

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, Jan. 22, 016

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

- Long Range Planning, 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, POA Conference Room
- Rec 101, 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Wellness Center
- Public Services Advisory Committee, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, POA Conference Room
- Communications & Marketing Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. **Wednesday, Feb. 3**, POA Conference Room

Board Meeting Schedule Adjusted Due to Weather

The Jan. 20 Board Meeting was canceled due to snow. That means the Board needs to find some time on the calendar to cover the important items that were on the January agenda. Several Board Members are unavailable for the previously scheduled Feb. 2 Workshop. Therefore, with all that being said, the TVPOA Board of Directors are having a called Board Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Yacht Club. We will publish an updated agenda as soon as it is finalized. The Board will still have their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 1:30 p.m. at the Yacht Club. Stay tuned for details and updates.

What: Board Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Yacht Club.

Changes: NO Board Workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

LUB Provides Update to Sub-Station Project

Jeff Gagley, TVPOA Public Works Director, recently received an update from Loudon Utilities Board chief engineer Bill Watkins on the new sub-station that is slated for the property near the intersection of Davis Ferry Road and State Highway 444 (Tellico Parkway). What follows are the latest details provided to the POA from LUB.

The design of the sub-station is approximately 90% complete. The detailed design is being done by the consultant Fisher and Arnold. The power transformer bids have been reviewed, and the recommendation for award is to be made by the Loudon Utility Board on Monday, Jan. 25 with the purchase order being sent the following day. The price tag for the pair of transformers is just under \$1,400,000. These were bid as soon as possible, because power transformers can be a very long lead item. In the low bidder's case, it was 22-26 weeks, which matches the construction schedule very well (one bidder quoted 48-54 weeks!).

Over the next four weeks, LUB will be sending out the bid requests for the other main items of the sub-station: the three high voltage breakers, the three low voltage breakers, and the control room with all relaying and instruments. The bid request for the sub-station construction won't go out for several more months. LUB is lagging behind clearing of trees and grading the TVA access road due to the excess of rain. The estimated completion date is end of November 2016. Stay tuned to future updates as we get them.

Snow Daze: Part Deux

Well, here we go again. Tellico Village is in the path of Winter Storm Jonas. The Public Works crews are hard at work trying to be as ready as possible for whatever Jonas throws at us.

Here are a few facts to help Villagers understand how Public Works manages road prep and treatment:

- When possible, they treat the main roads with brine
- Main roads are the main arteries in each of the neighborhoods; Toqua Road, Sequoia Road,

Mialaquo Road, etc.

- Tellico Parkway, Highway 444, is a state road and is treated or plowed by Tennessee Department of Transportation
- When plowing, the PW crews hit the main arteries and keep them clear. Then they move to secondary roads as best they can.
- PW is in close contact with first responders at all times during snow events. When a call goes out, the PW plows respond to clear the way so emergency crews can safely respond.
- In case of emergency, call 911. To request Public Works, call (865) 458-4522

Here's the latest forecast as of 1 p.m. today: Could see some snow begin to mix with rain as early as 4-5 p.m., with a complete changeover likely by 7 p.m. Pavement will quickly drop to freezing, so snow could begin accumulating on roadways between 7-8 p.m. Snow chances will continue overnight into Saturday, with lingering scattered snows tapering off completely during the mid-afternoon. Heaviest snows likely 8 p.m. through 1-2 a.m. with a quick 1-2 inches anticipated. Additional snowfall amounts up to 1-1.5 inches are possible during the remainder of the storm, bringing totals to around 3-3.5".

Known closures and late openings of Village businesses:

- The Wellness Center will close at 6 p.m. tonight. Stay tuned to communications channels for updates for opening tomorrow.
- No new business past 7 p.m. tonight at the Yacht Club and Tanasi Restaurants
- Toqua Restaurant will NOT open tomorrow. It is planned to reopen on Sunday, regular hours
- Tanasi Restaurant will NOT open for lunch tomorrow. It is planned to be open for dinner (you may want to call to be sure, (865) 458-9392.
- Yacht Club is closed for dining. However, the Vintage Vehicle Snowball and the American Wine Society tasting will go on as planned

Keep an eye out for Tell-E-FLASH messages and updates via NextDoor.com.

