

## Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, February 2, 016

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

- **Communications & Marketing Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, POA Conference Room**
- **POA 101, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, Yacht Club, RSVP 865-458-5408 ext. 4115**
- **Architecture Control Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, POA Conference Room**
- **Recreation Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, Wellness Center**

## **Last Chance to “Tell ‘em You’re Happy!”**

Feb. 7 is getting big in the window. That’s our deadline to cast our votes and reviews for Tellico Village on [RealEstateScorecard.com](http://RealEstateScorecard.com). Other communities have really stepped up their participation in voting for the Bliss Award. Don’t miss your chance to help Tellico Village garner yet another Bliss Award!

Click on this link to vote:

[www.RealEstateScorecard.com/node/add/property-owner-review](http://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.”

### **From the Boardroom** **Tellico Village POA Capital Project Management** **By Joe Marlette, TVPOA Board of Directors**

The POA Board authorizes and the POA staff spends approximately \$1.5 million of capital each year, which is about 10% of the total POA budget, not counting major projects like the Wellness Center and the new Welcome Center. Capital is spent on new equipment, amenities and other improvements to the POA infrastructure. The POA has physical assets valued at approximately \$20 million, so we spend about 7% of that amount each year to improve those assets and to add new ones.

As an example, recent capital projects consisted of the Toqua Pavilion, Pickleball Courts, Bride’s Room at the Yacht Club, golf course equipment, Kayak Launch and Storage, Wellness Center Strength Equipment and other similar projects.

Budget estimates for capital projects are placed in the yearly budget in October of the previous year, so spending on those projects may come almost a year after the budget estimate is developed. Throughout the year, projects are brought to the board for approval and at that time the best estimates are used based on current material prices and bids so the approved amount may be different from the budgeted amount.

Actual spending on capital projects is expected to be close to the authorized amount, but not more than 10% over the authorized amount. The POA has had a few recent projects that have had spending in excess of 10% more than the authorized amount, which has drawn a lot of attention.

The Board and management thought it might be interesting and instructive to review capital project spending control over the past two years to determine how well we have managed capital spending.

There were 26 capital projects in 2014 that ranged from \$4,093 to \$539,180 with an average of \$65,643. Of all projects that were budgeted, the authorized amount was within 1% of the budgeted amount and spending was within 7% of the authorized amount, well within the target of less than 10% over authorized amounts. There were three projects that had spending more than 10% over the authorized amount, and all were due to scope changes after the projects were authorized. All project spending, including projects not budgeted were also within 7% of the authorized amount.

2015 had similar results, with 32 projects that ranged from \$1,181 to \$235,000 and an average of \$37,895. All budgeted projects had authorized amounts within 10% of the budgeted amounts and spending was less than 1% over the authorized amounts. Only one project had spending more than 10% over the authorized amount and that was again due to a change of scope.

Example of scope change: Toqua Pavilion completed in 2014.

Construction began with excavation for the foundation for the pavilion. A large debris site was discovered that was used during the initial construction of the golf course by Cooper Communities. The debris had to be removed and disposed of properly and fill brought in and compacted to provide a solid base for the foundation of the pavilion. The extra cost for this work caused the project to be overspent by 15% of the authorized amount. The board and management were aware of the extra spending, but formal approval for the extra cost was not requested as our procedures did not call for additional approvals.

Through the efforts of the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) and the POA managers, new procedures have been developed requiring any project that is expected to cost more than 10% above the authorized amount must obtain additional approvals to cover the additional expenditure, prior to proceeding.

Overall, we believe the staff is doing an excellent job managing capital projects and staying within authorized amounts. They also do an excellent job of budgeting projects close to the final authorized amount, making it easier for the board and staff to keep total capital spending close to budgeted amounts and therefore make cash management more predictable.

## Recent Events and Bragging Rights

### Charities Share Numbers

- Loudon County Habitat for Humanity has 113 Village Volunteers in 2015, donating a total of 5,205 hours. Website: <http://loudoncountyhabitat.org/>
- Loudon County Friends of Animals placed 442 animals during 2015, and altered 200 Loudon County animals. Website: <http://loudoncountyfriendsofanimals.com/>
- Monroe County Friends of Animals took 27 animals in the shelter last week, had 16 shelter adoptions, transferred 25 to rescue, and 1 reclaimed by owners. Website: <http://friendsofanimalsmc.org/>

<b>Available Recreational Vehicle Storage in Tellico Village as of February</b>		
Type	Number Available	Yearly Cost
Unsecured Space	13	\$150
Secured Space	51	\$240
For more information, contact Jessica Raab in Public Works, 865-458-4522.		

## 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  
**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.

- Join us for Valentine's Day at the Yacht Club on Saturday, Feb. 13. We will open for **normal menu and reservation**. No upcharge, no extras, just a nice romantic evening with your spouse without the price tag.

