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POA Meetings and Events:

- **Architectural Control Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, POA Office**
- **Finance Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17, POA Office**
- **Dock Captains, 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, POA Office**
- ***POA Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, Yacht Club (irregular date)***

What's Up with the Power?

By John Cherry, Public Relations Manager

Tellico Villagers have experienced a couple of power outages over the last week. To get a better idea of what happened, what to do and what Loudon Utilities Board is doing for the Village, Jeff Gagley, Public Works Director, and I visited with LUB representatives today.

What happened?

Last Friday, Jan. 3, there was a breaker overload at the sub-station that serves the Tellico Village area. LUB crews repaired the breaker failure by using a temporary workaround tying two breakers together to provide power. That temporary fix is in place until a permanent repair can be made. LUB contracts out sub-station repair work of this nature, and that work should be complete over the next couple of weeks.

On Tuesday at approximately 6 a.m., with temperatures hovering near zero, a power regulator went out. Regulators serve the function of regulating the power supply at a consistent voltage. When that regulator went out, the temporary breaker repair from Friday actually held and did its job.

Crews went to work replacing the failed regulator. They were able to get that repair done in a few hours in spite of the dangerously cold temperatures, and LUB went about the difficult and time consuming chore of restoring power.

Even after the repair was complete, Villagers experienced power fluctuations. This was due to the tremendous load on the system. It was severely cold, and the power requirements of Village homes were straining the system to its maximum load.

What to do?

Residents can help in situations like this by lessening the load on the system when power is going to be restored. When power goes out, it's a good idea to turn off or unplug as many appliances and electronics as possible. Make sure you leave something on to indicate power has been restored. By turning off appliances, customers help by lessening the load when power is initially restored, and you lessen the risk to electronics from overload.

When customers experience a power outage, calling LUB and reporting it is actually helpful. When you call, quickly provide your name, phone number and address. This helps the LUB technicians determine the scope of the outage. By providing your phone number, you have also provided a way for LUB to call and determine if their repairs have completely restored service.

What is LUB doing?

LUB is doing a couple of things in response to the events from the past week. They are looking at what happened in order to improve maintenance, crew response and customer service. They are also looking at long-term upgrades that should provide better and more consistent service, especially in the northern portion of the Village.

"We're going to learn from this and improve," said Mike Lambert, Assistant Manager and Finance Officer. "We've got to do what we can to do a great job."

One of the long-term solutions to providing more consistent power to the northern portion of the Village may include more regulators on the system. More regulators may provide a technical solution to outages like the ones from this week, and should provide better service in the future.

Even farther into the future, LUB will look into the possibility of building another sub-station at the northern end of Tellico Village. However, that is an expensive and long-term project.

Bottom line

The staff and management of LUB are working hard to provide the best electric service to Tellico Village residents and businesses.

Watch our communications channels for further updates and information on this subject.

Winter Weather Events

With winter here, the Tellico Village Public Works Department (TVPWD) wants to explain a little about what is done to prepare for these events.

As with everything, the key is planning, and weather events are no different. Starting shortly after Labor Day, the maintenance staff for TVPWD starts checking plows, spreaders, salt inventory, and brine making equipment to make sure that everything is in good working order.

As for the salt, securing low prices from vendors and making sure that we have an allotment set aside for TVPWD, becomes a priority. We need enough to cover what we believe we will need to get through winter weather events.

Brine is made in-house by the TVPWD and is made ahead of time when snow or ice is in the forecast. Crews are made up of all TVPWD employees and are divided into two teams. When snow or ice is predicted, one of the crews are put on standby for a quick response to the event. In most cases when rains are not predicted, the teams will spread brine on the main roads to help with the melting of the coming snow or ice.

All streets are assigned a rating (high, medium and low) priority for treating and plowing, and operations manuals are placed in each of the trucks.

Teams are trained on new equipment that may have been added and refreshed on equipment that is not used as much in the Village.

The teams stay in the Village until roads are cleared, parking lots are cleaned and sidewalks are treated. We closely monitor the Fire Departments for any emergencies that may occur in case they need assistance in getting to the scene. We also monitor other local agencies in the county. On Channel 3, we place messages at the bottom of the screen, called crawlers, telling of road conditions.

