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**HOA Voice of the Village**

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Thank you for your HOA Membership:

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**Important Dates**

<b>Meeting/Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Last Day of Early Voting	Saturday, August 1st
Election Day	Thursday, August 6th
Open Village General Meeting	Thursday, August 20th **Cancelled**
Welcome Orientation	Thursday, September 17th

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**President's Message**

**By Ken Litke**



### ***HOA Cautiously Moving Forward!***

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise it becomes increasingly difficult to decide the right course of action to take about reopening HOA activities. Are we being too cautious, too fast, or just right? If we were to open, what safety precautions would be desirable for our members to enable them to feel comfortable to attend? So, the recent Re-Opening survey was developed to help answer these questions.

#### **I want to thank the many members who responded to the Re-Opening Survey....**

- Many of you responded you would wait until case numbers show a downward trend before attending Meetings. But another significant % of you responded you plan to participate at first opportunity. And others advised they were just not sure at this time.
- Your inputs as to the specific precautions you would want in place to attend HOA Social Events was most helpful. It is being used as HOA plans when/what/how to open events that many of you would feel safe attending.

#### **The HOA Board has therefore decided, based on your input and out of an abundance of caution, to proceed slowly with reopening plans. Specifically:**

- Not hold Open Village or Monthly Socials until at least September.
- Offer a limited number of Social Events clearly communicating what each of the event venues will be doing for safety precautions and letting our members make individual choices about what they think is safe for them to attend.
- Start holding Welcome Orientation meetings again with appropriate safety measures - our first was successfully held July 16 outside using the Toqua Pavilion with social distancing and mandatory mask wearing. We had 50 attendees that sweated through 100-degree temps to attend!

As the COVID situation continues to evolve, we plan to evaluate frequently based on learnings from our HOA experience as well as the outside environment. Watch for specifics in future HOA Voice of the Village emails and on *TellicoLife*.

#### **As part of our HOA Advocacy efforts, we would again encourage all TV homeowners to vote in the upcoming August 6th Primary and Local General Election.**

Local offices have a great bearing on us and Tellico Village. Living in an unincorporated area our fate lies in the hands of these local officials. Our tax rates and the extent of public services are decided at the local level. School board positions are critical as we want to ensure we have school board leadership in place that will protect and enhance the quality of education in our area while balancing it with fiscal responsibility. We as a community need to get out and vote en masse, to preserve our current lifestyle and help ensure our future.

Key Voting dates:

- voting by mail - must be mailed in time to be delivered no later than August 6
- early voting ends August 1<sup>st</sup>
- regular voting August 6<sup>th</sup>

Stay well,  
Ken Litke – President

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## Voting Information

If you have not already voted you only have a few days left to do so. Your vote is important for our Community.

Early Voting in both Loudon and Monroe Counties will end on Saturday, August 1st. If you plan on early voting [click on this link](#) it will take you to the Special Election Update No. 3. scroll down the update and you will find the dates and locations for early voting.

Election day is on Thursday, August 6th. Voting hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Mail in Ballots must be received by the County Election Commissions by the closing of the polls on Aug. 6th. Mail in ballots cannot be hand delivered.

Voters living in **Tellico Village** (District 7 TV South and TV North) will vote at the Christian Life Center of The Community Church of Tellico Village. It is located at [130 Chota Road, Loudon](#). **Special Note, enter the polling place through the Christian Life Center entrance, do not enter through the Church.**

Voters living in **Mt. Zion, Loudon** District 1 will vote at Piney Ruritan. It is located at [2890 Davis Ferry Road, Loudon](#).

Voters living in **Kahite** (Precinct 4, Vonore) will vote at Vonore Elementary School. It is located at Hwy. 411 and Miles Ferry Road in Vonore.

To access Election 2020 Information , including all of the Election Updates and candidate information on the [HOA website](#).

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## Kahite Happenings

By Ken Thoreson

Everyone is invited to take a break from your busy schedules and view the new fabulous graphic on the kiosk located on Kahite Trail between the 11th and 12th holes.

The incredible bird photographs are compliments of Bill Leaning, one of our residents, who lives on Dudi. Bill's photos have been taken over many years of patient and skilled time behind his trusty camera.

The wonderful concept and design work was done by Irene Gabashvili who lives on Naduli. Since this is Irene's initial design effort I think you will be blown away by the scope of her imagination. The skills, generosity and energy our folks in Kahite possess certainly makes for a community to be proud of.

Special thanks to Don Theis and TL Radcliffe for their time, skills and inspiration in building our three sided kiosk. Be on the watch for the next two graphic images.



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## Golf Course Beautification

If you saw the recent "Connection" article about the Butterfly Gardens being planted at our golf courses you already know that there is a Golf Course Beautification Committee. They are a volunteer group who tend the gardens located on the golf courses. Their funds come from recycling cans and from their annual Beautification Golf Tournament. The tournament was cancelled because of Covid-19 restrictions and may not be rescheduled this year.

To help offset the loss of revenue donations are being accepted at all of the Pro Shops. If you think of it, the next time you are in one of the Pro Shops please make a donation. Help keep our Golf Courses Beautiful.



