



TELL-E-GRAM

SPECIAL EDITION

AUGUST 18, 2017



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- **President's Announcements** - Bruce Johnson asked Villagers to pay attention to the Gram for information about the upcoming 30th Anniversary events.
- **Minutes (July 19, 2017)** – The minutes from the July 19th Board Meeting were approved by the Board with accepted changes 6-0.

Advisory Committee/Liaison Reports

- **HOA Update** – John Bordelon reported that membership is at an all-time high with 1,920 households and 3,740 individuals. Socials continue to be very popular; there were 240 attendees at the last social. The July 10th event with Summit Medical was a success, it was standing room only. HOA also had a meeting with TDOT to discuss Hwy 444 resurfacing project. An update will be provided when the date for the project is closer. A survey was initiated through the TellicoLife database. Next general meeting is September 14 and the focus of that meeting is home safety and security. HOA is in the early planning stages of the POA Board Candidates Forum.
- **ACC** – Steve Trudnak presented the ACC report. As of August 31, there will be 91 single family homes under construction, with 12 houses under construction at Kahite. There are 18 items on the ACC agenda for August 17 and a high demand for housing.
- **Public Services** – Charles Queener and Ken Holland mentioned that pavement preservation is scheduled to begin in early September in the Chatuga area – more information to come. Street crews are in preservation areas preparing the streets and R.O.W.S. (crack, sealing, mowing, and sweeping).
 - **2017 Paving Projects** – The asphalt study team recommends that the paving at Tanasi Clubhouse, Yacht Club parking lots, Sequoyah and Chota road is postponed until next year. There isn't enough time to thoroughly vet any new bidders and award the project before cooler weather.
 - **Water/Sewer Department** - requesting funding for a study and design of the water storage tank in Coyatee with construction to be completed hopefully by late spring of 2018.

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Fire hydrant inspections are completed for 2017.

LUB substation – the latest startup date is now October 16th.

- **Finance Report** – Parker Owen reported that the setup of the 2018 budget files are well underway. He discussed the schedule of budget review meetings and expectations for committees, special project teams, division heads, and/or the Board. Four funding requests were presented: Replace KSB Pump #1 and KSB Pump #2 at the Main Sewer Lift Station (approved), Tanasi Parking Lot Expansion Plan and Landscape Plan (approved), Engineering for the Coyatee storage water tank (approved), and Purchase of Leaf Vacuum Machine and Collector Box (approved). The 2017 Budget is cash self-sufficient. This means that all expenses of operations and all capital expenditures can be funded out of 2017 cash flows. The 2018 budget and Five Year Plan calendar were also presented.
- **Appoint New Committee Members** – Wayne Enderle was recommended to serve on LRPAC (approved and accepted), RJ Sloan was recommended to serve on CMAC (approved and accepted).
- **Loudon County Tax/Lot Sale Agreement** – All 3rd party lots will be added back to our inventory after the tax/lot sale. TVPOA paid the outstanding taxes. Total tax bill was \$85,681.00. TVPOA also agreed to pay future taxes on these lots starting in 2017 and they will be paid in a timely manner. Annual taxes on the CS Holding and 3rd party lots will be approximately \$40,000. The Tax/Lot Sale agreement passed 6-0.
- **Other/Member Comments** - The season is upon us for Board elections. The deadline to submit the application to become a Board Member is September 1st.

2018 Budget and Five Year Plan Calendar

- July 14, 2017 Board President reviews budget guidelines at Finance Advisory Committee meeting. 9:00 AM POA Office
- August 11, 2017 CFO reviews budget guidelines and meeting schedule at Finance Advisory Committee meeting 9:00 AM POA Office
- August 15, 2017 CFO and Department/Division heads discuss budget development in accordance with guidelines
- August 18, 2017 Managers receive budget model worksheets from CFO
- September 6, 2017 Target Date - First Draft Consolidated Budget; Internal Reviews with Managers
- September 12, 2017 Board Workshop review, discussion & direction to management & FAC 10:00 AM POA Office
- October 9, 2017 FAC review of departmental budgets, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM POA Office
- October 10, 2017 FAC review of departmental budgets, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM POA Office
- October 11, 2017 FAC review of departmental budgets, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM POA Office
- October 12, 2017 FAC review of departmental budgets, 10:00 AM to Noon POA Office (if needed)
- October 20, 2017 FAC Final Review of 2018 Budget, 10:00 AM to Noon POA Office
- October 31, 2017 Board 1st Review of final draft, 10:00 AM to Noon POA Office
- November 8, 2017 Board 2nd review of final draft, if needed, 10:00 AM to Noon POA Office
- November 15, 2017 Board Approval of 2018 Budget, Regular Monthly Board Meeting, 1:30 PM Yacht Club top floor
- December 1, 2017 Mail Assessment Coupon Books to Property Owners
- January 17, 2018 True Up Beginning Cash Balances for Actual Year-End 2017; Adjust Cash Flow Statements and Review at Regular Monthly Board Meeting, 1:30 PM Yacht Club top floor
- January 31, 2018 Distribute Printed Copies of 2018 Budget and Five Year Plan
Upload 2018 Budget into AS 400 system for financial reporting

IMPORTANT SAFETY UPDATE REGARDING LIONS ECLIPSE GLASSES

Over the course of the last week or so, there has been considerable discussion about whether or not the eclipse glasses that the TV Lions gave away last week are safe. In many cases, individuals demanded an immediate response. We received the Tellico Village residents' public messages but rather than issuing erroneous information and possibly panicking a lot of people, we have chosen instead to take a deliberate approach to determine whether or not the glasses we purchased and gave away are, in fact, safe.