**Tanasi Bar and Grill: 865-458-9392**

**Toqua Café: 865-458-1330**

**Yacht Club: 865-458-4363**

## **Citizens Observer Patrol Always Helpful**

The Loudon County COP Program is a cooperative effort between volunteers concerned about the welfare and well being of citizens, their community and the Loudon County Sheriff's Department, all working together to improve the quality of life in the Tellico Village community. Citizens Observer Patrol is an extension of Loudon County Sheriff's Department, consisting of approximately 60 Villagers who volunteer their time to patrol the Tellico Village community, as well as other areas within Loudon County at the discretion of Sheriff Tim Guider, keeping a keen eye out for suspicious or criminal activity. Their purpose is to reduce the opportunity of citizens in the community falling victim to crime.

Just one aspect of the COP Program is "House Checks." If you are going out of town, you can stop by the Tanasi Clubhouse or the Library and fill out a "House Check Form," and by doing so, you are alerting the COPs and ONLY the COPs that you are headed out of town. The COPs volunteers will check your home while you are away from the Village.

The Director of the COPs Program receives a "Flash Report" from Loudon County Sheriff's Department of any incidents that occur within Tellico Village. Such information will be sent out the COPs volunteers at the discretion of the Director, designating additional patrols or actions as deemed necessary.

Feel free to contact the COPs Program, Director Ralph Kidd, 865-408-1799, if you have any questions, concerns or would like to serve as a volunteer in our COP Program. We are always looking for good people to serve in this program.

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

### **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.

### **Chat with the PR Manager Feb. 11**

Hi, my name is John Cherry, and I am your Public Relations Manager for the Tellico Village Property Owners Association. Part of my job is to know a little bit about everything that goes on in Tellico Village and the POA. I get calls and emails every day from Villagers with questions about all kinds of things. To make it easier to just swing by and ask a question, I will be set up at the new Welcome Center Thursday, Feb. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and who knows who else will stop by to answer YOUR questions.

WHAT: PR Manager answers your questions

WHERE: Tellico Village Welcome Center

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### **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.

### **Come to the HOA General Meeting Feb. 11**

The first HOA General Meeting of the year (one of six) will be at the Yacht Club 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. Alan Hart, POA Board President; Winston Blazer, General Manger and Tom Greene, the Long Range Planning Committee Chair (LRPC) will be on hand along with key POA staff to discuss Goals and Objectives for 2016. A key part of the discussion will focus on:

- The annual operating and capital budget, followed by information on how our assessment fees are determined and calculated.
- Homeowner concerns on issues such as subsidies, the Welcome Center, unsold POA lots, etc.
- A vision for the future and what we must be prepared to do to maintain our competitive position among other similar communities.

Also on the agenda, Rick Carlin, the President of HOA, will recognize three volunteer groups who contribute their time freely to the benefit of all homeowners, they include:

- The Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department (TVVFD), represented by Fire Chief Don Skalecki
- Citizen Observer Patrol (COPs) a joint project of the Loudon Co. Sheriff's Office and Tellico Village volunteer staff, represented by Ralph Kidd
- The Litter Angels, seen frequently along the parkway in those stylish vests...represented by Debra Handley.

While the HOA regrets that more volunteer groups cannot be recognized at this first General Meeting of the year, we will feature several other groups at future meetings.

Your voice is important to the HOA. So please plan to attend. You are also invited to stay afterward to enjoy a nice dinner at the Yacht Club. There will be a sign-up table for dinner in the entry area, so that they can get a head count and reserve sufficient tables for us. HOA staff will also be available after the meeting to visit with you. For more information, go to [www.hoatv.org](http://www.hoatv.org).

### **Tellico Riders Meet Feb. 11**

On Thursday, Feb.11, the Tellico Riders Motorcycle Club will conduct their monthly meeting at the

Tellico Village Yacht Club. The club social starts in the Yacht Club Bar at 5 p.m., then the group will move to the top floor of the Yacht Club and start the meeting at 6 p.m. If you own a motorcycle or would like to meet those that do, come join us. It is also optional to join many of the Tellico Riders at 7 p.m. for dinner in the Yacht Club dining room after the meeting. For additional information, please contact Paula Moore, Director Tellico Riders Motorcycle Club, at [moorerp@charter.net](mailto:moorerp@charter.net) or 865-271-8305.

### **March 1 Election Early Voting Locations/Dates/Hours**

**Tellico Village - Chota Rec. Center**, 145 Awohili Dr., Loudon, Tennessee 37774

#### **These dates only:**

- Tuesday, Feb. 16: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 17: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 18: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 19: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

#### **Please bring your Federal or State of Tennessee issued Photo ID.**

Loudon County Election Commission, 100 River Road # 108, Loudon, Tennessee 37774

Roane State Community College, 100 West Broadway, Lenoir City, Tennessee 37771

- Wednesday, Feb. 10: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 11: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 12: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 13: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Monday, Feb.15: Closed in observance of President's Day
- Tuesday, Feb. 16: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.