

**POA Meetings and Events (red denotes irregularity of time, day, and/or location):**

- July 6, 9 a.m., ACC, POA Conference Room
- July 6, 9 a.m., Recreation Advisory Committee, Wellness Center
- July 7, 2 p.m., Communications & Marketing, POA Conference Room

## **Board Meeting Highlights**

**President's Announcements** – Bruce Johnson mentioned that new bridge is going to be open for traffic. We don't know the exact date but be on the lookout for notification.

**Minutes** – The minutes from May 17th were approved 7-0.

**HOA Update** – According to John Bordelon, membership is soaring and crossed an all-time high at 1813 households. Socials continue to be standing room only. The May 11th general meeting was focused on the housing market and real estate trends. TellicoLife is live and people have started to sign onto the website. Tellico Community Foundation (TCF) still in the investigation stage and we have reached out to the East Tennessee Foundation.

**Marketing and Survey Update** – Beth Kuberka presented several statistics about leads, discovery requests, day tours, and program sales through the marketing department. Year to date, we have 2,363 leads and 283 Discovery Requests. All of our numbers are higher than last year and the marketing program is driving MLS sales. Tellico Village property values are increasing. We anticipate that we will continue to grow – there is a strong demand in the Discovery Program. Fred Toettcher presented the objectives and findings of the property owner survey. There were 391 respondents. Overall, the marketing-driven programs have impacted 82% of total MLS sales, 42% of total 2016 MLS sales came from program leads. Toettcher noted, "This Survey demonstrates the fact the Tellico Village Marketing Program is comprised of a full arsenal of effective marketing initiatives that seamlessly work together to impact and motivate the prospect throughout the entire real estate purchase cycle."

**ACC** – Jeff Gagley and Steve Trudnak presented for ACC. House counts are budgeted for 35 year to date, we have 57 through June. The previous year to date was 44. We have 79 single family homes under construction. Kahite has 373 permits issued and 9 houses under construction. Commercial project – Five Star Independent Living Facility. Construction should begin in early August. It will be a great asset to Tellico Village as all 98 units will pay individual assessments.

**Public Works** – Bud Murray discussed several projects that are being worked on: Water Pressure Monitoring, Water Sampling, Wellness Center water pressure, Coyatee booster pump, Signage project. The use of a Geographic Information Systems was also discussed as many key individuals who work for TVPOA are nearing retirement. A central management system is needed to capture and record all of the institutional knowledge of the Village. GIS is the best way to manage data. Currently, we are interviewing and negotiating with GIS vendors to provide this as a service to the POA. More details to come in the near future.

- **Summit Medical Update** – Jeff Gagley provided drone photos of the Summit Medical building. The interior walls are being studded, steel is up, concrete is poured, electrical

infrastructure in the ground is in, doing the rough wiring right now. Shingles are in the roof, metal will be on it in a couple of weeks. Brickwork should be done next week. Moving along ahead of schedule and looking for mid-late August completion date.

- **LUB Substation** – It is progressing but rain delays have held them up. 95% of all overhead bus work is done and lines are in. Working on control station. Asked to push this date back to September 1st. Jeff has good faith that this will be completed by the Fall.
- **Roads** – Charles Queener discussed two of the ten recommendations based off of the May 2nd Tellico Village Roads presentation. There are four paving projects that had been bid out in January, bids were open. Two of them were held up and two were awarded to low bidder. Parking lots of Tanasi and Yacht Club – awarded. Chota road from fire station to traffic light – held up. Tellico Village needs to tighten up contracting and bidding process. Once the contractor puts the product down, we need to start testing, inspecting, and watching the product. We want to contract with Foundations Systems Engineering (Knoxville, TN). This company was recommended by the Public Works Department in Knoxville. We spent time with four of them talking to them and then some of their staff came down to Tellico Village. We want them to do a complete pavement evaluation on Chota and Sequoyah roads, as well as the two parking lots (Tanasi and Yacht Club). Looking to them to give us a complete design. It would become the Tellico Village road design and parking lot design, we wouldn't have to go through this process again. We want to do 3 core samples on Sequoyah road and we want make sure that Sequoyah road isn't crumbling from underneath. At that point, they'd make a recommendation if we'd mill that entire road and repair it – big difference financially. There's a consensus that the parking lots need to be milled and done correctly. The subcommittee is going to Nashville to look at the different products over there and watch some companies put it down. Looking at ways to preserve our roads longer and we want to do it correctly.

