

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, July 14, 2015

POA Meetings and Events:

- Architectural Control Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, July 16, POA Conference Room
- Finance Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, July 17, POA Conference Room
- Dock Captains Meeting, 3 p.m. Monday, July 20, POA Conference Room
- POA Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, Yacht Club

From the Boardroom **Governmental Affairs Committee Established**

By Bob Coates, TVPOA Board Member

One of the TVPOA Board's goals for 2015 was to establish a Governmental Affairs Committee. This committee will be a Board Committee similar to other Board Committees such as the Audit Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the Election Committee. As reported at the June Board meeting, this Committee has been established, and the membership is made of Board members Alan Hart, Joe Marlette, Tom Lee, and Bob Coates. General Manager Winston Blazer will serve as a non-voting ex-officio member, and the Committee will be advised by POA attorney Kevin Stevens.

A Committee Charter has been developed, and is posted on the TVPOA website at <http://www.tellicovillagepoa.org/images/tellico/pdfs/admin/Charters/govtaffairscommcharterdraft.pdf>. It will be approved at the July Board meeting.

A few years ago it became apparent that the TVPOA, as a player in Loudon and Monroe counties, would become more and more involved in community and governmental issues over time. The first major issue that arose back in 2012 was the result of our delinquent lot problem. These lots were also delinquent in the payment of real property taxes at the County level, but the Counties were reluctant to process the lots through a tax sale due to Tennessee case law holding that Counties that obtain possession of delinquent property would owe ongoing assessments to property owners associations. Starting with Loudon County Mayor Herron's administration, and continuing with Mayor Bradshaw's, the TVPOA Board has worked with everyone involved in order to mitigate this problem. Working with State Representative Jimmy Matlock and State Senator Randy McNally, legislation was passed in 2013 addressing this issue. While not directly solving the problem, the legislation did protect and maintain the principle that assessments "run with the land" in property regimes like the TVPOA. Secondly, it provided for negotiation between the parties if this situation were to arise as the result of a tax sale. We are still working with Mayor Bradshaw and Loudon County Commission Chair Steve Harrelson to further resolve this problem, and have made it clear that our objective is to turn these delinquent lots into properties that are paying both TVPOA assessments and County taxes.

While other issues involving governmental organizations have not created nearly the difficulty and complexity of this tax issue, the POA will continue to be drawn into problems and issues that impact on our operations and environment. Just a few examples of these are:

- While the Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir (WATeR) has taken the lead regarding the Madisonville disposal plant and its potential negative impact on the Tellico reservoir, the TVPOA has provided ample support by providing a communications vehicle and by supporting WATeR's position with our State officials.
- The TVPOA intervened with the Tellico Reservoir Development Association (TRDA) on behalf of the Loudon Utilities Board to obtain TRDA land to locate a new electrical substation for Tellico Village.
- The TVPOA has been involved in a cooperative effort with Loudon County in obtaining a grant to create a "Greenway" site plan along Highway 444 in Tellico Village.

Due to these and many other issues, it is very important for the TVPOA Board and staff to maintain the very best active and informative relations possible with the governmental organizations and governmental representatives that can affect our lives.

The members of this new Committee will be responsible for attending meetings of these organizations as appropriate, monitoring issues being addressed by them, providing accurate information to these entities, and reaching out to the appropriate officials when necessary for our mutual benefit.

From the Boardroom

Recreation Advisory Committee – Working for a Healthier Village

Editor's Note: This is Part One of a two-part article about the Recreation Advisory Committee and what they do for Tellico Village.

By Claire Frazer, TVPOA Board Member

What is a Recreation Advisory Committee?

There is so much written in the *Tellico Village Tell-e-Gram* and *The Connection* about our Recreation Department's many activities and special events at the Wellness Center, Chota Recreation Center and Kahite Activity Center, but do you know who supports the Rec Department staff of Holly Bryant, Manager, Jessica Antrim, Assistant Manager and Larissa Lowndale, Chota Recreation Manager?

Along with the staff, the Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) is an integral part of the success of the Recreation Department. This committee is made up of Tellico Village volunteers who serve a three year term – currently made up of Bill Butera (Chair in his second term), Lynn Brinkley (Vice Chair), Terry Percy, Bill Grovier, and Tom Valenzo. They meet monthly with Holly and Jessica.

The RAC charter states that this committee advises and makes recommendations to the Recreation Manager and communicates with TVPOA members on recreation programs, including the operations of the recreation facilities, lake activities and related programs, and health, fitness, sports, clubs, and social activities for TVPOA members and their guests, including concerns of TVPOA members. The Committee listens to property owners' questions and concerns and helps to resolve them, when possible. With the oversight from the Rec Manager, the Committee assists in carrying out special studies or projects that the Department Staff may not have the resources or time to do. Just to name one of the most recent activities that the Committee has been involved was the orientation of the proper use of the new cardiovascular and weight equipment which was recently installed at the Wellness Center. These volunteers spent countless hours assisting, educating, and answering questions for property owners over many days, if not several weeks.

