



# Tellico Village

## POA Newsletter

3rd Quarter- 2022

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## MARTY INKROTT, POA BOARD PRESIDENT

The third quarter of 2022 has been quite eventful for Tellico Village...some good, some not so good. The Tanasi Clubhouse fire on August 27 was a tragic blow to the community.

The fortunate thing was nobody was hurt. The POA Staff needs to be commended for their immediate response to minimize the impact on the community. They literally worked the rest of the weekend to get golf operations back up. To have golf open on Monday, August 29 was truly an incredible feat. Many residents have also volunteered countless hours to help move golf carts to/from the Public Works facility every morning and evening. Thanks to all who have helped and continue to help.

The current focus has been on creating a sustainable operation for Tanasi. In that regard, we have purchased a 'carport' structure to house and charge the carts near the clubhouse location. That should be arriving very shortly. The plan was to use the doublewide trailer that was used at Toqua and currently serves as a meeting/break room for Public Works as the temporary Clubhouse. In the process of readying it for moving, it was discovered that the base was rotted and full of mold, rendering it unusable. We are now working with Clayton Homes for a structure and hope to have it in place by the end of March 2023. We are working with our insurance to cover these costs.

Speaking of insurance, the POA Staff has been working diligently with our insurance company to recover costs related to the structure as well as business resumption. The building was insured for replacement costs. A fortunate thing for us is that the recent Reserve Study valued all our assets. We have detailed drawings/descriptions of the structure that are invaluable in helping to determine current replacement costs.

We have formed a small committee to lead the effort of rebuilding the Tanasi Clubhouse. We are currently focusing on two options, building back in the current location, or moving Golf Operations behind number one green at the site of a proposed driving range. Site plans are being developed for both options to help determine parking and eventually estimated costs to help drive the decision. Communication has been ongoing and will continue via the Tell-E-Gram and POA website.

On a brighter note, Chet Pillsbury, our new CEO started September 12th. We are excited to have him as he brings a wealth of experience and a new perspective that will help take Tellico Village to the next level. That said, we are very appreciative of the leadership Winston Blazer provided for the past 24 years. He and his team developed Tellico Village into the great community it is today that drew us all here.

Marty Inkrott, President TVPOA Board of Director's

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

December 21, 2022	Board Meeting	1:30 p.m.	Yacht Club Top Floor
January 17, 2023	Board Meeting	1:30 p.m.	Yacht Club Top Floor
February 15, 2023	Board Meeting	1:30 p.m.	Yacht Club Top Floor

**We offer live-stream videos of all Board meetings on Tellico Village Network's YouTube channel.**



# CEO REPORT, OFF TO A GOOD START

## CHET PILLSBURY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Well, I have been here for almost two months and to be honest, my wife and I both just love Tellico Village. We have found the people warm and welcoming and full of genuinely great advice about the area. Whether it be places to eat and visit, or where to find medical services, you all had good lists! We found the Welcome Center to have a wealth of information for property owners. We received brochures, living guides, doctor and hospital information and provided us with the Tellico Village Business Directory that we have found very valuable. Did you know that this Business Directory can also be found online? You can access the directory [here](#). I have found that you love to talk about your favorite aspects of Tellico Village, whether it is golfing or boating. The new Pickleplex of course is at the top of your favorite subjects. Everybody loves living in Tellico Village.

Volunteerism is off the charts here, and I am not talking about how people feel about football...go Gators! All kidding aside, you are a village of volunteers. I have been so impressed with your willingness to give of yourselves and your time and often your money as well. This is one of the most amazing facets of this community. This is one of the communities' greatest assets, its homeowner. Yet another reason to love living here.

My job has many definitions surrounding it. As someone who has worked in the property

management industry for twenty years, I have held many titles, but they all boil down to two jobs. Those two jobs are to protect the staff, (the POA's most valuable assets, and the hardest to replace) and protect the homeowners' investments. This would include not just the value of individual homes, but the physical plant of the POA, and all the amenities that you bought into. This is where my job gets to be very interesting...those pesky assessments. There is not a person who would argue that amenities are not important, but we must talk about how we pay for them. This is one of my hardest responsibilities, helping homeowners understand why the dues are what they are. The point of all this is to assure you that I know what is important to you on both sides of this discussion. The staff and I, along with the Finance Committee and the Board, must find that balance and be fiscally responsible.

