

**POA Meetings and Events:**

- **Long Range Planning, 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, POA Conference Room**
- **Rec 101, 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, Wellness Center**
- **Public Services Advisory Committee, 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, POA Conference Room**
- **POA 101, 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, Yacht Club's top floor**

## General Manager's Report for February

By Winston Blazer, General Manager

### No Snow?

Well, another snowfall hit Tellico Village on Feb. 12 and 13. Thanks to our Public Works team, the roads were cleared and safe for travel within hours of the slackening of the snowfall.

By the numbers: Snow started on Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. and ended by 10 a.m. on Feb. 13; the roads were 99 percent cleared by 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 13; Tellico Village received between six to eight inches of snow; the temperature ranged from 28 to 34 degrees; 565 hours of manpower (regular overtime and contract) were expended; and the team spread more than six tons of salt.

Jeff Gagley leads a crew of employees who take great care of the Village infrastructure, and they really care about the safety of our Villagers. Thank you to the entire Public Works team.

I have received dozens of emails, calls and comments praising the team for a job well done. Our Public Works team is one reason it's better at Tellico Village.

### Yacht Club update

In case you missed it before, here's the latest update on your Yacht Club and the Blue Heron Restaurant.

A new contractor began management operations at the Blue Heron Restaurant at the Yacht Club Feb. 4. AWE Hospitality is the new company leading the operations staff at the Yacht Club.

Principle owner of AWE Hospitality Andy Fox is no stranger to the Yacht Club. Mr. Fox was the General Manager at the club from Dec. 2011 to Dec. 2012. "I am excited to get back to Tellico Village and lead this excellent staff to new heights of customer service," said Fox. "With Christian and Jackie on our team, we have the right people in place to deliver a fine lakeside dining experience."

Christian Barber and Jackie Newton remain in place as General Manager and Special Events/Catering Manager respectively. Mr. Barber has been with the Yacht Club almost a year, while Mrs. Newton has been an integral part of the staff for more than six years.

I am pleased that we were able to bring Andy back to the Village to lead our Yacht Club. AWE Hospitality is planning some significant events for the month of March to celebrate this changeover in management. Patrons should put March 25 on their calendar and join other Villagers at a Grand Re-opening Meet and Greet at the Yacht Club.

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## Lovin' Loudon County event a success

On Monday, Feb. 10, the Yacht Club hosted several hundred patrons for the first ever Lovin' Loudon County event. Thirty vendors, mostly from the food and beverage industry, came to the Yacht Club to show off their wares. There were ballroom dancers, musicians, and of course, chefs.

The chef competition was won by Chef Ruthann Leghezza of Riverwalk Grille and the Carmichael Event Center. She narrowly defeated the Blue Heron Restaurant chef, Jonathan Gatlin, in the finals.

Many thanks to the team who planned and pulled off the event: Allison Sousa, Stephanie Erb, Michael Bobo from the Loudon County Chamber, and John Cherry. Planning is already underway to repeat this event next year.

## POA and Rec 101

The next edition of POA 101 is Thursday, February 27 at 2 p.m. at the Yacht Club. 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.

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.

The Recreation Department also offers a Rec 101 session to tell property owners all the features available at the wellness facilities. The next Rec 101 is Thursday, February 27 at 12:30 p.m. at the Wellness Center. Please RSVP with Jessica Antrim at (865) 458-7070.

## Golf 101

There will be a Golf 101 session on Friday, Feb. 28 at 9 a.m. at Tanasi Clubhouse. Please call Tanasi at (865) 458-4707 to reserve your spot. Come learn all about the Chelsea Tee Time system, league play, free golf clinics and professional lessons.

## The Blue Heron at the Yacht Club Offerings and Upcoming Special Events

- **Seafood Saturdays**

Starting March 1, Low Country Boil and Oysters Rockefeller will be offered. These awesome offerings will change each week. Call 865-458-4363 to make your reservations.

- **"Meat" & Greet**

Tuesday, March 25, 6 p.m. Join us to meet the staff as well as try our new menu items. Cash bar will be available. Reservations are required for this event. A cash bar will be available.

- **"Tiki Tuesday"**

Why? Why Not? Join us Tuesday, April 1, at 7 p.m.

- Our new menu will be available on Wednesday, March 26.

Be on the lookout for the Monthly Calendars in your mail box!

