



POA Meetings and Events:

- **Golf Advisory Committee, 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, POA Office**
- **Finance Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15, POA Office**
- **Dock Captains, 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, POA Office**
- **POA Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, Yacht Club**

TELLICO VILLAGE POA **Tell-E-Gram**

Week Ending November 8, 2013

Village Water and Sewer Rates: A Good Value

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series about different aspects of water and sewer service in Tellico Village.

Often times perspective Villagers visit the POA main offices with a question or two about different fees and rates for services for those living in Tellico Village. One category of rates we share with them are in the sewer and water area. The sewer and water rates for Village services compare very favorably to the utility districts in our region. How do we know that? That's what the information below is all about.

The POA works with the East Tennessee Development District when comparing our rates and services to other like entities in our region. According to their website, ETDD "is a voluntary association of municipal and county governments that are located in the mid-east region of Tennessee. ETDD provides sixteen counties and fifty-six municipalities with planning and development services while also serving as a forum for local governments to solve common problems associated with economic development and growth."

When compared to other utility districts, two interesting ratings emerge from the numbers. Tellico Village has the second lowest rate for water among 29 districts in the Annual Utility Rate Survey, and the Village has THE lowest rates for sewer service of the 16 districts in the survey.

That's great news for Villagers, especially given the added value of the fantastic customer service our residents enjoy whenever that pesky sewer alarm sounds in the wee hours of the morning. Many Villagers have had the unpleasant experience of a water leak or sewer alarm, but that unpleasantness is quickly replaced by the good feeling they get when one of the Public Works staff members responds to the emergency.

"I am frequently told by Villagers how much they appreciate the high level of service delivered by our staff during odd hours," said General Manager Winston Blazer. "Our water and sewer staff does a great job caring for our systems as they continue to age."

It's always a surprise when that call comes in after midnight, but it's all part of the job.

"My guys enjoy the appreciative handshakes and hugs they get when they respond to an alarm situation...and the occasional cookie," said Jeff Gagley, Public Works Director.

"Our workers take great pride in a quick response and getting the problem solved."

You can learn more about ETDD by visiting their website at www.ETDD.org.

Kahite Clubhouse Restaurant in Transition

Between now and the end of 2013, the POA will be working to reorganize the restaurant operations at the Kahite Clubhouse. As future plans take shape, we will communicate via Tell-E-Gram and Chelsea over the next several weeks. Working on this project are Golf Director Jim West, Special Projects Manager Mitzi Lane, and General Manager Winston Blazer. The team is working toward adjustments to the operations of the restaurant to keep it a meeting place and eatery that is what the members want and deserve.

Right: Rob Simpson (left), Creative Director from Tombras Group, looks on as Rip Noel, pilot, prepares to launch the camera drone. On Tuesday afternoon, the marketing team spent several hours capturing video footage at several locations for the Fall photo shoot. More than 80 Villagers also participated as subjects in tennis, pickleball, golf, boating and fishing. The video images will be combined with images and footage previously captured for a new DVD which will be sent to prospective Villagers. The new DVD should be ready by late January.



Charitable Events and Fundraisers

Hugs for Our Soldiers Seeks Volunteers

If you have thought about a way you could help support our troops, well you have an opportunity this Saturday. Looking for 3 more volunteers to help labeling and sorting supplies into bins (to prepare for care packages). The event will take place in Maryville 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9.

Hosted by Hugs for Our Soldiers - an organization founded by Kathy Orcutt (Kahite resident). Please visit our website to find out details on our all-volunteer organization: <http://www.hugsforoursoldiers.org/>

If you can help, please call Andrea Johnson, Helping Hands Coordinator, 865-657-3204.

Holiday Craft and Bake Sale Nov. 16

With the holidays just around the corner, The Crafters of the Community Church in Tellico Village invite you to bring your Christmas list and shop at their annual Holiday Craft and Bake Sale 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 16. The event is being held in the Community Church at Tellico Village's Christian Life Center.