One last thing, the month of November is the season of thanksgiving or being thankful. I know in these days of being politically correct there are those who find offence in the Thanksgiving Day holiday. So, however, you feel about the holiday, the principle of the holiday still holds true for everyone, to give thanks for all that we have, for all the wonderful people in our lives, family, and friends alike. Coming together as families for a great meal is one of the most wonderful and memorable times of the year. In all the business of the season, please take a moment to really appreciate all that we have in each other.

## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We want to congratulate our newly elected TVPOA Board Members. Marty Inkrott and Steve Schneider were re-elected to the Board. John Orr will be joining our Board for the first time. We look forward to working with our new Board of Directors. Our Board meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Yacht Club. These are open meetings, and all property owners are welcome to attend.



# ABOVE AND BEYOND

## MITZI LANE, CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER



As we reach year-end and reflect on the many improvements that have been made throughout Tellico Village, I ask that you help the POA recognize and reward our employees who go Above and Beyond with superior customer service.

Since January 2007 members have been able to nominate POA employees for customer service that is Above and Beyond by completing a form available at various POA facilities and the TVPOA website [www.tellicovillagepoa.org](http://www.tellicovillagepoa.org). A selection committee made up of residents, employees, and managers serving on the Recognitions and Rewards Committee will review the nominations every quarter. All nominated employees will be recognized for outstanding service

and each quarter, up to three employees will be chosen to receive special recognition. Once a year, one employee will be selected from the quarterly winners to receive the annual award.

The Above and Beyond program is designed to encourage superior customer service by recognizing and rewarding deserving employees. For questions, please contact Mitzi Lane at



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## BRUSH AND LEAF PICKUP

Each year, Public Works provides brush and leaf pickup services for Village residents. The brush is picked up year-round and leaves are picked up from November through February. The crew moves continuously throughout the Village year-round.

To make it more efficient for everyone, residents are no longer required to call in their pick-up requests. Public Works moves continuously which means they will visit each neighborhood within the Village and remove the debris. Please place the brush and leaves into separate piles.

Public Works will start in Kahite and work through each neighborhood on its way to Coyatee. If the crews get through the Village, they will start over again.

The brush should be at least three feet long, no more than six inches in diameter, and free from any metal objects. Piles should be placed along the street right-of-way in front of your home. Public Works provides pickup for brush cleared by property owners and/or lawn care companies.

No household trash, building material, grass clippings,

shrubs, or metal items will be picked up. Additionally, Public Works does not provide pickup for the brush from lot clearings or trees removed by tree services.

Once again, no calls are required; simply put your brush out in your neighborhood and it will be picked up. We hope this process will make the brush removal system easier and more efficient for all residents.

# 35 YEAR GATSBY GALA

## BETH KUBERKA, CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



35 YEARS is definitely something to celebrate. On Saturday, August 27th a festive crowd gathered at the Yacht Club to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of Tellico Village. The theme of the evening was The Great Gatsby. The meal prepared by the Yacht Club Chefs was delicious. The music was provided by The Knoxville Transfer Band, they had everyone dancing the night away on the dance floor.

All the attendees looked fantastic in their 20's attire. There was an abundance of flapper dresses, glitz and glam. It truly was a wonderful evening full of fun and laughter that will live in our memories for at least 35 years. Please click [here](#) to view the entire gallery of Gatsby Gala Photos.







# RECREATION REPORT

## SIMON BRADBURY, RECREATION DIRECTOR

The theme at the recent National Parks and Recreation Association Conference was learning from recent studies on communities with the most

centennials (folks living to 100 and beyond) and how we as parks and recreation professionals can incorporate these concepts into our communities. This stuck with me, specifically how it relates to the importance of the work our department does for the community of Tellico Village. Some of the key similarities these communities have are:

- Have a sense of purpose
- Keep physically active
- Use your mind/skill set
- Focus on the positive and show gratitude
- Strong sense of community

When reflecting on the past year's accomplishments, it is easy to see how the Tellico Village Parks and Recreation Department has already started to utilize these five key points. The clearest example is through the Pickleplex project: The TV Parks and Recreation Department spearheaded a calibrated effort with the Timeless Tellico Foundation, TV Pickleball Club, POA, Public Works, Kahite Chain Gang, and private and corporate sponsors. This project touched on every concept highlighted. Hundreds of people in the community came together with a sense of purpose in creating something good. The project itself focuses on providing the community with more opportunities for physical fitness and positive social interaction. This process involved a lot of meetings of the minds using each other's unique skill sets in creating solutions. Having a win like completing a large community project such as the Pickleplex is a very positive experience for everyone.