We purchased three orders through Amazon with the same supplier. All of these orders were represented to be under ISO and CE requirements. Upon receiving these shipments, we verified that the glasses were in fact marked as being ISO and CE certified. We also noticed that a good portion of the glasses we examined (we did not open and examine every pair) were identified as being manufactured by American Paper Optics. We distributed all 3,000 pair of eyeglasses on Monday August 7th.

We understand that Amazon initially sent letters to their distributors on July 27th requesting certain documentation certifying their glasses met the ISO & CE requirements. On August 12th, Amazon sent e-mails to customers who ordered glasses from distributors whom Amazon did not receive satisfactory documentation. Amazon's e-mails indicated that they could not confirm the legitimacy of the glasses they ordered through Amazon and suggested that the customers not to use them and informed the customer that their money would be refunded.

The Lions Club did not receive these e-mail notifications on our orders. Upon hearing that some customers received these e-mails, we followed up by contacting Amazon regarding the 3 orders purchased from them and requested verification that all of our solar eclipse glasses were safe to use. Amazon forwarded our request to our supplier/distributor. The distributor responded with documentation that all of their orders were ISO certified, but did not fully address our request to identify separately that each of our 3 orders were ISO certified. Absent that assurance, we again contacted Amazon requesting specific clarification as to the safety of our orders. Amazon responded that if we did not receive an e-mail indicating the glasses **were not safe** we should assume they **were safe** and use them. On Sunday, August 13th, we became aware that some of our glasses did not have the manufacturer's name, American Paper Optics printed on the left temple. This had us wondering who produced these glasses. To err on the side of caution, we have gone back to Amazon a 3rd time requesting specific assurance in writing that the three shipments we received were all ISO certified. On the morning of Wednesday August 16th, we again received notification from their supplier again stating that the glasses were safe to use and again providing a copy of their ISO certificate. Unfortunately this confirmation did not specifically reference our three orders, and appeared to be a letter.

We feel we have gone to great lengths to establish that the glasses are safe. However, based on our own confirmation process, we cannot conclude the glasses are absolutely safe due to the response from Amazon and/or the supplier and cannot represent they are safe. We would recommend that you conduct your own self-test and make a decision if you want to proceed with using the glasses.

We checked the Internet and found information from the American Astronomical Society's publication, outlining several self-tests that consumers could perform to validate the safety of the glasses.

"You shouldn't be able to see anything through a safe solar filter lens except the Sun itself or something comparably bright, such as a bright halogen light bulb, a bright-white LED flashlight (including the one on your smartphone) All such light sources should appear quite dim through a solar viewer. If you can see lights of more ordinary brightness through your eclipse glasses and you're not sure the product came from a reputable vendor, it's not recommended that you use them. Safe solar filter lenses produce a view of the Sun that is comfortably bright (like the full Moon), in focus, and surrounded by dark sky. If you glance at the Sun through your solar filter and find it uncomfortably bright, out of focus, and/or surrounded by a bright haze, it's no good."

Additional safety information we uncovered: Young children should not use any solar eclipse glasses. Viewing through the eclipse glasses should be limited to no more than 3 minutes at any one time.

The Lions Club made a decision to distribute these glasses as a community service, free of charge, as part of our primary mission to promote good eye care and safety. We regret the continuing open question of the safety of the glasses we distributed and the inconvenience this situation causes you, the public, to enjoy this rare event with a piece of mind of the safety of the glasses

CONGRATULATIONS TO CASEY FLENNIKEN

Casey Flenniken, Golf Pro at Tanasi, qualified to compete in the Knoxville Open at Fox Den Country Club earlier this week. With a field of 109 players vying for 6 spots, Casey carded an amazing round of 62 with 10 birdies, 7 pars, and only 1 bogie! August has been quite a month for Casey. On August 1st, he was elected to membership into the PGA of America. Yesterday, he shot 73 and will tee off at 2:35 p.m. today. Congratulations to Casey, we are so proud of him!



SPECIAL HOURS/CLOSINGS FOR THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

- The TVPOA Admin Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, August 21st and will re-open on Tuesday, August 22nd at 8 a.m.
- The Welcome Center will open at 8 a.m. and close at Noon on Monday, August 21st.
- Toqua Cafe will be open for breakfast on Monday, August 21st. We will open at 7:30 a.m. with a Solar Eclipse breakfast special consisting of a breakfast sandwich, coffee, and a cup of fruit for \$7.95. The dining area will close at 11 a.m. to host the fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club. Beers, soft beverages, and snacks will still be available to the golfers at the Clubhouse Bar. Come out and have a good time!

From the Recreation Dept., the following fitness classes will be cancelled on Monday, August 21st:

- Water Arthritis (11 a.m.)
- Beginning Yoga (11:30 a.m.)
- Line Dancing (1 p.m.)
- Co-ed Water Fitness (5 p.m.)

All Recreation facilities will operate during their normal hours on Monday, August 21st. Because the Wellness Center has one entrance and one exit, the Recreation Department asks that you do not come to the Wellness Center unless you are working out. Parking is very limited and specifically designated for Recreation members. Safety is our top priority and in order to ensure that, we cannot have overcrowding in our parking lots. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