Stay safe! Stay warm! Stay tuned!

Top 10 TVPOA Financial Stories of 2015

By Parker Owen, Director of Finance

With 2015 now behind us, it is a good time to look back at some of the major events of the year that shaped the financial performance of the Tellico Village Property Owners Association. By just about any measure 2015 was another good year for TVPOA. Following, in roughly chronological order, is my list of the top 10 TVPOA financial stories of 2015.

We began 2015 with a budget theme of "Repair, Replace, and Renovate." Following on the heels of an expansionary capital plan for 2014, the 2015 plan was mostly aimed at bringing some of our aging facilities and infrastructure back to good operating condition and appearances. More than 85% of the 2015 Capital Plan was in support of the 3 Rs.

In January we began the transition to a new food services contractor for our Tanasi and Toqua clubhouses, as AWE Hospitality assumed responsibility for those two operations in addition to their operation of the Yacht Club. Both clubhouses were closed for food services during the first two to three weeks of January while extensive cleaning, repairs and equipment replacements were completed.

Also in January the TVPOA Board approved a plan to contract with Mashburn Homebuilder, LLC to build a speculative house for TVPOA to help jump-start development of a cottage style neighborhood at Cheeyo Place. In addition to the single TVPOA spec house, there have been seven additional homes built or under construction by Mashburn at Cheeyo Place, and two additional homes are being planned. The TVPOA spec house was completed in mid-October and is expected to sell in the first quarter. The TVPOA house led directly to the sale of two other TVPOA owned lots in the Cheeyo area.

Beginning on Feb. 15, our region experienced an extended period of bitter cold temperatures, snow and ice, that was accompanied by wide spread power outages affecting most of Tellico Village. The direct costs to TVPOA totaled about \$100,000, and indirect costs of lost revenue due to weather, facilities shutdowns and curtailed operating hours in our golf and food service operations added to the financial impact.

On April 2, President Barack Obama declared a major disaster in 35 Tennessee counties affected by the severe winter storms and flooding. TVPOA applied for a Request for Public Assistance through the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). We documented our eligibility for this program, documented our costs that may be eligible for disaster assistance payments, and followed the slow, painstaking process for reimbursement. As of the end of the year, we have not yet received reimbursement, but have received notice of expected reimbursements totaling almost \$30,000. This is the first time that TVPOA has applied for disaster assistance, and we were approved for these reimbursements based on our documentation of eligibility.

Despite the impact of severe winter weather, the Repair, Replace and Renovate program began the year with a bang. A major resurfacing project for the Kahite cart paths was completed early in the year. With low oil and asphalt pricing, we pulled the second phase of that project forward from 2016 into 2015 at an overall savings of \$65,000. We also added on a \$10,000 project to pave the walking path from Kahite Circle to the clubhouse, taking advantage of low asphalt pricing and having the equipment already mobilized for the main cart path project. The second phase of the Toqua bunker renovation project was completed in 2015, with the third and final phase of that project budgeted for 2016. Several rest room and locker room renovations were approved and completed at the Chota Recreation Center and at the Tanasi Golf Clubhouse. Renovations to the Yacht Club fourth and fifth floors were completed and a bridal party dressing room was included in the fourth floor renovation. The one new amenity included in the 2015 Capital Plan, a paved walking path around the Wellness Center, was completed at a cost of \$91,000. A generous donation by the Tellico Village Lions Club provided the equipment and installation for four exercise stations at various points along the walking path.

The audit of TVPOA financial statements by the CPA firm of Coulter & Justus, P.C. produced another clean, unqualified opinion by the auditors. Furthermore, the audit firm issued its required Auditor Communications Letter to the Audit Committee and noted no exceptions or areas of concern. Finally, the firm did not issue a Management Letter concerning internal controls issues because they did not identify any significant internal controls issues that warranted communication.

On Aug. 3, TVPOA bought the former United Community Bank Building at the Village Square for \$450,000, with a \$67,000 cash down payment and \$383,000 of seller financing. Arguably the most attractive and highly visible piece of commercial real estate in Tellico Village, the building has been renovated as the Tellico Village Welcome Center. It is now the starting point for Discovery Tours and for walk-in visitors, and it offers the potential to house additional administrative functions in the future.

