

# TELL-E-GRAM

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2019** 



## **PSAC HIGHLIGHTS**

The Public Services Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, September 4th.

#### Water System:

- Data shows increase in demand from January through the summer months
- · Reviewed allocation of demand.
- Discussed recommendations for improvement.

#### **Public Works Projects:**

- Sewer Tanks/Waterlines Installed: 14 in August (129 YTD)
- New Meters Set: 24 in August (133 YTD)
- Sewer Leaks: 33 in August (155 YTD)
- Water Leaks: 34 in August (178 YTD)
- Tank Modifications: 28 in August (510 YTD)

#### **Updates:**

- Bid submission date for the Wellness Center roof was extended to Sept. 6th.
- Kahite paving will start at the first of October.
- Kahite Community Center's sprinkler systems are in and landscaping has been budgeted and planned.
- Toqua Clubhouse: Kitchen equipment arrived yesterday.
- Met with engineering firm regarding Chota/444 intersection- it will be repaired

#### **POA MEETINGS AND EVENTS:**

September 11, 2 p.m. – Having Your Say\*, POA Conference Room September 12, 10 a.m. – RAC, Wellness Center September 16, 1 p.m. – Dock Captains, POA Conference Room

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POA Board Election Update: We have four candidates that will be running for the three open seats.

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Candidates:
Marty Inkrott
Steve Schneider
Sue English-Kovar
Susan Kirk

Stay tuned for more information on each candidate.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS #2

By Fred Toettcher, Tellico Village Marketing Team Member

Editor's Note: Understanding Tellico Village real estate market performance and the investment required to maximize this performance is extremely important to all property owners. The following is the second in a series of three articles that will answer questions most frequently asked of the Tellico Village marketing team.

#### Question #1: What's happening with the sale of POA Lots?

From January – July 2019, 71 POA lots were sold (or are pending). These lots represent annual assessment income of \$113,231 at the current \$132.90/month rate. Additional POA lots will be sold during the balance of the year.

In late 2014, Beth Kuberka, POA Marketing Communications Director, conceived and implemented a joint development program between the POA and local builders. This program added value to these mostly small, internal POA lots, capitalizing on increased demand created by the POA marketing program. Expansion of this initiative has resulted in sales of 227 POA lots since 2015, a dramatic increase from the 7 and 8 lots sold during 2013 and 2014. Further development opportunities exist, with the POA currently controlling 773 non-revenue generating lots.

#### Question #2: Is Tellico Village growing too fast?

Tellico Village's population is currently growing at a rate of about 300 people per year. In a community of more than 8,000 people, this is manageable growth that can be accommodated by the Village's current and planned infrastructure (including roads, water and sewage) and amenities.

At the beginning of 2019, Tellico Village's residences totaled 4,344. Since 2012, the Village has grown 16%, an annual average of 2.6%. In 2017 and 2018, the annual growth rates were 3.7% and 3.8%, respectively, and this annual rate of growth has continued through the first seven months of 2019.

Even though it seems that there are many new faces in the Village, most of the newest residents have bought existing homes from aging Villagers. These younger residents represent new energy, new ideas, new programs, new vitality, but not population growth. Joe Bogardus, a fellow marketing team member, has written a great article entitled <u>"Tellico Village: What Is Growth?"</u> that explores this issue in some depth.

In summary, Tellico Village's current population growth is healthy, manageable and consistent with that of a vibrant and viable community.

#### Question #3: What does the marketing program cost me?

This year, the POA marketing program will cost Tellico Village property owners nothing. On an "all-in" basis outlined below, the program generated positive POA net revenue totaling \$95,316 during the first half 2019. This revenue stream is projected to increase during the balance of the year.

For the last several years, the Tellico Village Board of Directors has requested an 'all-in" financial assessment of total marketing revenue, costs and expenses on a quarterly basis.