When was the last time you went to an old-fashioned bazaar? An event that sells hand-crafted merchandise with boutique quality, but reasonably priced. Each year these very talented crafters come together on Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m.-noon to enjoy the fellowship and share their many gifts. The craft sale is a 23-year tradition that brings in the crowds and enables the crafters to put over \$20,000 back into the community each year. At the end of the year funds are distributed to charities such as the Child Advocacy Center, Good Samaritan and Good Shepherd Centers, Habitat, scholarships and many other non-profit organizations.

Everyone is welcome to come and share in the fellowship on Monday mornings and to support the community outreach. We also hope you will take time to come to an excellent old-fashioned bazaar and get a great start on your holiday shopping.

Tellico Village United Way Campaign Ongoing

Did you know that Iva's Place is about to receive a United Way of Loudon County matching challenge grant of \$12,500 to help furnish the soon to be constructed abused women's shelter? It is just one of the 34 agencies involving health and basic need that United Way supports on a continuing basis.

So far in this fall's campaign, \$68,777 has been collected through 457 contributions, which is 80.9% of our goal of \$85,000. However, there are 858 prior village contributors that have not yet contributed this year! Please send your contributions to our Village treasurer:

Bob Mugge
118 Oostanali Way
Loudon, TN 37774

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; 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.

2014 Budget Meeting Schedule for 2013-2014

- Nov. 13, Board second review of final draft, if needed, 10 a.m. to noon, Yacht Club downstairs
- Nov. 20, Board approval of 2014 Budget, regular monthly Board meeting
- Dec. 2, mail assessment coupon books to property owners
- Jan. 15, 2014, true up beginning cash balances for actual yearend; adjust cash flow statements and review at regular monthly Board meeting
- Jan. 30, 2014, distribute printed copies of 2014 Budget and Five-Year Plan

Online Survey Results Continue to Roll In

Approximately 600 Villagers have already ventured online to participate in the POA survey. The survey information and login were sent with the quarterly newsletter a little more than a week ago. It was that bright green sheet of paper included with the light brown colored newsletter. Paper copies of the survey are also available.

Any problems or questions at all, don't hesitate to call Patty Robichaud, 865-458-5408 ext. 4115; or John Cherry, 865-458-5408 ext. 4105.

To go directly to the survey (some Villagers are having trouble entering the website into their URL bar), click on www.TellicoSurvey.com.

Free PGA Professional Golf Demonstration and Clinic Nov. 9

Join the golf pro staff 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Toqua Golf Course. This clinic's topic is the fundamentals of iron play. Come along and learn the correct technique to hit those piercing, accurate iron shots into the green which will ultimately lead to many more birdies and pars. Please come out, join us, and bring a friend!

Notice of a commercial permit application for Tellico Village

Dollar General is proposing to build a new store at the intersection of Route 444 and Mialaquo Road.

The application will be presented to the Architectural Control Committee at the Nov. 21 meeting. The meeting will be held in the **Yacht Club, bottom floor**, beginning at 9 a.m.

Contact Clayton Taylor, 865-458-4522 or ctaylor@tvpoa.org, with any questions or comments. Residents are encouraged to come to the ACC office to see renderings of the proposed building.

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Hike Abrams Falls Nov. 11

The Muddy Boots Hiking Club will leave 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11 (rain date Nov. 18), from Chota Center to hike:

- Abrams Falls Hike in the Smoky Mountains
- Rating: MODERATE
- Distance: 5 miles
- Elevation Gain: 340 ft.
- Leader: Phil and Donna Olson, e-mail: olsnphil48@gmail.com

Abrams Falls trail travels through pine and oak forests and along ridges with spruce and hemlocks that border Abrams Creek. While Abrams Falls is only 20 feet high, that is more than made up for by the large volume of water cascading over the falls. The falls are part of Abrams Creek which is the longest stream entirely within the boundaries of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Hiking boots and hiking stick(s) are recommended. Bring ample water and a trail lunch to eat at the Falls. Carpooling is recommended and will be set up the morning of the hike. Driving time is approximately 90 minutes from Chota Center. Passengers are asked to contribute \$5 to the driver to help cover gas.

Tellico Village Bird Club

The Tellico Village Bird Club will meet 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, in Chota Rec Center. For more information, call Claire Manzo, 865-6579886.

