

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, Nov. 29, 2016

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

- **Recreation Advisory Committee December meeting canceled**
- **Architectural Control Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, POA Conference Room**
- **Communications & Marketing Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, POA Conference Room**
- **POA Board Workshop, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, POA Conference Room**

General Manager's Report

By Winston Blazer, General Manager

Public Works' Team Had Busy 2016

As General Manager, it's always tough to say which department within the Tellico Village Property Owners Association is the most important. It's a lot like trying to figure out which kid you love best. However, the Public Works Department is vital to making sure Tellico Village infrastructure stays in good working order, and the employees do a great job of keeping our community looking great.

At the most recent Board meeting, Public Works Director Jeff Gagley briefed the Board on the many projects Public Works has tackled in 2016. The other departments in the POA operation have done great work as well. Keep an eye on the Tell-E-Gram throughout December for highlights of other POA accomplishments in 2016.

2016 was a busy year for Public Works, and I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight some their greatest hits from this hectic year.

They took on a big project to repair the large water storage tank near the Wellness Center property. They took a risk with a time and materials contract rather than a fixed-price quote, but it turned out cheaper for the POA. The repairs were made, and now that water tank will last us many more years. They saved more than \$6,000 by going with the time and materials contract on this project.

The Water Department continues to perform their water loss survey. Water loss continues to decline, and it currently sits at 18.8%. This is a sharp reduction from 2013 when we were at 30%. Even though they strive to get to zero percent, we all know that's impossible to achieve. Every little bit they can reduce that number will help us save dollars for the POA. In 2012 when Public Works began addressing the water loss issue, Tellico Village's water loss issue was well in line with other communities of similar size. Water loss is a challenge we will continue to address now and in the future.

The HVAC loop at the Yacht Club now has 5-micron filtration and is being treated with rust preventative. This is an excellent improvement for the HVAC system's efficiency at our signature amenity which houses the Blue Heron Restaurant. Thank you to our guys in Public Works who made this happen, and a special thanks to our staff engineer Bud Murray who spearheaded this effort and others this year.

Almost every Villager has driven past the new South entrance which was completely renovated earlier this year. Chad Johnson and his grounds crew did a great job and brought that project in well under budget saving \$6,000 by doing the design and work in-house. Great job!

All neighborhood sewer lift stations were renovated and now have working thermal overloads and pump seal failure monitoring. During this process, we identified two pumps at Kahite that were repaired rather than replaced when the motors shorted out. That project saved the POA over

\$10,000, which pays for the services provided by Mission monitoring systems (the company that provides our Internet-based monitoring systems for the sewer system) for about 2 years.

We had a Tennessee state inspector come in and review our dock electrical systems. Several maintenance items were identified, fixed, and given a clean bill of health. This not only improved electrical service but is an excellent safety upgrade for our public docks.

The Public Works team planned and supervised the rejuvenation of the roads in the Toqua neighborhood. With minimal problems and disruptions, the project was completed on time and on budget. With more than 110 miles of roads in our community, the rejuvenation program is critical to the longevity and aesthetics of our private roads.

Public Works also worked closely with the Loudon Utilities Board on the sub-station project. To make room for the new sub-station, PW moved part of the secure RV storage lot. Now that the work is done there, the sub-station is on its way to being built. With a few delays earlier in the summer on LUB's part, we're hoping for a spring 2017 operational date for that new project.

Our team created the new Cheeyo Park down in the Chatuga neighborhood near Food Lion. It's a quaint little gathering place for the folks who live on Cheeyo Place and has energized that section of Tellico Village. We're planning on taking some more of these kind of improvement projects in other areas of Tellico Village.

One of the most visible projects taken on this year was the new street sign program. The old metal posts were replaced with beautiful and decorative black street sign posts along all the main arteries connecting to the Tellico Parkway, Highway 444. These new posts are a great addition to our first impressions program. We will continue to replace old worn out posts with these new posts throughout the community.

Public Works does so many other things throughout the year, and the above projects are only part of what they did this year to makes things better at Tellico Village. Thank you Public Works team for all you do.

Budget Highlights

Every year presents a challenging budget process for the POA, and this year was another tough year. We always strive to have a workable and realistic budget presented and approved at a Board meeting in the fall, and this year we got the 2017 budget done in November.

Finance Director Parker Owen is writing a detailed article this month which explains all of the budget details.

