

## Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, June 25, 2013

### **POA Meetings and Events:**

- **Long Range Planning, 10 a.m. Thursday, June 27, POA Office**
- **Public Services Advisory Committee, 1 p.m. Thursday, June 27, POA Office**
- **POA 101, 2 p.m. Thursday, June 27, Kahite Activity Center**
- **POA Offices closed July 4 in celebration of Independence Day**

# **General Manager's Report for June**

By Winston Blazer, General Manager

### **Progress on Senior Living Complex**

Back in March, I updated our property owners on the progress we are having on the senior living development area near The Neighborhood. The Tellico Village POA has finally acquired the approximately 15 acres of undeveloped property surrounding The Neighborhood. Our objective is to complete the Senior Living Complex project that was begun in 2000.

For a few years now, we have been working on resolution to that, and in early April we reacquired the land. The next step will be to find a developer to take on the task of completing the vision for that area.

In the article following this one, Board President Joe Marlette has a well-written article outlining the details of this situation. Stay tuned for more updates as we make progress on this important project.

### **Tellico Village Facebook changes**

Those of you who are fans of Tellico Village on Facebook may have noticed some changes. Our staff has taken the separate Facebook pages for Recreation, Golf and the Yacht Club and combined them with our main Tellico Village Facebook page.

Not to worry, you can find all the info on the separate amenities by clicking on their individual box on the Tellico Village Facebook page.

If you haven't checked us out on Facebook yet, please do so to stay connected to what's going on in the Village. We currently have more than 600 Likes, and we're growing every day.

### **POA 101 goes to Kahite**

The next POA 101 session is 2 p.m. Thursday, June 27, in the Kahite Activities Center. POA 101 is a one-hour primer on Village governance, history and finances. It is designed for new Villagers, but everyone is welcome.

Please RSVP to Patty Robichaud at [probichaud@tvpoa.org](mailto:probichaud@tvpoa.org) or (865) 458-5408, ext. 4115.

### **Community Patriotic Celebration July 3**

Once again, Tellico Village will celebrate our nation's birthday with the annual Community Patriotic Celebration, Wednesday, July 3 from 5-10 p.m. As in past years, the event is held at the Village Square area on Chota Road. Organizers encourage everyone to bring a friend and a chair and enjoy the fun, food and music.

### **POA offices closed**

The TVPOA administrative offices are closed for Independence Day, Thursday, July 4. Public

Works is always available at (865) 458-4522, and the golf courses and fitness centers will be hopping with activity.

We'll be back in the office first thing Friday morning at 8 a.m. Have a safe, festive Independence Day celebration.

### **Board Workshop and Meeting rescheduled**

The Board Workshop and Meeting for July have been rescheduled to work around the Independence Day holiday. The Workshop is on Tuesday, July 9, at 10 a.m., in the POA conference room. The Board Meeting will be Wednesday, July 24, at 1:30 p.m., in the Yacht Club. I encourage all Villagers to attend the Board meetings so you can see for yourself the significant work your seven-member, all-volunteer Board of Directors puts forward in steering the POA ship.

### **Tell-E-Gram signup**

Do you subscribe to the Tell-E-Gram? If so, thank you for subscribing. If not, here's what you are missing.

Each week, our communications staff sends out a Tell-E-Gram on Tuesday and Friday. The Gram is an email with links to the twice-a-week electronic newsletter.

It is chock full of articles and pictures of events taking place in the Village. It also has features on what's happening at the Yacht Club and what's showing on Channel 3. You occasionally will see an article From the Boardroom where one or more POA Board Members write about something important to our community.

If you subscribe to the Gram, you will also get the once-a-week Tell-Events on Monday morning. This is a just-the-facts run down of all the events in Tellico Village that we know about.

How do you subscribe? Simply send an email to [Gram@tvpoa.org](mailto:Gram@tvpoa.org) with your full name, and send it from the email address where you want to receive your Gram. Happy reading.

**From the Boardroom**

## **Tellico Village Senior Living Complex**

**By Joe Marlette, TVPOA Board President**

The Tellico Village POA has finally acquired the undeveloped property surrounding The Neighborhood, approximately 15 acres, with the objective of completing the Senior Living Complex project that was begun in 2000.

The POA sold approximately 25 acres to Tellico Senior Living (Health Solutions) in 2000 to develop a Senior Living Complex in response to the need for such a facility, as suggested by a group of property owners. Over the next few years, The Neighborhood (50 assisted living units and a memory care unit) was built and operated by Tellico Senior Living and 22 independent living condominiums were built and bought by Villagers. The original development plan called for 99 independent living condominiums surrounding The Neighborhood at full build-out.