**Finance** – Kendra Forsythe reported that we have a large favorable variance and we will probably continue to see it until the road work begins. We have the slight shortfall we have in golf revenues. We are basically where we were at this point last year. We are managing the bottom line pretty well, ahead of budget in the golf division. Had some savings in some personnel costs. Filled the number of docks we expected to fill, will probably lease a few more docks. Maintenance is a major expense; we have several deferred maintenance projects. Parker Owen discussed the joint Board/Finance Advisory Committee workshop presentation. Work begins over the next few weeks to reset the budget model for the 2018 budget and 2019-2023 Five Year Plan. Parker also presented four capital project funding requests: Toqua Golf Maintenance, Sewer Department, Docks, and Water Booster Pump Station to Support Additional Lots Added in Coyatee Hills.

**Three Sided Docks** – Jeff Gagley presented the plans for the 3 sided docks. They were designed for the Yacht Club basin. Would take place of the current D dock – this is not definite, can move to another slip. D gives plenty of room to maneuver the larger boats. Three sided slips, you can get in and out of either side. It will have covered roofs. This project is in the consideration phase. Nothing has been approved.

**By Law Change** – The board voted for a by-law change for term limits. It passed 5-2.

Did you miss the POA Board Meeting? In order to keep you better informed, we will now be making the slides available (the day after) the monthly Board Meetings on our website. Click the link to see the slides: <http://www.tellicovillagepoa.org/images/tellico/pdfs/admin/boardslides.pdf>

## June 2017 Financial Report

By Parker Owen , Chief Financial Officer  
Tracking Tellico Village Maintenance Costs

Among this year's Board Goals is one to "Develop and Implement a Process for Tracking and Analyzing Historical, Current and Future Maintenance Costs". Claire Frazer is chairing this effort with support from Board members Alan Hart and Sue Tinder. Significant support has been provided by Kendra Forsythe and myself, along with input and context from Jeff Gagley and Jim West. This is a strategically important study for TVPOA since about one half of all of the dollars spent by the POA are for maintenance type projects or operations.

The team met on Tuesday, June 13 in a joint workshop with the TVPOA Board of Directors and the Finance Advisory Committee to review the broad definition of maintenance, the database assembled, analyses of maintenance costs and trends, and implications for the 2018 Budget and Five Year Plan. An abbreviated version of this presentation was reviewed at the Finance Advisory Committee.

Maintenance is broadly defined to include purchased or contracted maintenance services, capital for building and equipment replacements, and internal operating costs for departments that have primarily a maintenance focus, such as Golf Maintenance, Public Works, Building Maintenance, Water and Sewer. It does not include most Administration costs, Fitness, Food Services, Pro Shops, Tank Installation or Safety. It does not include cost of goods sold, such as purchased water and sewer services, or food and beverage. It does not include new amenities or expansions of infrastructure.

The analysis indicated that fully one-half of every dollar spent by TVPOA can be categorized as maintenance. And of that half, 91% is accounted for within Golf and Public Works divisions. There is a major step increase in maintenance of land and streets from our most recent five years of history to our next five years in the planning periods. Golf maintenance costs increased in 2011 following the devastating turf and greens loss on many of our courses, and these costs continue through the planning period. Significant spikes in golf costs are attributable to the Toqua course rebuild of 2007 and the Toqua and Kahite clubhouse projects currently scheduled for 2019.

One of the most interesting analyses of this study was the maintenance cost per home. If you take the Total Maintenance Cash Cost and divide by the growing number of homes in Tellico Village, then divide again by the Consumer Price Index where 2005 equals an index of 100, you can calculate Constant Dollar Maintenance Cash Cost per Home. In 2005 dollars that averaged about \$1,631 per home, or about \$2,042 in today's dollars. But even more interesting is that this constant dollar maintenance cash cost per home is remarkably stable, almost flat, and trending upward at about 0.5% per year, which we attribute to our aging facilities and perhaps higher quality expectations. There is a strong case to be made that growth in homes and residents, inflation, aging and quality expectations are causal factors, that is an increase in one causes an increase in our maintenance costs.

