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Tellico Plains Chamber News

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Chamber Has New Office Telephone Number



TELLICO PLAINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEW OFFICE

Telephone

423—253-TPCC

Thanks to the vision of David Fankhauser and Jon Bonham, the Tellico Plains Chamber has a new office and Conference Room.

As the Chamber continues to grow, having a location to call home is vital to visitors coming to town. The office will be a place to give people a connection to the community and its businesses.

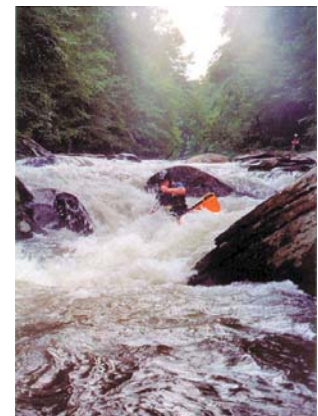
Within the next few months, there will be a literature rack and a lodging connection to assure visitors can locate a place to stay or find one of our businesses in the area.

A grant is being pursued to assure that we have staff on site seven days a week. (cont. page 3)



Don't forget the next
Chamber Meeting is
March 3rd—Noon
Tellico Plains Community
Center

So Many Opportunities to Get Involved



When Tellico Plains gets rain, Kayakers are plentiful

Help Is Here for the Hemlocks

The Hemlocks in east Tennessee are being threatened by a spreading infestation of the Hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA), an invasive insect native to Asia with no local natural predator. Hemlock stands are among the only old growth forests in the east and are of great importance to wildlife, water quality, local economy, and basic quality of life.

The bad news is that if appropriate action is not taken soon, almost all of these magnificent trees will die within the next 10 years. The good news is that SAVE GEORGIA'S HEMLOCKS, a nonprofit organization, is offering a new program of education and charitable service to help homeowners all across north Georgia and now southeast Tennessee to manage the health of their Hemlocks against the woolly adelgid.

The HEMLOCK HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS program focuses on enhancing public awareness of the Hemlock woolly adelgid problem and the practical solutions that are available and enabling homeowners to save the Hemlocks on their own property for the lowest possible cost. Designed to operate as a no-cost or low-cost community service, it is available now in southeast Tennessee wherever the HWA is a serious threat. Homeowners can call the Hemlock Help Line (706-429-8010) with their Hemlock questions and receive accurate, up-to-date information and advice. For individuals interested in the do-it-yourself option, the Hemlock Help Line can provide information on borrowing a soil injector, advice on purchasing the treatment product economically, and instructions on the treatment procedure. For those who prefer to contract with a licensed professional to treat their trees, the Hemlock Help Line can supply a list of qualified local companies specializing in saving Hemlocks along with their average rate structure. The public is invited to a free Hemlock clinic sponsored by BENTON MACKAYE TRAIL ASSOCIATION (www.bmta.org) in conjunction with SAVE GEORGIA'S HEMLOCKS.

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Healthy hemlock in Tellico



Woolly Adelgid



Infestation on our trees



"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."
Anatole France



Help for The Hemlocks

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Saturday February 6, 2010 Tellico Plains Community Center

The program will provide information on the threat to our Hemlocks and how to recognize it, the options for saving these valuable trees, and the help that is available through the HEMLOCK HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS program. It will be held on Saturday, February 6 at 2 p.m. at the Tellico Plains Community Center on Bank Street across from the BP station and next to the Tellicafe. The presentation will last until about 4 p.m. and will be followed by a Facilitator training program from 4 – 6 p.m. for individuals interested in learning how to help their neighborhoods get started to save their Hemlocks. For more information and to preregister, contact the BMTA representative, Rick Harris at 423-253-6358 or email him at HarrisRi@aol.com. We encourage you to come early, visit some of our scenic attractions such as Bald River Falls, eat lunch in the Tellico Plains community, and then attend the conference at 2 p.m. If you have Hemlocks that may be in danger, the BENTON MACKAYE TRAIL ASSOCIATION encourages you to attend this SAVE GEORGIA'S HEMLOCKS conference and to call the Hemlock Help Line (706-429-8010). Please don't wait.