We had several other notable accomplishments this year. Chota Indoor Cycle Room: We changed an underutilized racquetball court into an indoor

cycling room. Utilization and positive experiences have gone beyond what we had anticipated.

We Increased kayaking and paddleboard use to 2 sessions, five days a week during the summer months. We added a new personal trainer to the department for a total of 4 trainers. We now offer 88 group fitness classes, of which 49 are different types of classes. We have added 5 more miles of trails and are focusing on maintaining the trails that we have.

Our department's focus for 2023 will be the enhancement of parks, recreation, and trails. The Timeless Tellico Foundation has completed a strategic plan which adopted the enhancement of greenspace as their key focus for 2023. These two entities working together with the POA will enhance the quality of life for Villagers and their families.

We love being on a team that sets an example for others in this business to follow. Our goal is to have the best department in the industry. We appreciate the opportunity to serve Tellico Village. As always, thank you for your support and encouragement.

- ***Have a Purpose***
- ***Keep Physically Active***
- ***Use Your Mind***
- ***Focus on the Positive***
- ***Sense of Community***





## WELCOME NEW POA STAFF

### MICKEY WHITE- NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



We want to welcome our new Chief Financial Officer to Tellico Village. Mickey White is originally from Florida, he graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He moved to Tennessee twenty-four years ago. He has an impressive career resume including Vice President of Facility

Accounting, Marriott Business Center Operations Manager, Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies Regional Controller, and Senior Finance Manager of The Dollywood Company. He is a Florida Gators fan, but we won't hold that against him. Let's do our best to make Mickey feel welcome.

### JOE HENTRICH NEW WELLNESS CENTER MANAGER



We want to introduce Joe Hentrich as our new Wellness Center Manager. Joe is originally from the Dayton Ohio area, he moved to Tennessee in 2012. He has a vast array of employment experience. Joe served seven years in the Ohio Army National Guard.

He worked as a supervisor for ABX Air, as a Police Officer in Ohio and Tennessee, and most recently worked as ACC Codes Enforcement for the TVPOA.

### KEVIN HAMIL- NEW UTILITIES MANAGER

Congratulations to Kevin Hamil! Kevin has been employed with the TVPOA in the Water and Sewer Department for fourteen years. He was recently promoted to Utilities Manager. Kevin is from Loudon and has lived here his whole life. He and his wife Christie have been married for 21 years. He enjoys playing golf and hiking with his Yorkie, "Tucker." Kevin is doing a great job and we are excited about his promotion.





## STRONG IN A CRISIS

### Chris Sykes, Director of Golf

The third quarter of 2022 will never be forgotten as operations were rolling along beautifully as we remain in a state of continuous improvement with our facilities and overall golf experience up until the devastating fire at Tanasi on the afternoon on August 27th. While we have numerous highlights over the 3rd quarter, the greatest accomplishment was the result of a low point. The response following the devastating fire at Tanasi has been incredible. The POA Management Team and Golf Staff rallied together with a phenomenal response to resume operations following one day of closure. The support from the entire Tellico Village community, golfers and non-golfers alike, has been truly amazing. Our vendor partner support, support from the local, state and region has been incredible. There are far too many individuals to single out that have played a key role in our ongoing recovery efforts, so the best we can do is simply to say thank you for all your continued support. We will be build back stronger and ultimately be better as a result.

If you work in the Green Industry for long enough, you become an expert at Crisis Management. While none of us go looking for a crisis we routinely find them. When you work alongside Mother-Nature we are constantly reminded that we are seldom in control of the situation. We prepare the best we can, but Mother-Nature ultimately wins. We are in fact in the solutions business and are conditioned to do whatever it takes to survive. You must have the "refuse to fail" mindset, which will be tested.

We all manage perishable goods and fight Mother-Nature to some degree each and every day. We routinely must deal with severe weather and are experts in our preparation and response. This constant battle against factors outside of our control makes us excellent Crisis Managers.

I have been in the business for over 30 years now and have lived through my share of crisis at work. I have managed a micro-burst with sustained winds of over 100 mph; an electrical storm where anything that was connected to a wire was zapped; three direct hits by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Jeanne; extreme heat

and cold; blizzards, ice storms and hailstorms. This list could go on and on, not to mention the COVID-19 Pandemic that never seems to end.

