

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, Nov. 24, 2015

POA Meetings and Events:

- POA Board Workshop, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, POA Conference Room
- ~~CANCELED: Architectural Control Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, POA Conference Room~~
- Recreation Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Wellness Center
- Long Range Planning, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, POA Conference Room

General Manager's Report for November

By Winston Blazer, General Manager

Golf Superintendents Important Part of Success

This month I want to highlight a part of our Tellico Village POA team that may go unnoticed to most Villagers: our golf course Superintendents. Mike White, Chris Sykes, and Wells McClure are three really hard working turf management experts.

Well cared for golf courses are extremely important to golfers, but not only that, outstanding golf courses add to the property values of everyone who lives in Tellico Village. Our turf management teams at all three golf courses do a great job led by Mike, Chris, and Wells.

Mike White has been with Tellico Village the longest of the three. He started working here in April of 2000. Mike has a Bachelor of Science degree in Plant and Soil Science from Middle Tennessee State University and is a Licensed Pesticide Applicator. Mike is also a Class A Member of Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. His favorite thing about working at Tellico Village? "Spectacular views! The ability to work in God's creation every day and enjoy what He has made," answers Mike.

Chris Sykes came to work for us in April in 2011 as the Superintendent for Toqua Golf Course. He says he played competitive golf growing up through the collegiate level acquiring his Turf Management degree from Virginia Tech. Chris has a real passion for golf courses and considers himself a golf course architecture aficionado. When asked what his favorite thing about Tellico Village, Chris says, "The overall environment, everything from the great people to the beautiful surroundings."

Wells McClure first started with us in May of 2011 as the Assistant Superintendent at Toqua. In 2012, when Pat Rose left us to move to Chattanooga, Wells took over as the interim Super at Tanasi. We quickly saw his talent as not only a turfgrass specialist but also as a leader. We removed the interim tag in August of 2012. Wells holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Plant Sciences with Turfgrass concentration from the University of Tennessee. When Wells thinks about the best part of working in the Village, he says, "having the ability to provide excellent playing conditions on the courses our residents call home." He adds, "The people we work for make this job very satisfying."

I also asked our Director of Golf Jim West for some thoughts about these three gentlemen. Jim says, "Our golf course superintendents are an integral part of the success of Tellico Village. They work tirelessly in constantly variable and extreme conditions to provide top notch playing conditions for our members and guests."

Jim says that what they do best is, "an excellent job finding ways to constantly improve the golf experience, while at the same time keeping focus on making our golf courses more sustainable both economically and environmentally."

I know a lot of our golfers have noticed the excellent conditions of all three of our courses. Jim West does a great job explaining why that is:

"The cultural and water management practices, which go hand in hand, that our superintendents utilize is absolutely state of the art and cutting edge. They manage the volumetric water content percentage of our putting surfaces within a tenth of a percent, which in high-stress situations can mean the difference between life and death for

turfgrass. Through continuous educational opportunities, they are constantly seeking new and innovate ways to more effectively manage turf.”

We are fortunate to have these turfgrass professionals working for Tellico Village. Our superintendents love to PLAY golf! If you are ever in need of an extra player for your regular group, consider inviting one of them – you will all have a great time!

Budget Highlights

Every year presents a challenging budget process for the POA, but this year was the toughest I have seen in a long time. We always strive to have a workable and realistic budget presented and approved at a Board meeting in the fall, and this year we got the 2016 budget done in November.

2015 was a year for Repair, Renovate and Replace. The 2016 budget has a bit more of the same, but we also have a few new additions to infrastructure that account for about 15 percent of the capital plan for next year. Finance Director Parker Owen’s article this month explains all of this in great detail.

To support our financial goals for 2016, the monthly assessment approved for 2015 reflects an increase of \$5.60 per month to \$117.60, or a 5% increase. Assessment increases also cover items such as inflation and rising prices for goods and services. Maintenance of Village resources and infrastructure are always important and are a high priority in any budget.

