

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, Dec. 4, 2015

POA Meetings and Events (red denotes irregularity of time, day, and/or location):

- Public Services Advisory Committee, **10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 10**, POA Conference Room
- Golf Advisory Committee, **2 p.m.** Thursday, Dec. 10, POA Conference Room
- Finance Advisory Committee, **9 a.m.** Friday, Dec. 11, POA Conference Room
- POA Board Meeting, **1:30 p.m.** Wednesday, Dec. 16, Yacht Club

Bridge Construction Update

Editor's Note: Many thanks to Villager Dennis Stanczuk for this information. This information is also on the HOA website at HOATV.org.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation has provided an aerial photograph with an overlay drawing of the new intersection of Highway 321 and Highway 444.

In the photograph you will notice that the entrance ramp from Highway 444 to Highway 321 going toward Lenoir City will be a merge and accelerate lane. There will be a Yield sign not a Stop sign. This should improve traffic flow and minimize wait time for accessing the highway.

Similarly, the ramp going to Maryville will have a merge and accelerate lane. The POA in conjunction with the HOA – TDOT Liaison Committee has made a number of proposals to TDOT to improve the safety of merging onto Highway 444 coming from Lenoir City including an acceleration lane, a street light and additional signage.

The earth work necessary to carry traffic on the new alignment once the bridges are complete is nearly finished. Once the traffic is switched to the new alignment over the new bridges there will be additional grading required on the slopes and at the Elm Hill/City Park Drive intersection. The concrete cap for Pier 2 on Bridge 2 over the Tennessee River is complete and work on the cap for Pier 1 (closest to Lenoir City) will begin within the next few weeks.

The steel beams for Bridge 2 are ready to be set between Abutment 2 (Tellico Village side) and Pier 3. That work will begin shortly after the first of the year. TDOT tells us that the steel beams change in length with the increase or decrease in temperature. This bridge is designed to have 8-inch expansion joints at each end to accommodate this expansion and contraction. Despite this, changing temperatures are not a significant factor in scheduling the installation of the beams.

The decking on Bridge 3 (over the canal) will begin within the next few weeks.

The new estimated completion timeframe for the new bridges and highway is early 2017.

The Liaison Committee will continue to meet with the TDOT Project Managers periodically and we will provide more updates.

Recent Events and Bragging Rights

Garden Club Member Wins Mailbox Topper

Atie Rotmeyer (right) was the winner of a freshly made Christmas topper for her mailbox. Following the recent Garden Club Luncheon, members and guests gathered to learn the secrets of working with greenery from Marilyn Johnson, creative expert from the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs.

Submitted by Kay Wilson

Fundraisers and Charitable Events

United Way—Helping You and Your Neighbors

If you haven't seen the current Connection article, the Kahite part of Tellico Village has raised more than \$30,000 in contributions for the United Way of Monroe County. They have more than 50% in families that give to the campaign. They are the third largest entity that supports the Monroe County campaign. Their campaign is focused on "participation and giving at any level." Supporting the United Way of Loudon County, the Loudon County part of the Village (Mialaquo, Chatuga, Toqua, Chota, Tanasi, Tommotley and Coyatee) are currently at \$70,000 with a 14% contribution rate. We are trying to reach a goal of \$90,000. With their generosity, the Tellico Village of Loudon County could literally move the Great Smoky Mountains to help the United Way of Loudon County. With only a \$20 donation from 100% of the families, we could raise \$70,000. With a \$50 donation from 100% of families we could raise \$170,000.

During this Thanksgiving and holiday season, please, look into your hearts and your wallets and see if you, too, could "participate and give at any level."

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

Thank you!

Susan Higginson, Board Member, United Way of Loudon County

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.

New Tellico Village App

Looking for a Tellico Village Phone App?

Look no further! Go to your App Store and download the Tellico Village FREE App. Search for Tellico Village, and get your App today.

If you have any trouble accessing the app, please email or call John Cherry, jcherry@tvpoa.org or 865-458-5408 ext. 4105.

Tanasi Bar and Grill

- Join us for **Football Saturdays**—1/2 price appetizer menu and \$5 pitchers of beer. All day. Watch your game with us.

Tanasi Bar and Grill: 865-458-9392

Toqua Café: 865-458-1330

Yacht Club

- The Yacht Club will be CLOSED Saturday, Dec. 5
- **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 with Ram Cat Alley and the Brass Cats (eight-piece orchestra), 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!

Yacht Club 865-458-4363

Highlights from the Board Workshop

In case you missed it, the POA Board held their monthly workshop Tuesday morning at the POA Office. Following are the highlights.

- Chris Sykes, Superintendent of Toqua Golf Course provided a comprehensive review of

initiatives at the golf courses during 2015. There is no doubt that our three courses stack up with the finest courses in East Tennessee when it comes to condition of the courses.

- Marketing Manager Beth Kuberka provided a brief update on Welcome Center traffic. The new building at 202 Chota Road continues to see excellent usage by visitors and Villagers.
- Jeff Gagley, Public Works Director, showed the Board a couple of changes being proposed for the ACC Blue Book. Those changes still need some editing and will be placed on the POA website on the Board page as soon as those edits are complete.