One of the toughest things to wrangle with this year was the 5-year plan. We have two major projects in the 5-year plan, and proper and prudent placement of those two projects caused for great and spirited discussion. The Toqua Clubhouse and Kahite Activities Center projects are placed in the plan to be completed in 2019. Again, Parker's article will cover all this in great detail.

POA holiday hours

The POA administrative offices will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec. 26, for Christmas. We will also be closed Monday, Jan. 2, for New Year's.

The golf courses will be closed Sunday, Dec. 25, for Christmas and Sunday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day.

Recreation Hours:

Christmas- Wellness Center

December 24, 7 a.m.-noon

December 25 CLOSED

December 26, 6 a.m.-5 p.m.

Christmas- Chota

December 24 CLOSED
December 25 CLOSED
December 26, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

New Year's- Wellness Center

December 31- 7 a.m.- 5 p.m.
January 1- CLOSED

New Year's- Chota

December 31, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
January 1 CLOSED

Toqua Clubhouse Restroom Renovation Gets Underway

Beginning early next week, the restrooms at the Toqua Clubhouse will undergo renovation. The \$22,000 project should take two weeks to complete. During the renovation, temporary restrooms will be on site for patron's convenience. All golfers and restaurant patrons are encouraged to use the facilities at the Toqua Pavilion during this time.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Christmas events in the area

Thursday, December 1 - Lenoir City Christmas Parade: Line up at 5 p.m. in the Yale Commercial Locks parking lot; Parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Get your float and parade entry ideas ready and help us bring the magic of Christmas to Broadway! All parade participants MUST pre-register by calling Lenoir City Parks & Recreation at 865-986-1223.

Saturday, December 3 – Greenback Christmas Parade: Line-up at 1 p.m.; Parade at 2 p.m., downtown Greenback.

Thursday, December 8 – Evening with Santa: 6-7:30 p.m., War Memorial Building, Lenoir City. Lenoir City Parks & Recreation would like to invite children and families to attend an evening with Santa. This event includes one on one time with Santa, light refreshments, a gift, a big screen movie, crafts, games, and a keepsake photo of your child with Santa and Mrs. Claus. This event is free.

Friday, December 9 – Decorating the Christmas Tree in Downtown Loudon: 9-11 a.m., downtown Loudon. Children from Loudon Elementary, Steekee Elementary and Philadelphia Elementary will be downtown decorating the Christmas tree with handmade decorations.

Saturday, December 10 – Lunch with Santa: Noon, Loudon Parks & Recreation building. Call 865-458-7525 to register for this event.

Saturday, December 10 – Loudon Christmas Parade: Line up at 5 p.m. on Carter Street (next to Loudon High School); Parade begins at 6 p.m. Register your float by calling Loudon Parks & Recreation at 865-458-7525 for the chance to win a prize!

Monday, December 12 – Annual Tree Lighting and Teddy Bear Collection at Ft. Loudoun Medical Center: 1 p.m. Tree Lighting in the FLMC Main Lobby. FLMC is collecting teddy bears this holiday season – these will be given to our patients throughout the year to help ease anxieties during hospital visits. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Architectural Control Committee reports on October permits

October 31, 2016				
2016 Permits Issued	Oct	YTD 10/31/16	Prev. YTD 10/31/15	Grand Total
Budget for Single Family	2	50	50	
Single Family - Actual	10	79	58	3,646
Townhomes	0	1	1	328
Commercial	0	0	0	39
TV Senior Living	0	0	0	21
Shoreline Strip	5	27	19	1,689
Miscellaneous	19	109	111	4,038
Home Occupation	0	0	0	36
Final Reviews Completed	4	53	42	
Houses under construction:	75			
Single Family	74			
Townhomes	1			
TV Senior Living	0			
Kahite houses under construction	7			
Kahite permits issued	365			

Another way to look at the ACC numbers—year-by-year comparison

	Permits Issued	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	YTD Oct
Single Family Permits	Budget	0	1	5	8	8	8	7	5	6	2	50
	2016	4	6	6	11	12	3	2	14	11	10	79
	2015	1	2	8	6	9	1	8	11	9	3	58
	2014	5	5	2	6	4	4	6	8	8	5	53
	2013	5	6	7	8	1	3	2	4	4	7	47
	2012	3	3	5	4	6	4	2	5	7	2	41
	2011	5	3	6	5	4	7	3	2	2	1	38
Final Reviews	2016	6	6	6	3	5	5	7	12	6	4	60
	2015	0	3	6	2	8	6	7	2	5	7	46
	2014	5	3	2	6	1	4	4	4	5	11	45
	2013	4	1	4	4	4	3	2	3	10	6	46
	2012	7	3	2	1	5	4	4	1	5	3	35
	2011	1	2	7	7	4	7	6	3	6	4	47

Recent Events and Bragging Rights

National Championship brought back to Tellico Village

Phoenix, AZ, was the site of the 2016 USTA Mixed Doubles Championships Nov. 4-6. Team Tennessee, with Villager Trips Dawson, qualified by winning the nine-state Southern Sectional Championship over the first weekend in October.

