

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, March 24, 2015

POA Meetings and Events:

- Long Range Planning, 10 a.m. Thursday, March 26, POA Conference Room
- Recreation 101, 12:30 p.m., Thursday, March 26, Wellness Center
- Public Services Advisory Committee, 1 p.m. Thursday, March 26, POA Conference Room
- Golf 101, 9 a.m. Friday, March 27, Tanasi Clubhouse

General Manager's Report for March

By Winston Blazer, General Manager

LUB Update

I have been asked by many Villagers, "what caused the power outages during the week of Feb. 16?" It's hard to pinpoint one reason and one reason alone. From talking with representatives of Loudon Utilities Board and with Jeff Gagley, the following is as close as we can surmise on the causes of the outages.

The ice storm that hit the region on Feb. 16 coated everything with heavy, damaging ice. Trees were bent and toppled causing some power lines to go down. Some power lines sagged under the weight of the ice causing other outages. Additionally, the ice coated the fuses on the power lines making it extremely difficult for LUB crews to visually inspect those switches. Finally, the extremely cold temperatures that followed the storm caused heavy draws on the power supplied by LUB.

As we know and LUB has acknowledged, the single sub-station at the southern end of the Village is stressed during high demand periods. The reason for this is two-fold: the consistent growth of Tellico Village and the fact that natural gas was not an option available in our area contribute to the high demand. As a result of all this, LUB told POA representatives at a Feb. 23 meeting that they are looking at ways to accelerate the installation of a sub-station near the northern portion of the Village in Loudon County.

Jeff Gagley and your POA Board will keep an eye on this, and we will report on developments as they occur.

Addressing rumors

A couple of rumors recently hit the Village. Let me first address a rumor that resurfaced concerning a car wash and gas station in the Maple Hill area.

Several years ago someone proposed building a convenience store and gas station that would include a car wash. That project was scrapped for several reasons. One significant reason was that the proposed project was too close to residences in the area.

Your POA and Loudon County officials work together on proposals like this to ensure any zoning issues are adhered to or resolved. We have checked into any recent developments with this issue, and there is no new news to report.

The second rumor came about as a result of a potential development at the corner of Davis Ferry Road and Highway 444. A local developer is looking at the possibility of building a multi-story apartment or condominium structure there. There is a lot of misinformation out there about this potential venture.

First, that property is located within the confines of Tellico Village. Therefore, any proposal for a building would have to flow through the Architectural Control Committee, and the proposed project would have to adhere to the standards of the Covenants and Restrictions and the Red Book. Secondly, the owner of that property has not brought anything to the POA at this point. Finally, at last week's HOA forum, the developer of the project addressed the rumor about it being subsidized housing, saying, "we have no interest in subsidized housing." He added, "these will be condo units for sale."

Hopefully, this information will put a lot of rumors on these subjects to rest. If any Villager hears a rumor that concerns them, there are several ways to get quick, factual answers. First, call our Public Relations department. Part of John Cherry's job is to know which POA department is responsible for which issue in our community. He can help get to the bottom of it. Second, you can send an email to TruthBeTold@tvpoa.org to ask your question. Finally, I provide an opportunity for Villagers to ask direct questions during my Having Your Say sessions monthly. Call Mitzi Lane at (865) 458-5408 to schedule a session.

Board newsletter feedback

I have received a lot of positive feedback about the new format of the Board Newsletter which was delivered to Villagers a couple of weeks ago. I also have been asked about how much more money we're spending on the new format.

We have good news. It is actually cheaper to produce the newsletter in this new format. It's about eight cents a copy cheaper. How did we do that? We put the work out for competitive bid, and the Loudon County Publishers were the lowest bid and could deliver the quality we were seeking.

The Public Relations staff started to work on improving the product after the Long Range Planning Advisory Committee pointed out through their competitive benchmarking that a color, magazine format was a more appealing way to communicate to the community. We also have included more photos to give our non-resident property owners a better look into life in the Village.

If anyone reading this did not receive a Board Newsletter in the last couple of weeks, please email PRobichaud@tvpoa.org to request a copy. It is also available online at <http://www.tellicovillagepoa.org/images/tellico/pdfs/newsletters/news-2015-feb.pdf>.