Christmas Parades in the Area

- Friday, Dec. 4, the Sweetwater Christmas Parade starts at 7 p.m. from Mayes Avenue, proceed through the downtown area and end at the shopping center on Highway 68. Monroe County Friends of Animals will have Smokey and Miss Kitty showing their Christmas spirit.
- Saturday, Dec. 5, the annual Vonore Christmas Parade starts at 4 p.m. Lineup is at Vonore Middle School and will proceed from there.
- Saturday, Dec. 5, the annual Madisonville Christmas Parade starts at 4:45 p.m. from Madisonville Primary School and goes down College Street past the Monroe County Courthouse. Monroe County Friends of Animals will have Smokey and Miss Kitty showing their Christmas spirit.
- Saturday, Dec. 12, the annual Tellico Plains Christmas Parade starts at 3 p.m. Monroe County Friends of Animals will have Smokey and Miss Kitty showing their Christmas spirit.
- Saturday, Dec. 12, the city of Loudon will holds its annual Christmas parade and Christmas in Olde Loudon event starting at 6 p.m. along Mulberry Street. Lineup for the parade will begin at 5 p.m. on Carter Street. Christmas in Olde Loudon will run 6-8 p.m. in downtown and will include hay rides, music, vendors and more.

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Flags at Half Staff Through Dec. 19

President Barack Obama is ordering U.S. flags to be flown at half-staff to honor the victims of the shooting in California that left 14 people dead.

Ladies Book Club Meets Dec. 10

The Tellico Village Ladies Book Club will meet Thursday, Dec. 10, in the Tanasi Clubhouse for lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by a 12:15 p.m. discussion led by Pat Garrett. The book will be "A Dog Named Christmas," a fiction written by Greg Kincaid. For more information, call Bette Purvis, 865-458-8070.

Please bring a book for a child.

Village Quilters Meeting and Holiday Luncheon Dec. 11

The Village Quilters will hold a Guild Meeting and Holiday Luncheon 9:15 a.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (280 Wade Rd, Loudon TN). After our regular business meeting at the Lutheran Church, we will move to the Tellico Village Baptist Church for our holiday luncheon.

We are asking you to bring an item for the Good Samaritan Center to the Luncheon. There will be an SUV outside by the door we enter to collect your donation. **Do not bring donations to Guild meeting.** A list of items that aren't donated much but are nice to have include:

- Baby diapers size 3 & 4
- Ladies tampons but prefer sanitary pads

- Children's toothbrushes
- Birthday gift bags for children with cake mix and frosting, festive hats and maybe horns, plates and candles
- Canned goods are always welcome, as well.

Also 2016 Membership Dues of \$25 will be collected.

It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play Dec. 9-13

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.

Introducing our newest Tellico Community Players STARS..... The Foley artists!!

The "Foley" technique is the reproduction of everyday sound effects that are added to live productions, film, video and other media to enhance audio quality. These reproduced sounds can be anything from the swishing of clothes and footsteps to squeaky doors and breaking glass.

In this month's production of *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*, the Foley artists will be hard at work providing all of the sound effects for the various scenes of the play. They will be using ordinary household items and custom built objects to enhance the auditory experience of the play for the audience.

What is now called Foley is a range of live sound effects originally developed for live broadcasts of radio drama in the early 1920s in various radio studios around the world. Because no effective recording method existed in those days, all sounds for radio plays had to be created live at the time. Jack Donovan Foley was working with Universal Studios in 1914 during the silent movie era and later became part of the sound crew that turned Universal's then upcoming "silent" musical *Show Boat* into a musical. Foley and his small crew projected the film on a screen while recording a single track of audio that captured their live sound effects. Their timing had to be perfect, so that footsteps and closing doors synchronized with the actors' motions in the film. Jack Foley created sounds for films until his death in 1967. His basic methods are still used today.

You will marvel at the talents of the Foley artists led by Joe Marlette, designer and creator of the SFX tools and machines, and his on-stage technicians Joan Taylor and Gary Argo as they use their creativity to create LIVE sounds to compliment the actors' speaking parts of the play. All of these sound effects will be generated from the Foley studio located on the left side of the stage in the Patricia Smith Theatre in the Tellico Community Playhouse. We hope to see you there for this classic holiday production

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.

Hike Abrams Falls Dec. 14

The Muddy Boots Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14, from Chota Center (across from the gas station) to hike:

- Abrams Falls in the Smokies

- Distance: 5 miles
- Rating: moderate
- Elevation gain: 300 feet
- Driving time: 1 hour 15 minutes
- Hike leader: Margo Ross

This hike will follow Abrams creek most of the way, ending at Abrams Falls described by many as the best waterfall in the park.

Bring snack, water, lunch, boots, poles and \$5 for the drivers.

Hike the Hall Bend Trail in Dec. 15

Join us on Tuesday, Dec. 15, when we will hike 2.5 miles of the Hall Bend Trail. While this trail is not part of the East Lakeshore trail, it is a beautiful trail bordering Tellico Lake and is located on Route 444/Tellico Village Parkway. We will gather at the Poplar Springs Boat Ramp parking lot at 9 a.m., and we will car pool to the trail head. 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- 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.