

Grande Vista Bay Newsletter Edition #10 March 2025



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GVB Chatbox

Photo: Kathy Zimmerman

GVB Newsletter Highlights

A Message from the GVB Board of Directors

FIRST QUARTER OF 2025 - A LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY

Although slower than we had hoped, the Board has been working diligently on developing our methods to improve Board and Community communications. As outlined in previous meeting minutes, the Board intends to use a variety of methods to communicate to the association members including a GVB community website, e-Blasts for important notices, Community Pro for storing official documents, and informational meetings to share information and solicit input. Two of our key activities include:

1. Developing a more interactive GVB Website to be used to provide up to date community information such as:

- o Community Activities, Clubs, and Calendar of Events.
- o Latest Announcements,
- o Newsletters and Board Briefs

The startup of the Website is taking a little longer than expected due to limited schedules, but the Website Team is hoping to start testing the site later next month.

2. To improve communications related to Board activities and projects, the Board is working on:

- o Keeping the Regular Meeting minutes focused on motions and votes related to passing formal resolutions, authorizing major expenditures and approval of meeting minutes. These minutes will continue to be posted on CP for access and review by members as needed.
- o Drafting a “Board Brief” on a regular basis that will provide detailed review of specific board activities to keep the members informed on topics that affect the community. Our first Board Brief is expected to be sent out in early April.
- o Schedule informational meetings as needed to gather member input on Board activities, such as review of CC&R violations fines policy, planned major expenditures, annual dues increase, etc.

We appreciate your continued patience with our new Board as we are coming up to speed with our plans for improving communications.

GVB Updates

Reminders for all property owners

The BOD members would like to remind everyone of several issues that continue to be brought to the BOD's attention:

1. Please do not speed through the subdivision. The speed limit signs are posted outside the gates stating the speed limit within GVB is 30 mph. We have more people moving into the area which means more traffic and more people are walking. PLEASE SLOW DOWN SO EVERYONE STAYS SAFE.
2. We want to remind everyone that you must keep your trash cans hidden. They cannot be left on the driveway or sides of the house where they can be seen from the street or neighbors' houses. If you keep them at the side of your house they must be covered with shrubs or a fence. This is a CC&R requirement.
3. Trailers, boats and campers cannot be parked or stored on any lot in GVB. If you have any of the above items on your property, please move them to your garage or storage lot. Property owners can notify the board if they need to move their boat to their driveway to clean it or make repairs if they place a Work Order.
4. The BOD will be revising the Fines that are given for certain infractions. The BOD will reach out to members for their input on the FINES policy before it is finalized and approved by the BOD. The list of fines, the amount for each infraction, and the procedure of issuing the fines will be included in the policy and procedure document that will be posted on Community Pro.

Please let all of us continue to make GVB the safe and beautiful place we all want it to be.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer.

GVB Updates

To P&P or not to P&P, that is the question...

Often, it's wondered why we have so many P&Ps (Policies & Procedures) here in GVB. Aren't our CC&Rs and Bylaws enough? Why add more layers of bureaucracy onto the already complicated foundation of our governing documents?

These are all good questions.

Then, try to read through those governing documents! Try to find the answer to a specific question. Sometimes, it's spelled out clearly (e.g. the 1st of the 3 Annual Meeting dates must be on the 3rd Monday of January); however, many times it's not so black-and-white. What does "properly" mean when referring to how Members might bring up topics at the Annual Meeting? What are the Officers' roles and responsibilities? They're not conveniently organized in one section but scattered throughout. What needs to be addressed when holding different types of meetings? What needs to happen if state laws differ from our governing documents?

Hence, P&Ps were created in 2023 with the purpose of guiding the BOD & POA to be compliant with our governing documents on specific, commonly encountered topics. They were also created with the intent to be passed down to future BODs so that each new BOD didn't have to "reinvent the wheel" every year.

Some of the things in the P&Ps are non-negotiable, if clearly defined in the governing documents. Other things are added for guidance, such as best practices and definitions.

Is there room for improvement? Certainly. The 2025 BOD is working to simplify and better organize the P&Ps. We're also working on gathering official GVB documents from the past, incorporating the language into P&Ps if needed and, eventually, retiring those old documents.

We are doing this with the help of some of our community members at first - thank you Ken Lattanzi! Then, we'll reach out to the community in general when it's time to work on other specific P&Ps (e.g. Violations and Fines Schedule).

So, to P&P or not to P&P? Yes, with improvements. In the meantime, the following P&Ps were recently revised:

1. 100.7 POA Meetings, Voting & Proxy – eliminated reference to P&P 100.8 Committees, which was retired last December. Also added language to address how Members determine the number of Directors on the BOD, along with other minor clarifications.
2. 100.9 Officer Roles & Responsibilities – eliminated BOD "preliminary" minutes, along with other minor clarifications.

GVB Updates

Clubhouse Pool

As we prepare for the pool season, there are a couple of new things happening.

First, the pool will receive some restoration work to include re-plastering.

Second, the pool will be converted to a salt-water system.

The restoration work will add to the life of our pool. The inspections have been positive considering the age of the pool. The salt-water system will replace the old chlorine system.

More and more pools are being built with the salt-water system and many older pools, like ours, are converting to this system. The result of this new system should make it easier on people using the pool as it requires less maintenance and should keep the pool from shutting down twice a week for maintenance. This allows for more pool time. The maintenance costs should be significantly reduced.

We are on the schedule now for this work to be performed, hopefully, in April weather permitting. Our goal is to open as usual sometime in mid-May.

We may also add a few more poolside chairs/loungers. We are hoping to find some better quality umbrellas.

As a reminder, all residents using the pool are responsible for clean-up after the pool use including closing and putting away umbrellas, removing trash, putting chairs back in place, locking the pool door, etc. Also, anyone other than the resident using the pool, including all family members, must be accompanied by the resident at the pool.

Have a great summer and enjoy the pool!

Mowing & Landscaping

We have been in negotiations with Excel Property Services to look for cost savings while keeping the same quality of service. Our efforts are expected to save the POA approximately \$70,000/year. Power washing of our white fences, street signs and other areas are underway. We feel the crew has been doing a good job so please stop to tell them so when passing by. We are also discussing options with Excel Property Services for street sweeping to assist with in keeping our roads clear of debris.

GVB Updates

Road Maintenance Update

With the weather beginning to warm up for spring, we are looking forward to getting the road repair activities restarted.

The Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) of 1.5 miles of East Shore Dr. planned last year is now expected to start in April. The road work will begin just before Dock 3 and proceed past Gate 6 and end at New Hope Rd.

The Crack Filing and Sealing for the West Side will be continuing and be performed in stages over the spring and summer. As before, the crack filling and sealing is not expected to cause any major traffic disruption.

We will send out an e-Blast notice as soon as we have specific start dates from the contractor.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Greg Malone at 858-204-9267.

At the Clubhouse,

If you see something; say something --
Put in a work order on Community Pro

The Clubhouse DOES NOT have anyone on site daily. If you see something that needs repaired, is leaking, needs changed, etc., please report it by submitting a work order on Community Pro. OR if it is URGENT, please contact one of the Board members

There was a broken water line that was leaking behind the pool house. It was bubbling up out of the ground and appears to have been for some time. Once discovered, the repair was completed in one day. The water bill was \$8,600 of which \$2,500 was covered by water loss insurance. The Board has also added water line insurance for any future line repairs.

The earlier we can locate and fix problems, the less costly they will be. It's up to everyone who uses or is around the Clubhouse to report any issues.

Thank you for your proactive assistance.

GVB Updates

Boat Slips

We currently have 46 of the 80 slips assigned. The available slips are as follows:

Dock 2	17
Dock 3	14
Dock 5	3

If you are interested in obtaining a boat slip, please contact Mark Altimier – maltimier1@gmail.com and Debbie McCoy through a work order.

The annual fee is \$1200 per slip and will be prorated if assigned during the calendar year.

We are working to add water service to Dock #3 and hope to have this in place soon. Also, we are working to repair or replace the two buoys that are currently not upright.

Happy Boating!



Your GVB newsletter comes out quarterly (Mar, Jun, Sep & Dec). Have something to contribute? Have a story to tell? Have photos you want to share? Want to start a new section? Whatever it is, send your info and ideas to karen.malone1@gmail.com.



GVB Updates

FINANCIAL SUMMARY			
FEBRUARY 2025 YTD	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 111,250	\$ 110,417	\$ 833
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 49,575	\$ 40,485	\$ 9,090
CASH FLOW	\$ 61,675	\$ 69,932	\$ (8,257)
RESERVE CONTRIBUTION	\$ 26,025	\$ 26,025	\$ -
DEPRECIATION	\$ 24,416	\$ 24,420	\$ (4)
NET INCOME	\$ 11,234	\$ 19,487	\$ (8,253)

IN CASE YOU
MISSED IT...

Please be considerate...

Clubhouse Tables & Chairs

Have you borrowed tables & chairs you have not returned?