Recently, we added another crisis to this list when the clubhouse at our Tanasi Golf Club burned to the ground on Saturday, August 27th at around 4:30 p.m. Most importantly, everyone got out safely, so praise God for the fact that no one was hurt. I was out of town at the time, but immediately went into Crisis Management Mode. The flames were likely still burning, but I immediately started working the problem. How are



we going to operate and how quickly can we reopen?

The carts were stored in the basement of the clubhouse, so I assumed they were all lost. I started working the phones to secure a loaner

fleet of carts, because without them we would not be able to operate. A couple of hours later I found out that the carts were saved due to how the cart basement was constructed and the efforts of the first responders. We just needed to go through them to access the damage and figure out how quickly we could get them back in operation. We spent the day on Sunday, August 28th inspecting and cleaning the carts and were shocked to find out that most all of them were fully operational with only a handful that had significant cosmetic damage. Thankfully, the chargers were saved as well, but where were we going to store and charge them? Our staff spent the day cleaning and charging the fleet, so that part of the operation would be ready.



We also have a separate turn shack building that with the help of our IT Department we have turned into a makeshift Golf Shop. It has three windows; the first window is the snack bar, the second is for golfer check-in and the third is for our starter-ranger and golf cart operations. One of our staffers nicknamed it the Swiss army knife of buildings as we are constantly working to make it better. This temporary setup, along with our carts being saved, enabled us to reopen on Monday, August 29th. This is all due to an incredible effort by an incredible team.

The Green and Golf Industries never cease to amaze me as the outpouring of support has been incredible. We are all truly in this together and we are for sure stronger together. While the Tanasi Golf Operation is not what it once was, it is alive and well, and the future is very bright. We continue to work the problem and come up with solutions to how to get a little better with each passing day. We are managing our three buckets, the short-term, the short-term-long-term and long term. It is a crazy hectic time, but also an exciting time for Tellico Village Golf as we work to reshape the future. Thank you all for your prayers and continued support!



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## GOLF DRESS CODE REMINDER

Tellico Village Golf dress code is mandatory for all players. Players improperly dressed will be asked to change before being allowed to play.

### GENTLEMEN:

Acceptable: Shirts with a collar and sleeves, socks, and golf crew polos (i.e., Tiger Woods) are considered appropriate golf attire. Sweatshirts and hoodies are acceptable for winter attire. Slacks, dress denim, and golf shorts up to four inches above the knee are considered appropriate golf attire.

Unacceptable: Tank tops, tee shirts, fishnet tops, cut-offs, overalls, sweatpants, swim trunks, tennis shorts, or other athletic shorts more than four inches above the knee and anything torn or tattered.

### LADIES:

Acceptable: Dresses, skirts, slacks, leggings, golf shorts up to six inches above the knee, dress denim, golf shirts, blouses, and golf-specific t-shirts are considered appropriate golf attire.

Unacceptable: Halter tops, tank tops, fishnet tops, cut-offs, bathing suits, sweatpants, short shorts, athletic shorts, or anything torn or tattered.

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the golf team if we can ever be of any assistance and we look forward to seeing you on the course this winter golf season.



# THE LINKS AT KAHITE

## Private Club of the Year Nominee

The golf course renovation project at The Links at Kahite combined the design work of well-known golf architect Bill Bergin, course shapers from “A little bit of Everything”, and the golf maintenance staff at Kahite. For a golf course that was originally designed with no bunkers in mind, 93+ were eventually placed on the 200-acre property shortly before opening for play in August of 2002. Over time the design work, golfing play, maintenance practices, and mother nature did their worst. Eventually, the bunkers became dysfunctional, and it was time for a major improvement to not only the playability of the bunkers but the function as well with a bonus of architectural style.

Golf Architect Bill Bergin designed Kahite’s new look and in the fall of 2019, gave the golf maintenance staff a list of 32 bunkers to be eliminated in-house

that would not affect his overall design plans. The timing could not be any better as the neighborhood at Kahite was growing rapidly with new home construction. The



The golf maintenance staff teamed up with the local building contractors to save them time and money hauling excess dirt off the property while gaining fill-in dirt for the 32 bunkers needing to be eliminated. A few bunkers that were out of play in the roughs were eliminated by the maintenance staff but when it came to greens complexes and areas surrounded by low-cut turf, that work was done by Francisco and Benito of “A little bit of Everything” as their expertise was needed in those high-profile areas. All 32 bunkers were eliminated by the spring of 2021.