Around the 2007 timeframe, development ceased and eventually Tellico Senior Living defaulted on its contract with the POA to complete the project. Tellico Senior Living sold The

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Neighborhood facility to Five Star in 2003, but the 22 independent living condominiums remain as an independent association, not officially connected to The Neighborhood.

Starting in 2008, the POA board and staff initiated action to buy back the remaining undeveloped land, in accordance with an option contained in the contract with Tellico Senior Living, at the original sales price for the land. It was the intention of the POA board at that time to complete the project, as the need was still there and growing for independent living facilities for those wishing to downsize with an easy connection to The Neighborhood for medical assistance, meals and social interaction.

Winston Blazer, our POA General Manager, gave an update on this process in a March article in the Connection. In early May, the POA completed the re-purchase of the undeveloped land after five years of litigation. During this time, the POA has been discussing completion of the project with developers. Many things have changed in the 13 years since this project was initiated and there may be modifications to the original project scope, but the POA is diligently pursuing completion of this project. The POA hopes to be in a position to communicate more specific plans for completion of this project in the near future.

Your POA Board and Staff are excited about the prospect of completing this vision for the benefit of the property owners. We believe that this project can add value to our community and can also provide a foundation for more initiatives to meet the growing needs of our population. The POA will incorporate the information from the HOA Focus Groups initiative as it proceeds with development efforts. I will be participating in the HOA forum on the STAYinTV initiative on Thursday, July 11, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Church. I hope Villagers take the opportunity to come hear about progress on these initiatives.

We will communicate more details about this important project in the weeks and months ahead. Thanks for your patience through this long legal process.

## **Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...**

### **Spence Field Hike June 26**

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Wednesday, June 26, from Chota Center to hike:

- SPENCE FIELD FROM CADES COVE
- Distance: 10.5 miles round trip
- Rating: Strenuous
- Driving time: 1.25 hours
- Leader: Hamish deWilde, 860-716-4016 or [signal53@aol.com](mailto:signal53@aol.com)

This trail begins at the circular parking area of the picnic area at Cades Cove. Spence Field is quite a challenge. The trail is very rocky and steep but the rewarding view at Spence Field is well worth the effort. Most of the guide books describe the trail as one of the most rewarding in the park. A good supply of water and high energy food is needed especially if the weather is hot. We should arrive at Spence Field in time for lunch. At the shelter near Spence Field, there is a spring, but the water needs to be treated. Hiking pole(s) are very helpful on this hike.

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](http://www.tvhikers.com).

### **Patriotic Celebration July 3**

The service clubs of Tellico Village, supported by local businesses, will hold the annual July 4 celebration on 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, rain or shine. Come to the Village Square for patriotic/Christian music from Tamara Comstock and the East Tennessee Concert Band. There will be games, food, rock climbing, a bounce house, face painting and a classic car show. Contact Michele Pubillones for questions or more information, (H) 865-458-6111,(C) 423-807-6661, or [luzlabs@bellsouth.net](mailto:luzlabs@bellsouth.net).

### **Fishing Club Meets July 10**

The Tellico Village Fishing Club will meet 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, in the Yacht Club. This month's guest speaker from TWRA is Travis Scott to discuss trout fishing and the hatchery beyond Bald River Falls. Visitors are welcome. For more information, contact Chuck Stoeffler, Fishing Club President, 865-643-1410.

## **Charitable Events and Fundraisers**

### **Kiwanis Charity Golf Outing To Benefit Kids Sept. 7**

"We are all about Kids," said Chuck Hitch, President of Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village. "That's our mission." This is underscored with enthusiasm by Bob Bland, Chairman of this year's Charity Golf Outing. Bob invites you to join in the fun and help support the area's deserving children. The event is Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Links at Kahite, and is held exclusively to benefit the kids.

To participate as a player, there is a registration fee of \$45 plus cart and green fees.

The registration fee includes a continental breakfast and a buffet lunch. Breakfast is at 8 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Many prizes have been generously donated by local businesses and individuals.

There will be contests and prizes for longest drive, straightest drive, closest to the pin, pitch and putt, and a putting contest. Everyone will have a great opportunity to win.

The Golf Outing is a four-person, modified scramble for both men and women. The event is limited to the first 108 players. This is a popular event and is usually sold out early. Individuals who do not have a team can sign up individually.

Information and registration forms will be located at all Tellico Village golf pro shops , the Yacht Club, the Wellness and Recreation Centers.

Contact Rick Bailey at 865-408-2563 for player registration.