Please return all tables & chairs immediately.

REMINDER

Clubhouse Cleanup

When you have an event at the clubhouse take your trash out to the trash room. If more than one (1) trash bag, please take trash from events home with you.

Do not leave it in the clubhouse. Bags are available.

No one is picking up after you!

GVB Homes for Sale

Active 6

265 E shore \$1,850,000

216 Majestic View Dr.

\$1,350,000

340 W Mountain Dr.

\$3,500,000

113 Crane Pointe \$3,518,000

378 Walking Horse \$600,000

to be built

380 Walking Horse \$600,000

to be built

Houses Pending 0

Houses Sold 0

Lots

Active 47, Pending 7, Sold 5

GVB Home

Construction/Improvements



GRAND VISTA BAY NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION / IMPROVEMENT SUMMARY	
March 2025	
# CONSTRUCTION APPLICATIONS CURRENTLY APPROVED / UNDER CONSTRUCTION/ OR IN APPROVAL >>>	26
# HOMES ACTIVELY UNDER CONSTRUCTION >>>	20
# EAST SIDE HOMES UNDER CONSTRUCTION, APPROVED OR IN APPROVAL >>>	8
# WEST SIDE HOMES UNDER CONSTRUCTION, APPROVED or in APPROVAL >>>	18
# CO's GRANTED IN 2024 >>>	17
CONSTRUCTION APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED IN 2024 TO DATE	19

Home Sales Report ~ 2025

- East Tennessee home sales decreased 0.4% from the previous month, leveling out after an unexpectedly fast-paced December. In context, January sales increased by 7.4% over the previous year.
- The median sale price was \$360,642 – up 3.4% from the previous year.
- Total housing inventory increased 33.4% from the previous year.
- Half of the homes sold were under contract in 37 days or less, up from 22 days a year ago.
- 37.76% of homes sold for the asking price or above, with 18.53% selling for more than the asking price. 7.43% sold for at least \$10,000 over asking and 3.15% sold for at least \$25,000 over asking price.
- The sale-to-list price ratio increased slightly from last month to 94.6% – down from 95.5% a year ago.
- New construction dropped slightly to 14.5% of total home sales.

Median Sales Prices of Homes in KNOXVILLE, TN

Farragut: \$714,950

Halls: \$410,250

Downtown Knoxville: \$695,000

Fountain City: \$363,370

Karns: \$468,000

South Knoxville: \$362,150

All of Knox County: \$409,900



Real Estate Market Update

March 2025



Lots for Sale

March 2025

March							
Lot	STREET	PRICE	LOT SIZE	Lot	STREET	PRICE	LOT SIZE
Lot 25	East Shore	299,000	1.06	Lot 379	Thief Neck View	35,000	0.83
Lot 29/30	East Shore	375,000	2.99	Lot 383	Thief Neck View	48,900	0.98
Lot 54	East Shore	68,000	3.1	Lot 384	Thief Neck View	90,000	2.12
Lot 60	East Shore	54,000	1.09	Lot 396	West Mountain	105,000	1.67
Lot 63	East Shore	69,000	1.34	Lot 422	West Mountain	349,900	0.82
Lot 65	New Hope Rd	59,900	2.15	Lot 455P	Pointe Vista Dr	113,500	0.75
Lot 80	East Shore	30,000	0.49	Lot 509	Walking Horse	75,000	1.8
Lot 94	Bay Shore	45,000	0.9	Lot 510	Walking Horse	55,000	1.8
Lot 95	Bay Shore	116,000	1.61	Lot 518	Walking Horse	42,900	0.8
Lot 105	East Shore	325,000	0.93	Lot 540	Eagle Ridge Dr	80,000	3.61
Lot 141	East Shore	60,000	0.89	Lot 542	Eagle ridge	35,000	0.85
Lot 142	East Shore	75000	0.99	Lot 546	Eagle ridge	42,000	0.96
Lot 145	Ridge Top	69,999	1.05	Lot 557	New Hope Rd	29,900	1.76
Lot 146/147	East Shore	145000	1.36	Lot 558	West Shore Dr	40,000	1.02
Lot 148	East Shore	68,000	1.27	Lot 614	Roaming Fawn	49,000	2.27
Lot 150	East Shore	50000	1.07	Lot 637	Majestic View	88,000	1.74
Lot 151	East Shore	59,000	0.75	Lot 643	Majestic View	32,750	1.33
Lot 192	East Shore	75,000	1.18	Lot 644	Majestic View	26,750	1.22
Lot 232	Star Lane	48,000	0.78	Lot 645	Majestic View	26,750	1.37
Lot 239/240	Appaloosa Trail	175,000	4.32	Lot 644/645	Majestic View	52,750	2.59
Lot 323	West Mountain	94,900	3.42	Lot 643/644/645	Majestic View	75,000	3.92
Lot 350	Water View	41000	1.17	Lot 647	Majestic View	120,000	1.64
Lot 355	Water View	35000	1.01	Lot 677	Coyote Ridge	49,900	0.9
Lot 360	Water View	23,900	1.46	Lot 686/687	Grande Vista Dr	29,900	1.82
Lot 363	West Mountain	190,000	3.17	Lot 704/705/706	Grande Vista Dr	300,000	4.22
				Lot 710	Grande Vista Dr	55,000	1.85

Military Honors Sgt. Major Dennis Peek

Sgt. Major Dennis Peek was presented with a nationally recognized Military honor. The "Quilt of Valor" was designed, pieced, and presented by Maureen Bryant on March 20, 2025 at the Grande Vista Bay Clubhouse. Other GVB recipients of the Quilt of Valor Dwain Alexander & Philip Elledge were in attendance along with GVB neighbors and veterans Hank Brown and Jim Purcell.



What's Happening in GVB

GVB Spring Clean-Up Work Day March 22, 2025



What's Happening in GVB



MONDAY
MAY 26, 2025

MEMORIAL DAY

May 26th Memorial Day

At 11:50 am, all GVB neighbors, friends & family are invited to the GVB Memorial Day ceremony. We will be honoring those who gave their lives for our nation's freedom.

If you can assist Bruce Pharis with the coordination of this event, please contact Bruce at 865-291-8974

GVB THEATER

Cumberland Playhouse
Sh Boom! Life is but a Dream
Saturday, April 26th at 1 PM CST
\$30 Per Person
RSVP by April 10th



Contact: Sheila Shands at 901-487-4786
or Regina Durham at 770-856-9859

GVB THEATER

Mark your calendars for our upcoming community events at the Cumberland Playhouse in Crossville!



9 To 5 on
August 14th at
2:30 pm CST



Curtains on
October 25th at
1:00 pm CST

What's Happening in the Area

Donate Your Used Computers & Electronics!

Got old laptops, desktops, or accessories gathering dust? Give them a second life by donating to Tech 4 All Tennessee! We refurbish and distribute devices to individuals in need—helping them gain access to education, job opportunities, and essential digital skills.

How It Works:

- ✔ **Donate** – Drop off your used electronics at one of our Tennessee locations.
- ✔ **Refurbish** – Our tech team securely wipes data, repairs, and upgrades the devices. 🛡️ Secure Data Destruction Guaranteed!
- ✔ **Empower** – Refurbished devices go to students and individuals in need, bridging the digital divide!

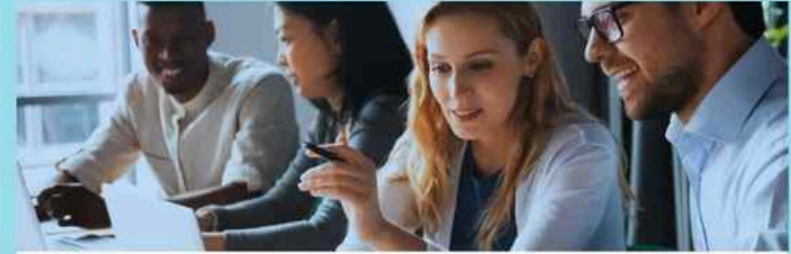
What We Accept:

- 📁 Laptops & desktops
- 📱 Smartphones & tablets
- 📺 Televisions & audio/video systems
- 🖨️ Printers, copiers, & scanners
- 🔌 Accessories & peripherals
- 🔋 Batteries & more!

📍 **Drop-off Locations Across Tennessee:** Harriman, Knoxville, Cookeville, Crossville, Oak Ridge, Alcoa, Rockwood, Chattanooga, and more!

📍 **Find a Drop-off Location:** <https://tech4alltn.org/donate-your-used-computers-electronics-and-accessories/>

📧 **Contact us:** info@tech4alltn.org



Life Skills & Tech Empowerment Program

FREE laptop to use and keep after completing 15 hours of training

STEP 1

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING:

- **Personal Development & Life Skills**
- **Etiquette & Professionalism**
- **Computer Skills Training**
- **Job Readiness, Resume Building**
- **Health, Wellness & Financial Tools**



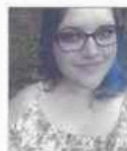
More Info @Tech4AllTn.org

email: life-step@tech4alltn.org

call: 865-368-3458



A collaboration of
Tech 4 All Tennessee & P31FS



Rewired for Success: Karsyn's Journey with Tech 4 All Tennessee

The computer refurbishing and training program created by Harriman non-profit Tech 4 All Tennessee is helping to improve the lives of young people in East Tennessee on multiple levels.

