

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, October 13, 2015

POA Meetings and Events:

- Architectural Control Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, POA Conference Room
- Finance Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16, POA Conference Room
- Dock Captains, 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, POA Conference Room
- POA Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, Yacht Club

Setting the Record Straight

By John Cherry, Public Relations Manager

In the coming weeks, all Tellico Village Property Owners will be asked to vote for candidates for the two seats up for election this year. As in elections at every level, there is a tendency to overstate or understate specific topics of interest which does not educate the voters but does create confusion. In this the first in a series of articles, we will not suggest who to vote for, but rather we would like to set the record straight concerning questions and comments we have heard from Property Owners. The following "Setting the Record Straight" considerations should help clarify the governance operation.

Board Responsibility

The seven member POA Board has the fiduciary responsibility for ALL Property Owners, not just those who reside in the Village proper. This statement contains two important facts. The first is that the elected Board has the responsibility to make financial decisions for the Village. In order to conduct the normal course of business, it would be impossible to solicit votes from all the Property Owners in a timely fashion even for some of our larger expenditures like road and golf course maintenance. For example, in a Property Owners solicitation to modify the Covenants and Restrictions (C&Rs which are the controlling documents for the Village) in 2008, it took 10 months, many mailings, costs totaling \$80,000, along with dozens and dozens of personal phone calls to get enough votes on the issue which eventually passed. Most of the decisions made by the Board have been researched extensively and gives the Board the best position to make decisions which improve Tellico Village for our investors (Property Owners). When it comes to either controversial subjects like the recent Dollar General commercial building or very large dollar commitments like the Wellness Center proposal, the POA does hold Town Hall Meetings to get Property Owner input before making the final Board decision.

The second point in the statement above is that there are few, if any, decisions by the Board that only affect the resident Property Owners. The Board decisions usually result in an allocation of assessment funds which are collected from all Property Owners. The HomeOwners Association, which is a voluntary organization, does represent many of the resident Property Owners and is a completely different organization without governance responsibilities for the Village. However, they too hold "Town Hall" meetings which help the Village express their opinions in open forums.

The POA Board utilizes a five-year rolling capital plan which makes the operation of the Village more efficient. This has been the practice of the POA Board for decades. This procedure allows the Board and other Property Owners to see what is potentially coming in the next five years, but there is no formal commitment by the Board for their support until the budget process for the ensuing year. The Board along with the Finance Director and the Finance Advisory Committee, is presently in the middle of forming the 2016 operating and capital budget and the five year projection for 2017 through 2021.

How does the election work?

We are frequently asked, "How does the electronic election work?" Here are some facts that will hopefully answer this question:

- Oct. 15 is the accounting date for property ownership. That means, the POA election

administrator uses that date to determine who gets a vote. If you own property and are in good standing on that date, you get to vote (one vote per lot) in the election.

- Soon after Oct. 15, Villagers will receive a postcard from the POA reminding to be on the lookout for election materials in the mail.
- Just before Nov. 1, eligible voters will receive a letter from the POA with their unique login and password. The letter will also clearly identify where Villagers need to go on the Internet in order to vote. The letter also has instructions on how to obtain and submit a paper ballot should you desire to vote via that method.
- Polls open midnight on Nov. 1 and will remain open until noon on Thursday, Nov. 19.
- The election results will be revealed at the POA conference room at 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 20 and immediately disseminated via all of our communications methods.

What happens to my vote once it is cast?

All electronic ballots are cast with Votenet.com. They are located in Washington, D.C. None of the electronic or paper ballots cast are accessible by POA employees during the process. Even the paper ballots are received by Votenet and tabulated by their staff.

I need help

Property owners who would like assistance in casting an electronic ballot may get assistance at the POA admin offices 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday during the voting period. Additional opportunities for assistance are available at the Tellico Village Public Library during normal business hours. Property owners seeking assistance will need to bring their instruction letter with them to vote. Non-resident property owners who need assistance should call the number below.

For more information, call Election Administrator Jessica Johnson at 865-458-7081.

Did You Know: Tennessee-One-Call System

Did you know that your Public Works department is a member of Tennessee-one-call system. That's the program also known as Call Before You Dig. What does that mean to you, the homeowner? Anytime you have work done on your property, just call 1-800-351-1111, or call 811, and provide them with the information they ask for. Make sure that you tell them exactly where on your property you plan the work to take place, that way Public Works can mark our utilities for you. Other members of Tennessee-one-call, such as AT&T, or Charter will automatically be notified to do the same.