The main thing to remember is that TVPWD is here for you during these events.

Free PGA Professional Golf Demonstration and Clinic Jan. 11

Join the golf pro staff 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at Toqua. Mark Wickenden and Adam Jacob will go over the fundamentals required to be successful with your wedge play.

They will cover all aspects of wedge use from greenside chips to full shots. Please come out, join us, and bring a friend!

Charitable Events and Fundraisers

Soup's On Jan. 22

The Kids First Child Advocacy Center will be hosting its ninth annual Soup's On fundraising event on Wednesday, Jan. 22, in the Tellico Village Community Church Christian Life Center. Lunch will be

served 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; dinner will be served 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Soup choices include our most popular "Blackfoot Potato-Sausage Soup," hearty vegetable soup, a chicken-based soup, a vegetarian soup, and our delicious Hunter's Chili. Also there will be homemade breads and cookies. This event offers not only a chance for friends to gather together and enjoy a warm bowl of soup, but it provides an opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Child Advocacy Center as it serves victims of child abuse.

Fundraising is a necessity as it is with most non-profits. The CAC receives funding from federal, state, and local governments, Untied Way, churches, local organizations, grants, businesses, memorials and individual contributions. The need for services continues to increase, and the cost of providing the services increases also. Please give us your support. The children we serve need our help. They never asked to be VICTIMS, but we can help them become SURVIVORS.. For more information call 865-986-1505 or visit www.kidsfirsttn.org.

Pre-Super Bowl Party Jan. 24

The Friends of the Tellico Village Public Library would like everyone to know that signups for the Pre-Super Bowl Party To Support The Public Library at Tellico Village are now being accepted at the Library's circulation desk. This fun event will be held at the Tellico Village Yacht Club 7-11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, 2014. Friends Members \$10/Non-Friends \$15. Please make checks payable to FOTVL. Deadline for refund Jan. 17. Contact Bev Cottle, 865-414-9150, for more information. Music will be donated by Lou Robitaille. Make reservations for dinner at The Blue Heron at the Yacht Club as dessert will be provided. Vote on who you think will win the Super Bowl, prizes will be given out to the winning guesses after the Super Bowl Game. Sign-up will also be at January New Villagers and HOA Socials as well as at The Public Library at Tellico Village Circulation Desk.

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Hike Sinking Creek Branch of East Shoreline Trail Jan. 13

The Muddy Boots Hiking Club will depart 8:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 13, from Chota Center (across from the gas station), to hike:

- Sinking Creek Branch of the East Lakeshore Trail
- Distance: 4.5 miles
- Rating: Easy
- Leader: Larry Elders

This hike follows the east shore of Tellico Lake, opposite Tellico Village. It extends from the Coytee trailhead to the Sinking Creek trailhead offering many scenic views of Tellico Lake. No restrooms on the trail.

Directions and parking locations will be given the morning of the hike. Bring water. Hiking boots and hiking sticks are recommended. Carpooling is recommended; passengers are asked to contribute \$2 to the driver to help cover gas, etc. The hike should conclude before noon; optional lunch at the Tanasi restaurant. Questions: email: nvmuddyboots@gmail.com

Mah Jongg - Open Play

- Jan. 16, first and third Thursday of each month, 1-4 p.m., Chota Rec Center, Room D
- Jan. 14 and 28, second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 1-4 p.m., Chota Rec Center, Room B
- Jan. 27, fourth Monday of each month, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Chota Rec Center, Room D

Please wear your name tag!

If you have any questions, please call Carolyn Neely, 865-458-1323, carolynneely@charter.net.

Tellico Top Notes Rehearsal Schedule

The Tellico Top Notes hold practice/rehearsal 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays (Jan. 14 and 28) each month in the Yacht Club. Nick Azelborn, 865-408-0256. We are always looking for more musicians!