Other items of interest:

- There is a 50-cent monthly increase per water and sewer account to go toward Water & Sewer Reserve funding. Water and sewer rates will increase 3%
- There is a 3% increase in Recreation rates after remaining flat for 2015
- Dock and RV storage rates will remain flat for 2015
- Golf rates will increase 50 cents per member round and include \$1 to \$2 increases for various guest rounds

We will continue to keep a keen eye on controlling expenses as we go into the 2016 budget in January. The TVPOA Board and staff are committed to ensuring the high level of service Villagers deserve while watching out for areas to improve and streamline our processes.

Property owners should keep an eye on their mailbox as they will receive the 2016 assessment coupons and information regarding the details of the 2016 budget.

POA holiday hours

The POA administrative offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving. We will reopen at 8 a.m., Monday, Nov. 30.

The POA administrative offices will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 25 for Christmas. We will also be closed Friday, Jan. 1 for New Year's.

The golf courses will be closed Friday, Dec. 25 for Christmas and Friday, Jan. 1 for New Year's.

Recreation Hours:

Christmas- Wellness Center

December 24- 6 a.m.–noon

December 25- CLOSED

December 26- 6 a.m.-5 p.m.

Christmas- Chota

December 24- CLOSED

December 25- CLOSED

December 26- 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

New Year's- Wellness Center

December 31- 6 a.m.-5 p.m.

January 1- CLOSED

New Year's- Chota

December 31- 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

January 1- CLOSED

Dam Bridge Information

For Villagers interested in the dam bridge construction and rerouting, go to the Tennessee Department of Transportation's website: <http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/sr73/>. Be sure to click the various options—such as MAPS. The map selection shows where the new traffic bridge will be.

Holiday Announcement from UPS

UPS will be making deliveries in Mialaquo and Toqua neighborhoods via a golf cart with trailer. This will provide an earlier delivery time for the residents of those neighborhoods and eliminate the need for a larger UPS vehicle to be in those neighborhoods late in the evening. Thank you, and keep an eye out for delivery drivers bearing gifts.

Fundraisers and Charitable Events

United Way—Helping You and Your Neighbors

The TV Volunteer Fire Department is one of the best volunteer departments in East Tennessee and one of the most respected organizations in the Village. Maintaining this reputation and its capabilities requires significant annual funding. The department raises funds to accomplish this within the community and to a limited degree with assistance derived from its partnership with the United Way of Loudon County.

Over the course of the last several years this partnership has resulted in the addition of important capabilities to the resources available to it to support the community. Two years ago a grant from UW enabled the department to add a high pressure nozzle for use in reaching tall structures from its fire boat. Most recently a grant enabled the department to procure a portable generator to use for powering equipment at the site of a fire and a portable cooling station to provide respite from the heat at the scene of a fire or accident. At the same time the grant enabled it to acquire a portable CO2 testing device for use in monitoring firefighters on site for inhalation of excessive amounts of CO2. UW will continue to support the TVVFD in this fashion in the future. Thus, a donation to UW is a donation to helping your community organizations, STAYinTV, the Computer Users Club TAP Program as well as the other 29 partner agencies in Loudon County.

Please donate. You can drop off your check either at the TV Library or mail it to Mr. Bob Mugge, Treasurer UW, 118 Oostanali Way, Loudon, TN 37774. Every contribution is important - please lend a hand

Toys-for-Tots Needs Your Help

The children of Loudon County again need your help!

This marks the 19th year for the Tellico Village Woodworkers Club's "Toys-for-Tots" program. The program helps put toys under Christmas trees for many disadvantaged Loudon County children, the toys are distributed through the Loudon County Sheriff's Office.

Presentation of all the wooden and donated toys to the Sheriff's Office will be made 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Tellico Village Community Church. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and see the wide variety of toys that the Tellico Village Woodworkers have made. Toys will be on display starting at 5 p.m.

Please help the children of Loudon County by dropping off donated toys. Drop-off boxes are available at the Tanasi Clubhouse, the Wellness Center, the Chota Recreation Center or the Yacht Club. Drop-off boxes will also be available at the Tellico Village Library. Pre-addressed envelopes will be available at each drop-off location for residents who would like to help older children by mailing a check directly to the Loudon County's Sheriff's Office.