Karsyn Davis, 30, is pursuing a degree as a Medical Administrative Assistant at TCAT (Tennessee College of Applied Technology) in Harriman. She credits Tech 4 All Tennessee with helping bring her to a better place in her life.

Just a couple of years ago she felt she was at a low point. "I lost my job and didn't have a car to get to work," she said.

With her marketable job skills limited mostly to retail and fast food, she knew she needed more training. She heard about the opportunity to get a free Chromebook and training from Tech 4 All Tennessee. After completing the program, she connected with Tech 4 All Tennessee Executive Director Dayle Beyer. Beyer asked her to become more involved in the Tech 4 All Tennessee Digital Lab that refurbishes computers that are distributed free to the community.

"I learned the refurbishing process for the equipment that we were distributing to the community," Davis said.

She also attended more of the basic computer skills classes as an assistant instructor. Over the following months she progressed to become an instructor of both the 3-hour and more advanced 15 hour classes.

Working at the Digital Lab, Karsyn also learned more about the process of collecting and distributing technology. "I'm getting a lot of experience managing inventory," she said.

She created a Pop-Up-Shop to sell donated items including coffee makers back to the community to fund the program. "We were able to put money back into the lab," she said.

She began attending Tech 4 All Tennessee board meetings to learn more about the organization's management and decided to pursue an Associate Degree at TCAT. "Having someone to mentor me gave me the push to go to school," she said.

Her training at TCAT resulted in her completion of multiple Microsoft certifications that have been added to her resume. Davis said she is also encouraged by knowing that while she learns new skills she is also helping her community and meeting new people. "It's expanded my world," she said.



Tech 4 All Tennessee is a non-profit community-based leader in digital literacy and technology access. We provide free refurbished computers and deliver essential and advanced digital skills training through programs like Tech Goes Home, Life-Step Foundations, and the Digital Lab. Whether you're a learner, volunteer, or supporter, we offer real pathways to opportunity, connection, and growth.

Join us today and be part of building a more connected, empowered East Tennessee.

tech4alltn.org

info@tech4alltn.org

(865) 316-6050

What's Happening in the Area



Walk For Life 2025

Saturday April 26th

Check in begins at 9am

At First Baptist Kingston

(Family Center)

We will walk 1 mile on N Kentucky St

Sponsor Pledge Form My Goal _____ Total Pledges _____

Bring the completed form to the walk. You may photocopy this form for additional pledge space or download a PDF from our website.

Walker's Name _____ For: Adult Teen Child

Address _____ Have you walked in a Walk For Life before? Yes No

City _____ I am unable to walk. Each will make a contribution of \$ _____

ST _____ Zip _____ If these make check payable to LIFE CHOICES Medical Center

Phone _____ Please send me _____ additional brochures to distribute at work, church or school.

Church/School _____

Email _____

QUESTIONS?
865-234-8900

AGENCY OF LIABILITY: In consideration for participating, the undersigned, in any personal representation, shall not make any claim against, threaten or action against, or recover from LIFE CHOICES Medical Center or any agent, link, damage, or claim resulting from my participation in this event. Further, if I do not request a credit to my account, I agree to pay any and all expenses or liabilities of my child, family, friends, neighbors and third parties to LIFE CHOICES Medical Center for any and all disabilities, injuries, loss or damage, including death, my child may suffer while participating in a walk from participation in the activity. Additionally, I hereby authorize the use of my photo in News, regardless of media, by LIFE CHOICES Medical Center.

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

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1102 S Roane St • Knoxville, TN 37748
865-234-8900 • LCMedicalCenter.org

No need to collect money. We handle the billing for anyone that is unable to pay at the time of their pledge (\$10 minimum for us to bill, please)

Please print all information clearly. Make check payable to LIFE CHOICES Medical Center.

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Give Today!



Preregister: on our website at: LCMedicalCenter.org

- Click Support Our Work (top R)
- Click Events
- Click on Walk For Life
- Download your Pledge Form
- Start asking your family and friends to sponsor you!

Spirit of Hope Ranch ~ Home of Mane Support

Mane Support needs Volunteers!

There are many types of opportunities from working in the barn to communications, events, social media, the Celebration Garden, grounds keeping, handyman, volunteer lead, etc.

Please consider Volunteering!

Contact Mane Support at ManeSEvents@yahoo.com



What's Happening in the Area Open Chord, Knoxville



Open Chord Venue

865-281-5874

8426 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN

Music Store Hours

Mon-Sat: 10am - 7pm

Venue/Bar/Cafe Hours

Wed-Sat: 6pm - 12am



The Wellermen
Tuesday April 8
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



LollaPAWlooza: Mewsic to the
Saturday April 26
Doors 5:00pm, Start 6:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Nolan Taylor
Friday May 16
Doors 6:00pm, Start 7:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



OC Blues Jam ft. Roger Hay
Thursday April 10
Doors 6:00pm, Start 7:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Ally Venable Band
Thursday May 1
Doors 7:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



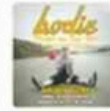
Allison Eide
Saturday May 17
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Belfast 6 Pack Album Release Party
Friday April 11
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



J.R. Carroll
Saturday May 3
Doors 7:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



bodie - Murder My Ego Tour
Tuesday May 20
Doors 8:00pm, Start 6:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Blink 180 True - A Tribute to Blink 182
Saturday April 12
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



The Browning
Sunday May 4
Doors 6:00pm, Start 7:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Kyran Daniel & Christie Lenée
Thursday May 22
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Pandora's Box - The Ultimate Aerosmith Tribute
Thursday April 17
Doors 7:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Anvil
Tuesday May 6
Doors 7:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Purple Evolution - A Tribute To Prince
Saturday May 24
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



ROLLING QUARTZ
Saturday April 19
Doors 6:00pm, Start 7:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Slackjaw
Wednesday May 7
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Texas Hippie Coalition
Thursday May 29
Doors 6:00pm, Start 7:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



COLD
Tuesday April 22
Doors 6:00pm, Start 7:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Josey Scott
Friday May 9
Doors 7:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



End of the Line: A Tribute to The Allman Band
Sunday June 1
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Chris Marshall presents Open Mic Night
Thursday April 24
Doors 6:00pm, Start 7:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Liliac
Wednesday May 14
Doors 6:00pm, Start 7:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Whiskey Compass
Saturday June 7
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



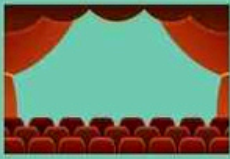
Sundy Best
Friday April 25
Doors 7:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



Alien Ant Farm
Thursday May 15
Doors 7:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



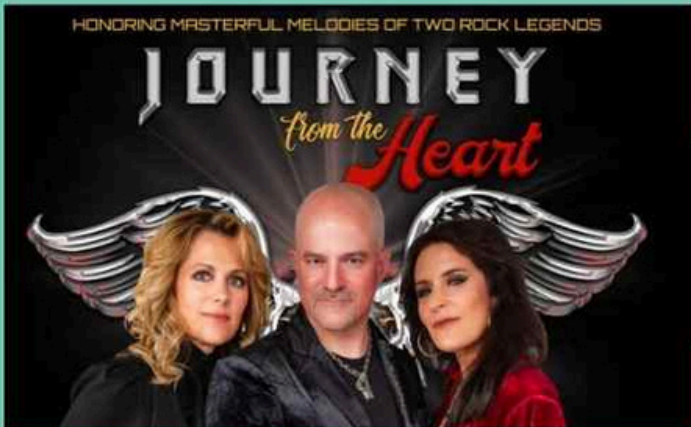
Women Of Rock
Saturday June 14
Doors 6:00pm, Start 8:00pm
The Open Chord - Knoxville, TN



What's Happening at the Princess Theatre



Pandora's Box: The Ultimate Aerosmith Tribute
Mar 29 2025 - 07:00 PM



JOURNEY FROM THE HEART
Saturday, May 17, 2025
7:00 PM

Don't miss one of Nashville's premier tribute bands honoring the masterful melodies of TWO iconic rock legends... JOURNEY and HEART!

Turn to Stone AUG 22, 2025
A Tribute to ELO PRINCESS THEATRE
HARRIMAN, TN

Tickets available online at www.princessharriman.org OR by calling The Princess Theatre Box Office at (866)-882-4530

Join us at the Princess on Friday August 22nd, 2025, at 7:00pm for "Turn to Stone: A Tribute to ELO!"

