

# President's Message-June 2020



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, President, Tellico Village HOA