At Nationals, Team Tennessee defeated each of their divisional opponents (NY, NV, and VA) to qualify for the National Championship semi-finals.

Team Tennessee then defeated Northern California in the semi-final match and the defending National Champions, Southern California, to claim the 2016 USTA Mixed-Doubles National Championship.

Team members (from left): Kim Love-Lee, Tony Love-Lee, Barbara "BAM" Miller, Trips Dawson, Melanie Dodson, William Padgett, Cindy Moore, and Captain J. Huffman

Yacht Club and Tanasi Bar & Grill

- NEW! Tanasi Bar & Grill is now delivering dinner 4:30-7:30 p.m. every day. Call for details: 865-458-9392.
- The **Toqua Café** is available for holiday parties for up to 60 guests.
- Holiday schedule:
 - The **Yacht Club** will be closed Saturday, Dec. 3; and Friday, Dec. 16, for special scheduled events.
 - The **Yacht Club** will be closed Dec. 23-29 and will open for regular hours Friday, Dec. 30.
 - **Tanasi Bar & Grill** will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas, Dec. 24-25.
 - **Tanasi Bar & Grill** will have a special **New Year's Day Brunch Buffet 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** There will be a live omelet and carving station. The spread will include breakfast favorites and traditional New Year's meals. The regular menu will be available at 4 p.m.
- Tanasi menu: www.tellicovillagepoa.org/images/tellico/pdfs/ta-menu.pdf
- Yacht Club menu: www.tellicovillageyachtclub.com

Tanasi Bar and Grill: 865-458-9392

Toqua Café: 865-458-1330

Yacht Club: 865-458-4363

POA 101 Dec. 7

POA 101 is a program presented by TVPOA staff to give property owners an overview of Village governance and history. Maps, governing documents, Tellico Village license plate and more are given to participants. The next session is: **2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, Yacht Club.** Reservations are required so enough handouts are made. Call Patty Robichaud, 865-458-5408 ext. 4115, or email gram@tvpoa.org.

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.

The 2016 US Election: Simply Amazing!

The Donald's Campaign Miracle and President-Elect Trump's Governing Challenge

Tellico Village University is completing its second year with a major presentation featuring Maryville College Political Science Professor Dr. Mark O'Gorman, 9-11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, Yacht Club Gallery.

No American election in recent memory has been as unexpected or intense as 2016. Campaign rhetoric not seen in nearly a century; unpredicted electoral outcomes; and astounding policy promises are topics students in this two-hour course will study in our review of the unexpected election of the 45th US President, Donald J. Trump.

Hour One discusses *Campaigning*, with particular focus on the "Trump Miracle" – how Donald Trump overcame enormous odds to win both the GOP nomination and the American Presidency. Participants will learn how to evaluate public opinion polls and to defend (or amend) the Electoral College in this hour.

In Hour Two, the class shifts to *Governing*. What campaign promises can President-Elect Trump fulfill, while mending fences all but destroyed during his fiery campaign? Participants will suggest their idea of next year's US Federal Budget, debating what Trump policies might work, or not.

Dr. Mark O'Gorman teaches courses at Maryville College in public policy and in political campaigns and elections. He has consulted with White House staff on policy issues and has been a frequent on-air political expert for local media, including National Public Radio in East Tennessee on Election Night 2016.

Registration is requested so we may plan seating. Register at the TVU website at www.tvuniversity.org. Contact Us page. A confirmation will be sent. A waiting list will be maintained. There is no tuition for this program.

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Upcoming Medic Blood drives

Medic will be holding a few blood drives in Tellico Village:

- Nov. 29, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, the Community Church at Tellico Village's Christian Life Center.

For more information, go to medicblood.org.