At their Nov. 18 meeting, the TVPOA Board of Directors approved a 5% increase in the monthly assessment, with one percentage point of the increase earmarked for increases to the R&M Reserve Fund. The budget process identified increasing needs for maintenance and repairs of our aging facilities and infrastructure, and these increases in the assessment rate and in R&M Reserve funding are aimed at keeping our facilities well maintained and up to date. A special task force was charged earlier in the year with examining the Water and Sewer Reserves to ensure adequate funding to maintain our water and sewer systems. The Board approved the recommended 3% increase in water and sewer rates to offset known increases in our costs for purchased water and sewer services and increases in our internal operating expenses. In addition, the Board approved a fee of \$.50 per water and sewer account, with the entire amount going to the Water and Sewer Reserve Fund. These actions keep our water and sewer operations in positive net income territory while stabilizing the Water and Sewer Reserve Fund at around \$1 million.

So in summary, 2015 was a very good year for Tellico Village. The Village Marketing program continued to gain traction and bring prospective buyers in to tour Tellico Village. The Realtor partner program has continued and was expanded to include a builder partner program. We maintained and renovated some aging facilities and infrastructure that will now provide many additional years of service. We added a high visibility Welcome Center and are focused on ways to return lots that are now owned by TVPOA to assessment paying status. While the year-end financial results for TVPOA at this point are unaudited, we expect that we will beat our budget for positive net income. Our financial strength and stability continue to be strong selling points as we market the Tellico Village brand to prospective buyers.

To each of the property owners of Tellico Village, I hope that you too have had a successful 2015, and I wish you and your family a very prosperous, healthy and Happy New Year.

FREE SERVICE: Emergency Notifications System Citizen Sign Up

The Loudon County E-911 Center along with the Loudon County Emergency Management/Homeland Security Agency have teamed up to provide a notification system to provide emergency alerts to citizens in times of natural or man-made disasters.

Citizens can sign up to receive alerts via:

- Text Message
- Voice Call
- Email
- Mobile Phone

Potential Notifications: Weather Alerts, Missing Children, Law Enforcement Events, Hazardous Material Events

Sign up via the internet at:

- www.loudoncounty911.org
- www.loudoncountyemergencymanagement.org
- Or by calling 865-458-7298

It Is Time to “Tell ‘em You’re Happy!”

The deadline to vote for the 2016 Bliss Award is fast approaching.

Balloting closes Sunday, Feb. 7.

Have you told RealEstateScorecard.com (RES) how happy you are to live in Tellico Village? If not, vote now. Click on this link to vote:

www.RealEstateScorecard.com/node/add/property-owner-review

Tellico Village won the 2014 Bliss which is given to the Happiest Community in the Southeast. In 2015, the Village won “The Best Community Spirit award.”

Yacht Club and Tanasi Bar and Grill

Join us for **Fish Fry Fridays** at Tanasi Bar & Grill: Hand Beer Battered Cod with two sides, \$10.95

Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, \$15 payable to the Yacht Club.

Reservations due by Jan. 27. The fashions will be provided by Stein Mart. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and will consist of lasagna, rolls, coffee, tea, and water.

Join us for a **Wine & Canvas party** 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, \$35 person (food and beverages NOT included). A little nervous to paint? Don't be! No talent or experience is necessary. Our talented

instructors will guide you step-by-step! You will be amazed at your very own work of ART! The Yacht Club will have 1/2 price bottles of wine. To signup, go to www.wineandcanvas.com.

Super Bowl Parties

- Super Bowl is around the corner. Make plans to join us at either The Blue Heron Lounge or Tanasi Bar & Grill for Super Bowl specials and a really fun time.

Valentine's Day

- The Yacht Club and Tanasi Bar & Grill will both be accepting reservations for Valentine's Day. Call for details.

