

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, December 5, 2014

POA Meetings and Events:

- Public Services Advisory Committee, 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, POA Conference Room (irregular)
- Golf Advisory Committee, 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, POA Conference Room
- Finance Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, POA Conference Room
- Dock Captains, 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, POA Conference Room

Tell 'em You're Happy!

By Joe Bogardus

It's that time again! Time to vote Tellico Village as the Happiest Community in the southeast. Last year almost 500 Villagers visited RealEstateScorecard.com (RES) and did just that: voted the community the winner of the 2014 Bliss Award as the Happiest Community in the southeast. The goal is to retain the designation for 2015.

The Bliss Award is given, in part by RES, to communities whose residents express the greatest satisfaction with the location, lifestyle, amenities and management of their communities.

Real Estate Scorecard is an industry leader in online real estate reviews, providing in depth information about the most popular master planned communities in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Bliss Award winners benefit from an extensive national public relations campaign reaching print, electronic and online media outlets.

The 2014 award proved a valuable addition to the 2014 Tellico Village marketing/communications program and resulted in numerous leads and visits from prospective residents. Villagers can play a major role in helping the 2015 campaign with their vote for the Bliss Award.

Below is information on how and where you can vote for Tellico Village as the best place to live. As part of the process, you will be asked to enter your email address to verify property ownership status. You need not to worry about privacy issues. According to Margie Casey at RealEstateScorecard.com, "These email addresses are not being added to our marketing database and will not be shared with any third party."

She adds, "There are the only two reasons RES might possibly need to contact a Bliss Award voter:

1. If we can't verify the property owner's name with public records to validate their vote. We may write the individual asking if there is another name on file in public records.
2. If we receive duplicate votes from one legal address. We will only count one 2015 Bliss Award vote per legal address. We may inform a property owner if we see duplicate address submissions."

VOTING RULES:

- Submissions will only be accepted from property owners of record. RealEstateScorecard.com has a cross check system in place to preserve the integrity of the votes.
- Property owners are to submit their vote online at RealEstateScorecard.com. **To quickly vote, click the this link:** www.RealEstateScorecard.com/node/add/property-owner-review.
- Only one 2015 Bliss Award vote per property address will count.
- Property owners can choose to vote anonymously or submit a comment with their first name

only.

- The comment section is the most important part of the Bliss Award ballot.
- Submission deadline is Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015.
- Bliss Award winners will receive national recognition and the tangible award.

So let's get out there and vote! Voting takes less than a minute. It's a great way to make a positive contribution to the marketing/communications program for Tellico Village. All you need to is just "Tell 'em it's better at Tellico Village."

Joe Bogardus is a retired marketing communications professional and Tellico Village resident that has acted as an unpaid volunteer consultant to the TVPOA in the re-launch of the Tellico Village brand and the accompanying marketing/communications program.

Volunteers, Charitable Events, Fundraisers

AmazonSmile Benefits Library

Do you normally shop Amazon.com? As you do your holiday dhopping, please consider ordering through AmazonSmile! AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support **The Public Library at Tellico Village** every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you will find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com. The added bonus is that Amazon will donate .5% of your eligible purchase to The Public Library at Tellico Village. You use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile.

Tens of millions of items are eligible for donation. Eligible products are marked “**Eligible for AmazonSmile donation**” on their product detail pages.

To shop at AmazonSmile in support of **The Public Library at Tellico Village**, simply go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/62-1577053>

- Then log into your Amazon account as you normally would.
- Once you are logged in, you will be welcomed with a pop up that informs you that your Amazon Smile purchases will support the Friends of the Tellico Village Library Inc.
- Shop and place items in the cart. A message will inform you that your purchases are eligible for an Amazon Smile donation.
- You will also receive an email from Amazon.

GFWC Women's Club Cookbook Now Available

Are you looking for a hostess gift or stocking stuffer, if so, we had just the item for you, the Women's Club Cookbook “Love with Three Sides” featuring soups, salads, and breads—all tried and true recipes from the great bakers of the GFWC - Tellico Village Women's Club! These cookbooks are a bargain at only \$5 a cookbook. contact Sam McQueeney if you would like to purchase some to give as holiday gifts, 865-657-9020. Remember that all the proceeds go to benefit local charities, please help us help them.