- Total Marketing Revenue \$356,722. Includes direct revenue from realtors and builders, website/magazine advertising fees, POA lot revenue, and building permit fee revenue from POA lot and program sales. During the first half 2019, "all-in" marketing revenue totaled \$356,722.
- Total Marketing Costs and Expenses \$261,406. Includes advertising and website expenses, agency fees, marketing personnel salaries and benefits, and Welcome Center costs including electricity, building maintenance, interest and depreciation. During the first half 2019, "all-in" marketing costs and expenses totaled \$261,406.

Resultant positive POA net marketing revenue of \$95,316 is in addition to property owner return in the form of increased property values. As reported in the <u>first article</u> in this FAQ series, Tellico Village property values have increased 15.3% during the last 30 months. During this period, the average priced home in Tellico Village has appreciated nearly \$55,000.

The POA marketing program has evolved into a rare quadruple-win proposition. The POA wins through incremental net revenue, current property owners win through increased home equity, past property owners won by selling their homes on a timely bases and at a fair price, and new residents won by discovering and subsequently relocating to this incredible community.

#### **HIGHWAY 444 CONSTRUCTION**

TDOT began work on establishing an acceleration lane southbound on 444/Tellico Parkway at the 321 intersection on Monday, September 9th. If you're coming from Lenoir City on 321 and turn right on 444/Tellico Parkway, there will be a new merge lane constructed onto 444/Tellico Parkway. This merge lane will replace the yield sign at the bottom of the ramp.

Please be aware of workers and equipment in this area. There may be temporary delays while this construction is taking place.

## ACC

ACC Report as of August 31, 2019											
2019 Permits Issued	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	YTD	Prev. YTD	Grand
									8/31/19	8/31/18	Total
Single Family - Budget	6	8	10	12	12	13	13	12	86		
Single Family - Actual	6	12	15	20	9	18	12	24	116	95	4082
Multi-Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	334
Commercial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	41
Tellico Village Senior Living	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Shoreline Strip	0	8	2	3	0	0	0	2	15	25	1794
Miscellaneous	16	20	12	24	21	26	9	17	145	97	4491
Home Occupation	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	7	47
Final Reviews Completed	14	5	13	20	8	8	10	10			
Houses under construction:											
Single Family	122	127	128	126	128	135	138	147			
Multi-Family	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1			
Tellico Village Senior Living	<u>0</u>										
Total # under construction	124	129	130	128	130	136	139	148			
Kahite houses under construction	21	21	20	16	18	19	18	23			
Kahite permits issued	409	411	412	412	414	417	418	423			
Commission Assessment	4	7	_	45	_	0	-	4.4			
Completion Agreement	4	7	5	15	5	9	5	14			
Average heated sq. ft.	2624	2183	2290	2139	2559	2457	2078	2259			
Average total sq. ft.	3878	2943	3601	2877	3609	3226	2811	3060			

## TV LIONS 15TH ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

On October 7th, the TV Lions will be holding their 15th annual Oktoberfest at the Yacht Club. At a Lions Club meeting early in 2004, Mike Kittl, a die-hard Austrian, came up with the idea of having this uniquely German event in Tellico Village. From its first iteration, it has been a huge success and a prime fundraiser.

In addition to great German food—bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, beans and condiments, and of course, plenty of German beer—the Oktoberfest provides a great social evening where you can meet with friends and neighbors, dance or sing along to great music provided by DJ Steve Bartoleme. Food and beverage service will begin at 4 p.m. and continues until 7 p.m.

Due to the Yacht Club capacity, tickets are limited. If you want to join the crowd, get your tickets early. Priced at \$14/person, they are available from any Lion, Sloan's Home Center, United Community Bank and Village Salon.

Parking at Tugaloo Pavilion and a free shuttle will available.

Events such as this provide funds to the Lions club to support a myriad of activities, including donations to numerous service organizations. For example, funds raised from this and other events helps support our participation in a Habitat for Humanity house build. This is a joint effort with other Tellico Village clubs (Kiwanis, Rotary Club, and Women's Club) and the Loudon Lions Club.

