

## Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, Sept. 6, 2016

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

- **Chat with the PR Manager 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, Welcome Center**
- **Communications & Marketing Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, POA Conference Room**
- **POA Board Workshop, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, POA Conference Room**
- **Architectural Control Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, POA Conference Room**

## **2016 Honor Awards Nominations Deadline Is Sept. 16**

To date, only 7 Honor Award nominations have been received. The last day to submit your nomination is Friday, Sept. 16. Need a form? We have them at the Welcome Center and most amenities

### **You know who they are - how about telling us!**

The 2016 Honor Awards Committee needs your help in identifying Tellico Village volunteers worthy of recognition. "We are pleased to represent POA in what is a community effort to thank and honor those whose volunteer activities contribute immeasurably to the well being not only of Tellico Village but of the surrounding communities as well," said Rusty Hart, 2016 Awards Chair.

Other committee members are Dan Cowser, Bill Grovier, and Sharon Addison. The committee is responsible for reviewing all nominations and completing follow-up information as needed, but they need your nominations by the Sept. 16 deadline to identify those exceptional individuals who deserve recognition for their efforts. An appreciation banquet has been scheduled for November 16, where the nominees and winners will be honored.

The award categories are as follows:

### **Community Service Award**

(Service Outside Tellico Village)

Recognizes highly significant volunteer contributions by a Villager or a Village group to Tennessee communities outside Tellico Village, especially those in Loudon County and Monroe County. Recognizes devoted and effective voluntary service to social, recreational, environmental, management, and service-related programs within these communities.

### **Distinguished Service Award**

(Service inside Tellico Village)

Recognizes highly significant volunteer contributions by a Villager or a Village group to Tellico Village. These contributions should be so noteworthy as to have a major effect on: the general health, welfare and/or enjoyment of the Village; or the quality of life in the Village; or the fulfillment of a major need in the Village.

### **Government Service Award**

Recognizes a Villager who has contributed significantly to the well-being of surrounding communities by being involved in their public relations, government affairs, international development or commerce activities, or their business and civic/governmental organizations. This involvement should have inspired respect for, better relations with, and a greater appreciation of the Village.

### **Education Service Award**

Recognizes a Villager who has contributed to the local school systems in a way that has significantly enhanced the learning experience of either local youth or local adults.

### **Outstanding Youth Award**

Recognizes a Village youth, 21 years or younger, whose volunteer accomplishments significantly exceed the norm of expectations; whose efforts and services are a credit to the Village, reflect the spirit of caring, and are a good example for other youths. The recipient should have demonstrated leadership ability, initiative, and responsibility.

### **Outstanding Individual Award**

Recognizes a Villager, over 21 years of age, whose volunteer accomplishments significantly exceed the norm of expectations; whose efforts and services are a credit to the Village, reflect the spirit of caring, and are a good example for their neighbors. The recipient should have demonstrated leadership ability, initiative, and responsibility.

The committee will entertain nominations to recognize individuals who do not fall into any of these categories, so don't worry about trying to make the individual fit the award description.

Honor Award nomination forms are available at the POA office, Chota Recreation Center, The Wellness Center, Yacht Club, Tanasi, Toqua and Kahite clubhouses, and The Public Library at Tellico Village.

*Note: Honor Awards are for Villagers only. To recognize an employee, use Above and Beyond forms available in Village facilities and online. Village residents who are also employees may be nominated for an Above and Beyond Award if the activity for recognition is part of their job.*

## **July 2016 Financial Report**

**By Parker Owen, Director of Finance**

### **So How Do We Pay for All this Stuff?**

One of the functions of a financial organization is to determine how to pay for all of the ongoing operating expenses and capital investments. For the Tellico Village Property Owners Association there is a framework that has evolved over time to determine what is paid for out of current operating cash flows, what is financed over time, and what debt instruments are used for specific purposes.

In general, TVPOA operates on a pay-as-you-go basis. We use debt conservatively and appropriately when it is necessary, and our debt levels and interest expenses, currently at 10 year lows, are evidence of those practices. All of our operating expenses, such as salaries, benefits, supplies, maintenance, insurance, taxes and utilities, are paid out of current operating cash flows. This cash is derived from monthly assessments and from user fees paid for water and sewer services, golf, fitness and facilities rentals. Capital projects are mostly paid out of current operating cash flows, though larger capital investments may require long term financing.

