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Important Dates

Meeting

Tuesday, July 14 HOA Social at Lower Level of Yacht Club Cancelled
HOA Welcome Orientation at 3rd Floor of Yacht Club
Early in Person Voting
Last Day to Request a Mail-in/Absentee Ballot
Primary and Local General Election

Date

Tues. July 14th *** CANCELLED ***
Thu. July 16th *** CANCELLED ***
Fri. July 17th - Sat. Aug. 1st
Thu. July 30th
Thu. Aug. 6

President's Message

By Ken Litke



Many Villagers struggle with the following questions: Are we moving too fast or too slow with re-opening? Should we personally continue to 'Stay at home' or resume some outside activities? If so, what activities would we feel comfortable doing?

Well, your HOA Board struggles with these same questions regarding reopening of Socials and Meetings. At our last BOD meeting, we formed an HOA committee to determine what social distancing guidelines and meeting conditions will be needed by our membership to feel safe and ready for meeting attendance.

The committee met several times and crafted the attached survey - the results of this survey will help determine timing and what actions need to be implemented for a restart. We know we will not achieve 100% consensus, but we will use this feedback along with government guidelines to do our best to determine when we can restart and then safeguard the health of our members when they attend.

Your HOA and especially the Social and Event Planning Committees miss seeing you and can't wait to get together again for some fun when conditions are appropriate. We know your time is valuable and want to thank you in advance for completing this quick survey!

Ken Litke – President

Click here to open the survey: www.tellicolife.org/HOA-reopening-survey

Should take 2 to 3 minutes to complete!

Happy Birthday Loudon County

By Gail Link, HOA Loudon County Liaison

On June 2, 2020 Loudon County reached 150 years old – its Sesquicentennial! For months Bo Carey and his Sesquicentennial Team have been working on the all-county celebration that was to include a huge gathering at the Courthouse and opening the time capsule that was buried 50 years ago. Then, along came the Courthouse fire and the COVID-19 virus. Life changed, and so did the celebration.

The Sesquicentennial team did open the time capsule early only to find that most of the mementos were damaged by water over the years. They are drying and preserving as many of the items as possible. AND – on Saturday, June 20 the team will host a ceremony to commemorate the birthday. Since the ceremony is closed to the public due to the virus, the event will be live streamed for viewing. Harvey Sproul and Dr Paul Brakebill, residents who participated in Loudon County's 100th birthday, will participate. The team is planning additional activities for later in 2020. At that celebration officials will bury a new time capsule to be opened in 2070. Loudon County residents are already providing ideas on what to include in the new capsule.

The ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 20th at 10:00 A.M. it will be broadcast on RedskinRadio.com and the 150 Years of LOCO Facebook Page.

Here are 10 fun and interesting facts about Loudon County.

1. Because Loudon County did not meet the minimum land area requirements for a county in TN, the State Constitution of 1870 included special language creating a new county "out of fractions of Roane, Monroe

- and Blount around the town of Loudon ,,,”
- The TN state representative named the new county Christiana. Less than one month later the Legislature changed the name to Loudon County.
 - In 1854 a cholera epidemic in Loudon resulted in several deaths. Temporarily trains in and out of Loudon stopped running. One of the causes of cholera identified by the medical community was “excitement alone”.
 - During the War Between the States Loudon County was a divided county with residents joining both the Union and Confederate armies.
 - In 1871 Loudon High School students could live with a local family for \$3 a week.
 - The Highway 11/Mulberry bridge originally was a toll bridge charging 10 cents per car. Residents of the jail next to the bridge used to ask drivers for money or cigarettes while the drivers waited to pay the toll.
 - A Tennessee Walking Horse from Loudon, Walking Jim, was the World’s First Tennessee Walking Horse Grand Champion, and he performed in the 1940 Rose Bowl Parade.
 - Loudon County was named for John Campbell, the 4th Earl of Loudoun. He was Commander in Chief of the British Army in America in 1756 when the fort was built. He was recalled to England the following year.
 - The first white settlers arrived in Loudon County in the 1790’s. They may have traveled on the Great Warpath, a Native American trail that extended in Tennessee from Bristol to Chattanooga.
 - Nine races took place in the 3rd Annual Frog Jumping Contest on September 4, 1939. There is no record of the winners but some of the contestants were Shite Lightning, Tee-Totlar, Pretty-Legs, Out-o-Cite, and Load-Lugger.

The information for this article is from the following sources: *Loudon County Tennessee and it's People 1870 - 1999*, And articles from The Republican Farmer, The Loudon Journal, The Chattanooga News, The Loudon Times, and the Press and Messenger newspapers



Advocacy

By Mark Pantley

We live next to a beautiful amenity – Tellico Lake. Yet it wasn’t always this way. The lake is only 40 years old, having been created once TVA completed the Tellico Dam in 1979. TVA likes to call it a “reservoir”, because it’s an artificial lake. Regardless, today it provides 33 miles of recreation and economic development opportunity along its 361 miles of shoreline (at full pool level).