A project such as this and many others is only possible thanks to the fantastic support from the residents of Tellico Village.

## **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: TOQUA CLUBHOUSE**

There is a lot of work taking place this week! The kitchen equipment has arrived and is being wired. Crews are working on trim all over, laying tile in the restrooms, and continuing to form for the last concrete pour.

The photos below show the newly installed kitchen equipment and patio ceiling fans.

Stay up to date with the ongoing construction! Click <a href="here">here</a> for the progress at Toqua Clubhouse.



Toqua Clubhouse



Toqua Clubhouse

## **SHOP TV**

Beans & Cream opened this past summer in Village Square behind the Welcome Center. The new coffee shop serves various kinds of handcrafted coffee, delicious ice cream, and an assortment of pastries and desserts to satisfy any sweet craving. Beans & Cream has both indoor and patio seating available, a small gift shop, and a welcoming atmosphere for your next meeting spot. To check out their menu, visit Beans & Cream online at

www.beansandcream.net.



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Benchmark Physical Therapy has locations all across the Southeast, and now have a location here in the Village. Their physical therapists offer services such as arthritis management, pre-post surgical therapy, physical therapy, manual therapy, and more. Benchmark Physical Therapy is located in Village Square behind the Welcome Center. For more information, visit their website at

https://benchmark.urpt.com/locations/loudon-tellico-village/.

## **TOUR DE TELLICO**

The Tellico Lake Rotary Club will hold the 14th Annual Tour de Tellico on Saturday, September 28th. Join us for a fun, family day to ride some of the prettiest back roads of Loudon and Monroe Counties. We offer 4 rides customized for all levels of cyclists: an easy 25k (15.2 miles), a challenging 50k (31 miles), a full 100k (62 miles), and the 100 Mile Century for experienced cyclists only. Join us for one of these rides and help us raise much-needed funds for local charities and scholarships. Cost is \$40 per rider if you register by September 18th. The ride begins at First Baptist Church of Tellico Village at 205 Chota Rd. Details and registration can be found at <a href="https://www.TourDeTellico.com">www.TourDeTellico.com</a> as well as maps and other important information.



#### YACHT CLUB SUNDAY BRUNCH

Don't forget about Sunday brunch at the Yacht Club's Blue Heron! Brunch is offered each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come enjoy a variety of brunch options, such as omelets, steak & eggs, salads, and sandwiches. The bar is also open to serve delicious Bloody Marys or mimosas!



## **LOCK TOURS**

Once again, Fort Loudoun will be offering lock tours. The following are dates and times of tours:

Tuesday, Oct 8th, at 8:30am

Tuesday, Oct 8th, at 10:30am

Wednesday, Oct 9th, at 8:30am

Wednesday, Oct 9th, at 1:30pm

Please register at the Welcome Center from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Please bring the following items with you to fill out the paperwork and secure your spot:

Legal Name/Driver's License and State Date of Birth Last 4 digits of SS# Date/Time of Proposed Visit Phone Number

Spots will fill quickly. If you wish to bring a friend, please have their information or bring them with you at time of registration.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

#### **CRUISING CLUB**

Tellico Cruising (Boating) Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wedesday, September 11th at the Yacht Club. Social hour starts at 5 p.m. with the meeting following immediately at 6 p.m. The club includes all types of boats: pontoons, bow riders, wake boats, cruisers, and all motorized craft. Anyone with any percentage of boat ownership is eligible for membership. Come check us out and learn about all the fun we have while boating! For questions, contact Commander Pat Ezell at 513-257-5279.

#### FISHING CLUB

The Tellico Village Fishing Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 11th from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Visitors are welcome. For additional information, contact Pete Young at 865-458-1527 or visit <a href="https://www.tellicovillagefishinggroup.com">www.tellicovillagefishinggroup.com</a>.