Tanasi Bar and Grill: 865-458-9392

Toqua Café: 865-458-1330

Yacht Club: 865-458-4363

Now Being Considered by the Board

The Board is considering changes to the ACC Blue Book concerning landscape plans for Tellico Village residential homes. Click here to read more: www.tellicovillagepoa.org/images/tellico/pdfs/acc/bb-land.pdf

You may send feedback and suggestions to BoardConsideration@tvpoa.org.

Village's No Solicitors Policy with Added Clarification

Solicitors seem to follow stormy weather as rainbows do rain. In Tellico Village, there is a policy against door-to-door solicitations (signs are posted throughout the Village), and it is considered trespassing; Village roads are private property. Only Village property owners and their guests have permission to use the roads. If you see anyone soliciting, contact Public Works as soon as possible by calling 865-458-4522 or call the police.

The policy does not apply to political candidates. The policy does apply to commercial solicitation. As a reminder, the ACC Blue Book prohibits the display of political signs in Tellico Village.

Are You Ready for the Next Emergency?

Last year your Communications and Marketing Advisory Committee (CMAC) put together two very helpful documents to assist Villagers as we all prepare for the next emergency. This is an excellent time to remind you where those documents may be found. There is SNOW in the forecast...yikes! Click here for the [Disaster Preparedness](#) document, and click here for the [Emergency Preparedness Checklist](#). Print them out if you like, and get ready for those tough events life throws your way. Stay safe and warm this winter. Have a great day.

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Lions Change Meeting Location

The Tellico Village Lions Club will meet 9:15 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the meeting room of the Tellico Village First Baptist Church. The club also meets 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday at the Tanasi Clubhouse.

Women's Club Meets Jan. 25

The Tellico Village Women's Club will meet 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, in the Tanasi Clubhouse. Guests are welcome. For more information, go to tellicowomensclub.org.

Hike Old Sugarland's Trail Jan. 27

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will depart 7:45 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, from Chota Center, to hike:

- Old Sugarland's Trail/Twin Creeks Trail/lunch in Gatlinburg/Gatlinburg Trail, return to Sugarland's Visitor Center Parking

- Driving Time: 1 hour 30 minutes
- Distance of Hike: 10 miles
- Elevation Gain: Approximately 1,100 feet
- Rating: Moderate
- Leader: Bob Kutschera, 865-408-3092 or bkkutch@yahoo.com

The hike is the Club's annual January hike which includes lunch at a restaurant in Gatlinburg (approximately 8 miles from the start of the hike to the restaurant). Wear appropriate winter hiking shoes or boots.

Driving Directions from Tellico Village to Sugarland's Visitor Center: From Chota Center, take TN 444 to US 321. Turn towards Maryville. Continue through Maryville to Townsend. At the traffic light in Townsend turn left staying on Rt. 321 toward Pigeon Forge. Continue 5.7 miles to Lyons Springs Road. Turn right and continue 2.6 miles to Metcalf Bottoms picnic area and a "T" with TN 73 (Little River Rd). Turn left and continue to the Sugarland's Visitor Center for restrooms and trailhead. You will be met at the Visitor Center and led to the parking area we use for the hike.

Hiking boots and hiking sticks are recommended. Bring ample water. 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.

February Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show—Deadline Jan. 27

Tellico Village Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the Yacht Club. Wear **RED** to help celebrate Valentine's Day early and American Heart Month. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 27. Fashions will be presented by the Stein Mart along with music provided by Linda Schuessler. The topic of interest will be "Go **RED** for Women" presented by Karen Sue Keith. Our vendors this month include Premier Jewelry. Doors open at 10 a.m. for your shopping and visiting convenience with lunch being served promptly at 11:30 a.m. Cindy Rogers will be baking desserts for your purchase at the luncheon benefiting the Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. The cold weather menu for February is Lasagna. 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 (248) 808-2248 (cell/text), kskeith1@aim.com.

TV Pan Hellenic Winter Luncheon Jan. 28

Join us for and fellowship. All ladies who belong to various nationally recognized Sororities are invited to a luncheon Thursday, Jan. 28, at Rarity Bay; social begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. Please wear your nametag. The deadline for reservations is Jan. 23. For more information, call Joyce Knouse, 865-408-0653; or Bev Sikorski, 865-458-4135.

