

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, March 26, 2013

POA Meetings and Events:

- **Long Range Planning, 10 a.m. Thursday, March 28, POA Office**
- **Recreation 101, 12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28, Wellness Center**
- **Public Services Advisory Committee, 1 p.m. Thursday, March 28, POA Office**
- **POA Board Workshop, 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, POA Office**

Board Addresses County Delinquent Property Tax Topic

By TVPOA Board of Directors

An issue arose last year involving Loudon County's requirement to auction property that is delinquent on County property tax rolls. State law requires all counties to sell delinquent properties at a tax sale in order to collect the taxes owed. Tellico Village has several hundred lots that are delinquent in terms of paying TVPOA assessments. Most of these lots are also delinquent with respect to county property taxes, so the result is that this issue affects both the Counties (Loudon and Monroe) and the TVPOA.

The issue results from the state law that requires a county to offer a starting bid at a tax sale equal to the total of all back taxes, fees, interest, etc. If no higher bid is offered, the county can end up in possession of the property. In 2010, an Appeals Court ruled that counties that acquire properties at a tax sale are then responsible for paying any applicable association dues or assessments that accrue during their ownership of such properties.

When this issue arose in 2012, your Board and General Manager worked closely with Loudon County officials to both seek a solution and to protect the rights of the TVPOA. No short term solution was obvious. In order to provide more time to seek a solution, Loudon County officials decided to pull the delinquent lots that were located in Tellico Village, and a few in other developments, out of the tax sale.

In 2013, several counties appealed to their state representatives to seek legislative relief from this potential obligation to pay association dues or assessments. In order to prevent legislation that could be detrimental to the TVPOA Covenants and Restrictions, we have closely monitored this activity. Members of the TVPOA Board and the General Manager have had several meetings, both locally and in Nashville, with Loudon County officials, Representative Matlock, Senator McNally, and State Comptroller's General Counsel Robert Lee.

At this time, several bills have been filed in the legislature, but none of them offer a solution that is satisfactory to all parties. We will continue to be actively engaged in this process to assure that any legislation protects our interests.

Yacht Club Offerings and Upcoming Special Events

- Join us for dinner on Saturday nights for Chef Warren's delicious **BBQ Ribs**. They are on special for \$15 a full rack and \$10 for a half rack.
- **Seafood Week** is March 26-30. Saturday, March 30, will feature 1.5-pound whole Lobsters served with the vegetable of the day and one additional side for \$35. Orders for lobster are by reservation only and must be made by 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 27.
- **Easter Buffet**, Sunday, March 31, \$22 per person plus tax and gratuity, two seatings: noon and 2 p.m. Includes Iced Tea and Coffee.
 - Salad Bar
 - Omelet Station

- Buttermilk Pancakes
 - Eggs Benedict
 - Beef Stroganoff
 - Baked Salmon with Basil and Citrus Cream
 - Roasted Chicken with Cranberry Jus
 - Rice Pilaf
 - Oven Roasted Potatoes
 - Fresh Vegetable Selection
 - Dessert Selections
- **Battle for the Cause:** This charity event will be 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, tickets are \$15, hors d'oeuvres will be served. See two teams, Claire Frazer and Ginny Ranck vs. Joe Marlette and Alan Hart, battle it out to sell the most alcohol. The winning team will receive \$2 from each ticket sold to put towards their charity. All tips will also go to charity. Make sure to get your tickets and join us for a great night for a good cause! If you dine with us for dinner, you will receive 10 percent off of your dinner with your ticket.

The Tellico Village Yacht and Country Club can now be found on Facebook. Follow this link or search and "like" our page: www.facebook.com/pages/Tellico-Village-Yacht-and-Country-Club/438163296194885

On a Special Note...

Did you know you can find the Yacht Club calendar and menus online? Go to www.TellicoVillagePOA.org, log in or click on the POA logo, select CLUBHOUSES, click on YACHT CLUB.

For reservations and information, call 865-458-4363.

In the News

Pa. groundhog's handler taking blame for forecast

JOE MANDAK - Associated Press (AP)

PITTSBURGH (AP) — An Ohio prosecutor who light-heartedly filed a criminal indictment against the famous Pennsylvania groundhog who fraudulently "predicted" an early spring said he may consider a pardon now that the animal's handler is taking the blame.

Bill Deeley, president of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club's Inner Circle, told The Associated Press on Monday that the animal rightly predicted six more weeks of winter last month, but he mistakenly announced an early spring because he failed to correctly interpret Phil's "groundhogese."

"I'm the guy that did it; I'll be the fall guy. It's not Phil's fault," Deeley said.

Butler County, Ohio, prosecutor Mike Gmoser told the AP that he's reconsidering the charges in light of the new evidence and may issue a full pardon.

"Frankly, he is a cute little rascal, a cute little thing," Gmoser said. "And if somebody is willing to step up to the plate and take the rap, I'm willing to listen."

The Groundhog Day celebration in Punxsutawney, a borough about 65 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, attracts worldwide attention each year. But the attention stretched well beyond Feb. 2 when Gmoser last week issued an indictment as winter-like weather continued across much of the nation even as spring began.