In addition, the Rec Committee has developed three goals for 2015: Repair/Replace/Renovate; Communication; and Long Range Plan. These goals support the Recreation Department's goals. Since the Committee listens to the concerns and needs of TV property owners, let's allow Bill Butera and Terry Percy (first term committee member) express their thoughts on a few questions. Bill's answers are prefaced with BB and Terry's with TS.

Why did you volunteer to be on the Recreation Advisory Committee?

BB: Because the Recreation Committee really "gets stuff done." It is a committee that works with POA Staff Managers to insure that current/future programs and future capital expenditures best meet the need/desires of ALL Villagers (those with and without Recreation memberships).

TP: I had never even thought about serving until a former committee member recruited me....thinking I could provide insights into Pickleball, wallyball and tennis.

What is your primary goal you would like to achieve during your three year term as a committee member?

BB: To do a better job communicating to Villagers the breadth and scope of Recreation's programs, especially to educate Villagers of the necessity for participating in strength training exercises to improve their wellness and extend the length of time they will be able to live independently. To increase recreation memberships to improve Villager's wellness, control membership costs, and decrease the amount of subsidy for the Recreation Department.

TP: It was accomplished, in part, when the new Pickleball facility was opened in June of 2014. Hopefully, the center covered courts will be added to finish the project in a few years.

If you could change or improve one activity at the Wellness and Chota Centers, what would it be?

BB: If Chota had increased parking, it could serve as a central gathering location for all Tellico Village clubs/meetings, etc. To accomplish this, the Chota pool should be closed, tennis courts and gym moved to the Wellness Center, and a new outdoor pool/splash pad and pavilion constructed at the Wellness Center (see Wellness Center Master Site Plan PIC Recommendations).

TP: Adding stairs going between the two tennis courts at the Wellness Center to provide better safety when players are switching courts.

What benefits have you personally gained from being a REC Committee member?

BB: A clearer understanding of how the POA Management/Board operates. Understanding that the key word in Recreation Advisory Committee is "advisory." The reassuring discovery of how well the Recreation Department is managed, plans for the future, and obtains maximum results from every dollar in its budget. The satisfaction that comes from accomplishing Recreation goals, serving on Project Implementation Committees, participating in the budget process, and the day to day positive interaction with our dedicated Recreation Staff Managers and their terrific employees. Tremendous satisfaction with the quality/quantity of all Recreation activities. Overall, a rewarding experience to be a small part of Tellico Village Recreation.

TP: Pride in helping to improve our community in projects such as the Chota Renovation and the new Pickleball facility, as well as, gaining a working knowledge of how decisions are made in Tellico Village by the POA.

If it was financially feasible, what one improvement would you like to see done during 2016?

BB: The weight area at the Wellness Center needs to be expanded as soon as possible. It is insufficient to support the growing number of members who are working with personnel trainers and our increasingly younger membership who are more accustomed to free weight/dumbbell/machine training.

TP: I would love to see the four Covered Pickleball courts added to the present facility. It would allow many of the players who, for health reasons, cannot play in the heat and sun, a chance to play again.

Next month we will hear from our Recreation staff members and the other members of the RAC.

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

Lots going on at the Blue Heron Restaurant and Tellico Village Yacht Club:

- **Farmers Market** tomorrow, July 15, 9 a.m.-noon, in the Yacht Club parking lot. Come support our vendors! The Farmers Market will feature a demo in the Yacht Club's Great Room by the folks from the Sleep Number Bed store in Turkey Creek.
- **Whiskey Wednesday** is your chance to try some new Whiskey cocktails, created by our own

Mixologist, Ashley.

- **Tiki Bar on the Dock** this Friday, July 17, featuring Kudzu. The entertainment starts 7 p.m.

Questions? Contact Info for the management team:

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For reservations and information, call 865-458-4363.

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Ford Retirees Club Meets July 15

The July Ford Retirees Club meeting will be held at the Tanasi Bar and Grill on July 15 at 11:30 a.m. Speaking on the U.S. Constitution will be Prof. Stewart Harris of the Appalachian School of Law.

Greenway Meeting July 15

Maybe you have heard that Loudon County is looking at the possibility of a greenway along Highway 444, the Tellico Parkway. Well, whether you have or you haven't, come on out to the Yacht Club on July 15th to hear more about it. The meeting will be led by Loudon County representatives to the Greenway Committee and is organized by the Economic Development Agency.

