

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, March 22, 2016

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

- Long Range Planning, 10 a.m. Thursday, March 24, POA Conference Room
- **CANCELED: Public Services Advisory Committee, 1 p.m. Thursday, March 24**
- Golf 101, 9 a.m. Friday, March 25, Tanasi Golf Course
- Rec 101, 12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31, Wellness Center

Job Fair March 24

Tellico Village is a fun, challenging and rewarding place to work. And it's a beautiful location. Tellico Village is holding a job fair on Thursday, March 24, from noon to 4 p.m. at our Welcome Center at 202 Chota Road in the heart of our community. We're hiring for golf maintenance, pro shops, recreation, public works and our restaurants in Loudon and Monroe Counties. We hope to see you on the 24th. For information, call (865) 408-2627.

General Manager's Report for March

By Winston Blazer, General Manager

Setting the Record Straight

As General Manager for the Tellico Village Property Owners Association, I want to make sure Villagers are informed on important topics and initiatives initiated by your Board of Directors. The following is a re-broadcast of information we put out in the March 15 Tell-E-Gram concerning the issue surrounding Tellico Village lots and the Loudon County Tax Sale.

There has been some public discussion once again concerning the status of the Tellico Village lots that are delinquent in paying the Loudon County taxes and are therefore candidates for the Loudon County Tax Sale. The delinquent lots were acquired by a combination of individuals and land speculators who ultimately did not pay the taxes or assessments on their Tellico Village lots, some of which were returned to the POA. Normally, delinquent properties are put through a County tax sale to attempt to recoup some of the lost tax revenue for the County.

Under Tennessee law, if the County puts a lot up for sale and it is not sold, the County takes possession of the lot and then is responsible for all financial obligations that run with the lot. In our case, that would mean that the County would be responsible for paying assessments for each lot that is located in Tellico Village. The County has declined to put these delinquent Tellico Village lots through the tax sale because it does not want to be obligated to pay any POA assessments on lots that are unsold at the tax sale. The POA understands that the County cannot afford to pay the assessments for any lots that are not sold at the tax sale. However, the POA does not want the unsold lots to remain in limbo and has therefore offered to take the lots back without any County assessment payments. The POA stated this position several times to the County, both in person and in writing, over the course of more than a year. While notifying the POA that they received our written offer to take the unsold lots back, the County did not respond to the POA to conclude this matter.

In a recent editorial in the *News-Herald*, the comment was made as to why can't these two parties get together and solve this dilemma. The POA would like to work out a win-win solution to this problem with the County representatives. The tax sale process, even if the lots are unsold, would eliminate the liens on these properties thereby making them more marketable. In some cases the period of delinquency has raised the tax liens above the commercial value of the lots, making them essentially unsellable now and in the future.

If the lots are ever sold to a third party who will build a residence, the County would then receive from 100 to 200 times the revenue over the undeveloped lot and the POA would receive its assessments. Thus, both the County and the POA are incentivized to do whatever they can to get these lots back into the hands of third parties that will pay both taxes and assessments.

In summary, the POA desires to work with the Loudon County representatives to finalize a mutually beneficial settlement whereby they would place the delinquent lots up for tax sale. If sold, no further action is required and revenues would be generated for both the County and the POA. If unsold, the properties would then be returned to the POA free of any encumbrances, no assessments would be payable by the County to the POA, and the lots would then be more marketable for future revenues for both the County and the POA. In order to move toward a timely conclusion of this matter, the POA has once again sent a written proposal to the County offering to take back the Tellico Village lots that are unsold at the upcoming tax sale.

I will make sure we continue to communicate our progress on this vital issue. It's important to the County, the POA and all of Tellico Village.

Golf Staff Realignment

Jim West has moved some folks around in the pro shop world. I agree with Jim that this new structure will provide an enjoyable and continuously improving golf experience for our members and guests.