Growth in the number of homes and residents places more demand and wear and tear on our roads, facilities, water and sewer systems. While residential growth is generally desirable, due to lower delinquency rates, more revenue from user fees, reduced supply of vacant lots and generally high property values, it comes at a cost in the form of more wear and tear on facilities and infrastructure and higher maintenance costs. Inflation is a mathematical certainty. If the purchasing power of the dollar declines, it takes more dollars to purchase the same goods and services. It takes roughly \$125 today to buy what \$100 would have bought in 2005.

What was good enough in 1987 is not good enough today, as technology, higher quality construction standards, increased quality from competing communities, and higher expectations of today's new retirees have raised the bar for all.

Finally, it is more difficult to quantify the impact of aging on our need for maintenance, yet it is intuitively obvious. As Tellico Village celebrates 30 years of growth and progress this year, many of our facilities have already required renovation or replacement, and all are requiring more cost to

maintain. The good news is that this is manageable! In fact we have been managing toward this reality for many years through our reserves funding and formulas, low debt levels, and increases in the assessment rate and user fees. For most of our history, the assessment rate has averaged 4% increase per year, though 5% in the last four years. These increases have helped us keep up with the curve, so that we do not find ourselves in a downward maintenance spiral from which we can never recover. It is too early to tell where the rate will need to be set for 2018 and beyond, but that will be determined during the fall budget process.

For the last several years we have recognized that the vast majority of our capital spending has been directed at “Repairs, Replacements and Renovations”. But this is just the tip of the iceberg. Most of our maintenance dollars are expensed, not capitalized, under the accounting rules applied to Common Interest Realty Associations (CIRAs). So road rejuvenation and paving, (major items in our current and future budgets), are expensed even though the benefits of this work may last several years. In addition, many of our operating departments, such as Golf Maintenance, Public Works, Building Maintenance, Water and Sewer are almost totally focused on maintaining our facilities in good operating condition. What started out as a limited analysis of accounting line items containing the word “maintenance” quickly grew into a much broader, more all-encompassing look at maintenance, repairs, replacements and renovations in all of its many forms.

Tellico Village is now 30 years old. While we will celebrate this milestone later this year, we are coming to realize that much needs to be done to maintain, renovate or replace aging facilities that have outlived their physical or economic lives. The 2018 Budget and 2019 to 2023 Five Year Plan will address these issues in a breadth and depth not seen before. The Board Goal previously mentioned is the first step in this process. The joint workshop with the Finance Advisory Committee and the full Board of Directors held on Tuesday, June 13 marked the unofficial kick-off to the budget process. The teams already formed are working to define the long term plan for optimizing road work and determining cost expectations. Clubhouse plans for Toqua and Kahite are being studied to determine needs, scope, design, capital estimates and timing. Long term plans for maintenance of our water and sewer systems are being reviewed. And long term maintenance, operations and quality of our golf courses along with rounds and revenue projections are being studied. All of these factors will serve as inputs to the 2018 Budget process.

### **Monthly Financials**

At the June meeting of the Board of Directors, four capital project funding requests were approved. The purchase of three medium duty and one heavy duty utility vehicle (all used) were approved for \$25,455 for Toqua Golf Maintenance department. These are replacements for utility vehicles that have reached the end of their useful lives. They are late model, used John Deere vehicles in excellent condition, turned in off-lease by high-end private clubs, at a significant savings versus new equipment.

Replacement of the Kahite Lift Station sewer control panel was approved for \$7,704 as an upgrade for the existing obsolete system that has reached the end of its useful life.

Installation of 10 Personal Water Craft (Jet Ski) Lifts at Kahite (1), Tanasi (7) and Yacht Club (2) Docks were approved for \$19,824. This project, originally approved at the May board meeting, was resubmitted at a 17% higher price, but based on a higher quality offering, more suitable for today’s larger jet skis. Since original approval we now have 10 lease checks in hand, assuring full occupancy for the initial season. At the higher price, but full occupancy, the internal rate of return is 12.2%.

Finally, a supplemental funding request was approved for a water booster pump to support additional lots added at Coyatee Hills. The project was approved in November, 2016 for \$45,085. The assumption at that time was the use of internal labor and equipment to do the installation, but this cost was not recognized in the funding request. Delays, design changes and wet weather pushed the project into the

busy months of the year, necessitating the use of contract labor and the use of gravel to stabilize the foundation base. The total over run was \$60,261, partially offset by unrelated booster pump projects at the Wellness Center and medical office building. Over runs of this magnitude are never acceptable. A draft proposal for an addition to the Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual has been submitted to the Board for their consideration and further development.