Turn to Stone: A Tribute to ELO delivers an unforgettable evening of Electric Light Orchestra's biggest hits! Experience the nostalgia of a legendary rock band as Turn to Stone captures the magic of a 1970's ELO performance with a live string section, light show and '70's clothing. Crowds will instantly recognize classics such as "Don't Bring Me Down," "Sweet Talkin Woman," "Mr. Blue Sky," "Telephone Line," "Turn to Stone," "Evi Woman," "Do Ya" and more.

Tickets start at \$30. Please purchase ahead of time online at the link below or you can purchase at the door! Doors open at 6:30pm.

Turn to Stone: A Tribute to ELO LIVE at The Princess Theatre Tickets, Fri, Aug 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite

What's Happening in the Area



Homesteads Artisan Festival
4950 Highway 127 S, Crossville

**Two fun filled days of:
Unique Vendors
Food Trucks
Music**

**Friday 5/3 9~6
Saturday 5/4 9~6**

For more information: dogwoodexchange.com

SAVE THE DATE

**Harriman's Inaugural
Home & Garden Tour
and Market**

10th of May 2025 1:00 - 6:00 PM

Tour Tickets: Adult (13+): \$15
Child (5-12): \$10
(under 5): Free

Ticket & Market
Located at Riverfront Park
301 Emory Dr. Harriman, TN
Market is Free to Attend

cornstalkheights.org

VINTAGE | VINTAGE-INSPIRED
ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE
REPURPOSED FINDS
JEWELRY & CLOTHING
LIVE MUSIC | FOOD TRUCKS

June 6-8, 2025

FRIDAY 10-4	SATURDAY 10-4	SUNDAY 10-3
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KNOXVILLE EXPO CENTER
5441 CLINTON HWY, KNOXVILLE, TN

FRIDAY \$15 · SATURDAY \$10 · SUNDAY \$5
TICKETS GOOD FOR RE-ENTRY ALL WEEKEND · CHILDREN 12 & UNDER ARE FREE
VINTAGEMARKETDAYS.COM

Saturday, May 24, 2025 at 12PM

Gizmo Jam

Public · Event by Madelyn Tallent Music

What's Happening in the Area

CITY OF KINGSTON Presents 

SPRING STREET FEST

APRIL 5, 2025
11:00AM-4:00PM

CRAFT VENDORS, LIVE MUSIC, FOOD TRUCKS, THREE INFLATABLES, PETTING ZOO, 10 HUGE CARNIVAL GAMES, FACE PAINTING, AND MORE!

119 COURT ST. KINGSTON, TN 37763



Hops & Shops

at Cofer's Garage
Saturday, April 12th, 11-4



Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 11 AM - 4 PM
Hops & Shops Vendor Market
141 South Front Street, Rockwood, TN

THE JIM HENRY EVENT CENTER
865-376-6578

Spring ON THE LAWN

MAY 17 10:00 AM 2025
411 N. 3RD STREET
KINGSTON, TN 37763

We would love to have you as a vendor! Please email us info@thejimhenryeventcenter.com





BLOOMS, BLUEGRASS & BBQ FESTIVAL
SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE

May 2 at 12 PM - May 3 at 8 PM
2025 Blooms, Bluegrass and BBQ Festival
Historic Downtown Sweetwater



Strawberry Festival
May 3, 2025

Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 11 AM - 4 PM
Strawberry Festival at Narramore Farms
199 Laurel Bluff Road, Kingston, TN

What's Happening in the Area

MAKERS MARKET
Spring EVENT
SAT. APRIL 26TH 9am-3pm
MARYVILLE COLLEGE CAMPUS



May 17 at 8AM - May 18 at 4PM
2025 Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Highland Games
Townsend Visitors Center

Upper Cumberland
SPRING MARKET
& Food Truck Festival
April 12th, 2025 | 10am - 5pm
Putnam County Fairgrounds

www.uppercumberlandevents.com

LAVENDER FESTIVAL
AN HERB FAIR • OAK RIDGE, TN

Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 8AM - 4PM
Main Event - Jackson Square Lavender Festival
Jackson Square, Oak Ridge, TN, United States, Tennessee 37830

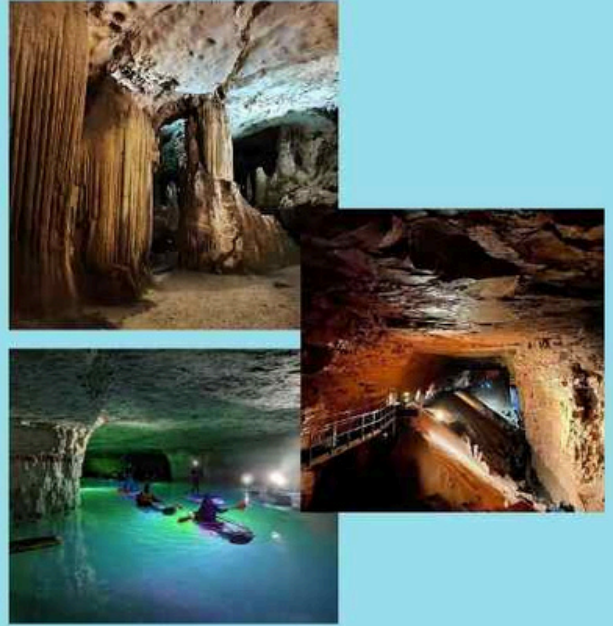
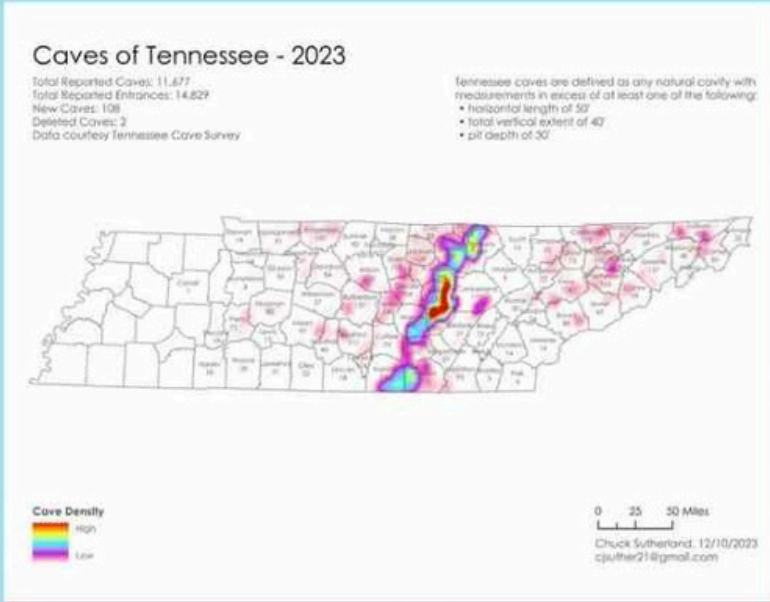
KNOXVILLE CHEESE FESTIVAL
Sunday, May 4, 2025
Barrelhouse | 621 Lamar St.
Knoxville

MAY DAY FESTIVAL
MAY 3RD
HUGE Vendor Festival
Music - Food Trucks - Kids Alley - Car Show
DOWNTOWN HARRIMAN, TN • 10AM-8PM

MAY DAY CAR SHOW
CAR, TRUCK & BIKE SHOW
MAY 5RD 10AM - 4PM
DOWNTOWN HARRIMAN - 200 N ROADS BY
\$20 - ENTRY FEE

Vendor Festival • Music • Food Trucks • Kids Alley

What's Happening in the Area



Did you know Tennessee has more caves than any other state in the U.S.? These underground havens aren't just geological wonders—they're critical for wildlife, help provide clean drinking water, and can have archaeological significance. Check out this informative graphic created by Chuck Sutherland.




The ultimate Kentucky Caves Road Trip will take you to 9 incredible caves in the state, all of which can be toured! From exploring the longest cave system in the world (Mammoth), to an underground boat tour, to kayaking through the caverns of a flooded limestone mine...you'll experience a little bit of everything on this trip. And as an added bonus, this route will take you through some of Kentucky's most beautiful countryside along the way. This is one of the most adventurous and interesting road trips you can tackle in the Bluegrass State!

- 1) Carter Caves State Park
- 2) Red River Gorge Underground Caverns
- 3) Great Onyx Cave
- 4) Hidden River Cave
- 5) Crystal Onyx Cave
- 6) Outlaw Cave
- 7) Mammoth Cave
- 8) Diamond Caverns
- 9) Lost River Cave



What's Happening in the Area

Tennessee's Waterfalls Loop

Embark on an unforgettable adventure on Tennessee's Waterfalls Loop, which features some of the most spectacular waterfalls in the country.  From thundering waterfalls to serene waterfalls, each offers a unique view of natural beauty. Enjoy lush forest walks, rocky hiking trails, and the spectacular sights and sounds of ancient cavern waterfalls. Whether you're a hiker or a casual nature lover, Tennessee's waterfall loop promises breathtaking views and peaceful moments.  