The nature of our business requires ongoing replacement of trucks, mowers, golf carts, utility vehicles, HVAC systems and all kinds of commercial heavy duty equipment. We could finance much of this equipment through dealer or bank financing, or through leasing. In fact, we used to lease much of this equipment from the manufacturers at high interest rates and with inflexible terms. We have almost abandoned leasing as a financing vehicle as most of our leases have reached the end of their terms, and we do not plan to resume this practice.

When you are replacing this much equipment each year, it makes sense to budget for that accordingly. In general, we can budget for replacement capital less than or equal to depreciation levels, and still be cash self-sufficient with no incremental borrowing. Reserve

funds, such as the Repairs and Maintenance Reserve and the Water and Sewer Reserve, help to smooth out the cash required each year to fund major capital and maintenance projects. We put money into reserves based on budgeted funding formulas and then use those reserves to pay for designated, budgeted projects.

### **Paying for Major Amenities**

Our practice for paying for major new amenities is to “save up” a significant portion of the capital cost of new amenities, then finance the rest if the Amenity Reserve balance is not sufficient to pay for the full cost of the project. In 2014, the Amenity Reserve Fund was used to pay the full cost of the Toqua Pavilion and the new Pickleball courts at the Wellness Center. We used the Amenity Reserve again in 2015 to pay for the paved walking path around the Wellness Center. We have not used any funds from the Amenity Reserve in 2016, but have continued to build reserve balances to pay for future new amenities. At the end of July, the Amenity Reserve Fund totaled \$822,000.

When the cost of a new amenity has exceeded our capacity to pay for it immediately, we have used bank financing to pay over a longer period of time. The Wellness Center, constructed in 2007, is an example where we paid roughly half of its construction costs from Amenity Reserve funds built up over several years, and financed the rest using a 15 year term bank note. That note will be paid off in July of 2020. In 2015 the former United Community Bank Building was purchased using a combination of operating cash for the down payment, and seller financing in the form of a bank loan amortized over a 20 year term.

### **Special Financing Situations**

A special financing situation was encountered with the construction of a speculative house on Cheeyo Place that helped jump start development of this previously underdeveloped neighborhood. We set up a separate line of credit for our TVPOA Homes, LLC subsidiary to be used for construction financing. We drew upon the line of credit as construction milestones were met and contractor’s draws became due. Loan balances built up as construction progressed, then the entire balance, including accrued interest, was paid off on the date of closing using proceeds from the sale of the house. This had the advantage of keeping this debt and its interest expense separate from the rest of TVPOA finances, and it gave a complete economic picture of the cost of construction of the house and the net proceeds from its sale after interest expenses.

### **The High Cost of Roads**

A significant issue facing us in the upcoming budget process and beyond is increasing costs for road maintenance. We are responsible for maintaining about 110 miles of residential roads in Tellico Village. We do that with periodic asphalt treatments using a product called Pavement Dressing Conditioner (PDC). This product extends the life of our asphalt roads by about five years before treatment is required again. Eventually our roads require repaving, which is much more expensive. PDC helps defer the repaving process and minimize the long term costs of maintaining our roads. But this process is ongoing and never ending, so we have to budget for a combination of rejuvenation and repaving a portion of our roads each year to keep them in good condition. We will budget for these expenses from the R&M Reserve Fund, and will simultaneously review the R&M funding formula to ensure adequate levels of funding.

### **Monthly Financials**

At their July meeting, the Board of Directors approved \$7,783 capital for the purchase of four high volume air circulation fans for use on holes number 11 and 17 at Tanasi Golf Club. A replacement draft beer cooler at Toqua Golf Club house was approved for \$3,596. Also, a security camera, damaged by a lightning strike at Kahite Docks, was approved for replacement at \$6,940.