At this point in the year we have approved approximately 57% of the 2017 Capital Plan and are about 2%, or \$15,000, over budget for those projects that have been approved. Year to date net income reflects a favorable variance to budget of about \$821,000, though deferred maintenance projects will offset most of that in the coming months. Our current management expectations are that we will perform somewhat better than budget on net income, capital spending and cash flow after including projects that are currently deferred.

### **Bridge Opening Coming Soon!**

According to Blalock and TDOT, plans to open one side of the new bridge to traffic in the near future. We don't have an exact date for this yet but we have been told that it will be happening soon. It will be the left side of the bridge as you are headed towards Maryville and will be one lane each way. This will allow Blalock to begin demolition of the bridge over the dam. Blalock has said if they cannot get the lane open next week they will wait until after the Fourth of July to open the bridge to traffic. As far as the other side, they still have to install a sidewalk and parapet wall before they can open it to traffic so it will be a few weeks after they open the one side. We will update you as soon as we know more!

### **Tellico Village 30th Dinner Celebration**

Join us as we celebrate Tellico Village turning 30! We will be having a dinner celebration at the Yacht Club on August 24th. Tickets are now available to purchase at the Welcome Center. We have 225 tickets available for purchase at \$35 per ticket. There will be tables of 10 and if you would like to sit with a group, those tickets need to be purchased together. If you have a group smaller than 10, you will be paired with another table. Along with dinner, Bill Landry will be our guest speaker and harpist, Amy Carty, will be playing throughout the evening. Contact Lisa McCray at 865-458-5408, ext. 4131 or [LMcCray@tvpoa.org](mailto:LMcCray@tvpoa.org)

#### **The menu will be as follows:**

- House Salad with choice of dressing
- Pan seared chicken breast, served with roasted fingerling potatoes & grilled white asparagus **OR** Grilled Bistro Steak, served with roasted fingerling potatoes & grilled white asparagus
- Chocolate Lovin' Cake, a giant mouthful of chocolate pudding between two layers of dark, moist chocolate drenched chocolate cake.

### **Core and More**

Join Carol Carra during this 4 week clinic for early morning classical stretch and core strengthening workout. Starting Saturday, July 8th at 7:15 a.m. Contact the Recreation Department at 865-458-7070.

## **Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...**

### **Lakeside Tavern Kayak Trip - June 28**

Come join the Soggy Bottom Kayak Club on Wednesday, June 28th for a paddle along the Tennessee River and into the Concord Marina Cove to the always fabulous Lakeside Tavern Restaurant for lunch. Meet at the Poplar Springs Boat Ramp shortly before 9 a.m. for a 9 a.m. departure. We will then travel to the launch site at 10920 S. Northshore. We will paddle up the cove past Concord Marina and then up to Fox Marina before turning back to rendezvous at the Lakeside Tavern. Spouses and guests are welcome to join us at the restaurant between 11:45 and noon. Call Gail Eades at 865-599-6785 or

[g3evolution@gmail.com](mailto:g3evolution@gmail.com) no later than Friday, June 23 to make your reservation for a delicious outdoor meal in the shade.

### **Movie Night at the Library on June 28**

The Wednesday night movie scheduled for June 28 is "Appalachia-Part 4, A History of Mountains and People". The movie will be shown at 7:30 p.m. at The Public Library of Tellico Village. There is no charge. This presentation is the first environmental history series ever made. Several well-known people explore the intersection of natural history and human history in one of America's grandest treasures. They tell a story of a people struggling to find a true and proper relationship of the natural world. "Power and Place" tells of complex people in a complex land - modern Appalachia. There will be popcorn, soft drinks and water available for a small fee.

### **HOA Social July 11**

The HOA Social is July 11th at 5 p.m. at the Yacht Club. Sign up for community events. Stay for dinner with the group at the Yacht Club, if you choose. For more information visit: [www.hoatellicovillage.com](http://www.hoatellicovillage.com)

### **Comedy *The Savannah Sipping Society* opens July 13 at Tellico Playhouse**

The Tellico Community Players July production is the laugh-a-minute comedy *Savannah Sipping Society*. The cast has been selected and the play will run Thursday-Saturday, July 13-15 and 20-22, with a matinee on Sunday, July 23 -- at the Tellico Community Playhouse, 304 Lakeside Plaza, Loudon. Reserved seats at \$21 are available on the website [www.tellicocommunityplayhouse.org](http://www.tellicocommunityplayhouse.org) beginning Monday, June 12th. The play is sponsored by The Cagle Cross Group of Merrill Lynch. The Cagle Cross Group is located at 800 S. Gay Street, Suite 2200, Knoxville. Opening night tickets will also include wine and cheese before the show, beginning at 6:15 p.m.,.