## **TELLICO RIDERS**

On Thursday, September 12th, the Tellico Riders will conduct their monthly meeting at the Yacht Club. The social hour begins at 5 p.m. in the Yacht Club bar, followed by a meeting on the 3rd floor at 6 p.m. If you own a motorcycle, ride in East Tennessee, or would like to meet those that do, come join us. Following the meeting, consider joining us for dinner at the Blue Heron. If you desire to have dinner, we recommend you place your dinner order during the social hour; tell them you're with the Tellico Riders. For additional information, please contact Carl Bye, Director Telllico Riders, at crbyejr@gmail.com.

## **HIKING CLUB**

Date: Friday, September 13th

**Destination:** Laurel Falls to Metcalf Bottoms picnic area (shuttle)

**Distance:** 8.1 miles **Rating:** Moderate **Drive Time:** 1.5 hours

Depart: 8:00 a.m. from Lakeside Real Estate parking lot

Elevation Gain: 2000 feet

**Leader:** Tom Ringenbach | 865-201-9014 | tommamier@gmail.com

**Hike Descripion:** This is a shuttle hike. We will drop off a couple of cars at Metcalf Bottoms, then proceed to Laurel Falls Trail where we will begin the hike. We will ascend a little over 2000 feet using the Laurel Falls Trail and the Little Greenbrier Trail, then descend using the Little Brier Gap Trail and the Metcalf Bottoms Trail to the Metcalf Bottoms picnic area. We will pass Laurel Falls, an overlook of Wears Valley, the Walker Sisters Home, and the Little Greenbrier School.

## **VILLAGE QUILTERS**

The Village Quilters will hold their monthly meeting on Friday, September 13th at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church at 9:30 a.m. The featured speaker will be Becky Goldsmith, whose topic will be "Practical Approach to Color."

## **EAST LAKESHORE HIKERS**

Join us next Tuesday, September 17th to hike 2.5 miles of the Jackson Bend Branch of the East Lakeshore Trail. We will gather at the Poplar Springs boat ramp parking lot at 9 a.m. to carpool to the trail head. Hikers coming from Kahite can meet us around 9:25 a.m. at the entrance to the Lotterdal Campgrounds off East Tellico Parkway. Hikes take place the 3rd Tuesday of each month. All the monthly hikes should finish no later than 11:30 a.m. Hike leaders are Larry Elder and Jon Foreman. For additional information, contact: Larry: lelder49@gmail.com | 865-657-9722 or Jon: for4man@charter.net | 412-337-5500

### TELLICO ROADRUNNERS

Please join the Tellico Roadrunners RV Club on September 17th for their general meeting and the social beginning at 7 p.m. at the Yacht Club. General club business will be discussed as well as sharing information on recent and upcoming RV rallies. Visitors are welcome.

## **FORD CLUB**

On September 18th, the Ford Club will host a luncheon at Tanasi Bar & Grill at 11:30 a.m. A guest speaker will discuss the future of Lincoln vehicles. For additional info, contact Club President Bart Hogarth at 865-657-3241.

## **CALIFORNIA CLUB**

The annual California Club picnic will be held on September 19th from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Tugaloo Pavilion. Please join us for an afternoon of fun, door prizes, trivia, and a gift exchange!

Please bring the flowing items:

a beverage of your choice, a dish to share, a gift to exchange (\$5 or less) and \$5 per person for the rental of the pavilion and paper goods.

Please feel free to bring a folding chair for your comfort. Looking forward to seeing our old friends and meeting new Tellico residents from California. Please RSVP by September 13th to the California Club on NextDoor.com or by emailing Nancy Campbell at nsc5458@gmail.com.

