

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, July 23, 2013

POA Meetings and Events (note irregular dates/times/locations):

- **POA Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, Yacht Club (irregular date)**
- **Long Range Planning Advisory Committee, 10 a.m. Thursday, July 25, POA Office**
- **Recreation 101, 12:30 p.m. Thursday, July 25, Wellness Center**
- **Public Services Advisory Committee, 1 p.m. Thursday, July 25, POA Office**

General Manager Grateful for Good Works

By Winston Blazer, General Manager

As General Manager, I am often grateful for the good works of Villagers and POA staff members. This month I wanted to express my gratitude to several groups of people.

I am grateful for the members of the STAY in TV committee. STAY means Seniors Taking Action Year-round, and the members of that committee are taking significant action to mold a better future for Tellico Village.

I am grateful for the volunteers and golf staff members who once again put together a fantastic member-guest tournament. The golfers and their guests had a great time playing and competing. I am also grateful for the Yacht Club and clubhouse staff members who did such a great job feeding our tournament participants.

I am grateful for active seniors who have excelled at their chosen competitive sport and brought accolades to Tellico Village. I am speaking of the recent accomplishments of the Lakers softball team, the badminton champions and stellar pickleball players who continue to lead the way in this new and interesting sport. Other Village athletes excel in other sports throughout the year; these just happen to coincide in recent tournament action here and across the state.

I am grateful for our recreation staff who do such a great job with the dozens of children who attend Camp Tellico each year. And I would be remiss if I didn't also give a shout out to the golf staff who teach these young folks the basics of golf at the clinic that runs in conjunction with Camp Tellico. Great job all the way around.

Finally, I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside professional service staff members as they continue to provide for the needs of Tellico Village. These staff members could not do everything they do without the help and advice of dozens of volunteer Villagers who help out along the way.

What a great community we all live and work in. I hope Villagers and staff feel the same way as I.

Board candidates needed

We are nearing that time of year when Villagers can apply for and declare their candidacy to run for one of the available Board of Directors seats in the Fall election. Polls don't open until November, but applications are due by mid-September. Serving on the Board is a great way to give back to your community and have a voice in the governance of Tellico Village.

Applications will be available beginning in August at the POA Administrative offices.

Committee seats need volunteers

The POA will begin accepting applications for volunteers to fill seats on several of the advisory

committees beginning in September. If you are interested in serving the community by sitting on one of the committees, application packets are available at the POA administrative building. I encourage anyone thinking about serving on a committee to attend a committee meeting or two over the next couple of months to see how the process works here in Tellico Village. Schedules of committee meetings may be found in the Connection, on Channel 3 or in the Tell-E-Gram.

Applications will be accepted until Oct. 1. Later in October, managers will schedule meetings with applicants to put the best folks on the committee that matches their expertise and fills a need for the POA. The Board of Directors will approve and install new committee members at the December Board meeting.

Budget meetings on the horizon

It's that time of year again...time for budget meetings as the POA staff begins the process of looking at the 2014 budget and five-year plan. The first budget meeting is not until September, but August is the month the individual departments start looking at budgetary items with their committees. We always encourage interested Villagers to attend committee meetings.

The entire budget meeting calendar will be posted in the Tell-E-Gram and on the website in August. Expect to see that meeting calendar in the August edition of the Connection as well.

POA 101 next month

The next session of POA 101 is Thursday, August 29 at 10 a.m. at the Yacht Club on the top floor. POA 101 is a session for newcomers or Villagers who would like a refresher on Village governance and finances. Attendees will receive a comprehensive packet of information about Tellico Village and the complementary Tellico Village license plate.

Recent attendees have given feedback via our short survey that they are very pleased with the kind of information they garner by attending this hour-long session.

Anyone wanting to attend is strongly encouraged to RSVP with Patty Robichaud in the Public Relations Department at (865) 458-5408, ext. 4115. Your RSVP will ensure that we have enough handouts for all attendees.

Proposed site plan online

In case you haven't seen it yet, the Dohi Activity and Wellness Complex Use Plan is online at www.tellicovillagepoa.org. Once you are on the website, click on Long Range and check out the plan.

There were a lot of items baked into the plan that we asked the architects to consider when laying out the area. What they have done is designed the best use of the land surrounding the Wellness Center. We have pickleball courts, additional tennis courts, walking paths, an amphitheatre, a community performance center, an outdoor swimming pool and a medical office building.

It's important to note that none of these items have been voted on and approved. There are a couple of these items that will be discussed as we go through our 2014 budget and five-year plan discussion later this summer. But, it remains to be seen what we will be able to fund next year and in future years.