## **Yacht Club Offerings and Upcoming Special Events**

- Attention **Poppa Hoppa** fans: Tiki Bar will have the Southern Star Band performing June 28. Poppa Hoppa had an injury.
- **Seafood Week** will be June 25-29. Chef Warren will have several seafood options available, finishing the week (Saturday, June 29) with Snow Crab Legs on special. One and a quarter pounds for \$20 plus tax and gratuity!

- **All-You-Can-Eat Buffet** 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, will be Mexican theme, \$13 all inclusive. We will also have a limited a la carte menu available for those who prefer regular dining.
- **Tiki Bar** is back every Friday at 6 p.m. DJ Mike White appears July 5 and 19; DJ Lou appears July 12 and 26.
- **Cruising on the Patio** has begun at the Yacht Club every Sunday noon- 5 p.m. Come on your boat or anyway you can for drinks and food from the grill. (Will be canceled on days that it rains.)
- Don't forget **Independence Day** is coming soon! The Yacht Club will be having a patio party on July 4. Tickets are \$10 and can be bought at the Yacht Club. There will be food from the grill, live music, drinks and dancing plus fireworks at sundown. Admission will get you a free house drink from the bar, but the grill is not included in this price. The dining room will be closed that day for this special event. Get your tickets now!
- **Comedy Night** is coming to the Yacht Club July 23 featuring Tom Mabe. He will have an opening act. Tickets are on sale now for \$50 all inclusive. This includes a buffet dinner and a complimentary house specialty cocktail with the show. Cocktails begin 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., and the show at 7:30 p.m.
- Lunch is now open at the Yacht Club for the summer season, Wednesdays-Fridays, noon -2 p.m. Come and enjoy!
- 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.

Tellico Village can now be found on Facebook. Follow this link or search and "like" our page to see the Yacht Club calendar and more: [www.facebook.com/pages/Tellico-Village/107440545979485](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tellico-Village/107440545979485)

### **On a Special Note...**

Did you know you can find the Yacht Club calendar and menus online? Go to [www.TellicoVillagePOA.org](http://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.**

### **How are we doing?**

We appreciate your business and are committed to providing you and your family and friends with quality services. Please take a moment to complete a short survey online:

**[YachtClubSurvey.com](http://YachtClubSurvey.com)**

## **Nextdoor.com Tips**

Nextdoor.com has more than 1,700 members in the Village and the site is growing every day. It has proved to be popular for posting classified ads and recommendations for services. One advantage to the site is that it is only available to residents, and all requests for membership must be approved by one of the "Leads."

Sometimes members complain about the amount of email they receive, but there's an easy resolution to that problem. Every member should check their *Settings*, where email changes can be made. To make changes, click on your name in the upper right corner and select *Settings*. At the top

of the next screen, select *Email*. This is where you make your choices about the kind and volume of email you wish to receive.

Posting items in the classifieds is simple and straightforward—there are no categories to worry about. If you want to make a recommendation or are seeking a recommendation, however, you should not make a “general” post. When you first click *Recommendations*, you’ll see a listing at the top of overall categories. Select your category to see a listing of subcategories. If you’re looking for a dentist, for example, select “Medical and Dental,” then select “Dentist” and check the currently posted listings. You may find your answer without having to post another “Do you know a good ...” message. For a complete listing of the categories cross-referenced by topic, go to *Documents* and select “Recommendations: Selecting the right category.” And when you post your recommendation, make sure your title gives readers a clear picture of the message!

Nextdoor.com is meant to be a medium for sharing information, not a social network such as Facebook. Whereas messages such as “I’m so glad you found your cat!” are nice, they do make sifting through information more tedious. (Remember, you can always send a “private” message.)

Messages with questionable content may be “flagged” (click the dropdown arrow, then *Flag*) and the Leads will review them for possible deletion. The Leads will always remove postings with offensive language or those promoting political or religious views. And remember, you may always delete your own messages if you think they have no further value to the community (e.g., you found your cat).

Finally, if you want to know how to do something on the site, check *Documents* first. You may find your answer is already there!

*Submitted by Karen Brown*

### **Reciprocal Courtesy Cards for Yachting Clubs of America Available**

Property owners can purchase Reciprocal Courtesy Cards for the Yachting Clubs of America in the POA office for \$20. The card will allow you to frequent the more than 700 yachting clubs which, like TVYCC, are members of the association. There are YCA affiliated yacht clubs throughout the USA and its territories. For more information about YCOA, go to [www.ycaol.com](http://www.ycaol.com); the website that tells about the Association and all the yacht clubs that are members. Stop by the POA office to learn where member clubs are. For other questions about the program, call Mitzi Lane, 865-458-5408, extension 4116.