Now that we have this wonderful resource, we need to take care of it, which is the purpose of this month’s advocacy article.

TVA routinely measures the ecological health of all of its reservoirs. In the case of Tellico, it has provided health ratings every 2 years since 1994. The last measurement period was 2017, when Tellico earned an overall rating of “poor”.

So, why doesn’t TVA think our lake is very healthy? To understand that you have to look at how their measurement system works and then draw conclusions from their findings. The TVA 2017 Report gave the following scores for each of the Ecological Health Indicators in Tellico Lake:

<u>Monitoring location</u>	<u>Dissolved Oxygen</u>	<u>Chlorophyll</u>	<u>Fish</u>	<u>Bottom Life</u>	<u>Sediment</u>
Tellico Dam	Poor	Poor	Fair	Poor	Good
Mid-reservoir	Fair	Fair	Good	Poor	Good

So, what should we make of all this? Is Tellico Lake really unhealthy? I think we can draw a few conclusions from the information that is available:

- Our lake is relatively young. How it develops in the future is an opportunity largely up to us. I think Tellico Village needs to consider itself a steward of the lake and be actively working to keep it great.
- The waters feeding the lake are cold, nutrient poor, and have low mineral content. We should not expect the same level of biodiversity from Tellico Lake as is seen on the TN River.
- PCB and other pollutions appear to be declining over time due to sediment build up on the bottom (covering it up) and/or washing out of the system. The greatest current threat appears to be from us as our fertilizers

and pesticides get washed into the lake.

4. TVA's idea of "good", "fair", and "poor" is a perspective based on creating a healthy, biodiverse environment. That may mean more algae in the water than we're comfortable seeing. Getting the balance right (not pea soup, but not starving the marine life) is key in this and what is right for Tellico Lake may not be the same answer as in other reservoirs.

What should we all do to help?

1. Limit the amount of fertilizer and pesticide you use in your yard. Regardless of where you live in Tellico Village, your yard drains into the lake and so has an impact.
2. Join WATeR (Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir), which is an all-volunteer organization that works to protect and improve the quality of water in the Tellico Reservoir. www.tellicowater.org
3. Encourage Tellico Village to install "Riparian Buffer Zones" at all drainage outfalls that go into the lake. WATeR has already targeted the lakeside homeowners with this idea. [Riparian Buffer Zone](#)

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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2020 Election Information

By court order, if you area registered voter and do not wish to vote in person due to the Covid-19 situation, you are eligible to request an absentee ballot by mail. If you reside in Loudon County click on loudoncountyvotes.com and there is a link there. Monroe County has not updated their absentee ballot form as of this notice, but we will post it when it is available.

Vice President of Programs, Dennis Dougherty and his election committee have issued two Election Updates. If you would like to view these updates or you are looking for election forms, [click here](#) or go to the HOA website at hoatellikovillage.org and click on the Advocacy Tab where you will find Election 2020 information.



STAYinTV Service Update

STAYinTV continues limited services due to Covid 19

Founded in 2009, STAYinTV aims to help Tellico Villagers remain in their homes as long as possible. Both volunteers and clients can learn more information on the STAY website: stayintv.org. Prospective volunteers or clients for any of the services should call STAYinTV at (865) 458-7084, follow the prompts and leave their contact information.

STAYinTV, the aging-in-place initiative in Tellico Village, announces further temporary changes to its programs in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

In all cases, volunteers will not participate if they have symptoms associated with the virus; likewise, prospective clients should not request services if they have symptoms.

Volunteers will wear masks when in close proximity to clients and clients also are asked to wear masks.

Home Maintenance: Volunteers have been responding only to emergency maintenance requests but now will respond to additional requests requiring quick resolution, such as continuous smoke -detector beeps and water leaks. Less urgent requests are being wait-listed.

Rides Program: The rides program continues on a limited basis, and volunteers will respond at their discretion.

Grocery Shopping and Errands: Same as rides program.

Respite Care for Caregivers: This program also continues on a limited basis. The program is welcoming new clients and coordinators will be available to do client evaluations

“Our prayers are with our fellow citizens in Tellico Village and the nation as we all deal with this national emergency. Hopefully, things will return to normal soon”, says Scott Mathot, STAYinTV president.

Neighborhood Watch REAL ID Alert

Neighborhood Watch and HOA County Liaisons have issued the following report.

The REAL ID card became available on July 1, 2019. The current Covid-19 situation has triggered a suspension in REAL ID processing. Tennessee will resume issuance of REAL ID cards on July 6, 2020. The federal government has extended the REAL ID date when the REAL ID card will be required to board airplanes, enter federal buildings, nuclear facilities, or military bases from October 1, 2020 to October 1, 2021.

If you would like to review the process to obtain the REAL ID, [click here](#)

Highway Safety Committee Report

TDOT has received bids for a job to repair two of the 444 bridges. Work will include deck repair, painting and repaving approaches. Completion is scheduled for the spring of 2021. There will be long periods of one-lane traffic during construction. We will advise you when this work is scheduled.

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