Reorganization:

Adam Jacob has moved his primary location from Tanasi Golf Course to Toqua Golf Course. Jeff Harrington has moved his primary location from Toqua Golf Course to The Links at Kahite. Peyton Ritchie, who has worked for Tellico Village for many years, has been promoted to Assistant Golf Professional working at Tanasi and Toqua Golf Courses. New to our staff is Casey Flenniken, who also joins our team as an Assistant Professional working at Tanasi and Toqua Golf Courses.

Stop by and introduce yourself to our new folks in their new locations. Enjoy your round.

POA and Rec 101

The next edition of POA 101 is Wednesday, April 6, at 2 p.m. at the Yacht Club. POA 101 is a session for newcomers or Villagers who would like a refresher on Village governance and finances. Attendees will receive a comprehensive packet of information about Tellico Village and the complementary Tellico Village license plate.

Anyone wanting to attend is strongly encouraged to RSVP with Patty Robichaud in the Public Relations Department at (865) 458-5408, ext. 4115. Your RSVP will ensure that we have enough handouts for all attendees.

The Recreation Department also offers a Rec 101 session to tell property owners all the features available at the wellness facilities. The Rec 101 for April is Thursday, April 28, at 12:30 p.m. at the Wellness Center. Please RSVP with Jessica Antrim at (865) 458-7070.

Golf 101

There will be a Golf 101 session on Friday, April 22, at 9 a.m. at Tanasi Clubhouse. Please call Tanasi at (865) 458-4707 to reserve your spot. Come learn all about the Chelsea Tee Time system, league play, free golf clinics and professional lessons.

Highlights from the Board Meeting

If you missed the March 16 POA Board meeting, you missed a doozy. Two and a half hours of fun for everyone. Here are some of the highlights:

- Rick Carlin, President of the HomeOwners Association of Tellico Village, updated the POA Board on recent HOA activities including the two most recent HOA meetings. Nearly 500 people have attended those meetings and have heard updates from the POA Board and various HOA committees. The HOA is also highlighting groups of volunteers at each of their meetings in 2016.
- Parker Owen, Finance Director, asked for and received approval for funding for numerous spring projects including the new cart fleet at Toqua Golf Club. His article in the March 18 Tell-E-Gram is quite informative and details all of the projects approved at the March 16 Board meeting.
- Jeff Gagley of Public Works received approval for a new non-solicitation policy and changes to the ACC Blue Book covering landscaping. He also received approval for the membership of the Project Implementation Committee for the Toqua and Kahite Clubhouse projects.
- Chad Johnson of Public Works updated the Board on the progress of the new water feature at the south entrance of the Village. That project is expected to be completed within the next couple of weeks.
- Bud Murray, Staff Engineer, updated the Board on various water and sewer projects and provided an update on safety initiatives within the POA workforce.
- Jim West provided a comprehensive update on all things golf related. He even gave a sneak peek into what's in store for the kids who attend this summer's golf camp. Too bad most of us are too old to qualify...it sounds like a lot of fun.
- Finally, Holly Bryant gave an update on recreation activities. She stressed that the summer camp signups start on April 1, and the pools will open May 1.

The next meeting of the POA Board is a Workshop on Tuesday, April 5 at 10 a.m. at the POA offices. Come on out and see what all the fuss is about.

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. **SOLD OUT—WAIT LIST ONLY: Wine & Canvas** night 6-9 p.m. **Thirsty Thursday**, March 24, in the Yacht Club. Sign up, show up, and paint! Art supplies provided with step-by-step instruction. Register online at www.wineandcanvas.com or call 865-356-9179.

Easter Sunday

- Have **Easter Brunch** at the Yacht Club 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, March 27, \$24.95 for adults and \$12.50 for children (ages 6-12). Call now for reservations!
- Tanasi buffet available 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, March 27.

Tanasi Bar and Grill: 865-458-9392

Toqua Café: 865-458-1330

Yacht Club: 865-458-4363

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; 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.

Permit Us to Help You

Shoreline Construction Permitting

Here's a reminder for waterfront property owners or potential buyers of waterfront property in the Tennessee River watershed.