The strategy used to complete this project would have been a great deal to complete in a single year. So, we divided it up by renovating the front 9 and back 9 in two years. On May 3rd, 2021, we broke ground on the front 9. Bergin’s plans were to completely erase the old-style bunkers and transform Kahite with a new look that fit the theme and natural landscape of the golf course. The bunker style chosen can be seen at Chickasaw Country Club and Dalton Country Club. Flat bottoms, water diversion

outside the bunker, all new drainage/gravel/liner/sand, and a unique style of bunker face that allows the golfer to easily walk in and out of the bunker without strain. This style was a perfect match for the maintenance team and the golfers of Tellico Village.

In short, Bergin would draw up his plans in the field. The shapers would perform the artistic portion by creating the bunker based on Bergin’s drawings. The maintenance staff oversaw installing the drainage pipe, gravel, liner, and sand all while helping the shapers remove excess dirt or haul dirt to them if more was needed to complete the shaping. A lot of moving parts constantly. The front 9 was completed on September 17th, 2021.



During that year of construction, the new bunkers were tested through 2 tropical storms. The rain total for those 4.5 months was 30.2”. While the back 9 bunkers spent most of their time completely washed out with standing water, exposed gravel, and what little liner was left showing, the newly renovated front 9 bunkers took all storms that year with ease-just a simple rake and repositioning of the player rakes is all that was needed.



The back 9 renovation began on April 11th, 2022. Inflation hit the project at the halfway point as pricing in all areas went up. The largest increase came from the G-Angle bunker sand where fuel raised the cost by over \$30/ton. The timing of delivery was more difficult, so moving forward the strategy was to order in bulk and figure out how to store it later. Along with the renovation on the back 9, Bergin marked out 3 forward tee boxes for a chance to improve some very difficult golf holes for Tellico Village. Hole #3 has, not only a natural grass carry from the tee complexes but a creek as well. Our forward tee players have a difficult time carrying the creek, so we added a tee box just short of it along the cart path 117 yards out from the green. The



new tee improves playability and speeds up play for a hole that consistently gets congested by golfers. Hole #12 is a long, up-hill Par 3 that would be considered a short Par 4 for the length

it demands. Our average golfer is pulling a driver off the tee box and our forward tee players don't stand a chance. With a 15-yard improvement from a newly renovated tee box, our forward tee players are better able to enjoy another difficult golf hole. Hole #14 is all about off-the-tee placement for a difficult Par 4 dogleg, up-hill shot. Your second shot can become very difficult if not properly positioned in the fairway. Our forward tee players struggle to make Par, so we added 30 yards off the tee for a better angle at the green providing a better experience.

We completed the entire project on September 21st, 2022. The result of this project could not be any better. Kahite is left with 52 functioning bunkers that better divert water outside the bunker, properly drain inside the bunker, better line of shot display inside the bunker, improved liner and sand variety, more easily accessible with entering and exiting the bunker, and superior architectural style. We completed this project for less than \$630,000 saving Tellico Village half the cost. The new look at Kahite now provides a challenge for our low-handicap golfers while creating a better experience for our high-handicap golfers. Bergin's vision combined with the artistic work from the shapers and the execution from the maintenance

staff has provided Tellico Village with a timeless piece of craftsmanship.

This project concluded just in time for Tellico Village Golf to host one of the state's major championships. The Links at Kahite hosted the TGA Women's Mid, Senior, and Super Senior Championships on September 26th –



27th. The best female golfers from across the state including some of the top-ranked players in the nation, all competed for these prestigious championships. The course was in perfect shape for the event

and received rave reviews. It was an honor and privilege to host and the perfect opportunity to show off the newly renovated golf course. The Links of Kahite is no longer a hidden gem but is becoming regarded as one of the State's best.





## TEAMWORK AT TOQUA

### Tyler Thies, Toqua Golf

The summer months for Toqua golf maintenance were very eventful. In addition to regular and league play, the course hosted a number of

outings and events. The golf maintenance team remained diligent to provide excellent golf course conditions throughout these challenging months. July brought us 13 rain events which helped our bermudagrass take off but kept us on our toes monitoring bentgrass greens for any signs of disease, fungus, and general wear. Turfgrass health remained strong at the start of the quarter due to provisions

made in the preceding months including new fan installations, fungicide programming, and overall execution of daily assignments.