Questions? Contact Info for the management team:

**Christian Barber:** Email: [cbarber.awehospitality@gmail.com](mailto:cbarber.awehospitality@gmail.com)

**Jackie Newton:** Email: [jnewton.awehospitality@gmail.com](mailto:jnewton.awehospitality@gmail.com)

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 online? Go to [www.TellicoVillagePOA.org](http://www.TellicoVillagePOA.org), log in or click on the POA logo, select CLUBHOUSES, click on YACHT CLUB.

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**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).

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

### **POA Survey Results Now Online**

The POA conducted a property owner survey last fall. The results are in, and the committees are working on deeper analysis of the comments provided by the more than 600 respondents. The Communications and Marketing Advisory Committee and the Long Range Planning Advisory Committee are both working to categorize the comments with the objective being to communicate highlights from the feedback received.

The data collected during the survey is available for viewing on the POA website at <http://www.tellicovillagepoa.org/images/tellico/pdfs/admin/2013-survey.pdf>. Watch the Tell-E-Gram for articles and more information gleaned from the property owner survey.

### **Medic Blood Drive Feb. 25**

Medic will be at the Chota Recreation Center 1-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25. A current ID is required to donate. Donors should be healthy, ages 17 and older, and eat a full meal four hours before giving blood. Each donor will receive a cholesterol evaluation. No fasting is necessary. One donation a year exempts you and your IRS dependents from paying blood supplier processing fees at any U.S. hospital. Appointments are NOT necessary.

### **Hike Virgin Falls, Bowater Pocket Wilderness Area Feb. 26**

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

- Virgin Falls—Bowater Pocket Wilderness Area
- Distance: approximately 11 miles
- Elevation Gain: approximately 800 feet
- Rating: Difficult
- Driving time: 2 hours
- Leader: Hamish de Wilde, 860-716-4016 or [signal530@gmail.com](mailto:signal530@gmail.com)

This trail is one of the most interesting and beautiful trails in Tennessee. It features scenic outlooks and passes by several waterfalls and cascade, including Virgin Falls, where the stream emerges from a cave and crashes 110 feet into a sinkhole.

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).

### **Coast Guard Auxiliary Meets Feb. 26**



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Tellico Lake Flotilla 12-02 will meet 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 26, for dinner and fellowship. The Flotilla meeting begins at 6:30 pm. Our meeting location is the Tanasi Restaurant in the center dining room. Tellico Lake Flotilla is growing and we welcome everyone to learn about joining other Tellico residents to help improve boating education and safety on Tellico and Watts Bar Lakes. Call Tom Murphy at 865-320-3788 for more information.

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### **C.O.P.s Presents U.S. Mail Theft, Fraud and Scams Feb. 27**

The Tellico Village C.O.P.s Program (Citizens Observer Patrol) is sponsoring a presentation entitled, "U.S. Mail Crime Opportunities." This free presentation will take place 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, on the top floor of the Yacht Club.

The C.O.P.s program is comprised of a group of volunteers from Tellico Village whose mission, in partnership with the Loudon County Sheriff's Department, is to reduce the likelihood of Tellico Village residents falling victim to crime. One component of this mission is crime prevention through education.

This quarter's crime prevention education presentation will be given by Cindy A. Mosgrove, who is a General Analyst with the United States Postal Inspection Service in Knoxville. Her presentation will touch on the prevention of mail theft from residential mail boxes and current postal scams and fraud techniques being utilized to lure targets into becoming victims. There will also be a question-and-answer session.

No reservations are required. Light refreshments will be served. The Yacht Club is located at 100 Sequoyah Road in Tellico Village.

### **HOA Mardi Gras Party Postponed**

The HOA Mardi Gras Party slated to be held on March 4 will be postponed until October. We experienced a low number of signups so we have decided to hold this event later in the season when the Snow Birds have returned back to the roost. Our plan is to replace the 2014 Monster Ball with a Mardi Gras Party. We have lots of great Mardi Gras decorations and we will transform the Yacht Club into a slice of New Orleans, who says you can only party Mardi Gras style in March! If you already gave Mary Beth Bruss, 865-408-9611, your check, she will be contacting you, she can either void it and return it to you at the next HOA Social or she can just rip it up.