## Advocacy

By Mark Pantley

When we moved to Tellico Village from Houston a few years ago, one of the positive aspects we talked about was the improvement in air quality. Due to the large amount of heavy industry in the Houston area, it consistently ranks as one of the most polluted areas of the country. Our thinking was that moving to a pristine area like East Tennessee would be a huge improvement compared to what we had experienced in

Houston.

Recently I was asked to look at air quality in Loudon and Monroe counties, which gave me an opportunity to check on my earlier assumptions about air quality in our area. While this is still a work in progress, I thought I'd share some of what I've learned so far.

1. In May 2004 a group of Tellico Village residents formed a group that they named "BCAAT" (Breathe Clean Air Action Team). Its primary purpose was "to encourage the improvement of air quality....." At its start the group had 80 individual members, plus the HOA and Garden Club. Through the years BCAAT worked with TN environmental agencies to improve the transparency of reporting and accountability.
  - a. The most significant activity of BCAAT was a lawsuit against Tate & Lyle regarding a plant expansion to produce ethanol. The lawsuit was settled in 2005.
  - b. Another goal of BCAAT was to see Loudon county come into compliance with all EPA air quality standards for particulate pollution. In 2017 Loudon achieved "attainment" status – the last area of TN to become qualified.
  - c. The BCAAT group closed in 2018 due to a lack of sustainable membership.

2. The EPA collects air, water, and solid waste pollution data from industrial and governmental facilities. This is published annually in their "Toxics Release Inventory" (TRI) report. The most recent TRI report is from 2018. Comparison of Loudon and Monroe county to the rest of the US gives some interesting information. **Of the 3,262 counties and county equivalents in the US and its territories, Loudon county ranks #28 (from the bottom).** It has higher emissions than 9 out of 10 of the largest urban areas (except Houston). **Monroe county is #263 (from the bottom).** It has higher emissions than 6 out of 10 of the largest urban areas.
3. HOA has now been added to the distribution list at TDEC (TN Department of Environment and Conservation) for any permit changes that come from Loudon and Monroe counties. This will at least give us an idea of the changes that are occurring.

Now I seem to have more questions than answers, so I continue to dig. Currently my focus is on TDEC, who I hope can help me with some basic questions. I'll try to provide updates as I learn more about this topic.

For more information please see my expanded article on the HOA web site: [Advocacy](#)

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.

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## Welcome Orientation

Through the hard work of Welcome Orientation Chair Christie Bruns, the HOA was able to hold a long-awaited Welcome Orientation on Thursday, July 16th at the Toqua Pavilion. People who registered for the March and July Welcome Orientations were invited. There were 50 people who braved the 100-degree temperature to learn more about Tellico Village. This is the first rescheduled event HOA has held since Covid-19 put a stop to everything. Christie was able to maintain social distancing and masks were required at this outdoor event.

Our next Welcome Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, September 17th.







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## 10 Focused Facts About Loudon County

By Gail Link

2020 is a year for the census and elections at local and national levels. In Loudon County's 150- year history some noteworthy facts are interesting to know.

1. In 1891 198 people were eligible to vote in Loudon County.
2. In 1872 Loudon County hosted a presidential debate between Andrew Johnson, Horace Maynard, and Benjamin Cheatham. Wonder what the hot topics were!
3. Loudon County has never experienced negative growth since 1880. Between 1870 and 1880 The population decreased from 1,357 to 832. The reason for the decrease is a mystery.
4. Although Loudon is the county seat of Loudon County, Lenoir City is the largest city.
5. In 2010 21.49% of Loudon County residents were 65 or older. Hmm - wonder what that % is now.
6. The 2010 census reported 48,556 people in Loudon County. In 2018 the population was 53,054, an increase of 9.3%. What will the 2020 census show?
7. In the last presidential election in Loudon County 21% of the people voted Democratic, 75.3% voted Republican, and 3.7% voted Independent.
8. One of the closest presidential races in Loudon County took place in 1992 when Bill Clinton (D) defeated George H.W. Bush (R) and Ross Perot (I). The vote split among the candidates 40.4% Clinton, 47.7% Bush, and 12.2% Perot.
9. Between 2015 and 2018 contributions in Loudon County to Democratic candidates averaged \$67 while Republican donations averaged \$234.
10. Loudon County is known as an R-R-R-R-R county. In each of the last 5 presidential elections votes for the Republican candidate exceeded votes for the Democratic candidate by over 10%.

What have we learned? Completing the 2020 census form and voting in the primary and general elections are important so that someone quoting statistics from 2020 will have numbers that accurately reflect the make-up of Loudon County!

Sources of information – Loudon County Website, Wikipedia, *Loudon County, Tennessee, and Its People 1870 - 1999*

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## Friends of the Library

If ever the Tellico Village Public Library could use a friend, it would be now. The means to pay the bills at the library have largely been cut off because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Several popular fund-raising events have been cancelled. The Ladies Golf Tournament, The English Tea, The Book Sale and the 4 B's have all been cancelled and might not be able to be rescheduled.

The only source of income open to the library is through donations and renewed membership to the Friends of the Library. Many of us joined Friends of the Library when we joined New Villagers and then

forgot about it. This is an appeal to those who have not renewed their membership to please do it and really help the library.

To renew your membership or make a donation go to the libraries website [tvlibrary.org](http://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. If you enjoy the convenience of having your own local library, please help.

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