

Be Engaged. Be Informed. Be Heard.



Your Voice in the Village

HOA Voice of the Village

In This Issue

Important Dates
Presidents Message
Membership Message
Covid-19 Link Update Information
Advocacy Update

June 2020

What's New at Kahite
HOA Board Meeting Notice
Library Appeal
Local Election Information
TV Volunteer Fire Department News
2020 Census

Important Dates

Meeting	Date
HOA Board Meeting Teleconference - Details on TellicoLife calendar	Mon. June 1st, 9:00 AM
HOA Social & Monthly Meeting - lower level of Yacht Club	Tues. June 9th *** CANCELLED ***
HOA Social & Monthly Meeting - lower level of Yacht Club	Tues. July 14th *** Pending but Hopeful

President's Message

By Ken Litke



As Tennessee continues to reopen, I think most Villagers struggle with the following questions: Are we moving too fast or too slow with opening? Should we personally continue to 'Stay at home' or resume some outside activities? Are we ready to eat at a restaurant? Should we (should all) wear Masks in public?

Unfortunately, there are many differing views which seem to change by the minute - in the end, we should follow govt. guidelines doing our best to safeguard the health of others but also follow what we believe is right for each one of us. Since one size doesn't fit all - we may not all agree on actions being taken but I would just suggest during this time we do practice just being kind to differing opinions and actions as we're all in this together.

As I write this, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee and the Economic Recovery Group have announced further lifting of restrictions. However, restrictions on social gatherings of more than 10 people remain in place for the time being. Future social events are being reviewed by the Event Coordinator Team and once these restrictions change your HOA Board will announce opening plans.

While the resumption of HOA Socials are still in the future, our Advocacy Committee has done their best to stay in contact with our local governments and keep up on hot issues such as Asian Carp. They continue to work as a conduit to the POA Board on specific issues brought to them by homeowners. If you have an issue for which you'd like the HOA to potentially advocate, please review the Advocacy tab on the HOA website for particulars.

I'm pleased that residents have responded well to the advocating efforts of the HOA (and others) on completing the 2020 US Census. Submission rates for Loudon County Census Tract 605.5 (almost exclusively Tellico Village) were an outstanding 87.6% compared to 58.9% for Tennessee as a whole.

We are now beginning to advocate for Tellico Village voter participation in the upcoming August primary elections. The first in a special series of HOA Voice of the Village emails has already been sent – the series topics will range from signing up to vote, options on how to vote (especially important now with social distancing concerns), and information on candidates running for offices – all with the intention of providing homeowners with information to assist in their decision making process on issues important to our community.

Please take care of yourselves and stay well!

Ken Litke, HOA President

Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much. Helen Keller

Thanks to our members for their support, your membership is important to us.

If you have not renewed your membership or you have not joined the HOA, please join us as we work to make this a better community.

For membership information log on to [TellicoLife](#) and click on the HOA Home Page where you will find simple instructions on how to join us or contact Penny Manczko at hoa.tellicovillage.membership@gmail.com.

Covid-19 Update Information

Covid-19 information is changing daily. HOA is doing our best to provide timely information. If you are looking for information regarding Covid-19, State of Tennessee, TWRA and TellicoVillage Reopening information all you have to do is log on to [Tellico Life](#) where you will see a Yellow Covid-19 Tab, click on the tab and you will find this information.



Advocacy

By Mark Pantley

As we have progressed through the Covid-19 pandemic we've seen that very little is known for certain and much is still unknown. This is because the Covid-19 problem is new and we're still learning about this specific coronavirus. I think the potential impact of Asian Silver Carp on east Tennessee is very similar. Some things are known and much is still unknown.

What we know for certain is that it is an invasive species that has created great harm to other river systems such as the Mississippi, Ohio, and Illinois rivers. Besides being a hazard to boaters, silver carp can overwhelm an environment by pushing out native species. The resulting negative economic impact to a region is substantial and may not be recoverable. More specifically, silver carp in Lake Tellico could change our way of life and degrade the value of our homes – so it's something we all need to be aware of and involved in finding a solution.

Please see my expanded article on the HOA website for additional details about Asian Silver Carp: [Advocacy](#)

1. What do we know about this threat and what do we think we know, but are not certain?
2. Can we put in barriers to stop the migration of silver carp into east Tennessee?
3. What should I do about this issue before it becomes a problem in east TN?
 - a. The POA provided an Asian Carp Update that contains excellent guidance on how to contact influential leaders at the county, state, and federal levels. <https://www.tellicovillagepoa.org/asian-carp-update/>. HOA is involved in letter writing as well, as seen in this [letter to the TVA Board of Directors](#) by Ken Litke, HOA President.
 - b. Help out TWRA by reporting any sighting or capture of Asian Carp. <https://www.tn.gov/twra/wildlife/fish/asian-carp.html>
 - c. If you fish, don't release live bait into the water unless you are absolutely certain that none of them are Asian Carp.
 - d. Additional resources that I've found helpful to learn about this issue.

