

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, October 16, 2015

POA Meetings and Events:

- Dock Captains, 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, POA Conference Room
- POA Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, Yacht Club
- Long Range Planning, 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, POA Conference Room
- Public Services Advisory Committee, 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, POA Conference Center

Attention Villagers: Throughout election season, we will continue to update you on various topics of interest to help you decide who gets your vote.

Important Update: The field of four candidates originally announced is now three. Michael Colacone has withdrawn his name from consideration. The official slate of candidates will be discussed and approved at the Board meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Yacht Club.

Dear Residents and Supporters,

In light of some unforeseen and recent family medical issues I am reluctantly withdrawing my candidacy for the POA Board this year. I know many of you are concerned about our community and the issues facing us. I am truly saddened by my decision, but it is important that I tend to my family. Subsequently, I would be unable to focus on the campaign and adequately represent the community if elected. I appreciate being allowed to participate in the process, even though it was for a short while.

God Bless & Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael Colacone

From the Boardroom **Tellico Village Long Range Greenway Project, Walking & Multi-Purpose Paths**

By TVPOA Board of Directors

The Greenway Project for Tellico Village has gotten a lot of attention lately and there have been many discussions about the merits of moving forward. The POA board is appreciative of this feedback as we work to scope this project and determine its feasibility. This study is not yet complete, so no decisions are made nor will they be made until the final report is issued.

But, it might be helpful if we first go back and review the purpose for this project and how it fits into the overall Long Range Strategic Plan for Tellico Village.

Our Long Range Planning Advisory Committee (LRPAC), through benchmarking done in 2007 and renewed in 2014 and our Marketing Team continue to advise the POA board of how important walking and multi-purpose paths are to our competitive position and to younger people who are considering moving to Tellico Village. Tellico Village is fortunate that we already have some walking/hiking paths in various portions of the Village, but it is obvious that if we are going to meet the competitive challenges to attract new people to our community, we need to do more.

The real question is what should we do and where and what will it cost. The LRPAC recommended in 2007, as a part of this overall strategy, the POA consider a Greenway Project along Route 444 to connect the neighborhoods of the Village with the various amenities and commercial establishments we have and will have in the future. This recommendation was only one part of a more comprehensive project of Greenway, Walking and Multi-Purpose Paths throughout Tellico village.

In 2014, we had the opportunity to partner with Loudon County to initiate an engineering study of

the Greenway Project. The POA board felt it was important to provide some scope to this idea to see if it was even feasible, useful to our residents and would achieve the objectives as defined by the LRPAC and our Marketing Team.

The POA provided seed money (\$20,000) for the engineering study, and Loudon County provided access to Federal funds of \$80,000 (only accessible by governmental bodies, Tellico Village is not eligible) to conduct the Engineering Study on the Tellico Village Greenway Project. Tellico Village residents and POA staff are part of the study team along with Loudon County representatives and the Engineering Firm, Ragan-Smith Associates.

A preliminary study review was presented to the POA board and then the residents of Tellico Village in July at the Yacht Club and all the feedback is being incorporated into the final report, which is due sometime in November 2015. So until we see the final report, all the speculation about scope, cost, location, etc., are all opinions.

After the POA board has received the final report, we will then start the discussion of what the next steps should be, if any. Overall value to the property owners, cost, scope, and participation by the POA and Loudon County in the funding along with available funding from other sources will be some of the criteria used in defining next steps and options.

The POA could decide that the total project is too expensive, especially if funding from the POA, County and other sources is not available. But, the overall Engineering Study will be very useful in determining what other options we may have to help fulfill the original objective, even if they are not as comprehensive as the original concept.

At this point in time it is premature to make decisions about anything regarding this study. We are confident that Loudon County will continue to work with the Tellico Village POA to examine all aspects of this potential project; usefulness, scope, funding and implementation. If and when we get to a point of implementation of recommendations from this study, we will appoint a PIC (Project Implementation Committee), conduct public meetings for property owner input and manage the project as we do other projects in Tellico Village.

The POA board will continue to keep the Property Owners informed and solicit input on this study as we review options. In the meantime, the POA will continue to invest in other walking and multi-purpose paths throughout the Village, such as the half-mile walking and exercise path that was completed around the Wellness Center this year in partnership with the Lions Club.

Election Information

- 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.
- The elected members will take their seats at the Dec. 16 Board meeting.

Who can vote?

Any property owner who is current on their POA assessment payments may cast a ballot in the election. One ballot for one lot or home owned. Any property that is three months past due is considered to be delinquent and is ineligible to cast a vote. Delinquent property owners will not be sent election information.

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

Tellico Village Remains in Spotlight

Many Villagers had the opportunity to meet Margie Casey of RealEstateScorecard.com while she was here this past summer. At the following link is a story she recently posted to her website about her adventures while living here in Tellico Village.

<http://realestatescorecard.com/news/real-estate-news/tennessee/living-local-tellico-village>

Recent Events and Bragging Rights

Kiwanis Club's New Officers

Jim Fairweather, Lieutenant Governor, Kiwanis International, Division 4. Installed the new officers and directors of the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village, including the new President Fred Wicht, President Elect Phil Rothrock and Vice President Beth Mouse.

In the photograph, left to right, are Phil Rothrock, (President Elect), Beth Mouse (Vice President), Mike Cottle (Treasurer), Bill Iams (Director), Fred Gibson (Director), Tod Kilroy (Director), Fred Gibson (Director), Rick Bailey (Secretary) Fred Wicht (President) and Jim Fairweather, Lieutenant Governor, Kiwanis International.

Submitted by Ray Scott, Publicity Director

Tanasi Bar and Grill

- Enjoy the **Sunday Breakfast Buffet** Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Join us for **Music Monday Fun Day** at Tanasi Bar and Grill - rain or shine. Come check out Jluke starting at 6 p.m. Oct. 19. All seating is on a first come basis.

Tanasi Bar and Grill: 865-458-9392

Toqua Café: 865-458-1330

Yacht Club

- **Tiki Bar** tonight. Listen to the Kudzu Band 7-10 p.m.

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Fall Shootout Pickleball Tournament Oct. 16-18

Registrations are now closed and the Tellico Village Pickleball Club is looking forward to welcoming approximately 135 entrants to the **Fall Shootout Pickleball Tournament** Oct. 16-18. This will be an open tournament with many competitors coming in from all around the East Tennessee area and beyond. It will be an outstanding opportunity to showcase Tellico Village in general, and our magnificent pickleball facility in particular. Even if you're not a player, you should plan on stopping by during the tournament just to experience the dynamic social atmosphere, as well as to see some terrific pickleball competition.

Winter Directory Review

We're in the final stages of updating the Tellico Village Directory for the Winter 2015-2016 edition. Send in your changes now!

Send your updated information to tellicovillagedirectory@gmail.com by Friday, Oct. 16. The draft copy will be available at the Library from Monday, Oct. 19, through Saturday, Oct 31.

HOA Survey on Food Services

The following link will take you to a survey that is designed to provide insight into ways to improve satisfaction with each of the food services venues and to identify things that can increase participation at those venues and make the experiences for each Tellico Village resident better.

Completing the survey should take but a few minutes, and your input can help drive improvements that you want to see. Survey can be taken here: survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ebn152ycif9m2avo/a006ifsg592c/greeting

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.

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