#### **ART GUILD**

On Thursday, September 19th, the Art Guild of Tellico Village will have the privilege of presenting entrepreneurial and international jewelry designer, Yunjo Lee, as our featured speaker. She attended Pratt institute and has a Bachelor of Arts in Painting and Fine Arts. Yunjo Lee is a conceptual and entrepreneurial mind-set jewelry designer based in New York. She worked with world-renowned names including Tiffany & Co., Michael Kors, Paloma Picasso and Frank Gehry. She has established a reputation for designing coveted and iconic jewelry collections for global luxury brands. Most recently, she held a role of Design Director for the fine jewelry brand M. Monroe heading up designers, product marketing and development. Yunjo was also invited for special collaboration with Swiss brand Bucherer to create new designs. She has media presence both in U.S and Europe.

Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Top floor of the Yacht Club. Refreshments: Light refreshments and beverages will be served before the presentation.

## SOGGY BOTTOM

Join the Soggy Bottom Kayakers to paddle Watts Bar Lake/Tennessee River to the beautiful Whitestone Inn for lunch on Friday, September 20th. Meet at the Poplar Springs boat ramp at 8:00 a.m. to caravan to the Old James Ferry Rd. boat launch in Kingston. Plan to be in the water by 9 a.m. for a 9-mile paddle (approximately 4.5 miles each way). Please RSVP to pahart@aol.com no later than Wednesday, September 18th if you plan to attend. Lunch will be a chicken entree and the cost is \$17.95 plus gratuity. The leaders are Pat Hart and Melanie Harmon.

## THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### 4B's - Barbecue, Bluegrass, Beer & Books

Saturday, September 21, 2019 | 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. | The Public Library at Tellico Village Friends Members: \$40; Non-Members: \$45 Tickets are for sale at the Library.

#### **Brain Health**

Monday, September 23, 2019 | 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. | The Public Library at Tellico Village Presentation by Janice Wade-Whitehead, CEO & President of Alzheimer's Tennessee (serving 26 counties in East Tennessee). Please call the Library at 865-458-5199 to make your reservation.

#### Don't be a Victim

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 | 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | The Public Library at Tellico Village A seminar on personal safety by Paul Nackino of OnPoint. For more information, contact Paul at: opfi45acp@ earthlink.net. Class fee of \$25 is due at the time of the class (cash or check). Please call the Library at 865-458-5199 to sign up.



#### REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11th.

WED., SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 TIME: 08:30 A.M. Loudon Fire Department HQ -100 Cedar St., Loudon.

Sponsored by: Loudon Fire Department and

**Huff Memorial VFW Post 5150** 

In a ceremony to remember the lives of the victims of this attack on all of U.S. and to pay tribute to the first reponders who acted so courageously.

IN MEMORY OF THOSE UNABLE TO FLEE AND HONORING THOSE WHO RUSHED IN.

## Are you at risk for falls?

Join us for a **complimentary** fall prevention seminar for seniors and caregivers at BenchMark Physical Therapy!

Zach Gerber, PT, DPT, OCS, ATC, CSCS, will give tips and tricks, including a complimentary screening to evaluate strength, balance and mobility to determine low, medium or high risk for falls.

**WHERE:** BenchMark Physical Therapy in Tellico Village 226 Village Square Drive ◆ Loudon, TN 37774

WHEN: Thursday, September 12, 4:30 - 5:30 PM



Please Join Tellico Village HOA Neighborhood Watch



September 12 > Chota Room-D > 9:30am - 11:00am September 13 > Kahite Community Center > 12:30pm - 2:00pm

#### **Home Security Starter Kit Workshop**

This event is being sponsored by your <u>Tellico Village HOA Neighborhood Watch</u> as an opportunity to ask questions and learn about the Home Security Starter Kit & Vial-of-Life Starter Kit.

Sign-up is required

Visit the Neighborhood Watch table at the HOA Social on September-10-2019



**Neighborhood Watch** 

#### STEP UP FOR THE CURE!

2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL

#### WALK TO FIGHT CHILDHOOD CANCER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 10:00 A.M. – NOON

TELLICO VILLAGE WELLNESS CENTER TRAILS

200 Dohi Drive, Loudon, TN 37774



with your suggested donation/check made out directly to:

#### EAST TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

ALL proceeds go to East Tennessee Children's Hospital Pediatric Hematology & Oncology Department.