At this point in the year we have approved approximately 81% of the 2016 Capital Plan and are about \$68,000 under budget. Year to date net income reflects a favorable variance to budget of about \$162,000 though some deferred maintenance projects will offset some of this favorable variance in coming months. Following are Tellico Village POA budget figures for the full year 2016, year-to-date variances from budget through July 2016 operations, and year-end projections based on meeting the budget for the remaining months of the year. Net cash flows exclude changes in working capital and debt payments to principal.

| <b>Cash Flow Budget, YTD Variances, Projections</b>                             |                    |                     |                   |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Cash Flow Component</b>  | <b>2016 Budget</b> | <b>YTD Variance</b> | <b>Projection</b> |
| Net Income  | \$ 138,682         | \$ 162,089          | \$ 300,771        |
| Depreciation  | 1,390,839          | 43,038              | 1,433,877         |
| Capital Expenditures  | (1,173,200)        | 68,233              | (1,104,967)       |
| <b>Net Cash Flow (excluding Working Capital and debt payments to principal)</b> | <b>\$ 356,321</b>  | <b>\$ 273,360</b>   | <b>\$ 629,681</b> |

## **Dock Survey Online and Open for ALL**

Online Now! ALL Tellico Village property owners will have the opportunity to participate in a survey related to boating and boat storage. Property Owners who presently own boats, PWCs ("Jet skis") or kayaks, or those who are considering purchasing water vessels in the next three to five years, are asked to express their wants and needs by responding to this survey. Even if you keep your watercraft at a private dock or a marina outside Tellico Village, your response to the survey is valuable and requested.

The survey will help us identify and quantify the needs of Tellico Village boaters, allowing us to justify funding for new boating facilities and amenities.

This survey will take about five minutes of your time and will provide us with much needed input. Please go to

[www.tellicodocksurvey.com](http://www.tellicodocksurvey.com)

and give us your information and thoughts to help us continue to improve the boating experience at Tellico Village. This survey will be available for the next two weeks to allow Villagers time to respond at your convenience.

## **Pros play for Folds or Honor**

Tellico Village's PGA professional staff gathered around the flag at the 18<sup>th</sup> green to celebrate their Folds of Honor challenge last Friday. Casey Flenniken, far right, made the most birdies, 7, and the whole team carded 15 birdies total raising in excess of \$5,000 for the Folds of Honor Foundation. On a side note, the Titleist team of Casey and Jim West, second from right, defeated the Callaway team of Adam Jacob, second from left, and Peyton Ritchie, far left. Jeff Harrington, in the center, dazzled the attending crowds with his camo wardrobe.

## **Save the date: Marketplace at the Yacht Club Sept. 30**

The Tellico Village POA and the Loudon County Chamber of Commerce invite you to attend

the Marketplace 2016 at the Yacht Club 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30. There will be music, dragon boats, moonshine tasting, and many other businesses.

## **Yacht Club and Tanasi Bar & Grill**

- Sushi at the Blue Heron.
  - Join us on Saturday, Sept. 10, for Sushi with Sam (owner of Bella's in Lenoir City). Reservations are strongly suggested.
- Prime Rib every night now at the Blue Heron.
- As the weather gets nicer, look for Tiki Bars on the dock. Check with us for details or stay tuned to the Friday Tell-E-Gram for updates.
- Tiki Bar features the DJ Lou Friday, Sept. 9. Dance the night away 7-10 p.m.
- Also, join us Monday night at Tanasi for J. Luke playing for Music Monday.
- **Farmers Market** open 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Sept. 7, in the Yacht Club's parking lot. Support our local growers and artisans.

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

**Toqua Café: 865-458-1330**

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

## **Chat with the PR Manager Sept. 8**

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 Welcome Center Thursday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to answer YOUR questions. Who knows who else will stop by to chat or to answer your questions.

WHAT: PR Manager answers your questions

WHERE: Tellico Village Welcome Center

WHEN: Thursday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

See you Thursday!

## **Recent Events and Bragging Rights**

### **Tellico Village represented in the TN State Mixed Doubles Tennis Championships**

Recently, Tellico Village resident Trips Dawson and his USTA Mixed Doubles team competed in the Tennessee State Tennis Championships in Chattanooga. Play was at the Champions Club Aug. 26-28. Trips and his teammates went 8-0 in their matches to capture two state Championships; Mixed Doubles 18+ and Mixed Doubles 40+. The team will represent Tennessee in the upcoming USTA Southern Sectional Championships to be played Oct. 7-9 and hosted by Tennessee in Chattanooga. Trips and his USTA teammates will compete with nine other Southern State Champions for the right to represent the South in the USTA Nationals, to be played in January 2017 in Phoenix, AZ.