United Way Campaign Underway

Responses to the United Way campaign, for which everyone recently received a donor packet in their paper box, appear to be slowing down. There are a significant number of former contributors who have not yet given this year. This is a great opportunity to contribute to 39 programs and agencies serving the needs of Loudon County, including the village fire department and the computer recycling program here in the village. We are presently at 69% of our village goal of \$88,000. If you have not already done so, please review the packet information and follow the instructions on the pledge card. Mail your contribution to Bob Mugge, 118 Oostanali Way, Loudon TN 37774, or to

United Way of Loudon County, P.O. Box 145, Lenoir City TN 37771, or drop it off at the Public Library at Tellico Village. Thanks for your support.

Loudon Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 13—6 p.m. with line-up at 5 p.m. at Loudon High School

Lenoir City Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 6—6:30 p.m. with line-up at 5 p.m. in Old Yale Parking Lot

Find Us on Facebook

Tellico Village can now be found on Facebook. Follow this link or search and “like” our page: www.facebook.com/pages/Tellico-Village/107440545979485. Tellico Village is now the leader in planned community Facebook pages.

Are you interested in Rec? Send a Friend Request to TVPOA Recreation to keep up to date on Rec happenings.

Other Tellico Village groups on Facebook:

HOA: <https://www.facebook.com/TellicoVillageHomeownersAssociation>

New Villagers: <https://www.facebook.com/NewVillagerstv>

Tanasi Café: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tanasi-Cafe/390112447742369>

Tellico Community Players: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tellico-Community-Players/230251060331062>

Tellico Village LGA 18: <https://www.facebook.com/tvlg18.org>

The Public Library at Tellico Village: <https://www.facebook.com/ThePublicLibraryAtTellicoVillage>

Toqua Grill: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Toqua-Grille/461007803959586>

Does your club have a Facebook page? If so, tell us! Send an email to gram@tvpoa.org.

Recent Events and Bragging Rights

East Lakeshore Trail Complete

A group of volunteers under the direction of Bob Martin, the trail building manager for WATeR (The Watershed Assoc. of the Tellico Reservoir) recently completed the building of the East Lakeshore Trail. This project was started 12 years ago and this National Recreation Trail totals over 30 miles of beautiful hiking trails along the east coast of Tellico Lake. It is the product of a successful partnership between WATeR and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). The partnership will endure through bringing on line additional support facilities, trail improvements, continuous trail maintenance, and likely additional future spurs, loops and trail amenities. Driving directions and detailed trail branch maps are available on WATeR’s website: tellicowater.org.

Looking back on this year’s accomplishments of the trail building group, more than three miles of trail were developed, including the following features: six new bridges (two of which are 20-footers), numerous maintenance hours involving 34 Adopt-a-Trail volunteers, two new trailheads in progress and the complete paving of 4 existing trailhead parking areas, new bulletin board kiosks at Coytee and Wildcat Point trailheads, and a total of 1,722 recorded volunteer trail building hours. To help with future trail projects, it was announced that TVA has purchased and donated to WATeR a beautiful new single-axle 8X6 enclosed cargo trailer for the storage of trail building equipment and supplies. Also, with assistance from Ryan Janikula, Loudon County Mapping, a beautiful mounted 40" X 12" poster of the entire trail system has been produced for display at county visitor centers and other

prominent high exposure locations.

Pictured in this final scheduled work session of 2014 are volunteers who live in various neighborhoods around the lake: **Mel Fisher, Tom Schemberger, Jim Blaker** (a member of the first work crew 12 years ago), **Bart Margoshes, Dave Golden, Joe Kushmaul, George Zola, Dave Noble, Rob Hambrecht, Garry Lucas, John Brazil, Ben D'Ooge, Ernie Johnson** (the most senior active member at age 80), **Larry Benson, George Southworth, Gene Brownell, Oscar Lidstrom, Darrell Cuthbertson** (TVA advisor/coordinator from the onset of the project), **Larry Smartt** (keeper, maintainer, and transporter of tools for more than a decade), and trail building leader, **Bob Martin**.

