

## Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, May 26, 2017

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

- June 1, 9 a.m., ACC, POA Conference Room
- June 1, 9 a.m., Recreation Advisory Committee, Wellness Center
- June 6, 10 a.m., POA Board Workshop, POA Conference Room
- June 7, 2 p.m., POA 101, Yacht Club
- **June 8, 2 p.m. Communications & Marketing, POA Conference Room**

## Recreation News

### **By Simon Bradbury, Recreation Director**

These pictures were presented to the POA Board at the May meeting and represent the current condition of the Wellness Center indoor pool heaters and the ceiling in the aquatic area. The heaters are in the process of being replaced as we speak. All water fitness classes have been cancelled until the heaters are back up and fully operational due to the slightly lowered water temps; however, the pool remains open for lap and open swim. In August, the entire aquatics area will be closed completely in order to repair the severely deteriorating ceiling. We will be forced to displace all swimmers.

Why is this happening? The aquatic center and its components are not designed to maintain pool temperatures as high as they have in the past; however, it has done just that in order to satisfy a small but very vocal demand. The dehumidifying system in that area is designed to operate at 2 degrees higher than the water temperature. Operating the system in this manner is ideal for customers and equipment alike because it creates the best air quality situation without destroying the building. Historically, in an effort to provide excellent customer service, pool temperatures have been raised over time on request and air temperatures have been lowered. This creates a rain forest effect in that room where extreme condensation has formed and destroyed equipment over time.

The exterior roof has already been repaired once. Now the interior ceiling requires renovation. We are also retiring our second set of heaters, each set having a life expectancy of roughly 10 years, since the opening of the Wellness Center in 2007. Add that into the cost of parts and labor over time and the elevated energy and chemical costs of operating a pool so much warmer than it should be and the wasted dollars are astronomical.

Temperature issues in pools are not isolated to only Tellico Village. This is a nationwide battle that all recreation facilities fight every day and there is no winner as we cannot please everyone all the time. However, there are national standards that were put into place, which are widely recognized as the safest and most efficient ways to operate facilities like ours. We have a responsibility to the property owners in Tellico Village to manage our facilities in a professional manner and we are going to do just that.

When the new Wellness Center pool heaters are installed and fully operational again, water temperatures will be adjusted accordingly. We appreciate your understanding and your patience as we strive to continuously improve the quality of life in Tellico Village by improving the quality of our amenities. Now that we all know where we have been and we all know where we are going, let's focus our attention on things that are new and exciting for Tellico Village. Spending money on repairs to the aquatics area is not the only thing that we have been up to in Recreation lately. Did you see this week's Knoxville News Sentinel? Tellico Village made the front page.

## **Correction to The Connection's "New Docks" Article**

In the most recent edition of The Connection, an article was written regarding the new dock proposal in Tellico Village. In the article, it was noted that the slip sizes will be 21x30 feet. **This is incorrect. The slip sizes will be 12x30 feet.**

## **Tell-E-Gram/Tell-Events Survey**

Do you read the Tell-E-Gram? How often do you read it? Do you like/dislike the layout of Tell-Events? We are now offering Tellico Village residents the opportunity to take a quick survey to voice their opinion about Tell-Events and the Tell-E-Gram. The survey will close on Tuesday, June 6th. It can be found at: <http://gram.questionpro.com>. Please see the image below and be sure to enter the URL in the top address bar. For any questions, please contact Jessica Miles at JMiles@TVPOA.org or 865-458-5408, ext. 4115. We appreciate your feedback!

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

### **New Villager's Club Social June 1**

The New Villagers Club holds a social 5-6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Yacht Club. The next social will be 5 p.m. Thursday, June 1, in the Yacht Club. New members should arrive at 4:30 PM. Visit the New Villagers Club website for more information: [www.telliconewvillagers.com](http://www.telliconewvillagers.com).

### **Tellico Village Garden Club Potluck Luncheon June 1**

Join the Garden Club on June 1 at 12 p.m. at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church on Rt. 72. R.S.V.P before May 27 to Judy Jutze at 865-458-6895 or [gjjutze@charter.net](mailto:gjjutze@charter.net). Our speaker is the always entertaining and informative Lyn Bales of Ijams Nature Center.

### **Tellico Village Woodworkers Meeting June 1**

The June TV Woodworkers' meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 1 at 6:45 pm. This meeting will be held on the top floor of the Yacht Club. This month's meeting is the Spring Challenge where our members are challenged to make something from a rustic piece of wood. Come and see how creative our members can be. All friends and visitors are welcome to attend.

