

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, Jan. 26, 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

General Manager's Report for January

By Winston Blazer, General Manager

Water and Sewer System by the Numbers

The Tellico Village Property Owners Association owns and operates its own sewer and water system. With more than 120 miles of water and sewer lines to maintain, it's quite a task for the Public Works staff members who are charged with doing so.

Jeff Gagley, Public Works Director, recently briefed our management team and the Board of Directors on what is entailed in maintaining such a large and complex system. Below are some of the highlights of Jeff's presentation. What's missing is some of his very clever and entertaining language he used to describe the process.

In a typical year the staff responds to about 500 sewer related calls. Through the first 11 months of 2015, they responded to 513 sewer related calls. When you consider Tellico Village processes more than 370,000 gallons of sewage a day, that's not too bad. There are slightly more than 3,600 residential sewer tanks located within the Village. As an additional data point, your POA purchases more than 350 million gallons of water per year. That averages out to almost 1 million gallons of water per day.

To process all of the sewer operations, we have eight main lift stations and eight additional stations. There are two standby generators and one bypass pump. All of that equipment with the 120-plus miles of lines all work together to pump the effluent over the hill to the Loudon County processing facility.

With all that equipment, somebody has to be there to operate and maintain it. We are blessed with very talented and qualified staff members who do a great job keeping up with all of that. On staff we have a Tennessee State certified water treatment plant operator and a sewer treatment plant operator. We also have two State certified distribution system operators, two State certified sewer collection system operators, two staff members in training for their water/sewer certifications, and of course, we have one staff engineer.

I for one am grateful we have qualified and talented employees who take great pride in taking good care of our systems. So the next time that sewer alarm goes off late at night and you call 458-4522 to report it, be thankful that your Public Works are standing by to respond. These employees are just another reason it's better at Tellico Village.

Board zeroes in on 2016 goals and meeting change

Well, Mother Nature got the best of us on Wednesday, Jan. 20 and snowed out the monthly Board meeting. In spite of that, the POA Board is honing in on their goals for the year. Once they identify some timeframes for completion, we will publish those on the Board page of the POA website.

The plan was to be able to show the draft goals at the January meeting, but it looks now that they'll land on those at their next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Yacht Club. There will be no February Workshop which was originally scheduled for Feb. 2.

Each area of Board goals will have champions assigned to them. Champions are those Board members responsible for monitoring the progress of the goals and in some cases doing some heavy lifting to help the POA realize and accomplish these goals.

Keep your eyes and ears open on our communications channels for more information about what lies ahead for 2016.

Again, there will be no Workshop in February, but there will be an extra Board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Yacht Club.

Golf Pro Change at Kahite

Earlier this month, Glenn Hudson resigned his position as Golf Professional at The Links at Kahite. Glenn will be joining the professional staff at Oak Ridge Country Club, which is about 45 minutes closer to his home in LaFollette, TN. Glenn has been a valuable member of the professional staff at Tellico Village and will be missed by the membership. We wish him the best in his future endeavors.

However, do not despair. It is with great pleasure that I announce that Casey Flenniken is joining our team of golf professionals at Tellico Village! Casey is a dedicated and accomplished young golf professional, having earned the 2014 Tennessee PGA Section Assistant Professional of the Year Award and also the 2015 Tennessee PGA Section Assistant Player of the Year Award. Welcome to Tellico Village, Casey!

Casey will be working out of Tanasi. Adam Jacob moves over to Toqua, and Jeff Herrington moves over to Kahite. Golf continues to be in good hands here in Tellico Village.

2015 Top 10

In last Friday's Tell-E-Gram, www.tellicovillagepoa.org/images/tellico/gram2016/tg20160122.pdf, Parker Owen captured the top 10 financial moments and successes of 2015. His article does a great job of capturing those key events and actions that helped us close out 2015 on a positive financial note.

Take a look at Parker's article. If you have any interest in seeing how the financial wheels turn, I invite you to attend the next Finance Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for Friday, Feb. 13 at 9 a.m. at the POA conference room. All in all, 2015 was a pretty good year here in Tellico Village. Let's look forward to an equally bright 2016.

Bliss voting

Thank you to all of those Villagers who have gone online to RealEstateScorecard.com and voted for Tellico Village as the Happiest Community for 2016. Voting will close out Feb. 7, and we expect to hear the results sometime in mid-February. If you haven't voted yet, please take the time to do so. It definitely helps in our efforts to promote the good life here in Tellico Village.

Whether we win the Bliss award again or not, we all know it's better at Tellico Village.

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

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.”

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.

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

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.

Computer Users Club Meets Feb. 2

The Tellico Village Computer Users Club will hold a general meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, in the Yacht Club, top floor. After announcements and committee reports, the program will be presented by Harry McDavid, former CIO with Headquarters Department of Homeland Security. He will speak to us about internet security, hackers, etc., from a very knowledgeable background of previous assignments. There will be several door prizes for members attending. Be sure to get your ticket after you register. See you there.

The TVCUC Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month in Room D at Chota Recreation Center. Visitors are welcome. For more information, go to www.TVCUC.org.

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.

Garden Club Meets Feb. 4

The Garden Club will meet 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, top floor of the Yacht Club. "Environmental Benefits and Construction of a Rain Garden" will be presented by a member of the UT garden staff. Helpful information for solving problems caused by excess rain. Visitors are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Kay Wilson, 865-458-1599.

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.

Woodworkers Meet Feb. 4

The monthly meeting of the Tellico Village Woodworkers Club will be held 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, top floor of the Yacht Club. The program will be presented by a clockmaker who makes clocks entirely of wood—including the movements. The public is invited. For more information, go to tvwoodworkers.com.

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.telliconewvillagers.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.