## **Attention Tellico Villagers:**

Water Alert: Loudon Utilities Board (LUB) is reporting that due to the combination of rising lake temperatures, lack of rain, and algae appearing in the system, the water supply has taken on an unpleasant taste and odor. They are treating the water by flushing the system and increasing the rate of potassium permanganate used to treat the water. The water has been tested and is safe to drink. This is a similar problem that crept into the water supply from Tellico Area Services System (TASS) in August.

TASS water services Kahite, Mialaquo and Chatuga neighborhoods. LUB services all other Tellico Village neighborhoods.

Please call Public Works at (865) 458-4522 for any questions or concerns.

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

### **Pickleball video shows social atmosphere**

Pickleball in Tellico Village is a continually growing sport with a fantastic social atmosphere. Check out this video making its way around the Internet. [Click here to view.](#)

### **Computer Users Club meets Sept. 6**

The Tellico Village Computer Users Club will hold a general meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, in the Community Church at Tellico Village's Christian Life Center (note change of location). Welcome back from your vacation of travels, friends and families. As an item of business, the membership present will vote on several changes to the Articles of Incorporation, which you received previously. Following any other announcements and committee reports, the program will be presented by Don Hatcher. The subject will be Raspberry Pi and Arduino. You will find these and other subjects he offers to be very interesting.

There will be door prizes for several those members attending. Be sure to get your ticket after you register. See you there.

The Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month in Room D at the Rec Center. Visitors are welcome.

Visit our website at [www.TVCUC.org](http://www.TVCUC.org).

### **Soggy Bottoms paddle to Fort Loudoun Sept. 7**

On Wednesday, Sept. 7, Steve Lancaster will be leading a paddle from Fort Loudoun State Park to Clear Creek. This 8.5-mile paddle will leave Clear Creek Boat Ramp at 8:30 a.m. and should conclude around 12:30 p.m. with a lunch at Sloan's Hardware in Tellico Village. We will have to shuttle cars between Clear Creek and Fort Loudoun. Sloan's will set up a private area for us to eat so they need to have an idea of the number of kayakers planning on eating there. For any question or to make a lunch reservation, contact Steve Lancaster at [stevelancaster0529@gmail.com](mailto:stevelancaster0529@gmail.com).

### **Tellico Vintage Vehicles meets Sept. 7**

The Tellico Village Vintage Vehicles club will meet 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, in the Yacht Club. The car club meets on the first Wednesday every month. For more information, go to [www.TVVintageVehicles.org](http://www.TVVintageVehicles.org) or contact Tom Greene, [tgrene91@gmail.com](mailto:tgrene91@gmail.com).

### **Ladies Book Club meets Sept. 8**

The Tellico Village Ladies Book Club will meet Thursday, Sept. 8, in the Tanasi Clubhouse for an 11:30 a.m. lunch followed by a 12:15 discussion of "The Light Between Two Oceans," by M. L. Steadman. The discussion will be led by Virginia Zorovich. For more information, contact Bette Purvis at 865-405-1937.

### **Rummikub group plays Sept. 8**

Love Rummikub but prefer to play in the day? Beginning 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8 (second Thursdays), Rummikub will be played on the top floor of the Yacht Club. The gamers will meet every second Thursday of the month. Please wear your name tag and bring your game. If you have any questions, call Carol Sweeney at 865-657-3110.

### **Hike Cumberland Trail, Rock Creek Gorge Sept. 9**

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, from Chota Center, to hike:

- CUMBERLAND TRAIL, ROCK CREEK GORGE (shuttle)
- Distance: 8.5 miles
- Elevation Change: 300 feet
- Rating: Moderate/Difficult
- Driving Time: 1.5 hours
- Leader: Tom Ringenbach, 865-201-9014 or [tommamier@gmail.com](mailto:tommamier@gmail.com)

This hike explores a section of the Cumberland Trail between Dayton and Chattanooga. During the first two miles, we hike through remnants of a Bowater, Inc. pine plantation. Then the trail descends into Rock Creek Gorge and we follow the creek for most of the remainder of the hike. The creek has a number of deep, clear pools. The author of a *News Sentinel* review of this hike recommends packing a swim suit...that is up to each hiker. Later in the hike is a terrific view of Rock Creek from a high overlook.