### **American Legion Post 256 Meeting June 1**

American Legion Post 256, extends an invitation to all Veterans to join us at our meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month (1 June). The meeting begins at 9 AM and includes a breakfast buffet for \$12.00. Reservations are required by noon on the Monday prior to the meeting. Please call Commander Vic Vickery, (423) 884-6476 or Adjutant Jim McNeece, (865) 233-5664. Breakfast is followed by an informative guest speaker and updates on community and veteran's services projects. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at The First Baptist Church of Tellico Village. For directions and more information visit [www.TellicoLakePost256.org](http://www.TellicoLakePost256.org).

### **Tellico Village Hiking Club Hike June 2**

BOB STRATTON BALD/HANGOVER (optional)

Depart at 8:00 a.m. from Chota Center

(This hike is rescheduled from May 12, 2017)

Distance: 6 or 12 miles

Rating: Moderate or Difficult

Driving Time: 1.5 hours

Elevation Gain: Approx. 900 feet

Leader: John Winn, 865-824-6200 [john.winn@gmail.com](mailto:john.winn@gmail.com)

Bob Stratton Bald is a classic southern mountain bald located off the Cherohala Skyway at an elevation of 5360 feet with views of the Unicoi Mountains as well as the Joyce Kilmer Wilderness Area.

Hangover is a rocky promitory three plus rugged miles beyond Bob Stratton Bald. It offers one of the best mountain views in all of East TN. We will have lunch at the Bald. After lunch we are planning for many hikers to turn around. For those who may want to continue, we will have an optional extended hike to Hangover Lead, 12.3 miles round trip. Hangover Lead is a difficult rocky hike on a ridgeline, but the view is one of the best in East TN. You can see the Little Tennessee River Valley from Santeetlah Lake near Robbinsville to the 411 bridge in Vonore. The portion of Hwy. 129 known as The

Dragon runs through the valley far below and the Smokies stretch out in the distance in the center of the view.

### **Appalachian Hymn Sing June 4**

Come join us on Sunday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. as we sing some of your favorites like: I'll Fly Away, Just as I am, Farther Along, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms & many more. Accompanying us will be our favorite dulcimer group: Appalachian Wood & Strings Trio. Hymn Sing is at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 260 Wade Road West, Loudon, TN 37774 and it is free.

### **Tellico Village Ladies Book Club June 8**

Join the Tellico Village Ladies Book Club on Thursday, June 8 at Tanasi Club House to discuss the fictional book: "The Whirlwind" by Rick Mofina. Discussion leader will be Karen Erpekling. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the discussion will begin at 12:15 p.m.

### **TV Woodcarvers Meeting June 8**

The TV Woodcarvers ( not to be confused with the Woodworkers ) meetings are being changed to the second and fourth Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in room A at the Recreational Center. Our first meeting will be June 8. Contact Curt Isakson for more information at 865-458-2943.

### ***All the King's Women* opens June 8 – an Elvis story**

Written by Luigi Januzzi, *All the King's Women* is a fast-paced series of comedic plays and monologues based on the life of Elvis as told through the eyes of 17 women and three men. The Tellico Community Players Readers Theater production of *All the King's Women* will run Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10 at the Tellico Community Playhouse, 304 Lakeside Plaza, Loudon. Reserved seats at \$21 are available on the website [www.tellicocommunityplayhouse.org](http://www.tellicocommunityplayhouse.org).

### **Tellico Village 30th Dinner Celebration**

Join us as we celebrate Tellico Village turning 30! We will be having a dinner celebration on August 24th. Keep an eye out in Tuesday's Tell-E-Gram for ticket information!

### **Tennessee ID Services in the Village June 1**

The State of Tennessee offers a unique opportunity for Veterans called the "Highways for Heroes Program." Through this program, Tennesseans are able to take advantage of various identification services right in the comfort of their own community. On the first Thursday of each month (through August), 10 a.m.-2 p.m., the Tennessee mobile unit will be set up in the parking lot at the corner of Chota Road and Highway 444, immediately in front of the Lakeside Real Estate offices. The mobile unit travels the state to issue Veteran designated driver licenses and Commercial Driver Licenses (CDL) to eligible Veterans and Service Members. Special thanks to Lakeside Real Estate Group for providing parking, restrooms, coffee, and the Loudon County Clerk's office (located there Thursdays) providing license plates. Even though the program is designed to bring these services to Veterans, **ALL** Villagers are invited to participate. The next one will be on Thursday, June 1.