-  Twin Falls
-  Machine Falls
-  Greeter Falls
-  Ozone Falls
-  Foster Falls
-  Burgess Falls
-  Cummins Falls
-  Fall Creek Falls
-  Piney Falls
-  Savage Falls Trail

Got empty boxes laying around? Retailers such as Amazon are teaming up with local charities to use empty shipping boxes to get rid of the clutter filling homes. After removing your order from your shipping box, fill it with clothes, etc. you want to donate, and visit [GiveBackBox.com](https://www.givebackbox.com) to print a free shipping label. The box can be dropped off with USPS or picked up. You can also print a receipt for tax use.





What's Happening in the Smoky Mountains



Clingmans Dome, the highest peak in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, has been officially renamed Kuwohi (pronounced koo-WHOA-hee), reverting to its traditional Cherokee name, which means "mulberry place".

Do you agree with this name change? The US Board of Geographic Names approved the change at the request of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, recognizing the site's sacred importance in Cherokee culture and its location within their ancestral homeland.

As a prominent landmark visible from the Qualla Boundary, Kuwohi welcomes over 650,000 visitors annually. Great Smoky Mountains National Park, spanning the Tennessee-North Carolina border, continues to be the most visited national park in the United States.

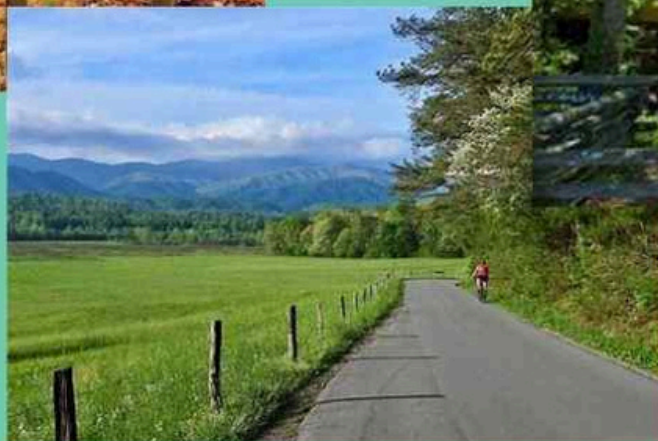
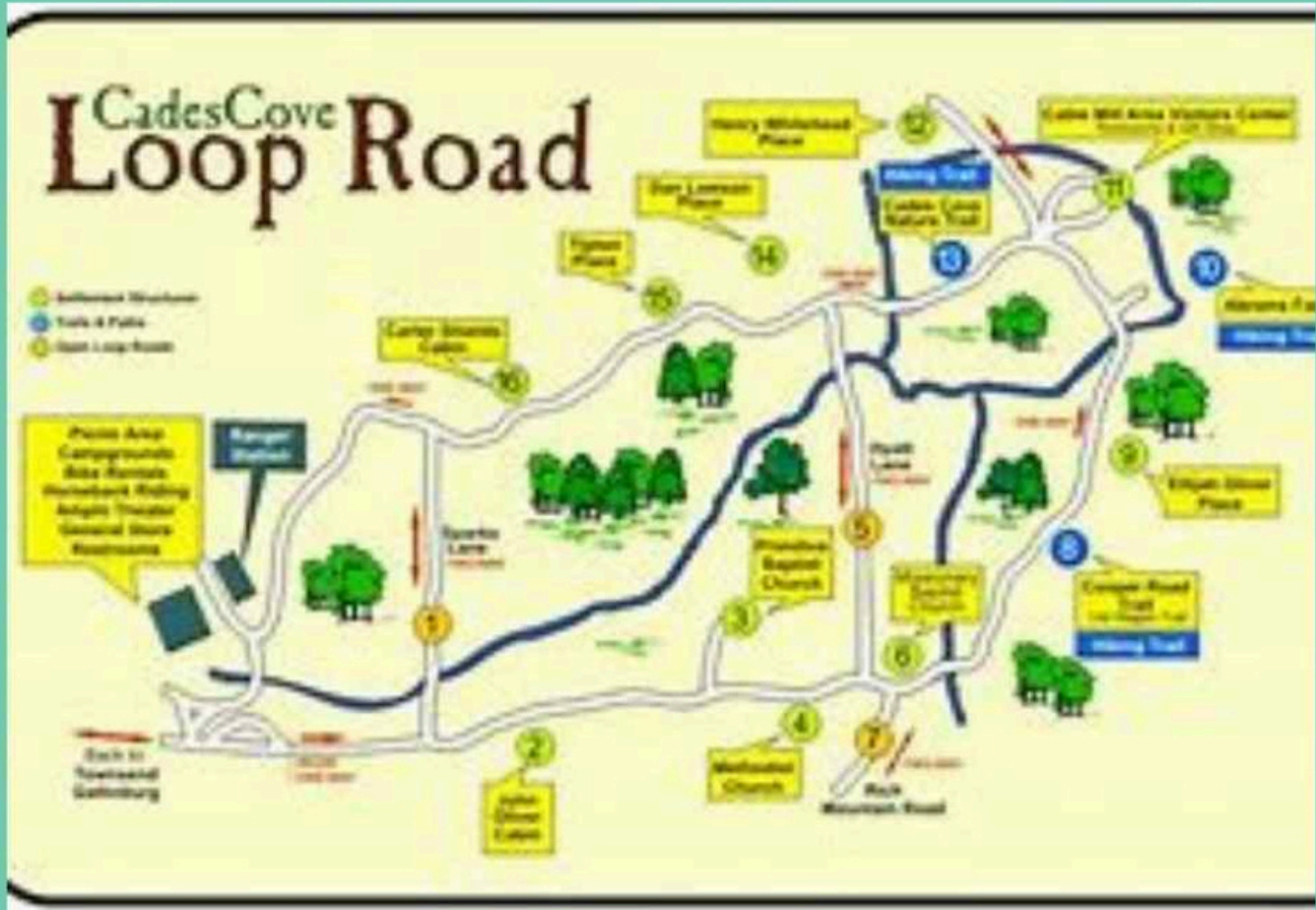


The Ultimate Smoky Mountains Waterfalls Road Trip will take you to 16 of the most stunning falls throughout Smoky Mountains National Park on this loop drive through both the TN and NC sections of the park. Many of these falls are located along some of the park's best hiking trails, offering you a look at some of the very best sights the Smokies have to offer along the way!

- Ramsey Cascades
- Mingo Falls
- Rainbow Falls
- Abrams Falls
- Grotto Falls
- Meigs Falls
- Spruce Flats Falls
- Lynn Camp Cascades
- Laurel Falls
- Cataract Falls
- Baskins Creek Falls
- Hen Wallow Falls
- Mouse Creek Falls
- Tom Branch Falls
- Indian Creek Falls
- Juney Whank Falls



What's Happening in the Smoky Mountains





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My favorite waterfall in Great Smoky Mountains National Park is Abrams Falls out in Cades Cove. The hike to the falls is about 5 miles roundtrip and is considered moderate in difficulty. I like to get there really early so I can enjoy the falls before the crowds arrive. This hike is not to be missed!



Did you know that The Titanic Museum in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, United States, is an attraction dedicated to telling the story of the famous ocean liner RMS Titanic, which sank in 1912 during its maiden voyage.

The museum is designed to resemble the shape of the Titanic, giving visitors an immersive experience. Upon entry, you are often given a boarding pass with the name of a real passenger who was on the Titanic. During the tour, visitors can explore replicas of the ship's cabins, bridge and famous grand staircase.

The museum houses an extensive collection of authentic objects recovered from or related to the Titanic, including furniture, documents and passengers' personal belongings. Additionally, exhibits detail the history of the ship's construction, its tragic sinking, and the personal stories of survivors and victims.

A fun fact about the Titanic Museum is that visitors can experience what the water temperature felt like the night the Titanic sank. There is an interactive exhibit where you can immerse your hand in 32°F (0°C) water, simulating the icy conditions that passengers and crew faced in the North Atlantic, adding a realistic and emotional touch to the experience.



Did You Know? A Little Local History



Watts Bar Lake & Roane County

In the late 1700's, hunter Peter Avery was commissioned by the mother state of North Carolina to blaze a trail through the wilderness. The trail became known as the Avery Trace. Early settlers found rich pasture land surrounded by mountains and rivers in the area that is today Roane County.

After Peter Avery established the Avery Trace, connecting the cities of Knoxville and Nashville, the early settlers constructed Fort Southwest Point on a high bluff overlooking the Clinch and Tennessee Rivers. The Avery Trace was replaced by Interstate 40 and makes the towns of Harriman, Kingston, Rockwood, and parts of Oak Ridge and Oliver Springs easily accessible to many major metropolitan areas and within a day's drive to many major United States markets.

Roane County was founded on November 6, 1801. Roane County is 361 square miles and the total population as of the 2000 Census was 51,900. The City of Kingston is the county seat.