August started with a torrential downpour and high winds challenging our staff with cleanup efforts. Our team, once again, proved resilient as they battled the storm, heat, and labor shortage to put the course back in shape in just a few days.

Throughout the third quarter, the team executed additional projects and agronomic procedures to enhance the health of the turf and the beauty of our golf course including back 9 tees and 8 fairway

aeration, broadcast fungicide treatment of bermudagrass fairways, and native grass preparation for expansion on hole 1. Furthermore, the drainage pipe for the golf maintenance infrastructure was



repaired, in-house, to provide optimal operation. These additional inputs are labor intensive and the staff at Toqua delivered at a time when labor was stretched thin.

Once September arrived and the greens were holding up well, the crew shifted to high gear as Dryject of Tennessee rolled in for our fall aeration and sand injection process. Our team always goes beyond to ensure the process runs smoothly and that the result is perfect. Following Dryject the focus again shifted to winter preparations. Fall fertilizers, pre-emergent herbicides, seed plantings, and fan removal were promptly implemented and executed in a timely manner.

Through it all, the grounds staff at Toqua seamlessly

moves day by day and month by month to deliver a quality golf experience. There are always challenges ahead and I am grateful to face them with such a talented team!



**TOQUA**  
GOLF COURSE

# TANASI STRONG

## Wells McClure, Tanasi Golf

The third quarter of 2022 started out much differently than the second quarter ended. In June we only had 2.3" of rain and by the end of the month, we were reaching severe drought conditions throughout the golf course. We started July with a slight dip in temperatures and by the end of the first week, we had received 3.6" of rain. The temperature during this time was not as hot as it was through the last few weeks of June, but it was still very warm, and the humidity was much higher. Golf Course Superintendents would much rather have hot and dry conditions than hot humid and rainy conditions. This weather pattern through the first 9-10 days had the greens at Tanasi struggling a bit. Our focus on green speeds takes a back seat to greens' health when we have weather conditions like this which is why some people may remember our greens slowed down compared to where they were for much of the second quarter.

By the time July was over we had already noticed a slight improvement in the conditions of our greens, and we even started to really notice them healing and getting better through the entire month of August. August was a great month for the golf course and the greens. Temperatures seemed to break by the middle of the month and more importantly, nighttime temperatures got back down into the 60s which is when we really notice an improvement in our greens. From a moisture standpoint, August was just about perfect with us recording 3.9" for the month. Overall, the Agronomy staff at Tanasi was very pleased with the course conditions as we prepared for the fall Dryject process which was going to start the week after Labor Day.

August was almost over, and I remember vividly speaking with a member the morning of August 27th saying how happy we were with the course and where we stood heading into the fall. That afternoon was when the calls started coming in about a fire in the clubhouse. At first, I thought maybe it was a small fire that would be contained but before I could get off the phone from the first

call pictures started coming in to show how bad the fire really was. By the time I was able to get back to the golf course the building was gone and everyone there was in disbelief.

This was something I have seen happen in the news at other clubs but never thought it would happen here. Thankfully no one was hurt, and everyone got out unscathed. The days and weeks that followed the fire were so impressive, everyone from golf maintenance to golf ops, Public Works, and the residents of Tellico Village pulled together to get through it. We still stand amazed that we were only closed for one day.

Overall, the third quarter at Tanasi was something we will never forget. The course was as good as it has ever been heading into the fall golfing season, but we were without a clubhouse. One thing was very evident, the residents of Tellico Village and the management of the POA from Chris Sykes and Clayton Taylor to Winston Blazer would not let this unfortunate event diminish what we have in Tellico Village. Everyone has worked together so well, and we are all confident that Tanasi Golf will come back from the fire stronger and better than ever before.

Thank you so much to all the Tellico Village residents for all your support during these tough times. We could not have continued to operate without the volunteers we have had to help move carts these past couple of months. We are very

excited about the future of Tanasi Golf.



# DRIVING OUR MISSION - ACHIEVING SUCCESS- SEEKING SUPPORT



In September, Our PLACE celebrated its sixth month of helping those families in our community impacted by the effects of Dementia related diseases. Feedback from caregivers has been extremely positive as to the immediate impact to their lives and the lives of their loved ones so changed by this nondiscriminating disease. To date, our professional staff, trained volunteers, and program volunteers, who we are eternally grateful for, have been able to positively influence the lives of twenty-one different families. We as a community and Our PLACE as the facilitator can help many more create memories of joy as they move through this very hard journey. A local Adult Day Service Director who has worked with families and individuals affected by this disease for over thirty-two years recently told me that most people wait two years too long to get their loved ones involved in a program that can be extremely beneficial for all involved and prolong positive experiences for both.