*The Savannah Sipping Society* was written by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten. A delightful production, *The Savannah Sipping Society*, centers around four unique Southern women who are all stuck in a rut. Drawn together by fate - and an unplanned happy hour - the ladies decide that now's the time to reclaim that passion for life that's faded over the years. Over the course of six months that are filled with misadventures and the occasional liquid refreshment, these middle-aged women form a bond and find the confidence to kick-start their new lives. Veteran actor and director Len Willis is directing *The Savannah Sipping Society*. Producer is Ted Taylor.

### **Singers/actors needed for musical comedy *Honky Tonk Angels*; auditions set for June 21, 22, 25**

Auditions for the Tellico Community Players' October production of Ted Swindley's musical comedy, *The Honky Tonk Angels* will be held at the Tellico Community Playhouse (304 Lakeside Plaza, Loudon) at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 21 and Thursday, June 22, and at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, June 25. Play dates are October 12-14 and 19-22.

The roles:

- **Angela** - A Texas housewife, middle aged. She has a great sense of humor and is fiercely independent.
- **Darlene**- A pretty and sweet woman from the deep South, youngest of the trio. Note: The script calls for her to play simple guitar (can be pantomimed), and also to clog (mountain version of tap dancing).
- **Sue Ellen**- A Los Angeles career woman, middle aged. She is a "citified" country girl... smart, very attractive, and frustrated. She should be a capable dancer and clogger.

The plot has these three gussy gals who are determined to better their lives and follow their dreams to Music City, USA. Swindley combines over 30 classic country hits in the production. Wendel Werner is music director for the show. Directors Debbie Mayberry and Dennis Loy advise potential performers to "please prepare your best 16 bars of a honky-tonk style song. Recorded accompaniment or a *cappella* is suggested. Choose your own song or from one of the songs listed above in the plot synopsis. Bring a recent photo or head shot. Cold reading from the script. Be prepared to provide rehearsal conflicts.

Everyone will be asked to audition for dance and movement. Please wear suitable clothing and bring proper shoes.” **CONTACT INFO:** Debbie Mayberry, Director - [sdmayberry@charter.net](mailto:sdmayberry@charter.net), Dennis Loy, Director - [loyattv@gmail.com](mailto:loyattv@gmail.com), Wendel Werner, Music Director - [wendelvon@yahoo.com](mailto:wendelvon@yahoo.com)

### **Butterfly Garden Dedication and Butterfly Release**

Join the Tellico Village Garden Club and their honored guest, Margaret Muller, our first garden club president, who turned 96 in April, dedicate the new Butterfly Garden with the release of butterflies! Everyone is invited! It will take place on June 29th at 11 a.m. at the Tellico Village Wellness Center - North side of paved walking trail.

### **Parrot Head Party**

Live Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band featuring Bary Jolly! 6-10 p.m. \$20 per ticket, cheeseburger in paradise buffet, best dressed contest. It will be at the Tellico Village Yacht Club on Saturday, July 8th.

### **July 2nd Buffet**

Doors open at 6 p.m. for the July 2nd Buffet at the Yacht Club! Purchase your tickets at the Yacht Club for \$22 per person. Hotdogs, hamburgers, grilled corn, and much more will be available to eat!

### **Great Fun Music Night**

Music by Southern Star at the Kahite Bar & Grill on June 26th. Dinner at 5p.m., music from 6 p.m.– 8p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Sign up with Kahite staff!

### **Tanasi Bar and Grill**

Stop by Tanasi Bar & Grill for chef-inspired brunch and classic favorites served Thursday-Sunday every week!