While our ability to see each other at HOA Social gatherings is currently limited, please feel free to send me a note if you have any issues or concerns that I might be able to help with.

Thank you. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mark Pantley
HOA VP of Advocacy
mark.pantley@gmail.com
(832) 654-1272

What's New at Kahite?

Our benches have arrived and been placed in the parks and on the trails. A very special Thank You to those who contributed to our bench fund. I also want to give a special Thanks to our Kahite Chain Gang. When you see them please acknowledge their efforts. (Jim Riley, Ron Huinker, Don Theis, Steve Shuman, Dan Callan, Gary Long, David Ginsberg, Don Blackman, Keith Hulton and the newest culprit in the Chain Gang, Kevin Georgia). We have others who have been integral members of the Chain Gang, but currently have other commitments.

If you wonder if we are finished, you probably don't know the "warden" very well. We currently are creating a space for a picnic table and bench area in the shady/ grassy area above the parking lot at the boat docks. We have just created a side trail to the Meadow Walk and are working on a bridge which will cross the small creek below the 17th tee box. This will bypass the old muddy roadbed.

If you are a hiker most of these places are familiar to you. If you aren't a hiker visit our new "pocket parks", sit and enjoy the birds, scenery and your neighbors from a distance.

A great big Thanks also goes out to those who are monitoring the trails on a regular basis.

If you still want to contribute to our new projects just let me know.

Gary Mulliner

HOA Board Meeting (Teleconference) – Monday, June 1st; 9:00 a.m

Following COVID-19 prevention guidelines, HOA will hold board meetings by video conference instead of in-person for the foreseeable future.

HOA Board meetings are open to all HOA members. If you wish to attend this meeting, simply go to the [TellicoLife](#) calendar entry for the meeting where simple Zoom meeting access instructions will be provided.

Virus Hits Library Hard

Although our library is part of the public library system, we are mostly funded by private means: donations, Friend's memberships, and fund raisers. Covid 19 has stopped many of our avenues of fundraising. Our Ladies Golf Tournament had to be cancelled. The English Tea, a sellout, has been postponed twice and has yet to be rescheduled. The book sale has been postponed until August.

With the library being closed to the public, few Friends memberships have come in. No late fees or rental fees have been collected. The bottom line is that, like many businesses, we have had NO income for the past two months. Unlike businesses, however, we will receive no government funds to help us. We rely on our patrons and fellow Villagers to get us through this difficult time. We are hoping when things open up we will see more memberships and support for our book sale and the 4 B's. In the meantime, we ask you support us through a Friends of the Library membership or a donation.

The TV Public Library is a 501(c)3 organization. The libraries website is tvlibrary.org. To download a membership form click on the Friends of the Library Tab. To download a donation form go to the Donate to Library Tab.

Election 2020 Update

By now you should have seen the first of a series of Election Updates being prepared by VP of Programs Dennis Dougherty and his able committee. You can now read this update along with being able to view and download election forms by going to the HOA website and clicking on the Advocacy Tab or you can click on the following link:

www.hoatellcovillage.com/2020-election-information/.

Watch for the Second Election Update. It will include Candidate Information and will be sent out soon.

Memo to the Village from Jerry Dougherty, Fire Chief, Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department

Governor Lee has now opened the state but patience is still in order. Please remain careful...wear masks, they send a message to your fellow villagers that we are looking out for each other and practice social distancing.

Your Village Fire/Rescue Team has been busy, responding to a record 284 911 calls in the first quarter of 2020 ... an 11% increase over 2019. We remain prepared and will continue to bring professional and compassionate care to your urgent calls for help.

Your continuing support is necessary and always appreciated. Please look in your paper box for the latest TVVFD newsletter ... it should arrive the week of May 25.

Census 2020

Tellico Village you have done a great job completing your census questionnaires. We have over 86% participation, but we're not done yet. If you have not completed your census form you can expect a visit from a census taker. If you have lost the census form you received in the mail there are still ways to respond. First, you can log on

to my2020census.gov and complete the form online or you can call 1-844-330-2020 between 7:00 A.M. and 2:00 A.M. Eastern Time and complete the census by phone.

Find us on



Keep up with what's going on with the HOA. Click on this Facebook image and then when you see the HOA page click on "Like".

For general questions or comments email us at hoatv.org@gmail.com

Visit our web site www.hoatv.org