### **Tellico Village 9-Hole Men's League Begins May 18th at Tanasi**

Tellico Village 9-hole Men's league made its debut on May 18. The 9-hole league will be an exciting league designed for players who look to play competitive golf on a 9-hole scale. The games and competitions will mirror those provided by the TVMGA-18 league. The 9-hole league will be a shotgun start at NOON on THURSDAYS. Play will begin upon completion of the Rainbow Linksters league. All sign-ups will be done via the Chelsea Reservation System. If you would like to have access to this league, please send Casey Flenniken an email at [CFlenniken@TVPOA.org](mailto:CFlenniken@TVPOA.org)

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- June 1st at TOQUA (4-person teams)
- June 8th at TANASI (A/C, B/D)

The game each week will be \$5 cash which you will pay at check-in and there will be an optional \$5 skins game (Gross & Net skins). Each player must have an established USGA handicap in order to participate. Please stop into any Tellico Village golf shop and pay your \$37 fee to start a handicap. Don't miss out on this great new league!

### **Library Corner**

The author for First Friday in June, is Helen Gray. Helen and her husband Randy, live in Knoxville half the year and LaQuinta, California, the other half. She describes her book, A Charmed Life, as follows, "Never did I dream that my ordinary life would become extraordinary as a direct consequence of my family and friendships. I believe these stories give proof that potential friendships are all around us..." A reader describes the book as a collection of "short stories of one family with many rich and interesting life experiences." 5 out of 5 stars. Ms. Gray will be at the Tellico Library, Friday, June 2 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

### **New Jersey Rocks – Get Acquainted Pot Luck Picnic**

**Date:** Sunday, June 11

**Time:** 5 – 9 p.m.

**Location:** Tugaloo Pavilion

Bring a dish to share, wear your name tag, and come party with your Jersey Buds & Budettes! Cost is \$5 per person – make check payable to: Marie Kelly and send the check to her at 143 Inagehi Way, Loudon, TN 37774 by May 28. This will cover Pavilion rental, non-alcoholic beverages, and paper goods. For more information, contact Suzy at 865-657-9052 or Marie at 865-657-3461

### **Tellico Village Computer Users Club Open House June 2**

You are invited! The Technology Access Program (TAP) is having an open house at the shop (244 Lakeside Plaza) from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Friday, June 2 and you are invited to join us in commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date the first computers were given to families (12 systems on June 2, 2007) and celebrating giving away the 5,000<sup>th</sup> system (May 3, 2017).

TAP is a community outreach arm of the Tellico Village Computer Users Club. The Club was formed in 2001 and is the second largest club in Tellico Village. At the close of 2016, the club had over 1,200 members in 844 households.

TAP has 40 volunteers who refurbish computers, monitors, and printers, who also do administrative work. If you would like to join us in this very worthwhile endeavor, please attend the open house and let us know that you are interested in helping. For more information call 865-332-5313 or email [tap@tvcuc.org](mailto:tap@tvcuc.org)

### **Tellico Lake Day 2017**

In Tellico Village, we are surrounded by the natural beauty of the lake. Why not come out with your neighbors and enjoy it? Spend a day on the water at the Yacht Club on June 9th from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. There will be numerous water activities available to partake in throughout the day. Several boat manufactures will offer free boat rides, you will also have the opportunity to try out some kayaks and paddle boards. If land is more your style, we will have vendors available on land that you can visit. The Yacht Club will be grilling out all day so come hungry and purchase a lunch basket lakefront. Entertainment will be provided by Dock Dogs and music will be played all day long. Bring a chair and enjoy the day on the lake! Parking will be available from the Community Church, the shuttle will run on a continuous basis all day long.

### **California Club Annual Picnic!**

It's that time of year again to call all Californians to the beach...the beach at Tugaloo Pavilion!! The 2017 annual California Club Picnic will be Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 8 p.m. at Tugaloo Pavilion. Please bring a salad, appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. Please bring your own beverages, we will provide ice and cups. A BBQ grill will be available on site for grilling items of your own choice so BYOM (Bring Your Own Meat)! The Club will provide plates, napkins, silverware, cups, and ice...as well as lots of fun! Please wear your name tag. We will have door prizes, trivia games, and lawn activities for your enjoyment! Please RSVP to Rory Smith at [rorysmith26@gmail.com](mailto:rorysmith26@gmail.com) no later than June 13<sup>th</sup>!

### **Toqua Trail Closure**

Chip & Seal work begins on the Toqua Trail on May 22nd. The trail will be closed to all during this time. Stay tuned for more info on reopening.

