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# Your Voice in the Village **The HOA Voice**

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### **Upcoming HOA Meetings**

#### Meeting

#### Date HOA Social - lower level of Yacht Club Tues. Jan. 14th from 4:30 to 6:00 P.M. **HOA Welcome Orientation** HOA General Meeting - Community Church of Tellico Village Thur. Jan. 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. HOA Social - lower level of Yacht Club

Thur. Jan. 16th from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. Tues. Feb. 11th from 4:30 to 6:00 P.M.

#### **President's Message**

By Ken Litke



#### Happy New Year Everyone! I'm pleased to report that your 2020 HOA Board has been busy planning a year full of events and activities that will get off to a fast start in January.

To keep you busy and forget about the cold weather, our Event Planning VP Jack McElligott and the Social Committee have crafted a full schedule of Jan activities you'll want to explore. Several are available right now on the HOA event calendar on Tellico Life. Then join us at the first Social of the year on Tues. January 14<sup>th</sup> to learn about additional activities or just mingle with others. Plus our VP of Social Planning Steve Turkewitz will have an interesting program including some great raffle prizes we'll be giving away to attendees. An excellent New Year's resolution is to not miss any of the HOA Socials during this coming year - so mark your calendar now for Jan 14<sup>th</sup> - you won't want to miss it.

Now would be a good time (if you haven't done so already) to make sure you have renewed your HOA membership for 2020. Check out the details below. We are having a membership drive with a prize for someone who joins/renews from October 1st to December 31st.

On Thursday, January 23rd, we will be holding our first General Meeting of the year at the Community Church from 4 – 6pm. Your VP Programs, Dennis Dougherty, has planned a very informative meeting – the subject will be the "State of the Village" and will include timely updates by the POA and a presentation by the Long Range Planning Advisory Committee.

I'm also pleased to report that Mark Pantley has been busy in the newly established position of Vice President Advocacy exploring advocacy strategies for our HOA members to "Be Engaged. Be Informed. Be Heard" and provide positive benefits for all residents / homeowners. Much more to come regarding this in the months to come as our plans become more defined.

Please continue to watch your 'in-boxes' for HOA Voice updates throughout the year – 2020 will be a great year to be an HOA member!

## 2020 Membership Drive

The shopping season is here and the Tellico Village HOA is having a membership drive to celebrate!

If you renew or become an HOA member from October 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, you are eligible to win a prize. The winners from the Membership Drive will be announced at the January 14<sup>th</sup> HOA Social. Winners need not be present.

So don't delay!! Membership is a DEAL at \$10.00 when you sign up online and pay by credit card.

Go to: tellicolife.org, find the HOA logo under the TellicoLife Partners section, and click "Join/Renew".



## General Meeting Notice - January 23rd

Join us on Thursday, January 23rd from 4 - 6PM at The Community Church of Tellico Village. Winston Blazer and the President of POA will provide an update on the current State of the Village. Also, the Long Range Planning Committee will report on our future.

Advocacy By Mark Pantley



During 2019, the HOA Board determined that additional focus was needed in the area of advocacy. In order to ensure that the HOA lives up to its "Be Engaged, Be Informed, Be Heard" charter, A new **VP of Advocacy** position was created and approved by the HOA membership at the HOA General Meeting on November 21, 2019. For 2020 I have the privilege of serving you in this position.

#### So, what is "advocacy"?

- As written in the HOA Bylaws the VP of Advocacy is responsible for

"identifying key issues within the Tellico Village community and promoting discussion of those issues with Tellico Village HOA members".

- Looking beyond the job description, I think "advocacy" means to develop <u>consensus</u> and <u>alignment</u> regarding what needs to be done here in Tellico Village.

- Equally important, the role is not to create an adversarial relationship with the POA or other organizations related to the village. This is all about working together to achieve a common good.

#### Where do we start?

The POA recently adopted a new Vision for Tellico Village (proposed by the Long Range Planning Advisory Committee – LRPAC):

To be a dynamic, engaging Community,

meeting the changing needs of Property Owners,

in a fiscally responsible manner,

resulting in a lifetime of wellbeing.

In addition, the LRPAC proposed several guiding principles:

- Offer a competitive best value lifestyle.
- Improve property values.
- · Maintain and enhance the Social Fabric of the community.
- Ensure a stable financial status.
- · Be legal and ensure safety.

I think our starting point is to embrace the new Vision and the LRPAC guiding principles. By aligning with the POA and LRPAC aspirations, we can all work together to maintain Tellico Village as a great place to live.

To achieve consensus and alignment of our key issues, we will be asking each of you for input. This may take the form of quick online surveys, or it could be deeper discussions in a focus group. The opportunity to talk directly with HOA members at our Socials and General Meetings is perhaps the easiest way to ensure your views are heard. We look forward to talking with each of you in the coming months.

Next month I will be talking about what our approach to advocacy looks like in practice. In the following months there will be articles on key issues we have here in Tellico Village.

Thank you. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mark Pantley, HOA VP of Advocacy mark.pantley@gmail.com phone: 832.654.1272

# HOA Welcome Orientation - Thursday, January 16th 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The HOA Welcome Orientation is your introduction to Tellico Village. Co-Hosted by the HOA and New Villagers, it is held on the Third Level of Yacht Club from 6:30 pm - 8:00 p.m. This event presents an excellent opportunity to gain valuable overview of the community and our key organizations. Additionally, it provides important information that can be of benefit to you as a new resident of Tellico Village. If you are new to the village or you know someone who would benefit from this, we urge you to sign up.

To make a reservation or for more information, please contact Christie Bruns at 865-657-6237 or by email at christiebtv@gmail.com.

# **Community Service Announcement**

Santek has asked that you make sure to have your trash and recycling out by 7am on the day of your pickup. Some of the routes are being picked up differently since new drivers have come on board and people aren't getting their trash/recycling out before they come to pick up.

# Holiday Facility Closing Schedule

Welcome Center: Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day

POA Office: Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day

#### **Recreation Department:**

- Christmas Eve- Wellness Center open 6am to 12pm.; Chota Recreation Center closed; all fitness classes cancelled
- Christmas Day- Wellness Center and Chota Recreation Center closed; all fitness classes cancelled
- New Year's Eve- Wellness Center and Chota Recreation Center close at 5pm
- · New Year's Day- Wellness Center and Chota Recreation Center closed; all fitness classes cancelled

#### **Golf Department:**

- Christmas Day- closed
- New Year's Day- closed

#### Yacht Club:

- December 22<sup>nd</sup> December 30th closed
- New Year's Eve- bar opens at 4pm; New Year's party 7pm-midnight
- New Year's Day- closed

#### Tanasi Bar & Grill:

- Christmas Eve- close at 3pm
- Christmas Day- closed
- New Year's Eve- close at 3pm
- New Year's Day- closed

#### Toqua Sports Bar & Grill:

- Christmas Eve- close at 3pm
- · Christmas Day- closed
- New Year's Eve- close at 3pm
- New Year's Day- open 11am-9pm

#### Kahite Pub & Grill:

- Christmas Eve- closed
- Christmas Day- closed
- New Year's Eve- regular hours (9am-4pm)
- New Year's Day- closed

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