### **Lady Linksters Meet March 4**

The Lady Linksters golf league is open to all Village women golfers regardless of skill level. The group plays 9 holes (but you can play 4 holes) every Tuesday morning April 1-Nov. 11, with shotgun starts, rotating among the three Village courses. A handicap is not necessary. The Linksters take their golf game seriously, but emphasis is placed on having fun and making new friends.

An informational and registration meeting will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, in the Tellico Village Yacht Club (upper level). To join the league, bring your POA number and a check for \$15 payable to Lady Linksters. For more information, contact Martha Brackett at 865-657-9162 or [goladyvols@gmail.com](mailto:goladyvols@gmail.com). Registration forms are also available at each clubhouse and can be mailed (address on form) for those who cannot attend the meeting.

### **Softball Players Wanted—Informational Meeting March 4**

The Tellico Men's Senior Softball League (TMSSL) is scheduled to begin spring play, at the Loudon Municipal Park on Tuesday, March 25, and continue for 10 weeks. The slow pitch, seven-inning league consists of six teams and they are looking for new players to fill anticipated vacancies. The league is in its 12th year of play.

The league is open to men 55 (by Dec. 31, 2014) and over. All new players will be assigned to a team and are guaranteed to play. Cost of \$50 (includes field rental for spring and fall seasons, after game snacks and yearend pizza party). All players must sign a Team Waiver Form from Loudon County. Most players have not played ball since their youth but enjoy the after game snacks and camaraderie. It's a chance to keep active and be part of the community.

There are some unique rules for senior softball that are intended to provide a margin of safety for the players. These include all bats/balls are provided by the league, no contact rule for base running, ten players in the field, extra bases at first and home plate and no metal spikes.

Games are on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., however team warm ups/batting practice begin about noon. A single game is scheduled; however a double header will occur if there was a rain out the prior week. After the games, there is a

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social gathering where the men swap stories, and enjoy snacks and beverages. In addition to the Tuesday games, there are optional batting practices on Thursdays at noon.

All new players are required to attend at least one new player practice session March 6, 11, 13 or 18. New players need a glove and should have softball shoes with rubber cleats.

If you would like to learn more about the league, you are invited to attend a meeting for current and new players 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, in Chota Recreation Center.

For additional information, contact League Commissioner, David Davis at 865-458-0952.

### **Computer Users Club Meets March 4**

The Tellico Village Computer Users Club will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, top floor of the Yacht Club. The program will include new information on using Nextdoor Tellico Village effectively, tips on using it, frequently asked questions, history and the future. Sharon Addison and members of the Leads Team will be the presenters.

### **Tellico Vintage Vehicles Meets March 5**

The Tellico Village Vintage Vehicles club will meet 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, in the Yacht Club. The car club meets on the first Wednesday every month. For more information, go to [www.TVVVintageVehicles.com](http://www.TVVVintageVehicles.com) or contact Steve West, [swest3@charter.net](mailto:swest3@charter.net).

### **Thyme for Herbs Meets March 6**

Thyme for Herbs will meet 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 6, in the Chota Recreation Center. Christian Barber, the chef at the Yacht Club, will be speaking on what herbs will be used at the Yacht Club this year. For more information, call Mary Garner, 865-408-0337.

### **Mah Jongg - Open Play**

- March 6 and 20, first and third Thursday of each month, 1-4 p.m., Chota Rec Center, Room D
- March 11 and 25, second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 1-4 p.m., Chota Rec Center, Room B
- March 24, 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](mailto:carolynneely@charter.net).

### **Tellico Top Notes Rehearsal Schedule**

The Tellico Top Notes hold practice/rehearsal 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays (March 11 and 25) each month in the Yacht Club. Nick Azelborn, 865-408-0256. We are always looking for more musicians!

### **Hike Enterprise South Nature Park March 10**

The Muddy Boots Hiking Club will depart 8:30 a.m., Monday, March 10 (rain date March 17), from the Chota Center parking lot to hike:

- Enterprise South Nature Park, near Chattanooga.
- Hike leader: Gail Eades: [g3evolution@gmail.com](mailto:g3evolution@gmail.com)
- Distance: 5 miles.
- Rating: easy.
- Elevation gain: minimal.

The park opened for public use three years ago for hiking, walking, etc. The park was originally a weapons manufacturing facility; some of the bunkers are open as historical displays for viewing.

Pack a trail lunch and water. Restrooms at the park. Car pooling set up morning of the hike. Contribute \$5 to driver for gas.