TV Vintage Vehicles meet Nov. 30

The Tellico Village Vintage Vehicles Club will meet on a special date for December: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, Yacht Club's top floor. Join us for dinner 5 p.m. in the Blue Heron before the meeting. The club will return to its regular schedule on Jan. 4, the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show deadline Nov. 30

Tellico Village Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Yacht Club. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 30.

- Holiday Fashions & Entertainment Ideas will be presented by the Silk Purse along with holiday music provided by Linda Schuessler.
- Doors open at 10 a.m. for your shopping convenience with lunch being served promptly at 11:30 a.m.
- Our charity bakers will benefit the Tellico Village Fire Department with desserts available for purchase at the luncheon.
- There will also be a silent auction for a Holiday Wreath donated by Broadway Flowers with proceeds benefiting the Fire Department.
- The menu is a Traditional Chef Salad, with dressing on the side. Rolls, coffee, tea and water included. Reservations can be made along with cash or check for \$15 payable to TV Yacht Club at the Yacht Club.

Meet the Author Dec. 2—Change of Author

Meet Eva Wike, Ph.D., 10 a.m.-noon Friday, Dec. 2. She is an award-winning story teller and author of the family history book, *The Matheson Cove: In the Shadow of the Devil's Post Office*. In her newest book, *Fiddler of the Mountains*, she recounts the life of her Uncle Johnny Mullad and captures the essence of Appalachian mountain life.

Hike Jackson Bend and Morganton Branch Dec. 2

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, from Chota Center, to hike:

- **Jackson Bend and Morganton Branch of the East Lakeshore Trail (Shuttle)**
- Distance: 8.1 miles
- Rating: Easy
- Driving Time: 15 minutes
- Leaders: Sue and Bob Lehmann, suslehm@gmail.com or 734-497-7226

Jackson Bend Branch Trail: From the Lotterdale Campground entrance road, the Jackson Bend Branch Trail extends 5.1 miles to the Peterson Road Trailhead. This branch showcases a variety of landscapes and scenic views and includes an elevation gain of more than 200 feet. A quarter-mile connecting trail to the map kiosk at the campground entrance provides ready access to the East Lakeshore Trail for campers.

Morganton Branch Trail: From the Peterson Road Trailhead, the 3-mile stretch of the Morganton Branch trail extends to the southern terminus of the East Lakeshore Trail at Wildcat Pointe Trailhead. A variety of interesting and scenic lake views reward the hiker especially along the Baker Creek arm of Tellico Lake featuring a 140-foot boardwalk. Before reaching Wildcat Pointe Trailhead, the trail ascends to a ridge with an elevation of approximately 200 feet above the summer lake level providing excellent views of the lake in the wintertime.

Lunch: For those who are interested, we are going to the Marathon Gas Station for lunch afterward. If you haven't been there, it's an experience and only 10 minutes from the end of your hike!

Hiking boots and hiking sticks are recommended. Driving directions will be provided the morning of the hike. Bring water and a trail snack. Carpooling is recommended, passengers are asked to contribute \$2 to the driver to help cover gas, etc. For more information, go to www.TVHikers.com.

Computer Users Club meets Dec. 6

The Tellico Village Computer Users Club will hold a general meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 06, in the Christian Life Center of the Community Church at Tellico Village. (Note the new location.) After announcements and committee reports, the following program will be presented: SMARTPHONES 101. Gary R., Elaine N., and others will tell us what makes it a Smart Phone, a brief history, why might we want one, common terms, simple explanation how they work, some options that are available, should we consider Android vs. Apple, and some common and rather valuable uses.

There will be door prizes for several of 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 of Rec Center at 3 p.m. Visitors are welcome at both meetings. Visit our Website at www.TVCUC.org.

Ladies Book Club meets Dec. 8

The Tellico Village Ladies Book Club will meet Thursday, Dec. 8, in the Tanasi Clubhouse for an 11:30 a.m. lunch followed by a 12:15 p.m. discussion of the fiction "Gift from the Sea," by Anne Murrow Lindbergh. The discussion will be led by Alice Krause and Mary Garner. Bring a book for a child! For more information, contact Bette Purvis at 865-458-8070.

Surviving the Holidays Dec. 8

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Christmas? Are you dreading this holiday, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years cannot be recreated?

This is a Grief Share program. Join us for a pizza social 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at Christ Our Savior Church, 260 Wade Road West. RSVP to 865-657-3300 or 865-458-9407. Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You will learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

Rummikub changes location of Dec. 8 meeting

Rummikub 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, will be held at Classico Italian Restaurant (note new location). This Rummikub group meets 1-4 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. For more information, call Carol Sweeney, 856-657-3110.