Tellico Top Notes Rehearsal Schedule

The Tellico Top Notes hold practice/rehearsal 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays (Nov. 12 and 26) each month in the Yacht Club. Nick Azelborn, 865-408-0256.

Tellico Cruising Club Meets Nov. 13

The Tellico Cruising Club meets the second Wednesday of each month in the lower level of the Yacht Club. We start with a social hour at 5 p.m. The club meeting will start at 6 p.m. Only two meetings left to retain your membership. All boaters are welcome. For more information, call Commander Errol Keith, 865-458-4277.

Ladies Book Club Meets Nov. 14

The Tellico Village Ladies Book Club will have lunch 11:30 a.m. followed by a book discussion at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, in the Tanasi Clubhouse. This month's book is the fiction *The Magician's Assistant*, by Ann Patchett. The discussion leader is Connie Eichenauer.

HOA General Meeting and Election Nov. 14

The HomeOwners Association will hold a general meeting 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, in the Yacht Club. The agenda includes:

- Volunteer recognition night
- Election of the 2014 HOA Board of Directors
- 25th Anniversary of the HOA
- Honoring the pioneers of the HOA

Thyme for Herbs Meets Nov. 15

Thyme for Herbs will meet 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15, in Chota Recreation Center, for their holiday luncheon. Everyone is to bring a dish to share. Jean Harvey will share her experiences from the Wise Women's Weekend. Call Mary Garner, 865-408-0337, if you have not signed up yet or if you have questions.

Hike Rich Mountain Loop Nov. 20

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will leave 8 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, from Chota Center to hike:

- **RICH MOUNTAIN LOOP**
- Distance: 8.5 Miles
- Rating: Moderate
- Elevation Gain: 1.750 feet
- Driving time: 1.5 hours
- Leader: John Winn, 865-675-6272 or john.winn@gmail.com

This is a loop hike combining three trails (Crooked Arm Ridge, Indian Grave Gap, and Rich Mountain Loop) and hiking along the ridge on the north side of Cades Cove. The hike begins near the entrance to Cades Cove. With no foliage on the trees, from the ridge top we will have outstanding views of Cades Cove, Tuckaleechee Cove, and Townsend. We will also pass and visit the John Oliver cabin.

This is a great hike for someone who feels comfortable doing a moderate 5- or 6-mile hike and wants to try something a little longer/harder.

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.

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting Nov. 20

The Friends of the Tellico Village Library Board of Directors will hold their Annual Meeting 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, in the Community Center at Christ Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 260 Wade Road West, Loudon.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for coffee and dessert prior to the meeting and help us celebrate the Library's first birthday in our new home in the Library Complex on Irene Lane.

The business portion of the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. This will include a retrospective of the Library's evolution and the activities and accomplishments of this past year, a remarkable list which we can all be proud of. We will also hold the election of the Friends of the Tellico Village Library Board of Directors for 2014.

We encourage everyone to attend this yearly meeting; it is a good time to become acquainted with the Friends Board and hear about all the latest happenings at YOUR public library! As an added bonus Doug Christman has donated his new book "The Story of a Library in Search of a Home – A Twenty Year Journey, 1994-2013," and some lucky attendee will receive this donated signed copy.

Doug Christman, a local photography treasure, has written a book which chronicles the history of The Public Library at Tellico Village. It's a wonderful retelling of the evolution of the Library and of the people whose faith and perseverance made it possible. We encourage everyone to take a look at this fabulous book, which is on display in the conference room at the Library. Within its pages is an inspiring journey we can all experience again and again. We are indebted to Doug for giving us this treasure.

This extraordinary book is available at the Library for a donation of \$75. Please inquire at the circulation desk. As always, we remind you that this is a privately funded public library and your donations enable us to continue with the fantastic, informative and educational offerings which have become a signature of The Public Library at Tellico Village.

POA 101 Nov. 21: POA 101 is a program presented by TVPOA staff to give property owners an overview of Village governance and history. Maps, governing documents, Tellico Village license plate and more are given to participants. The next session is: **2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, Yacht Club.** Reservations are required. Call Patty Robichaud, 865-458-5408 ext. 4115, or email probichaud@tvpoa.org.