Effective October 1st, because of help from a local Foundation, we were able to add a Community Outreach Coordinator, who along with our Director, Celia Gruzalski, stand ready to explain the benefits and features of our program. They can be contacted either by emailing [director@ourplacetn.org](mailto:director@ourplacetn.org) or calling 865-657-7222.

Another great way for you to learn more about our program is to attend one of the caregiver support programs offered the second Friday of each month at the Public Library at Tellico Village from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. where you can participate, or just listen and learn from the interaction of various caregivers and professionals. The sessions are open to any caregiver on a walk-in basis.

We at Our PLACE, a nonprofit 501(c) (3), continue to work toward creating a positive legacy for our community, and as a team would like to wish you and your loved ones a very happy and joyous Holiday Season.

Jim Dezzutti, Volunteer Chair, Our PLACE Board  
[www.ourplacetn.org](http://www.ourplacetn.org)



*Thank you again for helping us build this program and facility for our community!*



# A BUSY QUARTER FOR HOA

Summer has been in full swing, providing warm days filled with sun and fun. HOA sponsored 26 separate events during 3Q, offering lots of things to do with your friends and neighbors. Offerings were diverse, including hikes, a cruise to Alaska, golf, regional tours, rafting, and games. Looking forward, our calendar in TellicoLife is full of events to join in. Don't miss out!

Not to be outdone, the HOA Socials have focused on having a party! Themes included a Summer Fun Beach Party, A Good Ol' Fashioned County Hoedown, and a Retro 60's/70 Party. We all had a lot of fun, plus the music was great and the prizes were awesome! Our monthly Socials are on the second Tuesday of every month at the Yacht Club. Check the TellicoLife calendar for details.

In July we formed a Nominating Committee for filling HOA leadership positions in 2023. Committee members included Linda Garza (Chair), Ken Litke, Bill Gulasey, Bob Gross, Nancy Gross, and Joe Bogardus. The Committee did an outstanding job of recruiting a strong slate of candidates for the HOA Board and key supporting positions. The HOA membership will be voting on the proposed 2023 Board at a Special Business Meeting to be held on November 8 at the Yacht Club (right before the monthly Social). I want to thank all the Nominating Committee members for doing a great job with this critical task. Well done!

If you've noticed a lot of black garbage bags along Highway 444, then you can see that our HOA Litter Angels have been hard at work keeping the parkway neat and tidy. Litter Angels works with the TN Adopt-A-Highway program, which provides safety equipment and bags. HOA supplies any other equipment our Angels need, such as grabbers to pick up stuff. If you'd like to volunteer to be a Litter Angel, contact Annie LaCour for information. You can also join the "HOA Litter Angels" group on NextDoor to be included in the discussion and planning of future events.

HOA Neighborhood Watch sponsored a meeting on September 29 at the Kahite Community Center with two Special Agents from the Knoxville office of the FBI. They gave an excellent presentation on scamming and fraud schemes that focus on the elderly. The meeting was well attended, and everyone came away with a better understanding of what the issues and risks are, as well as how to protect yourself from falling into these traps.

HOA, POA, and NV presented a Welcome Orientation on August 2 and again on October 4 at the Yacht Club. With so many people moving into the Village, it was no surprise that the room was full for both sessions! In addition to the presentation, our Village clubs and organizations were well-represented, so people could browse the offerings and get a taste of all that Tellico Village has to offer. Our next Welcome Orientation is planned for December 13. For more information look on the Tellico Life Calendar under "POA."

The HOA Highway Safety Committee has been advocating with TVA to improve the Halls Bend Trailhead parking. The Trailhead parking lot, which leads to the Boy Scout Trails and Tellico Dam, is often overflowing - causing safety concerns. After some



persistent communication by our HSC, TVA started a project in September to expand the parking lot. Once complete this will improve an already great asset that is very close to the Village.

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2023! It's still only \$15 for the entire household. Membership opens the door to participating in all the great events that the HOA offers. You can easily renew your membership on TellicoLife.

Mark Pantley, HOA President

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