Rummikub Christmas Party Dec. 8

Join us for a Rummikub Christmas part 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, Chota Recreation Center. Bring an appetizer to share while enjoying fellowship and playing Rummikub. RSVP to Suzy Holcomb at 865-657-9052 before Dec. 3.

Auditions set for Ken Ludwig's mystery-farce *The Game's Afoot*

Auditions for the Tellico Community Players' February 2017 production of *The Game's Afoot* by Ken Ludwig will be held 4-6 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 30; 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 1; and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2.

All auditions will take place at the Tellico Community Playhouse, 304 Lakeview Plaza (off Ritchey Road), in Loudon, TN. The cast requires five females and three males. Veteran actor and director Helen Nicholson will direct the play.

Rehearsals will begin the first week in January. Production dates are Feb. 16-18 and 23-26. For information, call Nicholson, 865-458-3386.

An award-winning mystery-farce, *The Game's Afoot*, takes place in December 1936, when William Gillette, admired by all for his leading role in the play *Sherlock Holmes*, has invited his fellow cast-members to his Connecticut castle for a weekend party. But when one of the guests is stabbed to death, the festivities in this isolated house of tricks quickly turn dangerous. Then it is up to Gillette himself, as he assumes the persona of his beloved Holmes, to track down the killer before the next victim appears. The danger and hilarity are non-stop in this prize-winning whodunit. For this play Ken Ludwig won the Mystery Writers of America Edgar Award for Best Play of 2012.

The roles: (ages can be adjusted)

1. William Gillette, in his 40s; handsome, full of life.
2. Martha Gillette, in her 70s; mother of William; a little vague.
3. Aggie Wheeler, 25; beautiful and full of spark.
4. Simon Bright, 25-30; sweet and enthusiastic.
5. Madge Geisel, 40s; smart mouthed and wry as Rosaline Russell.
6. Felix Geisel, Madge's husband; 40-50; imagine Lionel Barrymore.
7. Daria Chase, 30 to 50; a gorgeous, glamorous gossip columnist.
8. Inspector Goring, 40-50; she is rather eccentric and quirky.

Season tickets now on sale

The Tellico Community Players are pleased to announce season tickets for 2017 are on sale through now through Jan. 13. You will be able to choose the performance date and seats for the entire year. If a performance dates does not work out, you will be able to exchange tickets for another date and seats available. For more information, go to www.tellicocommunityplayhouse.org.

What you can learn from Tellico Village Broadcasting/Charter Channel 193

By Keith Sanderson

Watching Tellico Village Broadcasting can help end confusion...it helped me!

Like many I had heard conflicting comments about what the role of the Tellico Village Lifestyle coordinator is, and I was somewhat confused. Then I watched "Meet Lisa McCray Lifestyle Coordinator" on Tellico Village Broadcasting (Channel 193 or use the link

<https://vimeo.com/191678526>)

The video about the new Lifestyle Coordinator was short. I learned much about what Lisa's Role is, including some things the critics had never told me. Much of her mission is to work with STAYinTV, which I think is really great. In the video Lisa invites anyone in Tellico Village clubs or organizations to stop by and meet her. I took her up on her suggestion and two of us from Monroe County Friends of Animals stopped by this morning to see if Lisa might have any suggestions about the Gala the organization is holding on May 17 at the Yacht Club. Lisa was friendly, had some really good suggestions and was really helpful. I would suggest if you aren't clear about what the Lifestyle Coordinator does, you watch the video. And if your organization is planning an event you stop in and meet Lisa. She can be very helpful. And thanks to Tellico Village Broadcasting I am no longer confused. To view videos on demand, go to the Tellico Village Broadcasting website, www.tellicovillagebroadcasting.org, and click on Videos. You may select from our extensive library.

Tennessee State Parks featured on Television Series, Tellico Village Naturally

Randy Hedgepath, one of the most sought after interpretive naturalists in the southeast, is the featured guest on the popular Tellico Village Broadcasting nature and natural history television series, Tellico Village Naturally.

According to Randy Hedgepath, State Naturalist, there are 30 state parks within a two-hour's drive of Tellico Village. These parks are 30 more good reasons to live in Tellico Village. Join Randy as he shares his awesome knowledge and enthusiasm about Tennessee's State Parks, on Tellico Village Broadcasting's latest episode of its unique nature series, Tellico Village Naturally.