LAST YEAR INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS RANGED FROM \$10 - \$500!



Choose either -

..the trail walk led by Simon Bradbury AT 10 A.M., or ..walk with friends/neighbors, any trail, at your leisure.
RAIN ALTERNATIVE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - SAME TIME, SAME PLACE!



**STEP 3: WIN PRIZES!** Drawings at Noon!

Bring your check/donation to the walk or mail it by Sept. 18th to:
Chuck Anderson - 408 Keota Lane, Loudon, TN 37774
YOUR CHECK/DONATION IS YOUR TICKET TO WINNING ONE OF OVER A DOZEN PRIZES!

This walk is organized by Chuck and Linda Anderson in memory of grandson Bryce Charles Anderson who lost his life to leukemia at age 7. We want to 'pay forward' all the support our family received at that time. Perhaps as ou poi in us you would like to detacte your walking to the memory of a loved one.

The event is sponsored by <u>Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Loudon, TN</u> with support from <u>Thrivent Financial</u> and <u>The Tellico Village Recreation Department</u>.

Has a move affected your life?

# After the Boxes

Friendship and biblical encouragement for women who are new to the community



**DATE:** Wednesdays, 9/18/19 thru 11/20/19

MEETING AT: First Baptist Church Tellico Village

205 Chota Rd., Loudon, TN 37774

**TIME:** 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

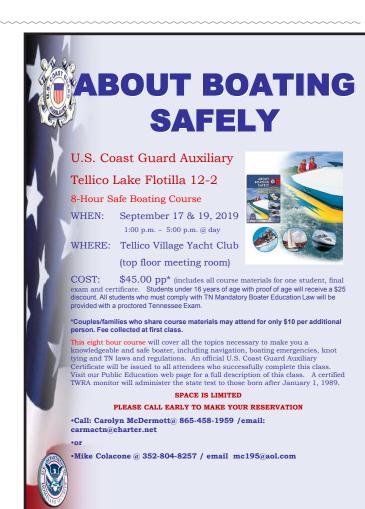
CONTACT: Bobbi Seier (bseier@charter.net)

630-740-0726 OR

church@fbctellicovillage.org Attn: Louise

Let go and trust • Start over with hope • Move forward in faith

Join us for a study of After the Boxes are Unpacked by Susan Miller. More information about this study and Susan Miller can be found at JustMoved.org.







Saturday, Sept 21st 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Welcome Center** 202 Chota Rd. Loudon, TN



NO set price to wash your vehicle. We ask only for donations to fund our many projects.



Rain Date: Sept. 28th Same Time, Same Place

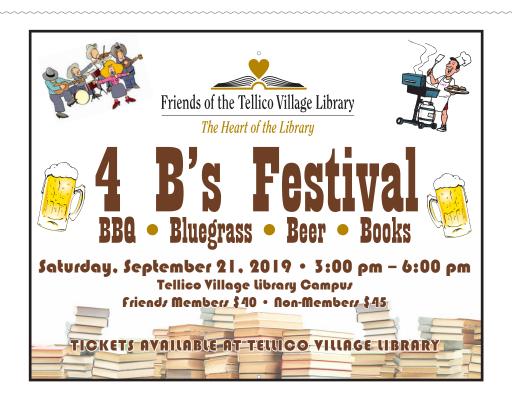


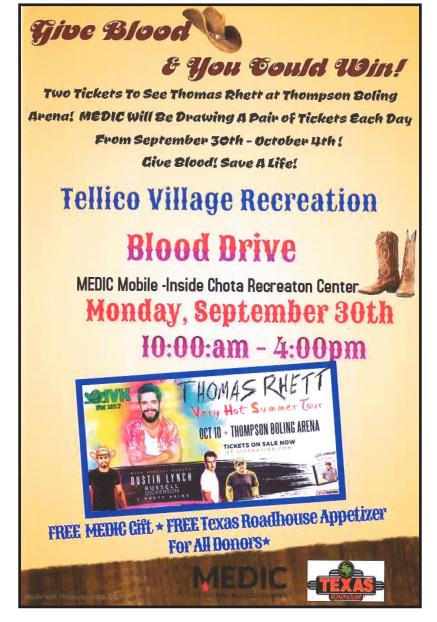
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Course Location: Melton Hill Park 3230 Williams Bend Rd, Knoxville, TN US 37932