Kingston was incorporated in 1799 and its population as of the 2000 Census was 5,264. Kingston served as the state capital for one day – September 21, 1807 – and the Tennessee House of Representatives convened here.

The City of Harriman was incorporated in 1891 and its population as of the 2000 Census was 6,744, making it the largest city in Roane County. It was known as “The Town that Temperance Built” because no manufacture, storage, or sales of intoxicating liquor or beverages would take place.

The Town of Oliver Springs was incorporated in 1903 and its population as of the 2000 Census was 3,303. Oliver Springs is actually located in three counties: Anderson, Morgan and Roane. Some scenes of “October Sky” were filmed in Oliver Springs.

The City of Rockwood was incorporated in 1903 and its population as of the 2000 Census was 5,774. John Wilder, a Union officer, discovered an abundance of iron on Walden Ridge and later returned to Rockwood to form the Roane Iron Company. The town was named after William O. Rockwood, the first president of the Roane Iron Company.

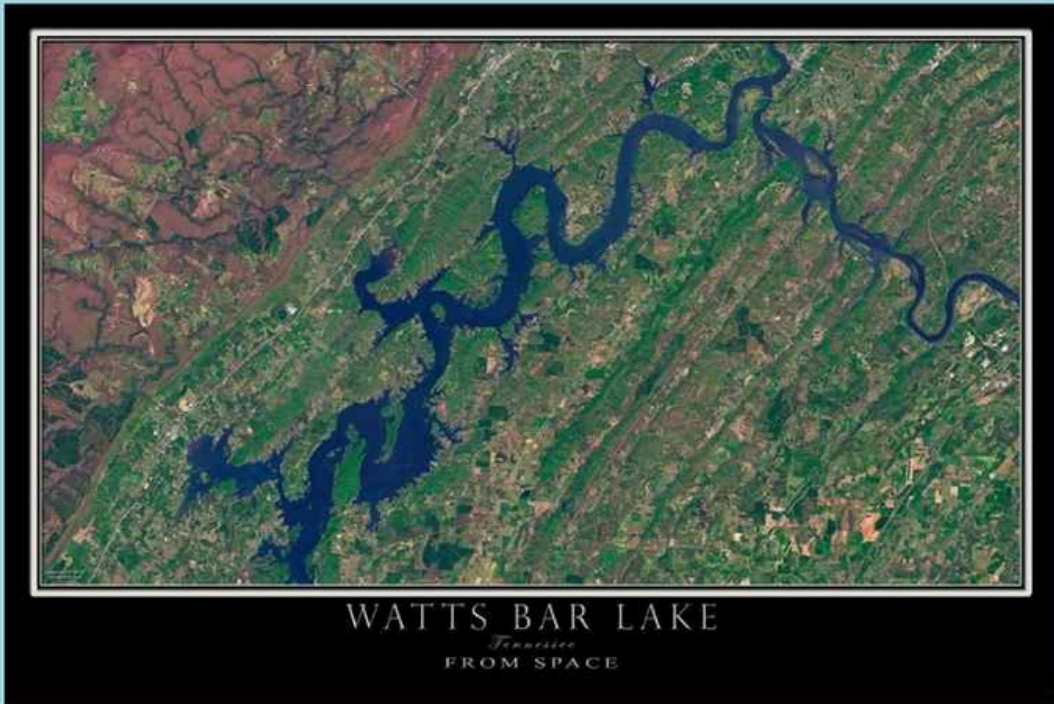
The City of Oak Ridge was incorporated in 1962 and its population as of the 2000 Census was 27,387. The largest portion of the City of Oak Ridge is located in Anderson County, with a smaller portion located in Roane County. Oak Ridge was established by the Federal Government. First known as the Manhattan Project, it was secretly developed for the purpose of making nuclear weapons which were used to end World War II.



Did You Know?



The beauty of Roane County is highlighted by the Appalachian Mountains and Watts Bar Lake, made up of the Tennessee, Clinch and Emory Rivers. Each year, water recreation draws many visitors to Roane County. Today, visitors can walk through a partial reconstruction of Fort Southwest Point, rebuilt on its original site. The Visitors Center houses a museum containing artifacts excavated under the supervision of the Tennessee Department of Archeology. The history of the Fort comes alive during the Living History Days as staff members dress in period costumes and recreate activities from the past.



The Blue Ridge Mountains stretch 550 miles from North GA to PA, encompassing more than 34,000 square miles of mountains, forests, lakes, rivers, and waterfalls in 8 states.

The Blue Ridge range is part of the much larger Appalachian Mountains range. But the Blue Ridge also has myriad sub-ranges, including the Great Smoky Mountains, Black Mountains, Craggy Mountains, and more.

It's home to the tallest mountains east of the Mississippi River, with 20+ peaks in North Carolina alone that measure over 6,000 feet in elevation.



Did You Know?



Flag Day

Flag Day is celebrated on June 14 in the United States. It commemorates the adoption of the flag on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The Flag Resolution stated that the flag of the United States be thirteen alternate red and white stripes and that the union be thirteen white stars on a blue field, representing a new constellation.

Flag Day was first proposed in 1861 to rally support for the Union side of the American Civil War. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation that designated June 14 as Flag Day. On August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was officially established by an Act of Congress. On June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday beginning in the town of Rennerdale. New York Consolidated Laws, just to be different, designated the second Sunday in June as Flag Day, a state holiday.

Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. Federal law leaves it to the discretion of president to officially proclaim the observance. Title 36 of the United States Code, Subtitle I, Part A, Chapter I, Section 110 is the official statute on Flag Day. The United States Army also celebrates its birthday on this date.

Flag Day was first proposed shortly after the 1861 attack on Fort Sumter that started the Civil War. The flag flying over the fort was saved by Union soldiers during the Confederate takeover. The Fort Sumter Flag became a symbol of opposition to the Confederate rebellion. Fame transformed the flag from a fairly obscure military symbol used to identify American ships and forts into a popular symbol used by ordinary Americans to support the Union cause

With this in mind, check your flag and make sure it is not ripped or torn. If so, please replace it. If you prefer, you can drop your flag off at my home, 360 Walking Horse Trail or you can call me at 865-354-0541 and I will pick up the old flag at your residence.



Submitted by Bruce Pharis

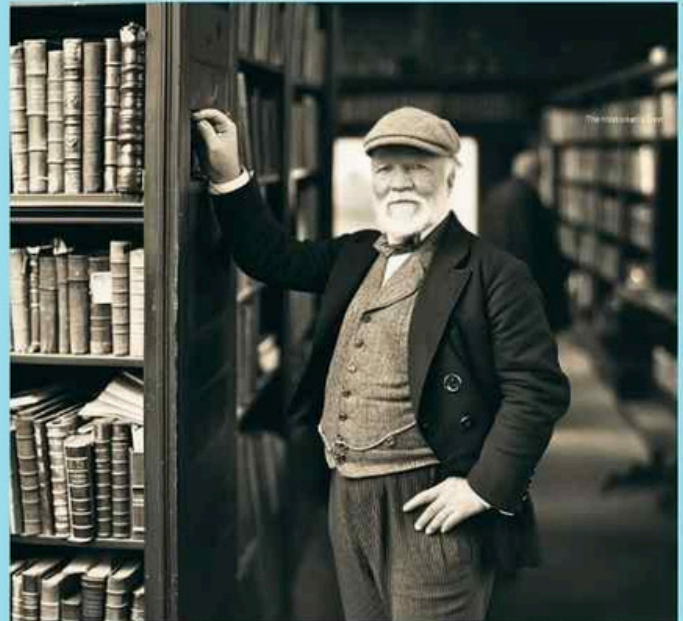


Did You Know?



Did you know that Route 66, known as "The Mother Road," is one of the most iconic highways in the United States? Originally established on November 11, 1926, Route 66 was one of the country's first federal highways, connecting Chicago, Illinois, with Santa Monica, California. The route covered approximately 2,448 miles (3,940 kilometers), passing through eight states: Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California.

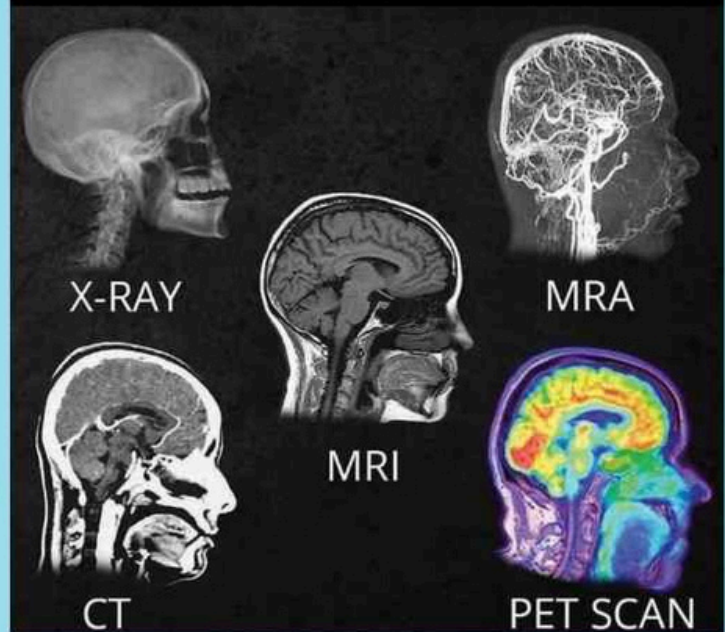
10 things you may not know about Route 66 🚗



In the 19th century, Scottish billionaire Andrew Carnegie spent 90% of his fortune creating over 3,000 libraries worldwide, inspired by the free library that helped him gain the education to become wealthy.

