

# President's Message-August 2020



## ***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.**

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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