There is a three-day time frame that Public Works has to locate the utility lines unless it is an emergency, then it is a three-hour timeframe.

Color-coded paint will be used to mark the underground utilities: blue for water, green for sewer, red for electric, etc.

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:

- **“Tini” Tuesdays** will be every Tuesday in October. Come see what Ashley can whip up!
- **Farmers Market** tomorrow, 9 a.m.-noon. Come support our local farmers and artisans.
- **Thirsty Thursdays** are here! Bottles of wine are half price (anything from the wine list).
- **Tiki Bar** this Friday, Oct. 16, featuring the Kudzu Band, 7-10 p.m.

Questions? Contact Info for the management team:

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

Linnea Elliott: Email: lelliott.awehospitality@gmail.com

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

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

TV Lions Offer Thanks

Several days ago over 550 TV residents made their way to the Yacht Club to enjoy an evening of great food, beer, music and fellowship at the Lions 12th Annual Oktoberfest. This annual event marks a rousing kick off to the fall season not quite in line with Vols football but pretty close.

This support enables the Lions to continue their service efforts to Tellico Village as well as the Loudon County Community. Most recently these results have been manifest in the gift of four exercise stations on the Wellness Center walking path. This represents an investment, by the Lions, in Tellico Village of over \$17,000. These funds are produced by fund-raisers such as the Oktoberfest, the Chili/Soup Dinner, the golf outing and other money making activities conducted by the club.

In addition to the exercise stations funds raised, Lions support Health Fairs in Lenoir City and Madisonville, vision screening in the schools and the vision program that provides free glasses to indigent residents of the county. Thus far this year over \$7,000 has been spent to support purchase of glasses.

This work is not possible without the volunteer work performed by members of the club and, in the case of food events, spouses and neighbors. The club can always use more members, male as well as female, so if you are interested in joining this great organization feel free to visit the club website at <http://tellicovillage.tnlions.org> to learn more about the club. You can also contact either of the two membership chairs, Bruce Johnson at 408-9880 or via e-mail to bruce.johnson133@charter.net, or Curt Isakson at 458-2943 or via e-mail to marcurtrving@gmail.com.

Again, thanks for your great support of our Oktoberfest.

Submitted by Dick Kolasheski

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

240th U.S. Navy Birthday Celebration Oct. 13

Attention all U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps veterans and spouses, a 240th birthday celebration will be held 1600-1900 hours (4-7 p.m. to landlubbers) Tuesday, Oct. 13, in the Toqua Grill. There will be a pledge of allegiance, an invocation, and introduction of sister service representatives—as well as the cutting of the cake at 1730 hours (5:30 p.m.). Go Navy! Semper Fortis. For more information, call 865-657-5067.

Cruising Club Meets Oct. 14

The Tellico Cruising Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the Tellico Village Yacht Club. The social hour begins at 5 p.m. with the meeting starting promptly at 6 p.m. All Tellico Lake boaters are welcome. Any questions should be directed to Commander Errol Keith at 865-458-4277.

Fishing Club Meets Oct. 14

The Tellico Village Fishing Club monthly meeting will be 7-8:30 p.m. at the Tellico Village Yacht Club. Members report on recent tournaments and fishing related topics. This month's guest speaker is fishing guide Scott Manning who will discuss striper fishing. Visitors are welcome. For additional information, contact Club President Dale Weidinger at 865-458-1460.

Rummikub Open Play Oct. 15

Seeking seasoned or newbie players to join us on Thursday evening, Oct. 15, 6:30-9 p.m. at the Chota Rec Center for fellowship and playing Rummikub. Have your own game? Feel free in bringing it along to start an additional table. Any questions or concerns, please contact Tom Conrad at 1-865-274-9549 or email - keelfoot@yahoo.com. See you then!

Bill Landry Is Featured Speaker for WATeR's Annual Meeting Oct. 15

Bill Landry is the voice, host, and co-producer of *The Heartland Series*, now in its 31st year of running on WBIR-TV, in Knoxville. Bill is deeply rooted in the Appalachian region, and serves on the board of the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, Vonore. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Meeting Time: The meeting will be held this year at the **Vonore Baptist Church**, 714 Church St., Vonore. Meet and Greet plus an opportunity to view exhibits begins at 6:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and will conclude no later than 8:30 p.m.

Directions: from Rt. 411 and Rt. 360 stop light in Vonore, travel 1/2 mile east on Rt. 411 and turn north (right) on Church Street, continue 1/2 mile to the Baptist Church. (The road to the south of this Rt. 411 intersection is Niles Ferry Road, the road that goes to the Kahite neighborhood).