Got old computers, printers and electronic devices? Donate them to be refurbished. Patterson's Home Appliances will accept all working or non-working digital devices (TVs, computers, tablets, printers, copiers, fax machines, monitors, keyboards and all related accessories) at every Patterson Home Appliances store during their store hours on behalf of Tech 4 All Tennessee. Tech 4 All Tennessee destroys any data on donated computers, refurbishes them and gives them out for free to those who are in need. Store locations are listed on the website Pattersonsappliances.com

Types of Medical Imaging





Did You Know?



For those born in the 40's, 50's & 60's

- They call us "The Elderly"
- We were born in the 40-50-60's.
- We grew up in the 50-60-70's.
- We studied in the 60-70-80's.
- We were dating in the 70-80-90's.
- We got married and discovered the world in the 70-80-90's.
- We venture into the 80-90's.
- We stabilize in the 2000's.
- We got wiser in the 2010's.
- And we are going firmly through and beyond 2020.
- Turns out we've lived through EIGHT different decades...
- TWO different centuries...
- TWO different millennia...
- We have gone from the telephone with an operator for long-distance calls to video calls to anywhere in the world.
- We have gone from slides to YouTube, from vinyl records to online music, from handwritten letters to email and Whats App.
- From live matches on the radio, to black and white TV, color TV and then to 3D HD TV.
- We went to the Video store and now we watch Netflix.
- We got to know the first computers, punch cards, floppy disks and now we have gigabytes and megabytes on our smartphones.
- We wore shorts throughout our childhood and then long trousers, Oxfords, flares, shell suits & blue jeans.
- We dodged infantile paralysis, meningitis, polio, tuberculosis, swine flu and now COVID-19.
- We rode skates, tricycles, bicycles, mopeds, petrol or diesel cars and now we drive hybrids or electric.
- Yes, we've been through a lot but what a great life we've had!
- They could describe us as "exennials," people who were born in that world of the fifties, who had an analog childhood and a digital adulthood.
- We've kind of "Seen-It-All"!
- It is our generation that has literally adapted to "CHANGE."
- A big round of applause to all the members of a very special generation, which will be UNIQUE!



Did You Know?



House plants for clean air





Did You Know?



BEFAST

Know the signs of stroke.

Stroke is a medical emergency.
For any sign of stroke, CALL 911! Every minute counts. Learn the physical symptoms to swiftly identify a stroke and save your life or the life of a loved one.

- BALANCE:** Sudden loss of balance.
- EYES:** Sudden loss of vision in one or both eyes.
- FACE:** Does the face look uneven?
- ARMS:** Does one arm drift down? Ask them to raise both arms.
- SPEECH:** Does their speech sound strange? Ask them to repeat a phrase.
- TIME:** Time is brain. Every second brain cells die during a stroke.

METHODIST
MEDICAL CENTER
OF OAK RIDGE
Covenant
HEALTH



Vicks VapoRub

- SORE THROAT** – rub on throat and wrap with a man’s sock.
- DECONGESTANT** – rub on chest and under each nostril.
- COUGHS** – rub generously on feet and cover with socks to help minimize coughing.
- SORE MUSCLES** – rub generously on sore muscles.
- HEADACHES** – rub a small amount on your temples and forehead.
- EAR ACHES** – apply a small amount to a cotton ball and place in ear to relieve pain.
- NAIL FUNGUS** – rub on toenails with fungus. The nail will turn a dark color as it kills the fungus. Dark color will go away as the nail grows out.
- MOSQUITO REPELLENT** – rub a small amount to exposed skin.
- ITCHY BUG BITES** – rub on bite and cover with a band-aid.
- CRACKED HEELS** – rub on feet in the morning and at night.
- ACNE** – dab on zit to clear it up.
- COLD SORES** – rub a little on the area when you begin to feel one coming on.



Different types of USB connectors -

1. USB Type A – The most common USB connector, typically found on computers, chargers, and standard USB devices.
2. USB Type B – A square-shaped connector often used in printers and external hard drives.
3. USB Type C – A newer, reversible connector that supports higher data transfer speeds and power delivery, commonly used in modern smartphones, laptops, and tablets.
4. USB Micro B – A smaller connector used in older smartphones, external hard drives, and other compact devices.
5. USB Mini B – An older, compact connector previously used in cameras, MP3 players, and older mobile devices.



Pets



Toxic Food For Dogs

- Alcohol
- Avocado
- Chocolate
- Grapes
- Raisins
- Onions
- Garlic
- Xylitol
- Macadamia nuts
- Raw dough
- Cherries
- Coffee
- Cinnamon
- Lemon

IT DOESN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT

THE 3/3/3 RULE IS A GENERAL GUIDELINE FOR THE ADJUSTMENT PERIOD OF A DOG AFTER ADOPTION. EVERY DOG IS UNIQUE AND WILL ADJUST DIFFERENTLY

3 DAYS	3 WEEKS	3 MONTHS
TO DECOMPRESS	TO LEARN YOUR ROUTINE	TO START TO FEEL AT HOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEELING OVERWHELMED MAY FEEL SCARED/UNSURE OF WHAT'S GOING ON NOT COMFORTABLE ENOUGH TO BE "HIMSELF/HERSELF" MAY NOT WANT TO EAT OR DRINK SHUTS DOWN AND/OR HIDES UNDER FURNITURE TESTS THE BOUNDARIES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STARTS SETTLING IN FEELS MORE COMFORTABLE REALIZED THIS COULD BE HIS/HER FOREVER HOME FIGURES OUT HIS/HER ENVIRONMENT GETS INTO A ROUTINE LETS HIS/HER GUARD DOWN MAY BEGIN TO SHOW TRUE PERSONALITY BEHAVIOR ISSUES MAY START TO APPEAR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FINALLY FEELS COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE IN HIS/HER HOME BEGINS TO BUILD TRUST AND A TRUE BOND GAINS A COMPLETE SENSE OF SECURITY WITH HIS NEW FAMILY SETS INTO A ROUTINE



ATTENTION!

We want EVERYONE to know that XYLITOL is now being labeled as "BIRCH SUGAR"

This is a sweetener used in food. Most common in peanut butter and candy. It is VERY toxic to dogs. Keep your pups safe!

Let Them Sniff

Why is it important to let your dog sniff on walk?

- Dogs "see" the world through their noses
- Slow scent/sniffy walks let your dog absorb and process all the scents
- Gives you insights into their behaviours
- Mentally and physically stimulating
- Decreases their heart rate
- Decreases their stress levels
- Improves behaviour
- It's their walk not yours



HOW TO WALK A HUMAN A DOGS GUIDE

Humans need exercise. If they don't get it they become "chubby". It's up to you to save them.

1. Allow your human to tether themselves to you. This keeps them from wondering off or running away.
2. Your human will probably need breaks. Be considerate and stop and sniff often.
3. Bark frequently. Humans have short attention spans.
4. When you go to the bathroom, walk away. If you have trained your human correctly, they will pick it up.
5. Periodically drag your human as fast as you can. This is called interval training.
6. Do not allow your human to shorten the walk. They are being lazy. Sit in protest if you must.
7. Once back home, allow your human to remove their tether, then lick their face many times. This is positive reinforcement for a job well done.



Wildlife Hummingbirds

The hummers are coming!

Following an exhausting migration, hummingbirds need a little extra boost in the spring. In Tennessee, early to mid-April is a great time to start thinking about putting out your feeder. Placing a hummingbird feeder in your yard will help our colorful friends recover from their long migration journey. You may want to set up your feeder near other food sources (flowering plants) because hummers also like small insects and tasty flower nectar. You can put one near a bird-safe window if you enjoy so watching them perch and feed. Just make sure the window does not have indoor plants or other bright objects hanging inside as the birds may see those objects and not the glass. Keep feeders in shaded areas if possible. They are most active in early morning and late afternoon/early evening. Peak season for these birds is August through September.

If you didn't already know, the Rufous Hummingbird actually winters in Tennessee.