Wellness Center equipment delivered

As you read this, new strength and conditioning equipment is being delivered and installed at the Wellness Center. Villagers who have used this brand and style of equipment at other facilities report great results. I know recreation users here in the Village will be pleased with the variety and quality of the new equipment.

All of the installation will be complete by Mar. 26, and the recreation staff will schedule a small celebration and ribbon cutting in the very near future. I hope everyone enjoys this upgrade to one of our excellent amenities.

POA and Rec 101

The next edition of POA 101 is Thursday, April 23, 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 Rec 101 for April is Thursday, April 30, 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, April 24, 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

- **Tiki Bar** Friday Nights Are Back! Join us every other Friday night for dinner and dancing! The next Tiki night is April 3 featuring DJ Lou! Entertainment starts at 7 p.m. Call today to make your dinner reservations!
- Join us on the second, third, and fourth Thursday of each month for **Thirsty Thursdays**. With the purchase of dinner, you can order any bottle of wine from our wine list at half price (excludes the house wines).
- Don't miss out on the next **Blue Heron Wine Dinner**! Reservations are filling up fast. Come by the Yacht Club today to purchase your tickets. Monday, April 27, doors open at 6 p.m. We will start the evening with hors d'oeuvres and champagne followed by a four-course meal paired with wines. Cost: \$75 per person .

Questions? Contact Info for the management team:

Christian Barber: Email: cbarber.awehospitality@gmail.com

Jackie Newton: Email: jnewton.awehospitality@gmail.com

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.

2015 Reciprocal Courtesy Cards for Yachting Clubs of America Now 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 4100.

Recent Events and Bragging Rights

Villagers Master Disney Art

What are you going to do next? WE'RE GOING TO DISNEY WORLD!!! And these 15 Villagers show off their Disney animation skills after completing the Art of Animation-Disney Characters class offered through Tellico Village University. Villager Kerry Tripp, a professional artist and Disney animator, guided these students through each step to produce a very impressive likeness of Mickey, Donald and Goofy! What lucky grandkids—they are likely to take lessons from gramma or grampa during their summer visit. Check the Tellico Village University website at www.tvuniversity.org for a list of the remaining classes that will be offered in April-June. Courses in Fundamentals of Photography, Nutrition, Orchid Care, Sleeping Well, and Self-Publishing are scheduled. Use the Contact Us page to register for any class; a confirmation will be sent if there is room in the class.

Submitted by Cindy Solomon

Exciting New Developments at UT

On St. Patrick's Day, Chris Fuller spoke to the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village. Chris admitted that he was somewhat uncomfortable wearing orange on this important Irish holiday, but he was been with UT now for eleven years and that takes precedence. The University of Tennessee Athletic

Department recently signed with Nike Apparel which takes effect July 1, 2015. "This will be the first UT football season where the players will be in Nike uniforms" said Chris. "Although Nike cannot order UT apparel until July 1, Nike had the largest pre-order in its history." "The 'Power T' will be replacing the 'long T' on all merchandise" Chris said.

Chris came to UT from the Cleveland Cavaliers. "I had to take a 50 percent reduction in salary to come to Tennessee" said Chris," but I think it is a good fit." Chris has grown with the UT athletic department, but he had a broad experience with college athletics before he joined UT, serving in management capacities in the Mid-American Conference and the ACC Conference. "I have worked for four football coaches, four basketball coaches, etc." Chris said. "But I think that consistency is important for our players and fans and signing a new contract with Butch Jones is critical to our future. And, Michigan didn't get him.

"Eighty percent of our student athletes come from out of state," said Chris "and the win over Iowa at Jacksonville was critical to our recruiting." "Last year was our second best year in fund raising" Chris said. "We are rapidly expanding our sports facilities at UT for everything from tennis to softball to football and we have a naming partner I cannot yet name for a new rowing facility which will be second to none. And the Ray and Lucy Hand Digital Studio puts UT in the major league of college sports broadcasting" said Chris.

