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Tellico Plains Chamber News

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New Meeting Location

Did you know the Chamber meetings are now held at 7 p.m. at the TP Community Center on Bank Street? Our numbers have grown, so we need a larger space! Our next meeting is on Monday, April 6th in the large meeting room. Come to Prospector's Dining Company at 5:30 if you would like to attend the pre-meeting social. Our socials and meetings have been well attended lately. Don't miss the fun! Call Ivy at 253-3183 for info.



Need Ideas

The Chamber is in need of ideas to raise some funds. We have some debts that need to be retired this year. Please bring those ideas to the April meeting.

**Check out our
help wanted ads**

Coker Creek Heritage Trail Tour

The Coker Creek Heritage Group is sponsoring "A Historical Tour of the Unicoi Turnpike Trail and Fort Armistead" on April 3 & 4th. After the tour, attendees will become charter members of the newly formed "Unicoi Turnpike Trail / Fort Armistead Association. Tour members will receive free gifts and a full year's membership in the association. \$50 reserves your spot! Mail checks to CCHG, POB 82, Coker Creek, TN 37314. Call Barbara the 261-2286 for more info or to make your reservation.

Cherohala Challenge

The Cherohala Challenge Bicycle Run will be on June 20th. We need at least 8 volunteers to staff the rest stops on the Cherohala Skyway. This is an excellent opportunity to spend part of the day out in the sun (weather permitting!) while enjoying the

beautiful scenery of the Smoky Mountains. We also need volunteers to make finger-foods for the Friday night, June 19th, reception. Please contact Caroline Barney for more information at 253-3877.



2009 Christmas Ornament

The Chamber needs ideas for this year's Tellico Plains Christmas ornament. 2008's cedar ornament sold briskly and brought in needed income for the Candlelight Walk. Bring your suggestions to the next meeting (or email them to Ivy.)



The Grinch and helpers have been a big addition to the Christmas Candlelight Walk

Tellico Plains Candidates can Petition for Office

Beginning Friday March 20 anyone wanting to run for office in Tellico Plains can begin picking up petitions. The election set for September 1, 2009, will have the four aldermen seats, the town recorder and mayor on the ballot. The TP election is held every two years and every incumbent must run. At this time there is one alderman seat open as former alderman Wicky Shepherd was removed. Only Mayor Powers faced an opponent in the last election as the four aldermen seats and the town recorder were unchallenged. (Story from the Advocate & Democrat.)

New Addition to Botanical Gardens

Al Jenkins Waterscaping of Madisonville donated a waterfall landscape inside the entrance to the botanical garden. The Cherokee Women's Club and the Dorcas Ladies provided more than \$3,000 towards the pumps and liners and

the City provided rocks and labor. Call Joe Kyte at 253-7199 for more information about the garden and Victory Garden. Donations needed include a children's garden centerpiece and vegetable plants for the Victory Garden.



"To Give Your Life Away in Serving Others is the highest Calling mankind can offer this world."

OHV Area Closing

They have proposed to close the area and the proposal has been released for public comment through the National Environmental Policy Act. (NEPA). The OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle) area lies in the Nantahala Na-

tional Forest over which the Cherokee National Forest has no jurisdiction nor authority. However, many people come through Tellico Plains on their way to and from this unique wilderness playground. Closing this area

may impact the tourism industry in Tellico Plains. If you would like more information on it and to comment you may do so by visiting their website at: <http://www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/nepa/tusquitee/tellico.htm>.



Closing the OHV Trails will Impact Business in Tellico Plains

Help Wanted

Dance on the Square Booth Organizer

The Chamber needs a person to undertake the organizing of booth for the Dance on the Square—June 27th. Call Ivy at 253-3183 for details

Tellico Plains Victory Garden

Interested in Helping those who need help with food costs? Call Joe Kyte at 253-7199 to learn how you can be outside and help those in our community who need help.

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

Thank You

There is always so much going on in the background around town and the Chamber would like to thank those citizens.

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| Charles Hall | Ivy Schielke | Al Jenkins |
| Joe Kyte | Dorcas Ladies | Larry Harris |
| Cherokee Women’s Club | | Chief Bill Isbell |

If we missed something you are doing, it was not intentional, so please call Ivy at 253-3183 and let us know.

Tellico Chamber News Leader

As the Tellico Plains chamber strives to inform it 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 in-

In Future Issues

Look for more information on activities by the Tellico Plains Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber News will feature our businesses beginning with the next issue.

Watch for updates:

- Tellico Plains Community Park**
- New Hotel coming to Tellico Plains**
- Improvements to Chamber Website**



This open area behind the Visitor’s Center is about to Transform