### **Smoky Mountain Service Dog Passing of the Leash**

On May 25th, Smoky Mountain Service Dogs held a "Passing of the Leash" ceremony. In this special ceremony, US Army SFC Justin Jirkovsky (ret.) received his service dog, Thor. Jirkovsky previously served two combat tours in Iraq and two combat tours in Afghanistan, receiving the Bronze Star for Valor. SMSD works with each dog for two years and the dogs receive between 1,500-1,800 hours of hands-on training. They are able to retrieve items from across the room, as well as put items in place. They truly offer mobility assistance for the veteran and the dogs leave the program knowing at least 50 commands. The Passing of the Leash graduation ceremony is one that honors the veteran, service dog, SMSD trainers, and volunteers who have played major roles in preparing the dog for a life of service. There were several veterans and SMSD alumni in the audience and Jirkovsky was the 19th veteran they've helped since starting SMSD. If you'd like to learn more about SMSD, please visit <http://www.smokymountain servicedogs.org/>

## **SMOKY MOUNTAIN SERVICE DOGS**

### **"Challenge Golf ENCORE"**

### **Saturday, June 10 at Toqua Golf Course**

On Saturday, June 10 at the Toqua Golf Club, come support a fantastic charitable organization that was founded in Tellico Village, Smoky Mountain Service Dogs at their *Challenge Golf ENCORE!* Last's year's event was an unqualified success, with a completely full field - and this year's event promises to be even better!

The *Challenge Golf ENCORE* begins with breakfast and registration at 7 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 9 a.m. A luncheon and awards ceremony will be held at completion of play. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the beauty of Toqua Golf Course at Tellico Village and support an incredible charitable organization. The "Challenge" aspect of the event means that you don't have to be a great player to win, and in fact plumbing and yard skills may be helpful!

If you're not familiar with this wonderful organization, Smoky Mountain Service Dogs custom trains dogs for mobility assistance for Veterans with disabilities. They are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to: "Enhance the Physical and Psychological Quality of Life for Veterans with Disabilities by Providing Custom Trained Mobility Assistance Service Dogs". For additional information, please visit their website at: [www.smokymountain servicedogs.org](http://www.smokymountain servicedogs.org)

This will undoubtedly be a very popular event. The field is limited to the first 120 players, so please don't delay signing up. You can sign up as a team or an individual. Please click the link below to download a registration form:

[CHALLENGE GOLF ENCORE REGISTRATION FORM](#)

We hope to see you on the golf course on June 10th!

### **Brown Round Three: A Jazz and Music Lovers Event!**

Come to the Yacht Club on Tuesday, May 30 to see Brown Round Three perform. Tickets are \$10. Please send checks to Steve Geoffrey, 216 Kiowa Point, Loudon, TN 37774. For more information, call 865-657-5164. If you're a jazz lover, you don't want to miss this event!

### **Pets of the Week: Mush and Lolo!**

What???...a two-headed cat? No, not quite....Mush and Lolo are a bonded pair of 7 year old, tabby girls. They were very recently surrendered by owners that had fallen on hard times and wanted to make sure their girls found another happy home. They did NOT abandon them! Lolo has medium hair and Mush is the short hair. They are still so scared and firmly bonded to each other that they are not ready yet to be separated for individual pictures but we already know that they are quiet, gentle girls needing a new home together. They love head scratches and seem to be very affectionate. They have lived with children, dogs and other cats. They just need to be given an opportunity to feel loved and secure again.

Please remember their true personality may not show through immediately in the shelter environment. Their condo is now their "safe place" and some struggle a bit when removed from it. That, by no means does NOT mean they aren't sweet, loving lap cats. It means they are uncomfortable or scared. Take the time to meet each cat. Pet them while they are still in their condo and let them get used to you for a few moments before you pick him/her up. Once you get them home and they feel secure all will be well....

All cats adopted are litter box trained, spayed or neutered, have age appropriate vaccinations and testing, and are microchipped (with registration). \$40 adoption fee.

There are many small things humans can do to be a better pet owner which will benefit the pet and the owner. Spend more time with your pet-playing and talking to them, consistently feed quality food, fresh water daily, regular yearly Vet visits for checkups, grooming and nail clipping, safe toys, exercise, and be very observant of any changes in your pet; changes in fur, eating habits, potty habits, activity level, and any lumps or bumps.

**Shelter Needs:** Lots of scoopable/clumping cat litter (Tidy Cat), Paper Towels, Laundry detergent, copy paper, bleach, Q-tips, cotton balls, and Original blue Dawn-all cleaning & office supplies are always needed!

The Monroe County Animal Shelter is located at 170 Kefauver Lane in Madisonville (behind Wal-Mart). Please note new hours: Tuesday-Friday from 11-4:30 and Saturdays from 11-2. The shelter is closed to the public on Sunday and Monday. Call 423-442-1015 and check out all available pets on our web site at [www.friendsofanimalsmc.org](http://www.friendsofanimalsmc.org). TN Monroe County Animal Shelter is the official Facebook page for the Monroe County Animal Shelter. Adoption Gift Certificates available all year.