Art Guild Meeting Features Professional Artist Carl Gombert Jan. 16

The Art Guild of Tellico Village's monthly meeting will be 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, on the top floor of the Yacht Club. Guild members and guests are encouraged to attend. Proceedings include a meet-and-greet and a brief business meeting prior to the featured presentation by artist Carl Gombert. Carl Gombert was born in Brimfield, Ohio in 1959. He started taking painting lessons at the age of 14 with money he earned delivering newspapers. He earned a BFA in drawing from the University of Akron and an MFA in Painting from Kent State University. He worked as a stagehand before pursuing a Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Fine Arts at Texas Tech University. He has exhibited in more than 150 shows throughout the country, and his work is in numerous public collections. Since 1993 has taught painting, drawing and art history at Maryville College in Tennessee.

Mr. Gombert will be speaking about stamped geometrics called "mandalas" with a demonstration following.

New Beginning Tai Chi Class Begins Jan. 16

The Taoist Tai Chi Society will offer a beginning Tai Chi class 10:30 a.m.-noon beginning Thursday, Jan. 16, in the Wellness Center. (You do not need to be a member of the Wellness Center to attend these classes.) This four-month session will teach you the 108-movement exercise set. For more information, contact Gail Eades, 865-599-6785.

Taoist Tai Chi is a slow movement "internal" form of the ancient Chinese martial art. It is widely known for its health benefits, for increased flexibility and strength, for improved balance, and for taming the "busy mind." It can be practiced by people of all ages and physical conditions.

The Taoist Tai Chi Society is a tax-exempt, charitable and all-volunteer organization. Their qualified instructors donate their time in order to share the health-giving benefits of Tai Chi.

Women's Club Welcome Coffee Jan. 16

Our 2014 GFWC Tellico Village Women's Club Welcome Coffee is coming up 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 16. Please RSVP to Sam McQueeney at samnskip@charter.net if you are interested in attending. If you cannot attend the Welcome Coffee, but are interested in finding out more, please come to the Jan. 27 meeting. At the Welcome Coffee, Sam McQueeney will be the moderator, Michele, club president, will say a few words, then the department heads will give a brief overview of their departments: Conservation/Public Issues; Art/Education; Home Life; International Outreach.

GFWC Tellico Village Women's Club is affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which has headquarters in Washington D.C. The club is primarily a service organization, and members contribute significantly to their communities through their various volunteer efforts.

In 2012, thanks to the memberships fundraising efforts, The Tellico Village Women's Club was able to make donations the following:

- Furnishings for a Teen Center in Perto/Wartburg, TN
- The Summer Reading Program at The Public Library at Tellico Village
- Loudon County Habitat for Humanity
- Smokey Mountain Service Dogs
- The Women's Crisis Center
- Yellow Dot Program
- Child Advocacy Center

- TAP Computer Club
- Tellico Village Community Concerts
- The Heifer Program
- Kisima Orphanage

Additionally, our members provide hours of volunteer services to promote literacy, enhance good community citizenship and safety, provide for those in need and improve the quality of life in the community and globally.

Club meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month at 3 p.m. except for the months of May, June, and July. Typically the meetings convene with a social hour 3-3:30 p.m. with the business meeting immediately following. Most meetings are held at the Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 260 Wade Road, Loudon, TN 37774 located on Highway 72 one mile West of Highway 444 in Loudon County, Tennessee. We would love to have you come check us out. We have a wonderful system of Big Sisters in place to help you navigate GFWC and our chapter in particular. You can volunteer as much or as little time as you like, we would just like you take a little time to get to know us and see if you feel there is a fit. Please check out our website at <http://www.tellicowomensclub.org/> to find out more.

New Bridge Classes at the Knoxville Bridge Center Jan. 19

More than 400 people play and learn bridge in the Knoxville Area Bridge Clubs each year. Bridge is a wonderful social activity for all ages— stimulating...entertaining...challenging! Come join us and make new friends. Once you start playing bridge, you will play it for the rest of your life—and at the Knoxville Bridge Center you will discover a new family/community that will also last the rest of your life.

The Center is offering two new classes starting 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19; or 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21 (attend either or both each week). Your first three lessons are free! Lessons are \$5/week after the first three.