## **TELLICO VILLAGE JUNIOR GOLF CAMP**

**JULY 10-14**

### **TOQUA GOLF CLUB**

Tellico Village Junior Golf Camp is right around the corner! Don't let the kids miss out on what is lining up to be one of our best Junior Camps yet! This year's Junior Camp will be \$175 and will include the following:

- 5 hours of PGA Professional Instruction
- Titleist alignment rods
- Tellico Village logo Golf Cap
- Golf Balls
- T-shirts
- Tee Gifts
- Rules of Golf
- Range balls after 3 PM
- Play on the course after 3 PM
- Prizes
- Lunch on Friday
- Awards Ceremony

We want the kids to have a blast during Junior Camp while learning various golf skills. What better way to have fun than to get the chance to make your instructor go for a swim in the DUNK TANK? We will have 3 sessions to choose from:

- Session 1 --- 8:00 am - 9:15 am
- Session 2 --- 9:30 am - 10:45 am (Rec Center)

- Session 3 --- 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

To enter your child, grandchild, friend, etc. please visit the Toqua Golf Shop to fill out the registration form. Feel free to contact any of our Golf Professionals with any questions! We are filling up fast so don't miss the chance to enter!

### **Martin Luther Lecture Series**

The Martin Luther Lecture Series is as follows:

- Saturday, July 8 at 1p.m. -"Lutheran/Catholic Dialog", presented by Bishop H. Julian Gordy, ELCA Southwestern Synod and Father Doug Owens, St. Thomas Catholic Church
- The final presentation will be on Saturday, August 12 on "Luther, the Musician", presented by Dr. Carl F. Schalk, Professor of Church Music Emeritus at Concordia University in Chicago

The July 8 dialog will be held at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Lenoir City. This August 12 session will be held at Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, 143 Chota Center at 4 p.m. For more information, call the Shepherd of the Lake church office at 865-816-4756.

### **Tellico Village Broadcasting**

To view this week's special program about the upcoming Solar Eclipse, please click this link: <https://vimeo.com/220226668>

Make sure you visit the TVB website at [www.tellicovillagebroadcasting.org](http://www.tellicovillagebroadcasting.org) for a complete library of over 500 videos about Tellico Village to view on demand. You can also check out Charter Channel 193.

### **Pets of the Week: Meet Fluffy, Simon, and Dean!**

A cat named Fluffy? While it describes this magnificent cat purr-fectly, it's too ordinary for this loving feline. Fluffy is a 3 year old female domestic shorthair with green eyes, very soft fur and loads of affection. Fluffy was surrendered when her loving owners lost their home. She is anxiously awaiting her new home. What will her new name be once you adopt this loving cat?

Three words describe Simon: bundle of joy. Simon is a 2 year old male domestic medium hair with amber eyes. Simon has a delightfully round face and is what some call a "cow cat" as his soft white fur is adorned with black patches. This boy is easy going and loves affection.

Dean is a 1 year old male domestic shorthair mix with amber eyes. Dean's not related to Simon but he too has white fur with black patches but Dean's fur is very short. Dean was brought into the shelter as a stray but he's outgoing and enjoys affection.

Please remember their personality may not show through immediately in the shelter environment. Their condo is now their "safe place" and some struggle a bit when removed from it. That, by no means, does NOT mean they aren't sweet, loving lap cats. It means they are uncomfortable or scared. Take the time to meet each cat. Pet the cats while they are still in their condo and let them get used to you for a few moments before you pick him/her up. Once you get them home and they feel secure, all will be well.... All animals adopted are spayed or neutered, have age appropriate vaccinations and testing, and are microchipped (with registration). Cats are litter box trained. \$40 adoption fee.

The fourth of July is rapidly approaching. For many pets, it can be a very terrifying holiday. Around this time every year, the animal shelter receives numerous reports of pets that have run away because they were frightened by fireworks. Make preparations now to keep your pet safe during holiday festivities. Find a quiet, sheltered, escape-proof area of your home where your pet can comfortably stay when fireworks are being set off. If you are going to a fireworks display, leave your pet at home in a secure area.

Monroe County Animal Shelter is always in need of more volunteers. If you are interested in helping the shelter and the animals, please reach out to the shelter during business hours. The Monroe County Animal Shelter is located at 170 Kefauver Lane in Madisonville (behind Wal-Mart). Please note new hours: Tuesday-Friday from 11-4:30 and Saturdays from 11-2. The shelter is closed to the public on Sunday and Monday. Call 423-442-1015 and check out all available pets on our web site at [www.friendsofanimalsmc.org](http://www.friendsofanimalsmc.org) TN Monroe County Animal Shelter is the official Facebook page for the Monroe County Animal Shelter. Adoption Gift Certificates available all year.