

## Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, Dec. 8, 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

## **It's Time Again to "Tell 'em You're HAPPY!"**

**By Joe Bogardus**

For the past three years Tellico Village has been recognized with different Bliss awards from [RealEstateScorecard.com](http://RealEstateScorecard.com) (RES). With each recognition, the Village has benefited from the national publicity campaign launched by RES. It's time again to vote for these prestigious recognitions.

Real Estate Scorecard is an industry leader in online real estate reviews, providing in depth information about the most popular master planned communities in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Bliss Award winners are included in an extensive national public relations campaign placed with print, electronic and online media outlets.

In 2013, Tellico Village won the Bliss Award for the "Best Master Planned Community in Tennessee." The next year, 2014, the community was recognized as "The Happiest Community in the Southeast." In 2015, Tellico Village received the Bliss Award for "The Best Community Spirit." The 2014 and 2015 recognitions and the accompanying RES publicity augmented the Tellico Village marketing/communications efforts, resulting in numerous leads and visits by prospective Villagers.

"Last year more than 1,000 households voted in the 2015 competition," commented John Cherry, Tellico Village Property Owners Association (TVPOA) public relations manager. "We literally overwhelmed Real Estate Scorecard with our community participation. It would be great if we could exceed that effort for a 2016 Bliss Award."

Below is information on how and where you can vote for Tellico Village as the best place to live. As part of the process, you will be asked to enter your email address to verify property ownership status. You need not worry about privacy issues. According to Margie Casey at [RealEstateScorecard.com](http://RealEstateScorecard.com), "These email addresses are not being added to our marketing database and will not be shared with any third party."

She adds, "There are the only two reasons RES might possibly need to contact a Bliss Award voter:

1. If we can't verify the property owner's name with public records to validate their vote. We may write the individual asking if there is another name on file in public records.
2. If we receive duplicate votes from one legal address. We will only count one 2016 Bliss Award vote per legal address. We may inform a property owner if we see duplicate address submissions."

### **VOTING RULES:**

- Submissions will only be accepted from property owners of record. RealEstateScorecard.com has a cross check system in place to preserve the integrity of the votes.
- Property owners are to submit their vote online at [RealEstateScorecard.com](http://RealEstateScorecard.com). **To quickly vote, click the gold medallion on the left side of the upper image.**
- Only one 2016 Bliss Award vote per property address will count.
- Property owners can choose to vote anonymously or submit a comment with their first name only.

- The comment section is the most important part of the Bliss Award ballot.
- Submission deadline is Sunday, February 7, 2016.
- Bliss Award winners will receive national recognition and a tangible award.

So let's get out there and vote! Voting takes less than a minute. It's a great way to make a positive contribution to the marketing/communications program for Tellico Village. All you need to do is just "Tell 'em it's better at Tellico Village."

*Joe Bogardus is a retired marketing communications professional and Tellico Village resident who has acted as an unpaid volunteer consultant to the TVPOA in the re-launch of the Tellico Village brand and the accompanying marketing/communications program.*

## **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 December. Come see what Ashley can whip up!
- **Thirsty Thursdays** are here! Bottles of wine are half price (anything from the wine list).
- The Yacht Club will be **closed** Dec. 20-28.
- **Ladies Lite Luncheon** is Jan. 6, 2016. Last day for reservations is Wednesday, Dec. 30.
- **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](mailto:cbarber.awehospitality@gmail.com)

Linnea Elliott: Email: [lelliott.awehospitality@gmail.com](mailto:lelliott.awehospitality@gmail.com)

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

## **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](http://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**

### **AWE Hospitality Employees Donate Food**

Team AWE just donated over 1,000 pounds of food to the Good Samaritan food bank in Lenoir City.

Some donations came from Villagers at both Toqua and the Yacht Club.

The vast majority came from employee donations as it was their cost of admission to the company Christmas party.

*Submitted by Andy Fox*

## **Holiday trash schedule**

With Christmas on Friday, Dec. 25, and New Year's Day Jan. 1, Santek will change their schedule:

If your regular day is Friday, your pickup will be Saturday on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

For questions or more information, call Santek at 844-500-1161.

## **Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...**

### **Tanasi Bar and Grill Closed Thursday Evening**

The Tanasi Bar and Grill will be closed Thursday evening, Dec. 10, for a private event. For more information, call 865-458-9392.

### **No Memoir Writers in December**

The Memoir Writers group will not meet in December but will resume Jan. 11.

### **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.

### **Tellico Top Notes to Perform Dec. 11**

The Tellico Top Notes are putting on a concert at The Neighborhood 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11. Villagers are invited to attend. For more information, go to [TVTopNotes.weebly.com](http://TVTopNotes.weebly.com).

### **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](http://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 Hall Bend Trail 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](mailto:lelder49@gmail.com) or 865-657-9722; Jim: [jmjes711@gmail.com](mailto:jmjes711@gmail.com) or 724-612-2166; or Jon: [for4man@charter.net](mailto:for4man@charter.net) or 412-337-5500.

### **Auditions for *37 Postcards***

Tellico Community Player Auditions are being held on Dec. 14-16 at the Playhouse located at 304 Lakeside Plaza, Loudon, TN 37774 for *37 Postcards*, an offbeat and moving comedy. The play will be running Feb. 18-20 and 25-28. In *37 Postcards*, by Michael McKeever, Avery Sutton returns to his well-to-do parents' home after travelling years abroad to find almost nothing is the same. For starters, the house is tilted at a distinct angle, the dog hasn't been fed in five years, Avery's aunt is running a phone-sex operation out of the kitchen, and, despite rumors to the contrary, 97-year old, foul mouthed Nana is still alive and kicking. It all goes to show that you can indeed go home again, but you never know what you'll find. *37 Postcards* has roles for six adults. The male characters are Avery, who should appear to be in his early 30s, and Avery's father, who can be 50s to 60s. The female characters-Avery's girlfriend, mother, aunt and grandmother are of various ages, 20s and older. All roles are open.

Anyone interested in auditioning should simply come to the lobby of the Tellico Community Playhouse 6-8 p.m. on Dec. 14-15 and from 2-4 p.m. on Dec. 16. Appointments are not being taken. Auditions consist of cold readings from the script. Scripts are available in advance in the Tellico Village Library. In addition to actors, production crew volunteers are welcome.

For more information, call Len Willis, Director, at (423) 519-9807.

### **January Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show**

Tellico Village Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016, at the Yacht Club. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 30. Fashions will be presented by the Good Neighbors Shoppe along with music provided by Peggy Bastein. The topic of interest will be the purpose of Good Samaritan. Vendors this month include Fused Glass Jewelry by Marcy Baucom, Betty Cheshire with Tupperware, and Ray Wright with Photo Pictures for Decorating. Doors open at 10 a.m. for your shopping convenience with lunch being served promptly at 11:30 a.m. Sheryl Hirsch will be baking desserts for your purchase at the luncheon benefiting the Good Samaritan. The cold weather menu for January is 12-hour braised short rib on top of whipped potatoes with seasonal vegetable. 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. **Yacht club will be closed Dec. 20-28 so plan accordingly.** For additional information, contact Chairperson Karen Sue Keith at (248) 808-2248 (cell/text) or [kskeith1@aim.com](mailto:kskeith1@aim.com)