Submitted by Mel Fisher

Sewing Bee Benefits Children

The GFWC – Tellico Village Women’s Club held a Sewing Bee to benefit Operation Smile. Operation Smile is a worldwide children's medical charity. Children with cleft palates, cleft lips and facial deformities are surgically treated by volunteer medical volunteers. Members of The Tellico Village Women’s Club, Nancy Benn (International Department Chair), Nancy Eident, Margaret Boyes, Marilyn Hill, Joy Pachucki, Leona Saidak, Terri Seavey, Mary Butera, Mary Beth Bruss, Dee Butler and Linda Cecil helped by making Smile Bags full of treats, No-No arm bands to keep the children from touching their face, hospital gowns and small blankets for these children.

Library Receives Generous Donation

Bob Baldani recently made an extremely generous donation to The Public Library at Tellico Village in memory of his wife Phyllis, who passed away 13 years ago. The donation started off anonymously and Bob gave the Library carte blanc to spend the \$10,000 donation. Library Manager Becky Haile suggested naming the young adult section the Phyllis Baldani Memorial in Phyllis’s honor. Phyllis grew up in Pawtucket, RI, where she lived in a house next door to the Library. Phyllis spent many afternoons and weekends at the Library where she became an avid reader. In adulthood, when Bob and Phyllis moved to New York, she became a volunteer reader for children at the local Library. Phyllis was also an accomplished chef and attended cooking schools all over the world. Bob and Phyllis hosted three Silent Auction dinners to benefit the FOTVL. Bob is also an avid reader and was the sixth president of the FOTVL BOD and remained on the board for years after in other capacities, he was also the Library Liaison for the HOA. In years past, Bob volunteered six years as a side walker at STAR and he also donated STAR’s Sibling Play Yard in Phyllis’s memory.

New Library Manager Announced

The Public Library at Tellico Village is pleased to announce that Carol De Forest has accepted the position of Library Manager for the Public Library at Tellico Village and began Dec. 1. Carol is uniquely qualified and can bring both experience and energy to the position. She holds a Master’s degree in Library and Information Science from Wayne State University and a B.A. in French language and literature from Eastern Michigan University. Carol has worked for a number of years in medical, corporate, and public libraries and as Library Director of two small hospital libraries. She also spent 17 years as a writer and editor for a healthcare IT company. Carol is a 9-year resident of Tellico Village. She is an avid reader, library patron and a daughter of a public library director. Her hobbies include reading (of course!), hiking, camping, horse-back-riding, gardening, and long walks. She loves to sit on her porch with a good book, reading and listening to the birds. She is excited about her new position as Tellico Village Library Manager. Please make Carol feel welcome!

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Your iPad Tip of the Week #13

In this tip I would like to discuss what the plus sign (+) in Safari does. From your Home screen, tap on the Safari icon to open the browser. Looking at the very top of the screen and just past the address / search bar on the right, you will see the plus sign (+). By tapping it, you will open a new tab. You can then enter a new web address, search for something or open one of your favorite bookmarks while keeping a tab open of other pages. Kind of handy!!! Yet there is a second hidden feature... By performing a tap and hold on the plus sign (+), a pop-over appears and you can jump to your "Recently Closed Tabs". This little tip is so handy when you accidentally close a tab, or can't remember where you were last on the web. A quick note, if you close out completely of Safari, the tab history will be erased. Happy web surfing! If you have any further questions, comments, or a suggestion for instructor Curt LaVine, please post them to tvlibraryquestions@hotmail.com or the Library's Facebook page. Check out the Library's website <http://www.tvlibrary.org/> or Facebook page for Tips #1-12.