Here is the link. <https://vimeo.com/193258932>

Holiday Announcement from UPS

UPS will be making deliveries in the Toqua Neighborhood via a golf cart with trailer. This will provide an earlier delivery time for the residents of Toqua and eliminate the need for a larger UPS vehicle to be in that neighborhood late in the evening. Thank you, and keep an eye out for delivery drivers bearing gifts.

Charitable activities in the area

Mitten Drive through Dec. 21

Spread the warmth: New or handmade hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks for children and adults are needed for children and adults in Loudon and Monroe counties. Your donated items will be distributed by the Good Samaritan Center and the Good Shepherd. You can drop off items at the Wellness Center Christmas Tree, the Chota Rec Center Christmas Tree, or the Community Church at Tellico Village's Wishing Well.

Looking for a holiday volunteer opportunity?

The Elf Project for a Child's Christmas needs volunteers for this year's Christmas season. Operating in Loudon, Monroe and Knox counties, The Elf Project is a unique combination of donations and volunteers who accompany parents on a shopping trip for their kids.

It doesn't take much to become an Elf Volunteer: just a commitment of \$50 per child **and/or** about an hour of time to meet and shop with a parent. This shopping outing can be one of the best experiences you have this Christmas.

For more information, please visit our website: theelfproject.org or contact founder Sandra McEntire at theelfproject@gmail.com.

Toys-for-Tots: The children of Loudon County again need your help!

This marks the 19th year for the Tellico Village Woodworkers Club's "Toys-for-Tots" program. The program helps put toys under Christmas trees for many disadvantaged Loudon County children, the toys are distributed through the Loudon County Sheriff's Office.

All donations need to be made by **noon on Dec. 1.**

Presentation of all the wooden and donated toys to the Sheriff's Office will be made 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Tellico Village Community Church. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and see the wide variety of toys that the Tellico Village Woodworkers have made. **Toys will be on display starting at 5 p.m.**

Please help the children of Loudon County by dropping off donated toys. Drop-off boxes are available at the Tanasi Clubhouse, the Wellness Center, the Chota Recreation Center, the Yacht Club and the Tellico Village Library. Pre-addressed envelopes will be available at each drop-off location for residents that would like to help older children by mailing a check directly to the Loudon County's Sheriff's Office.

Last year club members built and donated 525 wooden toys for the program. Over the last 16 years, club members have delivered to the County Sheriff's Office over 10,000 wooden toys. These toys have ranged from trucks and cars, to elaborate jewelry boxes, wooden puzzles, doll cribs, music boxes, children's furniture, and circus trains, toddler pull toys, rocking horses, artist boxes, easels and many more elaborate wooden toys.

Tellico Village residents have generously supported the program as well by donating purchased toys to the program. Last year over 500 purchased toys were given to the Sheriff's Office. In addition Village residents made cash donations to Toys-for-Tots to help the Sheriff's office meet special gift needs, particularly for older children. Our residents came through generously, with donations of over \$2,000 to

the Program.

United Way issues

Over the course of the last week or two several issues have arisen in conjunction with the United Way Loudon County (UWLC) Campaign that bear discussion. There are two. The first addresses the question of “Why do we need a United Way. Give directly to the agency.” The answer turns on the issue of efficiency. UWLC supports 34 agencies. It would be virtually impossible for an individual potential donor to screen all 34 to determine if they merit financial support. The UW BOD does that screening. Each year it conducts a rigorous allocation review process. Each partner agency sends representatives to meet with the BOD to review their request for funds. The process involves ascertaining whether or not the request is needed, if the use for funds is appropriate and does the agency operate in an efficient manner, i.e., minimize overhead and administrative costs. Only if satisfactory answers are provided to all of these questions is the grant made. In many instances, based on this review, the amount granted is less than requested.

Absent this process each individual agency would have to spend a larger portion of its funds to seek out donors and raise the funds provided by UW. They thus get to use a larger portion of funds donated to them to satisfy their mission.

The second issue deals with UWLC’s administrative costs. These provide a salary for the Executive Director, office rental, printing, advertising and other related costs. These costs are minimized thanks to the fact that we are affiliated with the Greater Knoxville UW and share facilities and staff. Each year the financial records of UWLC are audited by certified auditors. The most recent audit, completed in late spring, showed UWLC’s administrative costs to be 13% of total revenue. This means that of every dollar collected by UWLC, \$0.87 is distributed to partner agencies with \$0.13 used to pay the overhead or administrative costs. What this means is that with UW low overhead and a lower overhead in the agencies, thanks to UW support, more of the funds collected go directly to mission support.

