

## Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, April 27, 2012

### POA Meetings and Events:

- **CANCELED: POA Board Workshop, Tuesday, May 1, POA Office**
- Architectural Control Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, May 3, POA Office
- Recreation Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, May 3, Wellness Center
- Communications & Marketing Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, May 4, POA Office

### Now Featured on Channel 3

- **Spotlight on Tellico Village** airs 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. Spotlight features the fourth annual Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department's Open House, 11 am.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 5. Rich Planzo and Assistant Fire Chief Don Skalecki discuss the critical and important service the TVVFD provides to our community. They also invite everyone to attend the Open house, enjoy a free lunch, and make a donation to TVVFD.

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## Part 2: Adolescence of Tellico Village

By WINSTON BLAZER

*POA General Manager*

*Editor's Note: This is the second in a three-part series of 25th Anniversary articles highlighting the progress of Tellico Village over the last 25 years. The Infancy of the Village was highlighted last month. Next month, the final installment.*

With an agreement reached in late 1989 to raise assessments from \$27.50 to \$45 a month and institute user fees in golf and recreation, the Village not only avoided bankruptcy, but, in fact, set itself on a course for a decade of unparalleled prosperity.

The impact of the financial makeover was immediate. The POA ended 1989 with a loss of "only" \$573,000, a vast improvement over its projected \$1,036,000 loss. By 1990, it was able to report a yearend surplus of \$592,000: a \$1.1 million turnaround. Member equity went from a minus \$2.2 million in 1989 to positive figures in 1994 signaling a full financial recovery. The POA had put financial deficits behind it.

During the 1990s, healthy year-to-year lot sales and new townhouse construction drove up annual increases in assessment revenues, ushering in a decade-long era of solid cash flows. The POA was awash in cash. It paid cash for its new fire truck; it financed new docks out of its check book; and it bought all its capital equipment with cash.

During this era, golf was the unquestioned king of amenities in the Village. The Village gained its second golf course, Tanasi, in 1996, and its third course, The Links at Kahite, in 2002. Before Kahite opened, many Villagers considered a good tee time as one of their most valued possessions. They arranged their appointments around their tee times. A British nurse who once worked in the Village commented that she didn't know Americans were so dedicated to their "tea." In 2006, the three Village courses recorded 92,258 rounds played, an all-time high and still the record as of 2011.

The first decade of the new century was a time of unparalleled growth for the Village. In addition to gaining a third golf course, the Village gained its second church, First Baptist Church of Tellico Village, in 2002, and in 2003 started a retirement neighborhood with an assisted living facility

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called The Neighborhood.

During this time frame, a long-sought goal of the Village was achieved. The state finally agreed to take over the Tellico Parkway, rebuild it, and designate it as Tennessee Highway 444. TVA worked with the state and counties to replace roads destroyed by Tellico Reservoir. The state and counties then took over the new roads and maintained them. But Tellico Parkway was not a replacement road. TVA built it to open up the west bank of the reservoir for development. This left the Parkway with no one responsible for maintaining it.

By default, the job fell to the Tellico Reservoir Development Agency (TRDA), but TRDA had no tax source for road maintenance. As time went on and heavy trucks hauled building materials to the Village, the road deteriorated badly. TRDA patched the potholes and then repatched the patches. TRDA became a bad word in the Village.

Village leaders appealed to county and state leaders, including meetings with the governor, seeking relief, none came. One governor commented that he wasn't interested in spending state money just to make it easier for rich Villagers to get to their golf games. Villagers conducted traffic surveys to prove that the Parkway served many different purposes, including workers and suppliers to the factories in the industrial park.

But it took a flood to finally turn the state's head. A flood on the main river dislodged a barge from its mooring at Tate & Lyle's factory in Loudon and slammed it into one of the piers on the Interstate 75 bridge. The state had to close the Interstate bridge for a safety inspection. For a few brief hours, Tellico Parkway became the detour route for Interstate 75 traffic. It was not up to the burden, and the state finally got the message.

In the mid-2000s, POA added three significant facilities of its own: a family beach and pavilion in 2006, a Wellness Center with indoor pool in 2007 and a Kahite Activity Center in 2008. The beach and Wellness Center were quite controversial when they were built, but both have turned out to be extremely popular amenities. Chota Recreation Center was renovated in 2008 to make space available for a computer training room and for Art Guild and Quilters workshops. Food Lion Supermarket opened in the Village in 2008, filling a long-felt need.

The Village experienced a population boom in the first decade of the 2000s rising from 4,000 residents to 7,200. POA added more than 2,000 new assessments during the 1990s, an average of 200 per year. In its best years, it gained 430 in 1990 and 410 in 1994. This healthy pace continued into the new decade, with 248 new assessments in 2001 and 278 in 2002. The impact of all these new assessments on POA revenue was tremendous. Annual assessment revenue, boosted by both the new assessments and by assessment rate increases, climbed from \$1.8 million in 1990 to \$4.3 million in 2000, to \$5.3 million in 2003. Then suddenly, the bottom dropped out. Only 38 new assessments were added in 2003. A new era had begun.