WATeR (Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir) is an all-volunteer nonprofit association. Its members work to protect and improve the environment in the Tellico Reservoir Watershed. To learn more about WATeR's many activities, view hiking trail maps and to find a membership application, go to our website: www.tellicowater.org.

Craft Sale at the Community Church of Tellico Village Oct. 17

The Crafters will be holding their Holiday Craft and Bake sale on Oct. 17 in the Community Church Christian Life Center located at Tellico Pkwy (Hwy 444) and Chota Road from 9 a.m. until noon.

There will be a wide variety of hand-crafted seasonal and gift merchandise. Many popular items include fall and Christmas wreaths and arrangements, mailbox covers, hand-painted items, gifts for children and babies, bridge tallies, placemats and table runners, handmade cards, scrubbies and all types of hostess gifts. Homemade baked goods should be in abundance thanks to the church members. The "Jezebel" spread may be sampled before purchasing if you've never had it before.

The proceeds from the spring and fall sale go to benefit the Church Crafter's scholarship, Child Advocacy Center, Good Samaritan Center, Good Shepherd in Monroe County and many other non-profit organizations. The total distribution for 2014 was \$23,800.

The Crafters meet every Monday morning at the Christian Life Center from 9:30 to noon sharing their time and talents to craft the many wonderful items that will be offered for sale. Everyone is welcome to come joining in the laughter and fellowship.

Meet Local Authors Oct. 17

Linda Brewer and Sarah Simpson Bivens will have a book signing event 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Loudon Public Library, 210 River Road in Loudon next to the county office building. Linda's "Shootin' the Bull" is a collection of newspaper columns and short stories. Sarah's "Crazy Creek" is

a fiction novel spotlighting East Tennessee settings. For more information, call 865-458-1352 or 865-458-5908.

Dinner and Wine Tasting Oct. 17

Elegant dinner complete with specially selected wine pairings for each course featuring the finest European wines graciously donated from the cellars and private collection of Dr. Peter Stimpson. The evening includes an informative and unique introduction to each of the precisely selected wines. **Proceeds to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of the Monroe Area**, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation.

Make your reservations now by calling (423) 442-6770. Seating limited to 96 at \$100 per person. Tables of 8 available at \$800. Sponsorship is available at \$1,000 or \$2,500 with two tickets, and \$5,000 with four tickets.

Indiana Wesleyan University Chorale Performs Oct. 18

The Indiana Wesleyan University Chorale will be in concert at the First Baptist Church of Tellico Village on Sunday evening, October 18, at 6 p.m. Comprised of 70 voices, the IWU Chorale is one of the finest university chorales in the nation. They have performed in numerous cathedrals in England and France as well as Carnegie Hall. This concert is provided as a gift to Tellico Village residents by First Baptist Church.

Writing Panel at the Library Oct. 20

The Public Library at Tellico Village will present a panel consisting of well-known local authors who will answer attendees' questions regarding their individual journeys to writing, publishing and marketing their own books. The presentation will be Oct. 20 at 9:30 a.m.

The panel, all members of the Authors Guild of Tennessee, will consist of: Marilyn Smith Neilans, *Saying GoodBye to The Iris Lady*; Cheryl Peyton, the Alex Trotter mystery series; Sam Bledsoe, *The Last Senoobians*; Dick Cross, *Lee Harvey Oswald - A Rogue KGB Agent*; and Don Pardue, a number of family stories set in Loudon and surrounding counties. Call 865-458-5199 to reserve a seat for this most interesting discussion.

Hike the East Lakeshore Trail Oct. 20

Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 20, when we will hike 2.5 miles of the Lotterdale Branch of the East Lakeshore Trail. We will gather at the Poplar Springs Boat Ramp parking lot at 9 a.m. and will car pool to the trail head. Hikers coming from Kahite, can meet us around 9:15 a.m. at the Sinking Creek Trailhead, which is located at the intersection of East Coast Tellico Parkway and National Campground Road. 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 2.5-3-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.

Hike Abrams Falls Oct. 28

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, from Chota Center, to hike:

- ABRAMS FALLS FROM ABRAMS CREEK RANGER STATION
- Distance: Approximately 11 miles
- Rating: Difficult
- Driving Time: 45 minutes

- Elevation gain: Approximately 1,400 feet
- Leader: Bruce Barbre, 865-458-3559 or bruceb612@gmail.com

This is an in and out hike to Abrams Falls from the Abrams Creek Ranger Station via the Cooper Road Trail, Little Bottoms Trail and Abrams Falls Trail. The trails consist of up and down terrain with a few steep portions and some rock hopping stream crossings. Most of the trail follows Abrams Creek offering great views of the rushing water and mountain ridges.