Property owners need to have the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) review and approve planned shoreline construction projects on the Tennessee River and its tributaries before they start. This applies to commercial and residential owners, and includes docks, boat slips, marinas, shoreline stabilization, as well as other projects. New property owners also need to contact TVA to obtain a permit for the existing shoreline facilities in their name.

It's all part of TVA's natural resource, land and navigation management responsibilities laid out in the federal agency's charter legislation and designed to protect the Tennessee River system for the benefit of everyone in the Valley. □ □

If you'd like to learn more about construction permitting and what's required, please call (844) 264-8340 or visit tva.com/26aTellico.

Internal Trails Committee members sought

Are you interested in serving on the Internal Trails Committee? The Internal Trails Committee will be tasked with:

- Renovation of Existing Internal Trails
 - Map current trails
 - Create comprehensive publication identifying trails
 - Create long-term marketing resource for existing trails
 - Identify Improvement needs
 - Create Trail Beautification Committee to spearhead the long term care for existing neighborhood trails
 - Work with Public Works, Lions Club, and/or Boy Scouts to implement low cost improvements to existing trails
- Possibility for New Internal Trails
 - Identify most desired location for additional trails and/or connecting trails
 - Possibly create a trails survey
 - Review Greenway blueprints and identify most cost effective trail additions based on their work

Applications can be picked up at the Wellness Center or emailed beginning March 1 and must be returned to the Wellness Center by March 31. If you are interested, please contact Holly Bryant at hbryant@tvpoa.org or 865-458-7070.

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Time to Update the Directory

The Summer Directory is being updated and a draft will be available for review in The Public Library at Tellico Village April 11-23. You may submit any corrections/additions/deletions to TellicoVillageDirectory@gmail.com or Amanda.Kimbrell@news-herald.net. Club/organization updates are also appreciated. If you are a new resident, please submit your information for inclusion to the above email addresses.

The POA does not produce the Directory and does not provide property owner information for the Directory. The Directory is published and distributed by Loudon County Publishers (the folks who print *The Connection* and the *News-Herald*).

Donations Sought for Used Book Sale

Book Sale Donations Needed! The 22nd Annual Friends of the Tellico Village Library Used Book Sale is taking place April 21-23. We need your help. Please donate any hardbacks, paperbacks, CDs, DVDs, Books on Tape, and Puzzles for this major library fundraiser. Donation bins are available at Tanasi Club House, Chota Rec Center and at the library. The Public Library at Tellico Village is the only privately funded library in the state of Tennessee, and we appreciate your support. For more information, go to www.tvlibrary.org.

Hike Ramsey Cascades March 23

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 23, from Chota Center, to hike:

- RAMSEY CASCADES
- Distance: 8 miles
- Rating: Difficult
- Driving Time: 2 hours
- Elevation gain: 2,100 feet
- Leader: Gary Glessner, 865-657-9677 or gglessner@me.com

A hike through a virgin forest to a 90-foot cascade, the highest waterfall accessible by trail in the National Park. The trail follows first the Middle Prong of the Little Pigeon River and then the Ramsey Prong. The elevation gain increases as the trail approaches the cascade.

Hiking boots and hiking sticks are recommended. Driving directions will be provided the morning of the hike. Bring water and a trail lunch. 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.

TVU Spring Courses and Registration

Tellico Village University is opening registration for courses:

