



# New Villagers Club of Tellico Village News & Events

**May 7, 2020**

“Do not go where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail for others to follow.” We are certainly in the midst of uncertain times - times that call for a level head, a steady hand and compassionate leadership. Please rest assured that your New Villagers Board of Directors is carefully monitoring guidance from the President’s COVID-19 Task Force, Tennessee’s Governor Bill Lee, our Tellico Village leadership team and, most importantly, our constituent membership. We will always effect responsible & measured responses to this rapidly-evolving situation based on the most current information available and in the best interests of our membership.

Many of our members have expressed concern that the COVID-19 pandemic has prevented them from realizing the full benefits of their 2-year membership in New Villagers. We agree! As a result, the **NV Board has agreed to extend EVERY MEMBER’S graduation date** by a number of months that is equal to the number of months that the current health crisis continues to sideline our normal operations. Those members who were scheduled to “graduate” in March of 2020 or later and anyone who “joined” in March of 2020 or later will automatically receive this extension. We won’t know how long that extension is until we are finally able to resume operations as normal. In the interim, we are suspending the issuance of “graduation” letters and your New Villagers Membership will continue in full force!

Our activities calendar for May is very limited as a result of the COVID-19 containment effort. Of course, you can still engage in limited, independent, local outdoor activities like hiking, walking and golf or to gather in small groups (less than 10) in accordance with CDC & WHO guidelines. New Villager Golf Scrambles will continue as scheduled without the post-round meal. This is a GREAT way to get out and get some “socially appropriate” exercise and meet another couple of your New Villager peers! It is also a fun way to get started in the game of golf - NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED! You MUST be a registered New Villager to participate for the season (April-October). Join New Villagers’ golf by going to [www.tellicolife.org](http://www.tellicolife.org). Click on the New Villagers link and navigate to the button to Register for NV Golf under Clubs & Activities. Please register for weekly golf scrambles in the Chelsea Reservations System at <https://tellico.chelseareservations.com/>.

Consistent with the POA, HOA and Governor Lee’s “Safer At Home” Order, our May 7th NV Social has been cancelled. All NV activities (there are none outside of NV Golf currently scheduled) and NV meetings - including the June 4th NV Social--scheduled for June are still a tentative “GO” . . . . but, subject to change. For up-to-the-minute updates, please:

- Check your email regularly
- Tune to Spectrum Channel 193 (Tellico Village Broadcasting)
- View the TVB live stream at <https://tellicovillagebroadcasting.org/>
- Follow TVB on vimeo at <https://vimeo.com/user6448027>
- Follow TVB on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDBQ2xTAcARKFofVnLx6D\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDBQ2xTAcARKFofVnLx6D_A)



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Someday soon this will all be just a distant memory. We will look back and realize that we were all a part of living history - and we did our part to mitigate. As you read this newsletter we will have already begun the gradual transition back to “work” and normalcy. In the meantime, let’s all do our part to minimize the spread of coronavirus and take every reasonable precaution to protect ourselves and our neighbors!

Mike Blackwell, President



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## To “Pay It Forward”

In his January 1961 inauguration speech President John F. Kennedy famously said, “Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country.” Well, believe it or not, as we head towards the summer it is time for your current New Villager Board of Directors to begin the search process for the 2021 Board of Directors. So, we ask you . . . . “What can you do for your New Villagers?”

In July our NV By-Laws require us to present a “slate” of candidates to the membership at our regularly - scheduled social. That is likely to be our next opportunity to conduct a semi-normal NV Social! So, it is imperative that we conduct our “replacement search” remotely. **WE REALLY DO NEED YOU!**

New Villagers is a GREAT organization! How easy have we made it for you to acclimate to your new home here in Tennessee? Can you imagine where you would be without us? Well, maybe you can . . . at least for the past few months! ☺ Let’s keep New Villagers great! Please consider volunteering for one of the following positions for 2021:

- PRESIDENT(Mike Blackwell) ROLE: Organizational leadership & guidance
- \*ASSOC. VP ACTIVITIES (Pat McLaughlin) ROLE: Assist/Understudy VP Activities
- VP SOCIAL(Karen Egan) ROLE: Organize & Set Up for Socials
- VP MEMBERSHIP(Nancy Mariani) ROLE: Member registration & promotions
- MEMBERSHIP ADMIN(Marilyn Gengo) ROLE: Membership data management
- VP COMMUNICATIONS(Linda Rasmussen) ROLE: Create/distribute monthly newsletter
- HOA LIAISON(Barb Burke) ROLE: Attend/report on monthly HOA meetings
- POA LIAISON(Harry Rucker) ROLE: Attend/report on 2x monthly POA meetings
- TREASURER(Mark McMahan)ROLE: Manage receipts/disbursements/reporting



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- SECRETARY (Jan Dougherty) ROLE: Record & distribute meeting minutes/historian
- WEBMASTER (Linda Garza) ROLE: Liaison to Tellico Life (database management)

All of your current NV Board members (in parenthesis) are now actively looking for their 2021 replacements. If you think you might like to serve in a leadership capacity for New Villagers in 2021, please reach out to one of us.

No experience necessary! If you have a skill set - GREAT! If not, we will train you! It is a lot of fun, requires minimal time, and you will be paving the way for the next wave of Tellico Village New Villagers . . . . just like someone else did for you!

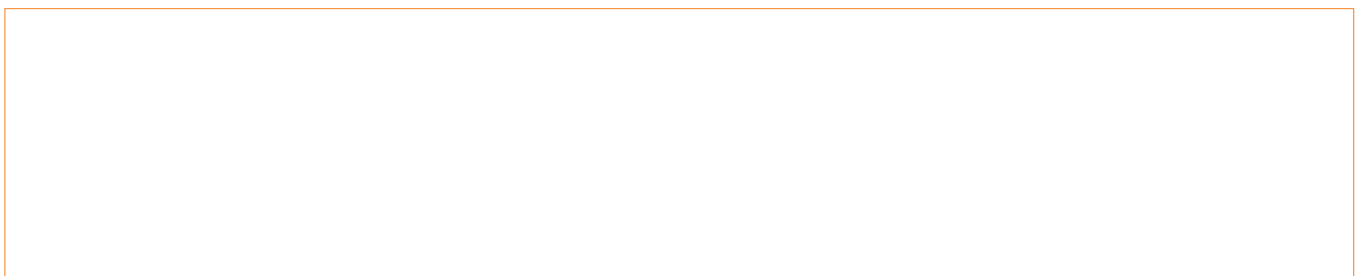
Muhammad Ali once said, "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." If that doesn't move you, then consider the words of Dr. Seuss . . . . "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better - it's not!" Let's make Tellico Village even better and pay our rent!



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First NV Golf Scramble at Kahite on April 9th. Pictured are Sherry Blackwell, Bill/Margie Bechtold and Dave and Linda Briede.







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This month we will be featuring a member of the New Villagers Board, Karen Egan who is the VP Social for the New Villagers Board in our Conversation Corner.

Hi, my name is Karen Egan and my husband David and I moved into the Mialaquo neighborhood at the end of 2019, after we built our home there. I am the VP of Social for New Villagers, where I enjoy highlighting the various clubs and organizations at each monthly social. I am from a northern suburb of Illinois where I retired after working 35 years for a pharmaceutical and diagnostic company where I was involved in research. My husband and I have two daughters, one lives in Massachusetts, while another lives in Ohio. I enjoy reading and playing Pickleball.





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