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.

Home Tour Nov. 1

Women's Club annual charity Home Tour is 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1. This is the 20th Home Tour and 20 years of the Women's Club of Tellico Village serving our community Home Tour will feature five Tellico a Village homes decorated for the holidays plus reception and boutique at the Yacht Club.

Tickets are \$15. Available from any member plus Village Salon, Sloan's Hardware, United Community Bank, and Broadway Florist.

Registration Open for TVU Classes

Tellico Village University is now taking registrations for a two-hour class on USING YOUR COMPUTER: NEWSLETTERS, FLYERS and BROCHURES. If you are ever asked to make such a document, you can use the varied templates in Microsoft Word as your starting point. Learn where to find them, add text, graphics, and photos. This class meets on Nov. 3 at the Chota Rec Center Room D. There are two sections available to keep the classes small so participants will get plenty of help. Register at the Tellico Village University website at www.tvuniversity.org and use the CONTACT US page to submit your name, e-mail and phone number. Be sure to state which section A or B you wish to attend. There is a \$5 tuition for this two-hour session.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." (Bill of Rights). Tellico Village University is now open for registration for the Nov. 16 class on Our First Amendment Rights. Have you heard in the news of the football coach who was fired because he led his team in prayer? Or the high school students who were sent home because they wore tee shirts with a patriotic message? Or the newspaper that was sued because they published unflattering press about a celebrity? Or a crowd that was disbanded by the police because they gathered in protest? This program will be presented at the Yacht Club Gallery by two attorneys from the Knoxville Bar Association as part of the KBA Community Law School. There is no charge for this program. More information is available at the TVU website. Registrations are now coming in. Get your reserved seat now by registering at the TVU website at www.tvuniversity.org before the class closes. Use the CONTACT US page to submit your name, e-mail, phone number and name of the course. You will receive a confirmation.

Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast Thursdays

Every Thursday morning, 8-9 a.m., there is a group of men who meet at the Tanasi Clubhouse for breakfast, for fellowship and to hear a short devotional thought. The group is non-denominational and is called Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast. All men are welcome. Any questions, call Larry Denney (865-408-9725) or Bob Ericson (865-458-9877).

Fore the Love of the Game—Golf News and Events

Kahite - 423-884-6108

Toqua - 865-458-6546
-458-4707

Tanasi - 865

Par 3 Challenge Oct. 20

Every golfer is always looking for different ways to improve his or her game. One great way to improve your short game is to play the Tuesday Par 3 Challenge. It is an excellent way to work on your short irons and get ready for your next big match.

Our next event will be Oct. 20 at the Toqua Golf Course. Play will begin at 4 p.m. There will be two formats available. You can either play in the competitive division with a 2-low ball format or play in the non-competitive division and play a scramble. New to the format we have two sets of tees, forward tee for non-competitive division and ladies competitive division and a men's set of tees who play in the competitive division.

You can create your own foursome, sign up as a couple, or sign up as an individual. (Golf staff will pair-up couples and individuals.) Awards presentation will follow play. The entry fee is just \$5 per player, excluding cart & green fees (see below).

There will be a special 9-hole rate for these events:

- \$12 Per Person
- \$11 Per Person (Private Cart)
- \$10.60 Per Person (Prepaid)
- \$9.60 Per Person (Prepaid Private Cart)

To enter, simply stop by the Tanasi Pro Shop, call 865-458-4707 or email to ajacob@tvpoa.org.

Don't miss out on this one of a kind golfing event.

Sincerely, Adam Jacob, PGA, Head Golf Professional, Tanasi Golf Club

Final Sunday Couples Oct. 25

THIS IS IT! The final Sunday Couples of 2015 will be held at Tanasi Golf Club on Oct. 25.

The event will be a 4-Person Scramble (2 men and 2 women). Play will begin with a 4 p.m. shotgun start with dinner and awards presentation following play at the Tanasi Grill. The entry fee is \$20 per player (excluding cart and green fees).

You can sign up your own foursome or we will be glad to pair you with another couple. The field is limited to the first 96 players and usually fills up quickly so.... get your entry in early!

To enter, simply stop by or call the Toqua Golf Shop. You may also enter by email to jharrington@tvpoa.org.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely, Jeff Harrington, PGA, Head Golf Professional, Toqua Golf Club