase

The Loudon County Chamber of Commerce hosted its 7th Annual Non-Profit Showcase on Tuesday, July 14, 2026. Bringing together local leaders, passionate volunteers, Chamber members, and area residents, the event spotlighted the vital organizations that strengthen our community. The high-energy gathering took place from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM at The Venue at Lenoir City. It successfully blended professional networking with community advocacy.

This year's showcase saw 31 non-profit organizations set up interactive displays to share their missions and service resources. The event was proudly sponsored by The Venue and Wampler's Farm Sausage, whose generous support highlights a strong corporate dedication to regional community development.

For the local business community, it served as the official July installment of the Chamber's popular Business After Hours series. This unique framework allowed regional business professionals to build relationships with community organizers. Attendees explored a diverse array of organizations, ranging from healthcare access advocates and youth mentorship initiatives to local food pantries and animal welfare groups.

The atmosphere inside the facility was vibrant and collaborative. Attendees moved booth to booth, collecting educational

materials and discovering practical ways to give back through volunteering, board leadership, and corporate sponsorships.

Chamber events function as a critical bridge between sector leaders. Local businesses found creative opportunities to align their corporate social responsibility goals with local causes. Meanwhile, non-profits traded strategies regarding fundraising, volunteer retention, and community outreach.

The event was entirely free to attend, ensuring that all community members could participate. Attendees also enjoyed local refreshments—complements of the evening's sponsors—while browsing the crowded exhibition floor.

The annual showcase serves as a powerful reminder of the impact local non-profits make daily in Loudon County and surrounding areas. The Loudon County Chamber of Commerce continues to provide these platforms to ensure our community's economic and social sectors grow hand in hand.

If you missed the showcase, you can still get involved. Reach out directly to the Chamber to connect with participating non-profits or to learn about upcoming networking events.

Get Involved with the Chamber:

- Phone: (865) 458-2067
- Email: christy@loudoncountychamber.com
- Address: 119 W Broadway St., Lenoir City, TN 37771

UPCOMING TVRA events.



Wednesday, August 19, 2026 • 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Singo

Yacht Club at Tellico Village
100 Sequoyah Road | Loudon, TN 37774

Friday, August 21, 2026 • 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Raft Off

Tellico Lake | Loudon, TN 37774

Sunday, August 23, 2026 • 5:00 PM

Dine Out at Stir

Stir Restaurant
217 Willow Ave | Knoxville, TN 37915

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 • 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Modern Square Dance

War Memorial Building
103 N B Street | Lenoir City, TN 37771

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 • 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Bunco

Yacht Club at Tellico Village
100 Sequoyah Road | Loudon, TN 37774

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 • 4:00 PM

Golf Scramble at Tanasi

Tanasi Golf Course
450 Clubhouse Point | Loudon, TN

Monday, August 31, 2026 • 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Reduce Taxes Presentation

Yacht Club at Tellico Village
100 Sequoyah Road | Loudon, TN 37774

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026 • 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Monthly Social

Tellico Village Yacht Club
100 Sequoyah Rd. | Loudon, TN 37774

Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026 • 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Dance the Fifties Away

Yacht Club at Tellico Village
100 Sequoyah Road | Loudon, TN 37774

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026 • 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Gen X-ish 80s 90s Flashback

Yacht Club at Tellico Village
100 Sequoyah Road | Loudon, TN 37774

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026 • 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Mahjong 101

The Basics

Chota Rec Center
145 Awohili Dr | Tellico Village, TN 37774

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026 • 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Singo

Yacht Club at Tellico Village
100 Sequoyah Road | Loudon, TN 37774

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026 • 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Bunco

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Mahjong 102

Strategy and Play

Chota Rec Center
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All TVRA activity events
require registration* through
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*

*For questions or more information contact:
eventsvp@tvresidents.org
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 Fortloundon 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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