Come by yourself or bring a partner. The Center is located at 7400 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville. Contact Jo Anne Newby at KnoxvilleEasybridge@gmail.com or (865)-539-4150.

The Knoxville Area Bridge Clubs are part of Tennessee Valley Unit 165 of the American Contract Bridge League. An ACBL-sanctioned game is held every Friday at 1 p.m. at the Chota Recreation Center. For more information on this game, contact Pat Bolz, (865) 387-8000.

T-BART Annual Meeting Jan. 23

T-BART (Tellico Boaters Assistance Response Team) invites you to its 2014 annual meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, in the Yacht Club (Sequoyah Road), top floor.

T-BART's 2013 activities and organizational status will be presented. Guest speaker, Bill Fink, a Tellico Village resident since 2005, will share recent experiences crossing the Gulf Stream and cruising the Bahamas. Bill has a lifelong affection for all things boating, holds a U.S. Coast Guard Master Captain license, is a T-BART Captain and is an Instructor and Coxswain in the Tellico CG Auxiliary flotilla. The Finks have lived and cruised throughout the world and bring a wealth of experience and stories to their cruising adventures.

Loudon County Chefs Compete Feb. 10

Lovin' Loudon County chef competition will be 4-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, in the Tellico Village Yacht Club. Enjoy tastings from some of the area's best restaurants, support for some of your favorite charities, entertainment from some of your favorite acts, activities for some of your favorite kids, and competition from some of your favorite chefs! Adult tickets are \$30 in advance or \$50 per couple. All adult tickets will be \$35 at the door. Children 12 and younger are \$5; children younger than 5 attend free. Tickets available at Loudon County Chamber of Commerce, Loudon County Visitors Bureau, and Tellico Village Property Owners Association. Tickets will also be available at the *News-Herald* beginning Monday, Jan. 13. Online ticketing is available now at: <http://lovinloudoncounty.ticketleap.com/lovin-loudon-county/>. Visit www.facebook.com/

lovinloudoncounty for more info.

Recent Events and Bragging Rights

Kiwanis Announces Respite Program

Chuck Hitch announced a new service program for the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village named **Kiwanis Respite**.

“We are aware that there are many people in our Village providing respite care to their loved ones suffering from dementia and other debilitating diseases,” said Chuck “and we wanted to provide a few hours relief to those folks based upon our core Kiwanis values of ‘service, kindness and respect.’ Kiwanis Respite is a small group of volunteers (men and women) willing to provide support to caregivers in Tellico Village. Although we have no medical experience, we do assure *confidentiality* for caregivers.”

“As you will understand, Kiwanis Respite is limited in its ability to serve everyone, so we will operate on a ‘first-come, first-serve’ basis,” said Chuck, “but we will maintain a wait list of those seeking our service.”

If you are a Tellico Village caregiver interested in the services of Kiwanis Respite, please contact Chuck Hitch at 408-2531.

Dam Bridge Information

For Villagers interested in the dam bridge construction and rerouting, go to the Tennessee Department of Transportation’s website: <http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/sr73/>. Be sure to click the various options—such as MAPS. The map selection shows where the new traffic bridge will be.

Waste Connections Recycling Explained

What can I put in my Single Sort Recycling Bin?

- Cardboard (flatten and place beside you Bin)
- Glass bottles and jars: clear, green, amber (rinse and discard lids)
- Junk mail, magazines, catalogs and phone books
- Metal cans: aluminum, steel
- Office and school paper
- Newspaper
- Plastics #1 through #7

What does NOT go into my Single Sort Recycling Bin?

- Batteries of any kind
- Bubble wrap
- Chemicals
- Diapers

- Food-soiled paper products (such as pizza boxes)

Continued: What does NOT go into my Single Sort Recycling Bin?

- Hardback books
- Household hazardous waste
- Kitchen waste
- Oil
- Paint
- Plastic Bags
- Plastic takeout containers and utensils
- Styrofoam
- Tires
- Trash
- Waxed cartons
- Yard Waste