Tellico Village University Registration Open

Tellico Village University (TVU) is now accepting registration for four courses to begin in January. Introduction to Web Design; Beginning French I; the Art of Animation - Disney Characters; and So You Have an Orchid - Now What! See the TV Courses page at www.tvuniversity.org for descriptions of these courses, times/ dates/location, registration limits and tuition. Registration is completed by submitting the requested information on the Contact Us page at the end of the website. Additional courses will be added to the Spring 2015 Semester for April and May.

Ladies Book Club Meets Dec. 11

The Tellico Village Ladies Book Club will meet 11:30 a.m. for lunch followed by a 12:15 p.m. discussion Thursday, Dec. 11, in the Tanasi Clubhouse. The book discussion will be led by Alice Krause on "Wishin' & Hopin'," by Wally Lamb. Please bring a book for a child. For more information, call Bette Purvis, 865-458-8070.

Village Quilters Guild Meets Dec. 12

The general meeting of the Village Quilters Guild will be held on the second Friday of the month at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church located on Highway 72 in Loudon. There will be a 9:15 a.m. social time followed by a 9:45 a.m. meeting.

At our December meeting, it's time to fluff up your Christmas sweater and join us for our regular business meeting followed by the **annual Holiday Luncheon**. It's also time to pay your 2015 dues with a \$25 check to Village Quilters, pick up a Village Quilters Calendar for \$10, and if you haven't yet picked up your fabric and instructions for Rose Hunt's President's Block, be sure to stop by the Block Exchange table.

Hike the East Lakeshore Trail Dec. 16

Join us on Dec. 16 when we hike the Canal Branch of the East Lakeshore Trail System. This section of the trail was just recently completed by the hard working trail builders of WATeR (Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir). We will gather at the Poplar Springs Boat Ramp parking lot at 9 a.m. where we will car pool to the trail head. The East Lakeshore Trails are just across the lake and are one of the most beautiful and accessible hiking trails in East Tennessee and have been designated as National Recreation Trails by the Department of the Interior. If you would like to become more familiar with these trails and/or would just like to take a short 2.5-mile

hike, then come join us on the third Tuesday of every month. All of the monthly hikes should finish no later than 11:30 a.m. Your hike leaders will be Larry Elder, Jim Jeswald, and Jon Foreman. For additional information feel free to contact: Larry: lelder49@gmail.com or 865-657-9722; Jim: jmjes711@gmail.com or 724-612-2166; or Jon: for4man@charter.net or 412-337-5500.

Hike Middle Prong Trail Dec. 8

The Muddy Boots Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 8, from Chota Center to hike:

- Middle Prong Trail - "the best waterfall trail in the Smokies"
- Rating: moderate
- Distance: 4.6 miles
- Drive time: one hour and 15 minutes
- Leader: Bruce Barbre: bruceb612@gmail.com

Wear sturdy hiking boots and pack a lunch.

Cruising Club Meeting and Christmas Party Dec. 10

The Tellico Cruising Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the Tellico Village Yacht Club. The meeting will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m., followed by the TCC's annual Christmas party with social hour at 6 p.m. and the festivities at 7 p.m. For any questions, please contact Commander Kenn Genge at 865-458-5710.

Tellico Community Players Presents "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge" Dec.10-14

The Tellico Community Players are now planning the grand opening of the Playhouse. The presentation will be "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge." There will be five performances that run from Dec. 10 through 14. Times for all shows Dec. 10-13 are at 7:30 p.m. The Dec. 14 performance is a matinee starting at 1:30 p.m.

The comedy is written by Mark Brown and will be directed by Larry Zinn. Tickets are available at the Village Salon and Salon Anew in Tellico Village and at the Kahite Pub and Grill in Vonore. Tickets may also be purchased at the Playhouse Box Office on Dec. 2-4 from 1 to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

Tellico Top Notes Performance Dec. 12 and Rehearsal Schedule

The Tellico Top Notes hold practice/rehearsal 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month in the Yacht Club. Call Dale Polewach, 248-790-8962, for more information. We are always looking for more musicians!

Upcoming concerts are:

- The Neighborhood 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12