This course will be CHALLENGING!!
Would you expect anything less from Marines?
It consists roughly of 3 miles of off-road running,
which entails some obstacles, hills, and of course,
mud pits. Wear old clothing and shoes.

Melton Hill Lake, fire hoses and showers will be available for those who need to be cleansed afterwards.

Marines will make sure you successfully complete their course! Ooh-rah!

Individual Waves: 8am Competitive | 8:30am | 9am | 9:30am Team Waves: 11:30 am Competitive | 12pm | 12:30pm | 1pm

SATURDAY SEPT. 28, 2019

#### **REGISTER ONLINE:**

Choose from 10 different waves between 8am - 1pm Individual or Team/Corporate

#### www.knoxmud.org

REGISTRATION FEE: \$40 until Aug. 20, 2019 \$50 after Aug. 20, 2019 \$60 after Sept. 26, 2019 (+ deadline to guarantee race tee)

Online registration ends at midnight, 9/26 Race day registration is available, but T-shirt is not guaranteed.

- Supervised - Kid's 1/4 mi. Mud Run

Kids 10 & under Start Time: 11:00am Register online - \$15.00

Early registrants get customized dog tag ID & chain



TENNESSEE ORTHOPAEDIC CLINICS OFFERING

## FREE INJURY ASSESSMENTS

BY CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINER, MATT SCHALLER



LOCATED AT THE WELLNESS CENTER OF TELLICO VILLAGE EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 10AM-12PM WWW.TOCDOCS.COM





## **PET OF THE WEEK:**



Meet Maisy, Zena, and Zasu. Maisy is a beautiful brown tabby who is just under five years old. She is very social, lovable, and loves human attention. When it comes to personality traits, tabbies are considered friendly, happy-go-lucky, intelligent, sassy, very affectionate, and wonderful companions. Zena and her son Zasu are classic black and white short hairs. Zena is about 1.5 years old and very friendly and outgoing. She enjoys being stroked and gentle chin scratches. Zasu is about 4 months old. He is a typical kitten; momentarily shy with new people and tries to convince you that he's very aloof. Start petting him and you realize that it's all an act. He likes rubs, pets and fuzzy toys. Black and white cats seem to be viewed as having the best of both worlds. They combine the alluring mystery of black cats, combined with the delicate rarity of white breeds.

Grooming your pet is a huge part of taking care of your pet. Most animals tend to like the extra attention it gives them and can be taught to love it at any age. Regularly grooming your pet will help maintain a healthy relationship with them but will also give you a reason to check in your pet to see if there are any problems that need medical attention. Brushing your pet's hair should happen several times a week, if not daily. Brushing removes the dead hair and tangles. You should periodically check your animal's ears. If they are clean and free of debris, then give your pet a nice ear rub. A gentle massage is going to give your pet a good association to your touch. If the ears are dirty, smell bad, or look sore, make an appointment with your veterinarian.

The Monroe County Animal Shelter is located at 170 Kefauver Lane in Madisonville (behind Wal-Mart) and is open 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 website at www.monroecountyfriendsofanimals.org. TN Monroe County Animal Shelter is the official Facebook page for the Monroe County Animal Shelter.

All animals adopted are spayed or neutered, wormed, have age appropriate vaccinations and testing, and are microchipped with registration. Cats are litter box trained. \$50 adoption fee over 1 year old, \$60 under 1 year old.