New Chamber Office and Telephone Number

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With a grant, the Chamber can purchase a new computer and develop a strong database for every business in the Tellico Area. A new Tellico Plains Chamber information sign will be placed next to the Cherohala Skyway to offer printed literature in an organized rack for the Chamber member businesses, a booking service for all our lodging facilities in the area, and present the opportunities and shopping that seems to be missed by those visiting the Tellico Plains area today.

Thanks to member Jerry Parkerson, the Chamber also has a new telephone number located in the Chamber Office. The new number is easy to remember—423-253-TPCC (Tellico Plains Chamber of Commerce) or 253-8722.

For now we are looking for an answering machine to receive calls when no one is in the office. If you have one you would like to donate, please call 253-2825 and leave a message.

Around Town



**Wishing
Spring began
tomorrow!**

**Send us your photo from
around the Tellico Plains area.
Send to: gary@loftyvision.com**



In the Works!

How the Chamber is Helping People

Be Green and Replace those fallen trees

One of the best things about our town and area is that of the beautiful landscape and the forested areas we call home. Yet this winter has been among the roughest for our trees in the area. The high winds along with the snow and ice have seen so many trees fall in our yards and in our meadows. To that end, the Chamber has contacted the Tennessee Resource Conservation and Development Department looking for help.

They sent the Chamber a seedling catalog that offers our residents volume trees at a very low cost. Trees like the Pine Loblolly, Virginia Pine, Virginia Pine Christmas, Short-leaf Pine, Pitch Pine, White Pine, and White Pine Christmas Trees can be ordered in lots from 100 to 500,000. They also have great hardwoods available Ash, Green, Ash, White, Baldcypress, Black Cherry, Crab Apple, Southern Hawthorn, Washington Hickory, Shagbark Hickory, Shellbark Indigobush, Ninebark, Various Oaks, Pecan, Persimmon, Redbud, Sweetgum, Sycamore, Water Tupelo, Black Walnut, Black Walnut (Improved), and Yellow-Poplar (Improved).

With all that variety and prices starting at \$20.00 per 100 seedlings, everyone has a great opportunity to re-forest your property, make nice shade trees around the house, or just replace those fallen trees from the winter.

• **For copies of this catalog, please visit the Website at:**
<http://state.tn.us/agriculture/publications/forestry/seedlingcatalog.pdf>

• **For a list of available seedlings, please visit our Website at:**
<http://www.agriculture.state.tn.us/available.asp>

The Chamber plans on having Frank Sagona, Coordinator of the Southeast Tennessee RC&D at our March meeting. You will want to hear him at the March 3rd meeting.



Indigobush



Loblolly Pine



Virginia Pine



Ninebush

Stuff !!!

Tellico Chamber News Leader

As the Tellico Plains chamber strives to inform it's membership of it's activities and highlights the businesses in the area, we need a leader for oversee the production of this newsletter. Please call Ivy at 253-3183 if you are interested in serving.

Thank You

The Chamber would like to thank everyone who helped make the Candlelight Walk a success this year. From a great work done by the Cherokee Women's Club and other volunteers.



Get involved in the Duck Race

TP100 Committee to Form

If you are interested in making the 100 year celebration of Tellico Plains one for the record books, please call the Chamber office soon. We need leaders and workers for a celebration that will last a

WE wish Mayor Powers a speedy recovery from surgery

Board of Directors

The Tellico Plains Chamber of Commerce is required to replace two members of the Board of Directors this Fall. We need volunteers to help lead the direction of the Chamber in the next three years. Call Gary Balsler at 253-2825 to learn more.

Events planned for 2010

- Duck Race with proceeds to help 2011 Celebration
- Cherohala Challenge—June 12, 2010
- Ed Fest—June 12, 2010
- Leaf Turning Arts and Crafts Festival—Oct. 23, & 24
- Dance on the Square—July 4, 2010
- Lumberjack Show—August

In Future Issues

Look for upcoming articles about Tellico Plains Chamber of Commerce businesses.

The Chamber News will feature our businesses each month. Submit your business with a photo.

Watch for updates:

Tellico Plains Time Capsule

ED Fest—June 12

New and Improved Chamber Website

Tellico Plains, Tennessee

100 years old

July 4th 2011



The dream of a Tellico River Community Park still lives and can become a reality