All donations need to be made by noon on Dec. 3 of this year.

Winter Golf Event to Dec. 5 Benefits Toys-for-Tots

The final Tellico Village golf event is upon us 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Tanasi Golf Course. Teams can sign up at any Tellico Village pro shop. Teams can consist of all men, women or mixed. Tee options are white or orange for men and green or yellow for women. The tournament format is a team [Stableford](#). The entry fee is \$5 plus a New Unwrapped Toy. All donated toys will go to the Loudon County Toys-for-Tots, helping out under privileged children this Christmas season. Please join me in making this event a success!

Best wishes, Adam Jacob, Head Golf Professional, Tanasi Golf Club

Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree drive will be held through Dec. 20. You may place your mittens, scarves, hats on these trees during this time at the Wellness Center, Chota Rec Center or the Community Church Wishing Well.

Recent Events and Bragging Rights

Kahitians Raise \$30,000+ for United Way

United Way and all citizens of Monroe County extends a heartfelt THANK YOU to the Kahite Neighborhood of Tellico Village, Vonore. They recently completed their 30-day campaign (Oct. 1-31) to raise funds for the Monroe County United Way. Over 50% of Kahite residents contributed just over \$30,000 (a record) which will go to help many Monroe County non-profits. Last year the Kahite Neighborhood was the third largest giving entity in Monroe County. Thanks to the 2015 Kahite Committee (from left): back row: Ray Barrett, Len Willis, Don Wood, Dick Bossard, Tom Sexton, Dick Parkhill; middle row: Nancy Barrett, Trish Willis, Trish Bossard, Susan Sexton, Anne Parkhill; and front row: Miriam Fisher, Randy Fisher, Bonnie Wood, Judy Christopher, Bruce Christopher.

Submitted by Nancy Barrett and Miriam Fisher

Chota Hills Fall Garden Clean-up

We had 13 Chota homeowners that helped out in the garden recently. Thanks to all who contributed; it made it fun and almost easy.

See you in the spring!

Participants: Dale Foote, Marilyn and Fred Kanwischer, Rick and Barbara Mannarino, Elton Pierson, Diana Vanoni, Harry and Linda Karle, John Heard, Larry Abercrombie, and Kathy and Bob Kutschera.

Submitted by Kathy and Bob Kutschera

New Villagers Tour Oak Ridge National Laboratory {photo}

Submitted by John Fuchs

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 November. Come see what Ashley can whip up!
- **Thirsty Thursdays** are here! Bottles of wine are half price (anything from the wine list).
- **Thanksgiving Feast** at the Yacht Club SOLD OUT. We will be serving noon-4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26. Call 865-458-4363 to be put on the waiting list in case of cancellations.
- **New Year’s Eve Masquerade Party** tickets are available for \$65 (\$50 plus tax and gratuity). Your evening includes a three-course Prix-Fixe Dinner, live music, dancing until midnight, and a champagne toast at midnight. Dinner will be served 6-10 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed!

Questions? Contact Info for the management team:

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

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

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

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Christmas Decorating Tips Dec. 1

Margaret Boyes is presenting low cost easy Christmas decorating tips using objects found in nature on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 9:30 a.m., in The Public Library at Tellico Village. To further add to the fun, if participants will bring wired ribbon, Margaret will demonstrate two ways to tie beautiful Christmas bows. Printed instructions will accompany the demonstration. Call (865) 458-5199 to reserve a seat.

Computer Users Club Meets Dec. 1

The Tellico Village Computer Users Group will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at TV Yacht Club, top floor. After announcements and committee reports, Lou Miller will present a slide and narrative program with very interesting details of the new 3D Printing Technology. In addition, there will be a short web presentation of additional facets.

There will be door prizes for several members attending. Be sure to get your ticket as you register. See you there.

The Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month in Room D at Chota Rec Center. Visitors are welcome.

Visit our website at www.TVCUC.org.

Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show Dec. 2

The Tellico Village Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the Yacht Club. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 25. Fashions and program will be presented by The Silk Purse along with music provided by Linda Schuessler. Vendors this month include Bling on the Bangles, Knoxville Soap & Candles, Custom Greeting Cards by Patti Patterson, and Handmade Christmas Stockings by Voy Brunner. Doors open at 10 a.m. for your shopping convenience with lunch being served promptly at 11:30 a.m. Peggy Johnson will be baking desserts for your purchase at the luncheon benefiting the Good Neighbors Shoppe. The menu for December is a romaine salad topped with grilled chicken, chopped bacon, diced tomatoes, red onion, parmesan cheese, hard boiled egg, with bacon vinaigrette on the side. Rolls, coffee, tea and water included. Reservations can be made along with cash or check for \$15 at the Yacht Club, New Villager and HOA social meetings. For additional information contact Chairperson Karen Sue Keith at (248) 808-2248 (cell/text) or kskeith1@aim.com.

Woodworkers Present Wooden Toys Dec. 3

The Tellico Village Woodworkers Club’s annual presentation of member made wooden toys will be

held on Thursday, Dec. 3. The meeting will be at the Tellico Village Community Church's Christian Life Center. There will be approximately 500 wooden toys to be presented. There will also be a display of craft items built by club members; cookies, made by club members' wives, will be served. The doors will open at 5 p.m. to allow viewing of toys and craft items, the presentation to the Loudon County Sheriff will be at 7 p.m. The public is cordially invited.

Garden Club Luncheon Dec. 3

Tellico Village Garden Club Holiday Luncheon at noon on Dec. 3. held at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (Hwy. 72 at Wade Rd.). This is a prepay event (\$15) - deadline Nov. 29. Contact: Judy Jutze at 865-458-6895.

Hike Middle Prong Trail Dec. 4

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, from Chota Center, to hike:

- MIDDLE PRONG TRAIL TO CCC CAMP
- Distance: 6 miles
- Elevation Gain: 800 feet
- Rating: Easy
- Driving Time: 1.25 hours
- Leader: Hamish deWilde, 860-716-4016

The trail is one of the most beautiful sections of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park near Townsend and Tremont. The trail follows the rushing Middle Prong of the Little River, and features overlooks of waterfalls, cascades and rapids cut through a narrow gorge. This hike follows a wide old logging railroad bed up a gentle slope. Since the hike is between 2,000 and 3,000 feet elevation, the temperature will be lower than in Tellico Village.

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.

It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play

Tellico Community Players presents a holiday performance treat for the entire family! *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*, inspired by Frank Capra's classic American film, *It's a Wonderful Life*, is staged as a 1940s live radio broadcast in front of a studio audience. The talented cast of the Tellico Community Players performs the dozens of characters in the radio play as well as produces the sound effects for the broadcast from their on-stage Foley tables. *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* premiered in 1996 at Stamford Center for the Arts in Stamford, Connecticut, and has since been produced around the country to critical acclaim.

Come join us for a night of holiday nostalgia as the Patricia Smith Theatre in the Tellico Community Playhouse is transformed into an old time radio station. The audience will actually be stepping into the WBFR studio the minute they enter the Tellico Community Playhouse lobby. The entire cast will be portraying characters who work at the 1940s WBFR Studio in NYC. These characters will then present the *It's a Wonderful Life* story, along with the WBFR singers and the Foley sound effects artists, through the magic of the radio drama.

Come join the novelty and fun of watching the actors re-creating this classic story on an old time radio broadcast set. Laugh as the WBFR singers sell 1940's household products with their own brand of commercial jingles and marvel at unique techniques of the sound effects creators.

It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play will be directed by Debbie Mayberry and runs Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 9-12 starting at 7:30 p.m. along with a 1:30 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Dec. 13. The sponsor for this play is REMAX Tellico Village and the producer is Jim Davis. Doors open 30 minutes prior to each performance.

RESERVED seat tickets can now be purchased on-line at www.tellicocommunityplayhouse.org. Tickets can also be purchased (cash, check or credit card) at the Tellico Community Playhouse Box Office, located at 304 Lakeside Plaza in Loudon, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., from Nov. 30 through Dec. 11.

New 2016 Reciprocal Courtesy Cards for Yachting Clubs of America Are Here

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 800 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.