Submitted by Ray Scott

Simon Comes to Pickleball

Tennis and baseball players are well familiar with machines used to launch balls for practice. Now, the same idea has blossomed in the quickly expanding world of pickleball. Several months ago, a pickleball player in Arizona wrote our Club President, Dan Dyer, an email on his new Simon pickleball machine. He enjoyed practicing with Simon so much that he paid \$1,200 to buy his own. He quickly found the only thing wrong with owning a Simon machine was that everyone wanted to use it when he brought it out. But that's generally okay in the world of pickleball as it is a very social sport. Now, his Arizona club owns two Simons in addition to his own.

The Tellico Village Pickleball Board reviewed the Simon and various videos of its use. Using some discounts, we were able to purchase one for under \$900, and it is now housed near the courts in a small locked area. The Simon is capable of duplicating most shots in pickleball over and over: dinks, lobs, low fast shots, slow lazy shots, and serves. The 35 pound Simon can carry up to 90 pickleballs and launch one as quickly as every four seconds. Speeds can be set up to 30 mph. On a small pickleball court, when you may only be 20 feet away, that is very fast.

The 420 members of our Club will put the Simon to good use. It will be used in standard drill sessions, and it will be available for small groups in practice training. The battery will work for six hours, and we recharge it after use. It is difficult to hit a ball to a person's backhand over and over. But the Simon can do that and not get tired of the activity. Our Club provides social and competitive play with many players participating in tournaments. This is all part of what is necessary for our Club to continue as a premier playing facility on eight high-quality courts (plus two shared courts). The Tellico Village Pickleball Club is the 10th largest club worldwide.

Submitted by Dan Dyer

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Inquiring Minds Want to Know

Inquiring minds want to know...why are there no lights on the North Entrance to the Village tonight? We are upgrading our lighting getting ready for Spring! Enjoy the brighter look.

Hike East Lakeshore Trail March 25

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will depart 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 25, from Chota Center, to hike:

- **EAST LAKESHORE TRAIL – CANAL BRANCH AND PART OF BAKER HOLLOW BRANCH TO BAKER BLUFF**

- Distance: Approximately 4.5 miles
- Rating: Easy
- Driving Time: 30 minutes
- Leader: Bob Kutschera, 865-408-3092 or bkkutch@yahoo.com

This trail is a pleasant hiking experience winding along the shoreline of Tellico Lake from the Route 321 parking lot to Mizell Bluff and back. Bring water and a trail snack since we will complete the hike before lunch.

Please refer to the following link for directions and a trail map which you can save for future hikes:

<http://tellicowater.org/documents/Complete%20ELT%20Map.pdf>

Hiking boots and hiking sticks are recommended. Driving directions will be provided the morning of the hike. Bring water and a trail snack. Carpooling is recommended, passengers are asked to contribute \$2 to the driver to help cover gas, etc. For more information, go to www.TVHikers.com.

Register for TV University Classes

There's still time to register for TO YOUR HEALTH: TOP TEN NUTRITION TIPS FOR SENIORS, offered through Tellico Village University. Linda Schuessler, RD, LD, will present practical understanding of the most important diet and nutrition practices that affect the 55+ set. Linda is a highly experienced and talented nutrition educator, having worked throughout her career in corporate and community education. You will see her soon on Channel 3's Health Chat. Your questions are welcomed, so come prepared and learn from a highly qualified nutrition professional. To register for this course, go to the TVU website at www.tvuniversity.org and read the Classes in TV page for a complete description of this course and Linda's background. Use the Contact Us page to register. While you are at the TVU website, why not take a look at the remaining courses that are to be offered this Spring semester: Fundamentals of Photography, Sleep Well, Self-Publishing, and Taking Care of Orchids.