It is also recommended wearing long pants for protection from chiggers, ticks and poison ivy.

This is a shuttle hike so we will drop off a car or two at the terminus of the hike, then proceed to the trailhead.

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](http://www.TVHikers.com).

### **Village Quilters meet Sept. 9**

The Village Quilters will have their monthly meeting 9:15 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church. The speaker will be artist Deb Strain. She has been a designer for Moda fabrics for 15 years. This is free for members and \$5 for guests.

### **BoatRides4Vets Sept. 10**

Saying "Thanks" to vets! BoatRides4Vets will begin 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 (rain date is Saturday, Sept. 17), at the WindRiver marina.

BoatRides4Vets is an event pairing volunteer boat owners with U.S. military veterans for an enjoyable day on the water. BoatRides4Vets gives veterans and their families a free day of fishing, sight seeing or tubing on nearby lakes and rivers. The event begins at Wind River Living marina in Lenoir City where starting at 10 a.m. veterans and their families will be assigned to a volunteer captain and boat. Everyone returns to the marina at 4 p.m. for a picnic donated and served by the Lenoir City Chick-fil-A.

Veterans: If you and your family would like to spend a day on the water, call 865-458-2792 or send a message to [boatrides4vets37774@aol.com](mailto:boatrides4vets37774@aol.com).

Boat Captains and Other Volunteers: If you are willing to take a veteran(s) out on the water for a day of fun and exploration, or are someone who is willing to help on shore, please send a message to [boatrides4vets37774@aol.com](mailto:boatrides4vets37774@aol.com), or call 865-458-2792.

This event is sponsored by the 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Alexander Bonnyman, Jr. VFW Post 12135, Loudon, TN 37774.

### **Play Mexican Train Dominos Sept. 12**

A new Mexican Train Dominos group is forming 1-4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, in Chota Recreation Center, Room B. Players will meet on the second Monday of each month. Please wear your name tag and bring your game. If you have any questions, call Carol Sweeney at 865-657-3110.

### **Dog Park picnic Sept. 12**

Rover Run Dog Park members will have a picnic organized by the Dog Owner's Group (DOG) 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, in the Toqua Pavilion at the Toqua Golf Course (new location). Please bring a donation for the Monroe and Loudon counties shelter (food, towels, etc.) for both cats and dogs.

### **Hike Obed Wild and Scenic River Sept. 12**

The Muddy Boots Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 12, from Chota Center (across from the gas station), to hike:

- Place: Obed Wild and Scenic River
- Length: 5 miles
- Rating Easy with a few areas that may be considered moderate
- Travel time: 1 hour and 30 minutes

Bring along your poles (if you have them), water, snacks, lunch, and \$6 for the driver Our hike leader will be George Zola.

### **Tellico Top Notes Rehearsal Schedule**

The Tellico Top Notes hold practice/rehearsal 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays (Sept. 13 and 27) each month in the Yacht Club, Dale Polewach, 248-790-8962. We are always looking for more musicians!

### **Cruising Club meets Sept. 14**

The Tellico Cruising Club will hold its monthly meeting on Sept. 14, at the Tellico Village 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 Commander Bob Mazzola 865-657-9306.

## **Charitable activities in the area**

### **Tellico Lake Rotary Charity Dinner Sept. 16**

The second annual Tellico Lake Rotary Charity Dinner will feature keynote speaker: Freeman Owle, Cherokee Historian and Storyteller. The dinner will be held 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Tellico Village. Spend an evening being mesmerized as Freeman brings alive the proud Cherokee culture. Learn about the Cherokee nation that thrived here in the Little Tennessee and Tellico Valleys. Part Cherokee, Mr. Owle was born and raised on a Cherokee Reservation and has taught at the Cherokee, NC, school system. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the First Baptist Church of Tellico Village, 865-408-0110, any Rotarian, or call 423-884-3369. For more information, go to [www.tellicolakerotary.org](http://www.tellicolakerotary.org).