- We begin a nine-session class on Nutrition Basics on Friday mornings at Chota Rec Center, beginning March 25. The lectures are delivered via DVD by Professor Roberta Anding, a registered dietitian and Director of Sports Nutrition at Baylor College of Medicine. One of our Village dietitians will be on hand to facilitate discussion on each topic. The complete list of topics is provided on the TVU website.
- We are pleased to offer a four-part course in Comparative World Religions, beginning April 4, taught by Villager Rev. Dr. Morris Hudgins. He received his D.Min. from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia; and he has served at churches in Florida, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Ohio. He has taught Comparative Religions at Florida Atlantic University. Come and hear how others see their God through different cultural and spiritual traditions.
- We hear about the National Security Council on the news. Something about servers and e-mail? Ever wonder just how they maneuver and keep national information secure around the White House? In the Foreign Service? Within the complex of other federal agencies? Villager Bob Morley has first-hand insights and stories to tell from his 30+ year career in diplomatic service. Bob worked in the White House under JFK, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton. He has traveled extensively in the Foreign Service, served as Director of Cuban Affairs, met Fidel Castro, and visited Guantanamo Bay. Come prepared on April 12 to hear his stories in this informal presentation.
- How about learning some exercises and changing the way you move so you DON'T need a physical therapist to help you work through your pain? Who better to tell us how but Villager Ellen Frohriep, PT, DPT and Personal Trainer. She has been a physical therapist for 37 years with a doctorate – DPT – from Boston University. Dr. Frohriep has trained patients in neck and shoulder rehabilitation for years. If you wonder where your upper back, neck and or shoulder pain originated, this class will answer some of your questions and give you exercises and postures to prevent or reverse pain.

There are two sections planned – April 5 and April 12.

- There are now 14 more Villagers who are Facebook literate thanks to Jennifer Dancu who taught a class for Tellico Village University recently. So popular was her class that these participants asked for more instruction in Social Media. Jennifer will be offering additional sections of Facebook and new sections of Pinterest, Instagram and Twitter this Spring. Watch announcements from Tellico Village University and check dates and times in the website at www.tvuniversity.org. A complete description of each course is listed. Registration is required as we limit these courses to 10 participants so that Jennifer can provide help as needed. There is a \$10 tuition for this course payable to STAYinTV at the class.

Registration for all courses is through the TVU website at www.tvuniversity.org. Use the CONTACT US page to submit your name, e-mail, phone number and name of course you are interested in attending. A confirmation will be sent to you.

Upcoming Library lectures

- March 29, 9:30-10:30 a.m. - "North American Bluebirds": Have you seen any of the 140 Bluebird nest boxes in and around our neighborhoods? Specialist Chuck James, president of the Tennessee Bluebird Society and board member of the North American Bluebird Society will educate you on this beautiful bird and its habits. James will explain the data collected from our local nest boxes and the information gathered to send to Cornell University's lab of Ornithology. For more information, go to www.tvlibrary.org.

Coast Guard Auxiliary sponsoring class March 29 and 31

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary of Tellico Village is sponsoring the following two-day class:

- March 29 and 31—"About Boating Safely" class 1-5 p.m. in the Tellico Village Yacht Club. The cost is \$45 per person or \$55 per couple.

Contact Mike Colacone at 352-804-8257 or Mc195@aol.com for class registration.

April Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show—March 30 Deadline

Tellico Village Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show will be held on Wednesday, April 6, in the Yacht Club. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 30. Doors open at 10 a.m. for your shopping and visiting convenience with lunch being served promptly at 11:30 a.m. Wine will be available for cash purchase between 10-11:30 a.m. to enjoy with lunch. The menu is grilled chicken on a bed of spinach topped with fresh strawberries, pecans, mandarin oranges, grapes and bleu cheese, served with raspberry vinaigrette on the side. Rolls, coffee, tea and water included. Reservations can be made along with cash or check for \$15 at the Yacht Club, New Villagers and HOA social meetings. For additional information, contact Chairperson Karen Sue Keith (248) 808-2248 (cell/text) or kskeith1@aim.com.

Fundraiser for the Library March 31

Our library at Tellico Village is a public library but unique because it's primarily supported through private contributions. Its Friends organization raises money through membership dues, the courtyard brick program and giving tree, and through fundraisers.

"*Welcome Spring with Laughter!*" will be presented at First Baptist Church of Tellico Village on Thursday, March 31, 7 p.m. Storyteller, educator and all-around entertainer Elizabeth Rose will captivate you with her southern folklore, ghost stories, ballads and folktales from around the world.

Tickets are available at the library; \$15 Friends members; \$20 non-members.

This will also include a pre-show with local author Bobbi Wolverton, author of "Behind the Smile," a story of laughter and drama based on her career as an international flight attendant.