What: Tellico Parkway Greenway Public Input Meeting

When: Wednesday, July 15, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Where: Tellico Village Yacht Club.

Play Rummikub July 16

Rummikub will be open play for seasoned or newbie players on Thursday evening, July 16, Chota Recreation Center, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Contact Tom Conrad at 865-274-9549 or keelfoot@yahoo.com for more information.

An Evening of Laughter

The Tellico Community Players' July productions begin with *An Evening of Laughter* -- packaging two melodramatic comedies into one hilarious main stage show. It runs over two weekends, July 16-18 and July 23-26 at the Tellico Community Playhouse. This production is sponsored by Family Dental Care of Tellico Village.

"An Evening of Laughter will have everyone laughing out loud," said Director Len Willis. "A melodrama is a sensational dramatic piece with exaggerated characters and exciting events intended to appeal to the emotions. There will be audience participation and many zany twists and turns in both melodramas," Willis said.

The first comedy, "The Lost Samantha Treasure," is a story of two identical twins, girls who look nothing alike. A forest ranger and an evil mayor set on marrying the same girl, or are they? Pure corn set in the Midwest, but of course there must be a disco dance.

The second comedy, "The Plague on Madison Avenue" is set in a hospital. Three generations of nurses are dedicated to not killing their patients and working for a head female nurse who is dedicated to killing all the patients and marrying the cute new doctor. The hospital is full of outrageous patients and even more energetic cast members. Hold on to your bedpan.

The two comedies feature a cast of 22 and Ted Taylor is producer for these shows.

Shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. each night (except for the 1:30 p.m. matinee on July 26) with doors opening one hour before each performance. Tickets will be available at the Tellico Community Playhouse Box

Office through July 24 (Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.) and are available now at Village Salon, Salon Anew and the Kahite Pub and Grill. For more information, go to www.tellicocommunityplayhouse.org.

Hike the East Lakeshore Trail July 21

Join us on July 21 when we hike 2.5 miles of the Sinking Creek Branch the of East Lakeshore Trail. We will gather at the Poplar Springs Boat Ramp parking lot at 9 a.m., where we will car pool to the trail head. Hikers coming from Kahite can meet us around 9:15 a.m. at the Coytee Trailhead, which is located off of Coytee Road. The East Lakeshore Trails are just across the lake and are some 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- to 3-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.

Lecture at the Library July 21

On July 21, 9:30-10:30 a.m., the eponymous Doug Christman Third Tuesday Lecture series at The Public Library at Tellico Village will feature Doug Christman speaking on "Tips on Genealogy." This lecture will draw on over 30 years of personal genealogy and family history research experiences. The lecture will cover the better-known and more widely used sources and methods, but will also identify and review some of the "hidden gems" of information that offer the possibility of revealing family data that might otherwise be overlooked. In addition, a few tips will be given on making web searches more relevant and efficient. The principal content of the lecture (the slides) will be made available via an emailed data file. Either sign up at the library or call 458-5199 to reserve a seat. Please call to cancel your seat if you can not attend.

Hike Trail to the Rock House July 22

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 22, from Chota Center, to hike:

- **TRAIL TO THE ROCK HOUSE**
- Distance: 6 miles
- Elevation Gain: 500 feet
- Rating: Moderate
- Driving Time: 1.5 hours
- Leader: Bev Hawkins, 865-406-0297

We will hike from Sugarlands Visitor Center to the Rock House, which is off trail from the Old Sugarlands Trail. There is one substantial creek crossing just before we reach the Rock House. Be sure to bring your poles. On the way back we will visit the Ogle Cemetery, one of the largest in the park, and where the CCC camp was for the Sugarlands area.

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.

"Now in Command" Class Aug. 18

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is hosting a Boating safety course for woman only, entitled "Now in Command." The class is taught by a female boat captain and encapsulates "What would occur if your boat operator is suddenly incapacitated and you had to take over the helm and seek or provide medical help?" Only females will be allowed to take the course scheduled 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the

Tellico Yacht Club, top floor. The cost is \$25. For more information, contact Michael Colacone at 352-804-8257 or Mc195@aol.com.

Register for Tellico Village University's Fall Semester

Registrations are now open for a course in Tellico Skies Astronomy offered by Roy Morrow, and for Photoshop Elements taught by Tom Kowalewski. Both courses run for four weeks in August. Registrations are coming in now. Be sure to get a seat before we must close out. Details are found at the Tellico Village University website at www.tvuniversity.org. Use the Classes in TV page for detailed information about each course and what you will learn. Use the Contact Us page to register. A confirmation will be sent. While you are at the website, check out the other courses that will be offered from August through November.