"Punxsutawney Phil did purposely, and with prior calculation and design cause the people to

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believe that spring would come early," Gmoser's indictment said. The penalty? Death, Smoser said, tongue firmly in cheek.

Deeley said this is the second year in a row he's misinterpreted Phil's forecast. "Remember, last year at this time it was 80 degrees and Phil had predicted six more weeks of winter," Deeley said.

Under normal circumstances, Deeley's interpretation of the forecast is infallible, as long as he clings to the gnarly, magical "Arcadian" cane while the rodent whispers the forecast into his ear. Deeley still doesn't know what went wrong, but he said the borough is nonetheless pleased to still be in the news more than six weeks later — although there's more snow on the ground, and local schools were closed Monday.

"We couldn't have generated this much publicity with a \$10,000 ad campaign," he said.

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Scrapbook Group Meets Fridays

The Tellico Village Scrapbook Group meets 9 a.m. Fridays, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church on Highway 72. The group has been in existence for approximately six years, but is still looking for more members. To be added to their email list or for more information, contact Donna Kessing, 865-458-4782.

Hike Oswald Dome Trail March 27

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 27, from Chota Center to hike:

- Oswald Dome Trail
- Distance: 8 miles in and out
- Elevation Gain: 2,250 feet
- Rating: Moderate
- Driving time: 1 hour to Reliance, TN
- Leader: Gail Eades, 865-599-6785 or G3Evolution@gmail.com

This well maintained trail reaches the top of Oswald Dome on Bean Mountain for some spectacular winter views west and north in the Cherokee National Forest. The first 2.7 miles is a steady uphill grade to the almost flat top of the mountain, then the trail levels out to a moderate grade.

Hiking boots and hiking sticks are recommended. Driving directions will be provided the morning of the hike. Bring water and a trail lunch. Carpooling is recommended, passengers are asked to contribute \$6 to the driver to help cover gas, etc. For more information, go to www.TVHikers.com.

T-BART Quarterly Meeting March 27

Tellico Boaters Assistance Response Team (T-BART) will hold their second quarterly meeting 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, in the Kahite Pub & Grill and Annex Function Center. A cocktail social in the Pub will be 5-5:30 p.m. (pay as you go bar) and the T-BART meeting is 5:30-6:15 p.m. in the Kahite Annex. After a brief review of recent T-BART activities, there will be a short presentation on "Getting Ready for the Boating Season."

Computer Users Club Meets April 2

The Tellico Village will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, top floor of the Yacht Club. Following

the business meeting, the program will be presented. Program details will be available at www.tvcuc.org. The drawing for attendance prizes will conclude the meeting. We hope to see all members there. Guests are always welcome.

Submitted by Dean Miller

Thyme for Herbs Meets April 4

Thyme for Herbs (an herb study group) will meet on Thursday, April 4, for a visit to Honey Rock Herb Farm. D. Brown, owner, will show us what she has growing for this year in her greenhouse. We will meet at the Poplar Springs boat ramp at 8:50 a.m. and leave promptly at 9 a.m. for Honey Rock Herb Farm. Any questions, contact Mary Garner, 865-408-0337.

Submitted by Kathy Kutschera

Garden Club Meets April 4

The Tellico Village Garden Club will meet 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4, top floor of the Yacht Club. The program will be "Color in the Shade," featuring Dr. Sue Hamilton, Director of UT Gardens. New members are welcome. For information, go to www.tellicoclubs.com, or call Linda Schuessler, 865-657-9228.

Yacht Club Closed April 5

The Yacht Club restaurant and bar will be closed Friday, April 5, for a special event.

Kiwanis Hosts Breakfast to Benefit Kids April 6

Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village is hosting its semi-annual breakfast/brunch 7:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 6, in the Tellico Village Community Church's Christian Life Center. Don Fraley, Project Chairman, invites everyone to loosen their belts and join their friends. Ticket prices are:

- Adults: Advanced purchase - \$8; at the door - \$9
- Children: 12 and under are free

Tickets may be purchased from members of the Kiwanis Club, or call Chuck Sanford 408-2339 or Jack Litzenberg 458-3514. Tickets are also available at two Tellico Village banks; First National and United Community Bank.

The "breakfast" has turned out to be an event that brings neighbors of all ages to an all-you-can-eat brunch in a setting where you can see old friends and make new ones. The menu is diverse and exceptionally delicious. It ranges from pancakes and quiche to sausage, fruit, and yogurt accompanied by all of the coffee, milk and juice you can drink. Wampler's Sausage and Mayfield Dairies are major sponsors.

The last pancake breakfast hosted more than 800 guests. "Our target is to exceed that record," said Fraley. More than 70 Kiwanians and their wives, along with members of the Loudon High School Key Club will prepare the food and assist in serving.

The Kiwanis Club Mission is to serve the children of the world. Your participation helps provide the funds to pursue this mission in the Loudon area. It's all for the kids!

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day April 6

Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at the Loudon County Justice Center, located at the corner of East Lee Highway (Highway 11) and Sugarlimb Road. There is no cost for Tennessee residents.

Guidelines: Leave products in their original containers. Re-label containers that have lost their labels. Do not mix two or more different products into one container. Place items in a cardboard box, preferable lined with newspaper or plastic.