This is a look ahead at what might occur around the Wellness Center area as additional amenity

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projects are planned, approved and funded over the next several years and decades.

Driving in the Rain

Just a reminder, the State of Tennessee requires drivers to have their car headlights on during rain, fog, and other times when visibility can be a factor. Let's keep our roads safe!

Yacht Club Offerings and Upcoming Special Events

- The Yacht Club will be **closed for lunch in the dining room Wednesday, July 24**, for a private meeting.
- **Tiki Bar** is back every Friday at 6 p.m. DJ Lou appears July 26. and Aug. 23. DJ Mike White appears Aug. 2, Aug. 16, and Aug. 30 .
- **All-You-Eat Buffet** will have an Asian theme, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, for \$13 tax included. A limited ala carte menu will also be available.
- **Tiki Bar** will be **on the dock** Friday, Aug. 9, featuring the Southern Star band. The grill will be open. (If the weather is bad, the event will be held inside.)
- We have launched our new dinner menu. Join us for dinner and see the changes.
- **Farmers Market** will be noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11, in the Yacht Club's parking lot.
- **Cruising on the Patio** is now closed due to lack of interest.
- 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.
- **Seafood Week** is July 23-July 27.
- **Devon Little** will be our **Chef** the week of Aug. 20-24.
- **Wine and Cheese Tasting** 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31. Tickets are on sale now for \$15 per person all inclusive.

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

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.

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.

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Comic Tom Mabe Performs July 23

Comedian Tom Mabe will perform at the Yacht Club Tuesday, July 23. Tickets are available for \$30 for **the show only** at 7:30 p.m.. For reservations and information, call the Yacht Club, 865-458-4363.

Mabe has been seen and heard on ABC, NBC, CMT, CNN, MSNBC and the The Bob & Tom Show. To learn more about him, go to www.TomMabe.com.

Free Recreation Day July 26

The Recreation Department is offering a free day Friday, July 26. Try out the equipment, go for a swim, work up a sweat in one of more than two dozen fitness classes, or pick up a racquet. The only thing which limits the possibilities is your not taking advantage of this special offer. Now is the time to see what you've been missing! The staff can help you with all of your wellness lifestyle needs.

FREE Health and Wellness Screening

Join Dr. Jessica Smiley-Hedrick, a Volunteer Wellness Consultant for the non-profit Foundation for Wellness Professionals, along with her team will be at the Wellness Center 9:30 a.m.-noon, July 31, to offer free screenings. Screenings will include Saliva Test for chemical toxicity, Stress Test, Blood Pressure Check, and a Physical Evaluation for traumatic injuries. The screenings are FREE and sign-ups are not required.

Hike Lakeshore Trail July 31

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will depart 7 a.m. Wednesday (note early time), July 31, from Chota Center, to hike:

- Lakeshore Trail
- Distance: 12.3 miles from campsite #76 to campsite #86
- Elevation gain: First 9 miles, flat and 100-200 feet gain, 600 feet gain in the 10th mile and a quarter
- Rating: Difficult (because of length)
- Driving time: 1.5 hours to Fontana Lake
- Boating time: 45 Minutes to campsite #76, 30 minutes back from campsite #86
- Boating Cost: \$40
- Leader: Bev Hawkins

Hikers will meet at 7 a.m. to carpool to Fontana Lake by way of Highway 129, the Dragon, for our boat ride over to campsite #76. We hope to see remnants of home sites, rock walls, 1930s car bodies, campsites, lake views, and part of the Great Smoky Mountains few people trek. The boat ride both ways is relaxing and beautiful.

Be sure to have ample water for a seven-hour July hike.

For more information, go to <http://www.tvhikers.com/>.

Auditions for "Pajama Game" Aug. 6-7

The Tellico Community Players will be holding auditions for the musical "Pajama Game":

- Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 6-7, 4-6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 7, 6:30-8 p.m.

A cast of 20-25 is required for the musical. Auditions will consist of a "cold" reading and a vocal audition (scales and/or music selection of your choice).

Major roles include:

- (Men) Hines, Prez, Sid, and Hasler (a non-singing role)

- (Women) Babe, Gladys, and Mabel

Other roles:

- (Men) Joe, First Helper, Second Helper, Charlie, Salesman, and Pop
- (Women) Mae, Brenda, Poopsie, and workers (dancers/singers)

The play will be held at Loudon High School in mid-October.