## **LUB updates PSAC**

**By TOM VALENZO**

*Chair, Communications and Marketing Advisory Committee*

At a presentation to the Public Services Advisory Committee on April 26, Mike Nichols of Loudon Utilities Board explained the steps that LUB has taken and is taking to keep the power on in Tellico Village. Having just finished the Mialaquo neighborhood, Mike explained that LUB installed 45,000 feet of cable, replaced or added switches, and added connections for the re-routing of power in the event of an outage. Using all state-of-the-art equipment, Mike felt that the installed equipment should now be stable as well as adequate for future growth.

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Since most of the utility work for Tellico Village was installed 25 years ago, Mike said it can be challenging to locate boxes and switches that may not be located exactly where indicated on the original utility drawings. Once found, the fix is fairly easy.

LUB is now looking at outage records and equipment inventory in order to decide which neighborhood they will be updating next. You may see their trucks in those areas that they feel have an immediate need for updating.

Even though the power lines are 25 years old, they have held up fairly well. Most outages are a result of trees falling over connecting lines and rodent attacks. An active tree trimming program has dramatically reduced these kinds of losses, and LUB is always looking for ways to minimize rodent attacks.

LUB's goal is to keep power interruptions to a minimum and get the customer back on line as quickly as possible.

### **Free Golf Clinic May 1**

Join the golf pro staff 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at Toqua. This clinic will cover "Basic Fundamentals—Preparing Your Game for the Season." The Toqua Grill will have drink specials as well as a limited dinner menu following the clinic.

### **Callaway and Ping Demo Days April 27-28**

Join the golf pro staff this Friday and Saturday and try out the latest equipment from [Callaway](#) and [Ping](#).

Manufacturers representatives and your PGA Professional staff will be on the range 2-6 p.m. Friday and again 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Callaway will be here on Friday and Ping will be here on Saturday.

As an added benefit, we will have cold draft beer available for a \$1 donation; Jim West will be giving **100% of the donations** to the [Kids First Child Advocacy Center](#) of the Ninth Judicial District that serves children that have been identified by the Department of Children's Services as having been severely physically and/or sexually abused.

### **Draft Directory Available for Review**

A draft copy of the Tellico Village 2012 Summer Directory is on display in the Library through Saturday, April 28, for your review. If you have changes, stop at the library and fill out a Change Form. The Directory will go to the printer in May and be delivered in June. New with this edition! Cell phone numbers can now be added the Directory. If you would like to have your cell phone number listed, you can either fill out a change form at the library or send an email to: [tellicovillagedirectory@gmail.com](mailto:tellicovillagedirectory@gmail.com).

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

### **Thyme for Herbs May 3**

Thyme for Herbs meets 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 3, in the Choat Rec Center. Ruth Shelton, practicing herbalist (a.k.a. the chocolate lady), will present "Herbs of Spring and Early Summer - Their Benefits and What to do with them." For more information, contact Mary Garner, 865-408-0337.

*Submitted by Kathy Kutschera*

## **Prime Time Players Writing Project May 1**

The Prime Time Players have decided to take on the project of writing our own program to celebrate the Tellico Village 25th Anniversary. Since our presentation format uses various kinds of literature as our source, we thought we'd test our creative writing skills and parody select works of the masters using ideas gleaned from our world here in Tellico Village. We were already rolling in the aisles at a recent brainstorming session for topics that we can explore in our show.

This is a chance for all of you who have a wonderful sense of humor and a witty way of expressing it to ply your trade in written form. Yes, we are going to write our own parodies and have the time of our lives poking fun at ourselves and our neighbors in Tellico Village. We will begin writing 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the Playhouse. Bring pencil, paper, and any pieces of literature from Shakespeare to Dr. Seuss that you would like to parody for our reader's theatre presentation in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Tellico Village.

For more information, contact Debbie Mayberry, 865-458-7929 or [sdmayberry@charter.net](mailto:sdmayberry@charter.net).

*Submitted by Pamela Russell*

## **Tellico Village Garden Tour May 3**

The 2012 Tellico Village Garden Tour featuring three homes in the Loudon County portion of the Village and three homes in Kahite/Monroe County portion of the Village will be held 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3 (Friday, May 4 is rain date).

This is a free Garden Tour and open to all Garden Club Members, Family, Friends, Neighbors and guests. Copies of the addresses and driving instructions will be available at the Chota Rec Center and at the Kahite Club House on May 1.

Lunch is being offered in the Kahite Pub and Grill 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. The menu is Vegetable Soup, Garden Salad with Roll, Berry Cobbler, and Ice Tea for \$9.

We hope to have a sunny warm day and that YOU will plan on viewing the beautiful gardens being open for our tour.

Linda Schuessler and Rose Hunt are the TV Garden Club Tour Coordinators.