Charity Navigator (charitynavigator.com) is a national organization that tracks the performance of charitable entities in the US and evaluates their performance based on a variety of criteria. One evaluative measure is the ratio of mission expenses to overhead costs. A visit to their web site will show that they consider administrative cost below 15% to be indicative of an excellently managed organization, doing a superb job of properly using the funds given to it. United Way Loudon County falls into this EXCELLENT category.

Thus you can rest assured, that your donation to UWLC will, in fact, support agencies in Loudon County that provide needed services to the residents of Loudon County, including Tellico Village. We appreciate your support.

Frequently Asked Question: Where to Recycle and Dispose of Paint, Chemicals

As a reminder: batteries, oil, antifreeze, florescent bulbs and electronics are collected year around at:

- Loudon Convenience and Recycling Center, 300 Rock Quarry Road, 865-458-8536, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
- Lenoir City Convenience and Recycling Center, 500 Halls Ferry Road, 865-988-7558, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
- Greenback Convenience and Recycling Center, 3840 Hwy. 95 South, 865-856-2010, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday.

Oil and latex paints are collected on 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays at the Lenoir City Center.

Appliances and other materials are accepted. Call for any details or questions or visit www.loudoncounty.com/lccc/.

Fore the Love of the Game—Golf News and Events

Kahite - 423-884-6108

Toqua - 865-458-6546

Tanasi - 865-458-4707

MGA dues for 2017

The Men's Golf Association ("MGA") wants to remind all members that 2017 dues are due starting Jan. 1, 2017. Checks for \$37, made payable to TV MGA can be mailed to or dropped at any of the three Village Golf Pro Shops. Payments received after Nov. 1, 2016, will be applied to 2017 dues.

MGA dues cover the cost of maintaining, for each member, a USGA Handicap Index issued through the Tennessee Golf Association. Dues are also used to provide prizes for tournaments and refreshments for events sponsored by the MGA.

You will automatically become an MGA member by paying the \$37 dues. Check the MGA website for a calendar of golfing events. There are a mix of individual, two man and four man events with a shotgun start in prime golf time. It's a great way to meet other golfers. Come on out and join your neighbors in our Thursday golf game.

Santa Claus Open Dec. 3

Just a friendly reminder that this year's Santa Claus Open is Saturday, Dec. 3, at Tanasi. The format is a four-person team NET stableford. Play will begin with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. You can sign up in any golf shop and create your own team. The entry fee is \$5 a player and a new unwrapped toy (excludes green and cart fee). All toys will be donated to the Loudon Country Toys for Tots. If you can't make the event but would like to donate a toy, please stop by the Tanasi Pro Shop by Dec. 3.

Casey's Christmas Special

Looking for a great stocking stuffer or gift for someone? Help them improve their golf game by giving them golf lesson certificates! I will be offering the following specials through Dec. 31.

- 1 lesson: (originally \$75) SPECIAL - \$60
- 3 lessons: (originally \$225) SPECIAL - \$150
- 5 lessons: (originally \$300) SPECIAL - \$250

****CHRISTMAS CERTIFICATE INCLUDED****

*1-hour lessons

*All lessons include V1 software in depth swing analysis

*NO EXPIRATION

*Lessons are transferable (can be split between 2 or 3 people)

Contact me at 865-458-4707 or CFlenniken@tvpoa.org for more information or to reserve your gift today!

Last week to reserve your tickets

Only 8 tickets left!

Day Trip to see the Moscow Ballet Dec. 20

Enjoy a daytrip to the Tennessee Theatre in Knoxville to see the Moscow Ballet's *Great Russian Nutcracker*. Participants will leave Tellico Village at noon Tuesday, Dec. 20, by shuttle (with a

shuttle return after the show). There will be time before and after the show to meander around Downtown Knoxville, grab a cup of coffee, or enjoy the Christmas décor around the venue.

Tickets are \$55.50 per person, which includes transportation by shuttle and a ticket to the show. Seats are limited. To purchase tickets, come to the Tellico Village Welcome Center and see Lisa McCray, Lifestyle Coordinator, or call her at 865-458-5408 ext. 4131 for more information.