Computer Users Club Social Gathering Aug. 6

The Tellico Village Computer Users Club will have a social gathering 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, at the Family Beach Pavilion. All members and spouses are asked to provide a plat of hearty hors d'ouvres and your own beverages. Attendees will participate in the program. The door prizes will fit the setting. For more information, go to www.TVCUC.org.

HOA General Meeting Aug. 8

The HOA will hold a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, in the Yacht Club.

The agenda includes

- Lifestyles Forum II Action Teams Update
- Identity Thief Prevention Presentation by Parker Still from the Knoxville FBI office. Self Defense Techniques for Seniors Presentation by Dan Sharf from Self Defense Solutions in Maryville

Men's Senior Softball League Looking for Players

The Tellico Men's Senior Softball League is scheduled to begin fall play, at the Loudon Municipal Park on Tuesday, Sept. 10, and continue for 10 weeks. The slow-pitch league consists of six teams and they are looking for new players to fill anticipated vacancies.

If you would like to learn more about the league, you are invited to attend a meeting for current and new players 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, in Chota Recreation Center. For additional information contact League Commissioner, David Davis at 458-0952.

The league is open to men 53 (by Dec. 31) and older who reside in Loudon County or adjoining communities, such as Rarity Bay and Kahite. Cost of \$35 includes field rental, bats, balls, after game snacks and year end pizza party. All players must sign a Team Waiver Form from Loudon County.

Games are on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., and after the games, there is a social gathering where the men swap stories, enjoy snacks and beverages. In addition to the Tuesday games, there are optional batting practices on Thursdays at 10 a.m.

All new players are required to attend at least one new player practice session on Aug. 20, 22, 27 or 29. New players need a glove and should have softball shoes with rubber cleats.

Cruising Club Meets Aug. 14

The Tellico Cruising Club will meet Wednesday, Aug. 14 (second Wednesday of every month), in the Yacht Club, with a social hour at 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. All boaters are welcome. For more information, call Commander Errol Keith, 865-458-4277.

Fishing Club Meets Aug. 14

The Tellico Village Fishing Club will meet 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, in the Yacht Club. The speaker is Tim Volland, owner of the bait and tackle store on Highway 321 in Lenoir City. He will discuss fishing on Tellico Lake. Visitors are welcome. For more information, contact Chuck Stoeffler, Club Preside, 865-643-1410.

Recent Events and Bragging Rights

Petros/Joyner Youth Center Benefits from Tellico Village Generosity

The town of Petros, TN, opened its first youth center for Morgan County on Monday, June 17. Local residents, area youths and families, along with local churches, and state and county representatives were on hand for the grand opening. Cathy Maxwell, GFWC Tellico Village Women's Club member, joined Shelby Melhorn, Founder Unicorn Inc., Bob Hubbard, Rural Appalachian Project, Randi Armes, Founder Rock Mission and two area youths in the ribbon cutting at the Rock Mission building where the Petros/Joyner Youth Center is housed.

According to GFWC Tellico Village Women's Club members, the youth center started as an idea presented by Jan Panozzo, fellow member, to Shelby Melhorn, Founder Unicorn Project. The Women's Club has been a strong supporter of the Unicorn Project for many years through its volunteering, providing material donations to the thrift shop, funding of projects and youth Christmas gift program.

Shelby Melhorn and her advisory board, local church representatives and community members seized the idea and took it to the next level. They secured the Rock Mission building in Petros, partnered with the Tellico Village Women's Club for funding to equip the center as well as build the youth programs. The mission of the Youth Center is to provide a safe place for youth of Morgan County to foster positive relationships and to build strong character.

Kathy Maxwell, Tellico Village Women's Club, presented a check for nearly \$9,000 to Shelby Melhorn and Bob Hubbard. The donated funds were used for purchasing equipment and supplies for programs. Additionally, many residents of Tellico Village donated exercise equipment to supply the work-out area of the center, as well as instruments for the music room. The center also features a game area, art room, food/beverage area and outdoor sand volleyball court and a basketball court.

Bob Hubbard, Rural Appalachian Project, says "this is just the beginning . . . Our adult volunteers will run the Center, mentor our children to give them hope and teach them that there are successful ways to live their lives."

Community leaders recognized Tellico Village Women's Club for their support and generosity with a plaque presented by Shelby Melhorn to Cathy Maxwell.

Donated funds for charitable organizations are made possible through The Tellico Village Women's Club annual home tour. For 2013, the home tour will take place at the beautiful community of WindRiver, previously known as Rarity Point. Be sure to save the date of Sunday, November 3 to visit the four fabulous homes in the "Over the River" home tour.