Ladies Lite Luncheon April 1

The next HOA Ladies Lite Luncheon will be Wednesday, April 1, at 10 a.m.; please come early to shop. We will have a Fashion Show, Veronica G, Vendors: Mary Klein of Fashion Artwear, Jesse Boling of Cranberry Hollow, and Colette Sounder of Natural Soaps; entertainment will be provided by Debbie Mayberry and the Readers Theater, The Tellico Tappers, and our pianist is Linda Schuessler. The menu will be Traditional Cobb Salad with diced ham, hardboiled egg, bacon, tomato, red onion, and blue cheese crumbles and rolls, coffee, tea, water. Our guest baker will be Denise Dubrulle of the Child Advocacy Center. We will have monthly table rotations, tables of 8 to 10, get in the spirit and name your table. We are looking for guest bakers, pick a charity and get your friends to help bake. \$15 pp payments made to the "Tellico Village Yacht Club" - checks only. Reservations made at the Tellico Village Yacht Club, HOA Socials and New Villager Socials. No sign ups accepted after noon the Wednesday before the Wednesday luncheon. Co-chairs: Sam McQueeney, 865-657-9020 or samnskip@charter.net; and Karen Sue Keith, 865-458-4277 or kskeith1@aim.com.

Tellico Vintage Vehicles Meets April 1

The Tellico Village Vintage Vehicles club will meet 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, in the Yacht Club. The car club meets on the first Wednesday every month. For more information, go to www.TVVintageVehicles.org or contact Tom Greene, tgreene91@gmail.com.

Garden Club Meets April 2

The Tellico Village Garden Club will meet on Thursday, April 2, at the Yacht Club. Come at 12:30 p.m. for social time. Any gardening question can be submitted for our "Ask the Gardener" at 12:45p.m. The program begins at 1 p.m.

Dr. Leo Lubke and his wife Linda will be presenting a program on Square Foot Gardening. Dr. Lubke

received his doctorate from State University of NY. He has completed Master Gardener Certification in NY and TN. He is also a member of the Garden Writer's Association and writes a garden column for a regional newspaper. Leo and his wife, Linda, reside in Kodak, TN., where their gardens include vegetables, fruits, flowers and a "Bird & Butterfly Garden" with a waterwheel and pond area. Linda holds BS and MS degrees in education from the State University of NY. She retired as a K-8 Assistant Principal. She enjoys photography as one of her hobbies.

Visitors are welcome. For more information, contact Dori Holt at [865-657-5050](tel:865-657-5050) or see our website at www.tellicoclubs.com/garden.

Mah Jongg - Open Play

- April 2 and 16, first and third Thursday of each month, 1-4 p.m., Chota Rec Center,
- April 14 and 28, second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 1-4 p.m., Chota Rec Center
- April 14, 21, and 28, the second, third, fourth, and fifth Monday of each month, 1-4 p.m., Chota Rec Center

Please wear your name tag! No food; bring your own drink.

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

Woodworkers Meet April 2

The Tellico Village Woodworkers Club will meet 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, in the Yacht Club. There has been a change in the discussion topic for the April meeting. The educational program will be presented by club member, Mel Fisher. He will discuss making a half hull ship model. The public is invited.

Fishing Club Meets April 8

The Tellico Village Fishing Club monthly meeting will be 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, in the Tellico Village Yacht Club. This month's speaker will be Billy Wheat, a fishing guide with Rip-Rap Adventures. He will be discussing where and how to catch bass on Watts Bar and Chickamauga lakes. Visitors are welcome.

For additional information, contact Club President Dale Weidinger at 865-458-1460.

Third Tuesday Lecture April 14

Tuesday, April 14, as part of the continuing Doug Christman Third Tuesday Lecture Series, The Public Library at Tellico Village is proud to present a repeat of "Hitler and the Nazis: You Can't Make This Stuff Up!" A combination of short stories about the Nazis and their quest for world domination will be presented at the Public Library at Tellico Village from 9-10:30 a.m. on April 14 by Don Edmands. You will shake your head in amazement at these "bumbling idiots" who brought the world to war and exterminated millions. This is a classic look at a dictator's rise to power and the destruction of a country. Many stories you've never heard before will be told by the highly decorated USAF (retired) Colonel.

Call 865-458-5199 to reserve a seat or stop by the Library to join us for this free and informative lecture. Seating is limited to 35 seats. We request you cancel your reservation if you cannot come as others will be happy to fill your seat. Check out www.tvlibrary.org to find out about all the fun, educational, informative happens at your public library!