New Beginning Tai Chi Class Begins Feb. 3

The Taoist Tai Chi Society will offer a beginning Tai Chi class from 9:45-11:15 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Feb. 3, in the Wellness Center. (You do not need to be a member of the Wellness Center to attend these classes.) This three-month session will teach you the 108-movement exercise set. For more information, contact Gail Eades, 865-599-6785.

Taoist Tai Chi is a slow movement "internal" form of the ancient Chinese martial art. It is widely known for its health benefits, for increased flexibility and strength, for improved balance, and for taming the "busy mind." It can be practiced by people of all ages and physical conditions.

The Taoist Tai Chi Society is a tax-exempt, charitable and all-volunteer organization. Their qualified instructors donate their time in order to share the health-giving benefits of Tai Chi.

Sign Up for New VFW Post Feb. 4

A post is being formed at Tellico Village. The first sign-up night will begin 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, in the lower level of the Tellico Yacht Club immediately following the New Villagers social.

Eligible veterans who are new to the VFW should bring their DD214 and \$50 (Cash, check or credit card). Annual VFW members should bring their membership cards (or their DD214, if they can't find

their card) and \$50 (Cash, check or credit card). VFW Life Members need only bring their membership cards.

For assistance or additional information, please contact Jim Jorgensen at TellicoVFWpost@aol.com, or at 865-458-2792.

Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast Feb. 6

Boy Scout Troop 354 out of Central United Methodist Church in Lenoir City will be having a pancake breakfast to help raise funds for the boys to go to camp this year. The event will be at Ruby Tuesday's in Lenoir City 8-10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased ahead of time by contacting Paulette at 865-458-0993 or lloynsdale@yahoo.com or can be purchased at the door on Feb. 6. Your support is greatly appreciated by the Scouts of Troop 354.

Hike Cumberland Mountain State Park Feb. 8

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

- Cumberland Mountain State Park (Crossville, TN, Central Time Zone)
- Rating: Easy
- Distance: 5.2 miles
- Followed by a lunch break
- Optional hike to Ozone Falls
- Rating: Moderate
- Distance: 0.5 miles

Hiking boots, poles, and water are recommended. Carpooling available; passengers should give \$5 to the driver. Directions and last-minute details will be given the morning of the hike. For more information, go to www.telliconewillagers.com/muddy-boots.

Cruising Club Meets Feb. 10

The Tellico Cruising Club will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the 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 Bob Mazzola, 865-657-9306.

Fishing Club Meets Feb. 10

The Tellico Village Fishing Club monthly meeting will be 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Tellico Village Yacht Club. Members discuss fishing related topics and this month's guest speaker is UT professor of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, Dr. David Etnier. He will be discussing behavior of bass and the program of stocking a Florida strain of bass in Tennessee. Visitors are welcome.

For additional information, contact Club President Brian Baldwin at 423-884-2641.

Ladies Book Club Meets Feb. 11

The Tellico Village Ladies Book Club will meet 11:30 a.m. for lunch followed by a 12:15 p.m. discussion in the Tanasi Clubhouse. The February book is "The Bookman's Tale," by Charlie Lovett, with the discussion led by Wanda Moored. For more information, call Bette Purvis, 865-458-8070.

TVU Registration Open for American History: Titans of the Gilded Age

Tellico Village University is offering a three-week course in American History: Titans of the Gilded Age: Carnegie, Pullman, and Rockefeller. Come and listen to Villager Jackie Curtiss and join the lively class conversation about Andrew Carnegie, George Pullman, and John D. Rockefeller, aka "the robber barons" (or captains of industry) who created the modern industrial age and the model of philanthropy as practiced by Bill Gates today. Join the discussion of the Panic of 1893 and labor/union issues. And when Jackie teaches about her love of history, it will be an experience of history like you have never had. Jackie is a seasoned college history instructor and a collector of great stories about the people and events that make our history come alive. The course meets 9-11 a.m. Feb. 26, March 11 and 18, at Chota Recreation Center, room D. Join the group – it is forming now. Tuition for this three-session course is \$10, payable to STAYinTV at the first class. Register at the TVU website at www.tvuniversity.org. Use the CONTACT US page to submit your name, e-mail and phone.