



## September President's Message by Ken Litke HOA and Village Doing Our Best Under Trying Times

Each day seems to bring forth new uncertainty about the future, but we shouldn't forget there are positive things to report happening along the way along with some opportunities for each of us to affect the future.

<u>US Census</u>: Village participation in the 2020 US Census has been outstanding and is important for the future allocations of federal funds to our community. Tellico Village's Census (Tract 605.05) response rate was 88.4% (83.3% Internet) as of Aug 6<sup>th</sup> with the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest participation rate in Tennessee.

August 6th Vote: Villagers participation in the August 6th Primary and Election was also good.

- TV North has 2,885 registered voters and 1,256 cast their votes this election MOST of them were early voters! That is 43.54% turn out!
- TV South has 3,737 registered voters and 1,574 cast their votes this election again most of them early voters. Giving TVS a 42.12% turn out!
- Loudon Mt. Zion has 1,525 registered voters (a portion of them live in Tellico Village) 554 cast their votes this election. That s a turnout of 36.33%.
- Monroe County does not provide voter turnout information. Monroe County has 31,048 registered voters of which 891 live in Kahite. Based on the Votes for Senate Candidates, 7,328 voters cast ballots for an approximate turnout of 23.6%.

We expect Tellico Village voting participation rates to be high for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election being a Presidential election. HOA plans to again provide special Election Voice of the Village emails for this important Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> election to keep members informed of important dates and candidates detail along with voting options information. Please note the First Day to request an Absentee By-Mail Ballot for the November 3, 2020 Election was August 5, 2020.

**POA Board Elections:** As the country heads into the run-up to the Nov 3 elections, it's important for the Village to remember we also have an important POA Board of Directors Election as well this fall.

The governance of Tellico Village is the responsibility of the Property Owner Association Board of Directors. Property owners who are elected and serve on the Board volunteer their time to help shape the future of the Village and oversee the maintenance of its properties and financial strength. Elections are held each year for three-

year terms. There are seven members of the Board. Two seats open each year for two years and then three seats open in the third year. We will have two seats open in this year's election. The voting process takes place each November.

This is your chance to make your voice heard – by becoming familiar with the candidates and their positions to make your vote count – or perhaps in deciding to run yourself. To submit an application to be on the ballot, please contact POA Shannon Jambon at 865-804-0318 or by email at sjambon@tvpoa.org.

In October, HOA will be conducting a POA Candidates Forum to present the candidates and their positions on key issues to Tellico Village – watch for future updates on this meeting.

**HOA 2021 Board Elections:** Like the POA, HOA is also looking for interested volunteers to fill vacancies to serve on the HOA Board for the 2021 calendar year. For more information on positions or to find out other ways to help the HOA, please read the HOA Candidate Appeal below in this Voice.

This is your chance to give back to this amazing community which we all enjoy.

**HOA Meetings & Social Events:** While we have canceled large Open Village Meetings and HOA Monthly Socials through September, the HOA Event Coordinators have been busy planning smaller events that we feel can be conducted in a safe manner meeting current COVID guidelines.

These HOA events are highlighted each month in the Village Socials Email update and all are listed on the TellicoLife calendars.

Stay well!