Putting out multiple feeders can also be great but remember hummers are territorial and can be mean to other hummingbirds. Ornithologists suggest putting out feeders at opposite ends of the yard to limit territorial squabbles. It is important to remember to clean your feeder often. Avoid harsh chemicals when washing out your feeder that might leave a residue. A clean brush, a little Dawn dishwashing liquid, and hot water work best. Mix four parts water with one part sugar to make the nectar. Boiling helps remove impurities and sterilizes the water. Make sure you change it often especially when the summer gets hot and humid because the nectar has a tendency to spoil and mold. Purchasing nectar is also ok as long as it is not with red dye because this can be harmful to these little creatures.

Wondering what flowering plants attract these special creatures? They love Coral Honeysuckle, Trumpet Vine, Red Buckeye and Woodland Pinkroot along with native species of lilies and violets. They also love bee balm, cardinal flowers, geraniums, hibiscus, columbine and any type of tubular flower which also have a special appeal.

Hummers are also known to return to the same feeders and locations every year. They are definitely creatures of habit. They often follow the same migration patterns and return to the same areas to nest and feed. Juveniles also like to return to their birth places as well because they remember it being a good safe place that has food.

Wildlife

HUMMINGBIRD ARRIVAL TIMES

FROM THE MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE



CARPENTER BEE

- Male Carpenter bees don't have stingers.
- Could live in your fence, deck, or fascia boards.
- Flies aggressively to try & scare you.
- Acts tough, but can't hurt you.



HONEYBEE

- The bee that needs the most protection.
- Pollinator - the only insect that produces food eaten by humans.
- Average worker bee lives for just five to six weeks.
- Honey bees communicate with one another by dancing.



BUMBLEBEE

- Pollinator.
- So fat, it shouldn't be able to fly.
- Bumble bees use their wings to cool down their nests.
- Except for new queens, which hibernate, bumblebee colonies die in late fall.



HOVERFLY

- Mimic's the appearance of bees and wasps to escape predators.
- Actually can't sting you.
- Hoverfly's lifespan is approximately one month.
- They aren't actually bees, but rather standard flies.



PAPER WASP

- Looks scary, and stings hurts, but wasps live absolutely everywhere -- except Antarctica.
- Don't sweat at it, it will chase you.
- Has no concept of personal space or social distancing.



YELLOW JACKET

- Wants your food & will fight you for it.
- If chesed do not jump in water... they will wait for you.
- If stung, cool the area with ice.
- Don't sweat at it, this will increase your chances of being stung.



CICADA KILLER

- Good hunters, exclusively eats cicadas.
- Can sting you, but usually won't.
- Nests underground.
- Females predetermine the gender of the larvae.



DIRT DAUBER

- Usually only stings spiders.
- Builds nest in the ground.
- Life span is about 1 year.
- Don't dress like a spider on Halloween.

Hi, I'm a snail

I know that sometimes you don't like me because I feed on the leaves of your garden or plants.

I give you some advice though: don't kill me with poisons that cause me pain and pollute your garden!

If you put coffee grounds around your plants I will stay away and you will nourish the soil, because coffee grounds are fertilizer!

If you see me attached to a vase don't rip me from there, my protective wrapper breaks and I'll die.

If you see I'm being followed by little virgins, don't intervene, it's my little ones that I gave birth to. They are born without a shell, they are very delicate! Then, in a short time, nature will endow them with a tiny soft shell (don't touch it, it's fragile!) . My little few survived!

But we are animals useful for the ecosystem, our history is very ancient!

Help us survive, thank you so much 🍀🐌



Wildlife

ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS To Rodenticide Poisons

SANITATION/EXCLUSION WORK

SCS - Seal Out Source of water, food, shelter

- Clean up areas where there is garbage, waste, stored foods, water, or nesting material.
- Clean up fallen seed from bird feeders, chicken coops, livestock stalls.
- Use feed bags to collect grains or clean up after each feeding.
- Elevate predator proofed chicken coops by 18 inches
- Clean up access to interior spaces that can offer easy nesting areas.

- Remove any ground cover such as ivy which offers rodents a place to hide.

Keep in mind: Rodents will eat excrement, so if you own animals, scoop and remove waste

- Seal all holes in roofs, walls, foundation, crawl spaces, and sheds
- Seal all holes around pipes, cables, and electrical wires that enter structures.
- Cap chimneys, plumbing, vents with hardware cloth
- Use wire mesh or hardware cloth under decks that extend partially into the ground.



REMEMBER TO

never use snap/zap traps unless they are safely contained or placed so other non-target animals do not become victims.

If you choose Live Traps they must be checked routinely or they are not Humane.

Please don't use Sticky Traps or Glue Boards EVER too many other animals get stuck in them, and these are not Humane.

HELP KEEP US SAFE



ELIMINATE THE USE OF POISONS ON YOUR PROPERTY USE SAFE ALTERNATIVES INSTEAD



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HOW TO GET RID OF SKUNK SMELL

DID A SKUNK SPRAY YOUR DOG, CAR, HOUSE, OR EVEN YOU?
HERE'S HOW TO COMPLETELY ELIMINATE THE ODOR!

THESE TACTICS **WILL NOT WORK** VERY WELL:



Bath in tomato juice



Spray with lemon or orange citrus

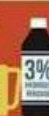


Masking agents like perfume or Fabreze

HERE IS THE SECRET RECIPE THAT WORKS

1 QUART

3 percent hydrogen peroxide



1/4 CUP

baking soda (sodium bicarbonate)



1 TEASPOON

liquid soap or dish detergent



Mix these together and bathe ("shampoo") in or rub down) the spray victim thoroughly.



Be sure to use this mixture immediately after it is created, as it is unstable.



Let sit for five minutes and rinse with tap water afterward, and repeat if necessary.

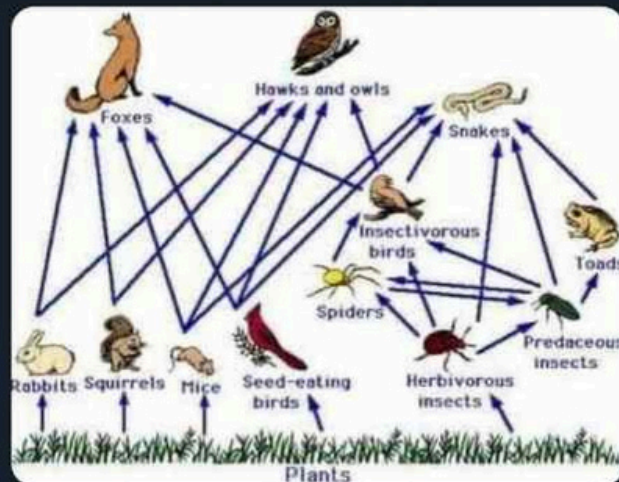


For spray in the eyes, flush with water as soon as possible.

YOUR DOG (OR YOU) WILL NOW BE ODOR FREE!
SO LONG, SKUNK SMELL!

I raid the nests of rats, mice, hornets, wasps, and other pests. If you see me digging on your property, I've probably found pests and I'm helping control them!

When you use poisons on mice, insects, or even the grass, it moves steadily up the food chain. Just don't do it.



Wildlife

I don't eat plants—I aerate the soil, eat harmful grubs, and boost plant health. So why do people keep trying to kill me?



The Mole: a Misunderstood Garden Engineer

The truth about your underground neighbor:

NOT A PLANT EATER!

- 100% carnivorous diet (zero interest in your plants!)
- Consumes 50-100 grams of insects daily
- Eats their weight in pests every 24 hours
- Targets destructive grubs that damage plant roots
- Primary diet: earthworms, beetle larvae, wireworms

SOIL IMPROVEMENT SPECIALIST

- Creates natural aeration better than any garden tool
- Generates 20kg of loose, fertile soil daily
- Improves drainage in heavy clay areas
- Prevents soil compaction through tunnel networks
- Distributes beneficial microbes throughout soil layers

UNDERGROUND EXPERT

- Can dig 20 meters of tunnels in a single day
- Maintains complex network of permanent and hunting tunnels
- Super-sensitive touch receptors detect even tiny prey movement
- Active year-round, even during winter
- Lives mostly solitary life in territories up to 3,000 square meters

LIVING WITH MOLES WISELY:

1. Remove molehills from lawns (free, nutrient-rich soil for gardens!)
2. Flatten tunnels in lawns with roller (no need to kill the mole)
3. Use repellents in critical areas, not poisons
4. Appreciate their work in vegetable and flower gardens
5. Remember: a mole-free yard means grub-filled soil

When you work with them instead of against, your garden's ecosystem thrives naturally.



Spring is almost here, so it's worth repeating: most bird nests are **LEGALLY PROTECTED**. It may annoy you if a bird has built a nest in an unwanted spot, but you need to leave it alone. The babies will be gone in a few weeks.



The Wild Side



Featured Local Photographer Louvine Hallmark

I've been into photography a little over four years now and I absolutely love it.

The time I spend with my cameras combines everything I love: the country, wildlife, nature, photography and walking for exercise. My priorities in my photography are: first, to capture the personality/spirit of the subject, then color and texture.

The Wild Side



This year's
Eaglet with a
parent