*Submitted by Nancy Barrett*

## **25th Anniversary Events**

**Celebrate 25 years of Tellico Village! Next Event: Tiki Bar (downstairs of the Yacht Club) will feature The Original Chessman 7-10 p.m. Friday, May 25.**

**It's the 25th Anniversary of Tellico Village and the TVPOA is celebrating. Come celebrate this momentous occasion with the Recreation Department on the 25th of every month in 2012. All property owners are invited to use any of our facilities for FREE and every 25th member to check in at any of our three locations will receive a door prize.**

## Channel 3 Schedule

- 6 a.m. Golf Update
- 7 a.m. Rec Rap
- 8 a.m. County Update
- 9 a.m. Spotlight on Tellico Village
- 10 a.m. POA Board Update
- 11 a.m. Mr. Tellico
- Noon School Board Update
- 1 p.m. What's Happening
- 2 p.m. Golf Update
- 3 p.m. Rec Rap
- 4 p.m. County Update
- 5 p.m. Spotlight on Tellico Village
- 6 p.m. POA Board Update
- 7 p.m. Mr. Tellico
- 8 p.m. School Board Update
- 9 p.m. What's Happening

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## Next Few Days Ahead

### Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

*Rec Dept Open House : In honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Rec activities are free to all property owners from April 22<sup>nd</sup>-April 28<sup>th</sup>*

- 8 am- B Men Tennis (WC)
- 8:30 am- Racquetball (CRC)
- 8:35 am- Deep Water (WC)
- 8:45 am- Fit & Tone (WC)
- 10 am- A Men Tennis (WC)
- 10 am – 12:30 pm – Swim Team Clinic POOL CLOSED (WC)
- 10:30 am- Advance Line Dancing (WC)
- 11 am- Wallyball (CRC)
- 12:30 pm- Badminton (CRC)

### Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

1 pm – 3:30 pm – Swim Team Clinic POOL CLOSED (WC)

### Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

- 8 am- Aerobic Fit & Tone (KAC)
- 8 am- Basketball (CRC)
- 8:30 am- Racquetball (CRC)
- 8:30 am- Aerobics (WC)
- 8:35 am- Water Aerobic (WC)
- 9:45 am- Water Exercise (WC)
- 9:45 am- Tai Chi Practice (KAC)
- 9:45 am- Intermediate Yoga (WC)
- 11 am- Table Tennis (KAC)
- 11 am- B Ladies Tennis (CRC)
- 11 am- Water Arthritis (WC)
- 11:30 am- Yoga (WC)
- 1 pm- Advance/Level 3 Line Dancing (WC)
- 1 pm- C Ladies Tennis (CRC)
- 1:15 pm- Badminton (CRC)

- 2:15 pm- Intermed/Level 2 Line Dancing (WC)
- 3:30 pm- Stability Ball (WC)
- 4:15 pm- Basketball (CRC)
- 5 pm- Co-ed Water Fitness (WC)
- 6 pm- Yoga (WC)
- 6 pm- Bridge (CRC)
- 6 pm- Kahite Quarterly Meeting (CRC)

### Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

- 8 am- Fit & Tone (WC)
- 8 am- A Men Tennis (WC)
- 9:15 am- Fit & Tone (WC)
- 10 am- POA Board Workshop (POA)
- 10 am- B Men Tennis (WC)
- 10 am- Water Fun & Movement (WC)
- 10 am- Table Tennis (CRC)
- 10:30 am- Tai Chi (WC)
- 4 pm- Pilates Yoga (KAC)
- 4 pm- Zumba (WC)
- 4 pm- Aqua Zumba (WC)
- 4:15 pm- Basketball (CRC)
- 6 pm- Badminton (CRC)
- 6 pm- Hand & Foot (CRC)
- 6:30 pm- Pinochle (CRC)
- 7 pm- Computer Users Club (YC)

### Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 8 am- Aerobic Fit & Tone (KAC)
- 8 am- A Ladies Tennis (WC)
- 8:30 am- Aerobics (WC)
- 8:35 am- Water Aerobics (WC)
- 9 am- TLTA (CRC)
- 9 am- Bridge Practice & Play (CRC)
- 9:45 am- Water Exercise (WC)
- 9:45 am- Tai Chi (WC)
- 9:45 am- Tai Chi Practice (KAC)
- 10 am- Badminton (CRC)
- 10 am- B Ladies Tennis (WC)
- 11 am- Arthritis Water Class (WC)
- 11:30 am- Yoga (WC)
- 1 pm- Advance/Level 3 Line Dancing (WC)
- 1 pm- Mah Jongg (KAC)
- 1 pm- Contract Bridge (CRC)
- 2:15 pm- Intermed/Level 2 Line Dancing (WC)
- 3:30 pm- TOPS (CRC)
- 4 pm- Pilates Yoga (WC)
- 4:15 pm- Basketball (CRC)
- 5 pm- Co-ed Water Fitness (WC)
- 6 pm- Yoga (WC)
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study (CRC)
- 6:30 pm- Euchre (CRC)
- 7 pm- Bluegrass (CRC)

### Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 8 am- Fit & Tone (WC)