Advocacy – May 2021

Tellico Lake Planning. Click <u>here</u> to see HOA's letter in response to TVA's invitation for comment on their proposed revision to the Tellico Reservoir Land Management Plan".

Asian Carp. The TN Asian Carp Advisory Commission met on April 1, 2021 for their second meeting. A recording of the meeting can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lycT8IY2FK4. Items covered in the meeting included:

- 1. Study of the BioAcoustic Fish Fence (BAFF) at Barkley Lock, which was installed November, 2019.
- 2. Asian Carp Harvest Incentive Program (ACHIP), which uses commercial fishermen to remove large quantities of carp from the TN and Cumberland river systems.

The focus of the Commission continues to be on the waters of western TN where Asian Carp have been found. Eastern TN (above Pickwick reservoir) has not experienced any recent sightings of Asian Carp.

I-75 roadwork. TN Representative Lowell Russell included in his last update a letter he received regarding planned roadwork on I-75 in Loudon County. Click <u>here</u> to review his letter.

Surveys. HOA would like to understand the views of residents on local environmental issues so that we can better represent them. To accomplish this, we are planning to conduct several surveys to improve our understanding of issues that are important to residents. Topic areas might include trees, drainage, pollution, erosion control, management of common areas, etc. I'm looking for ideas for good questions to ask. If you have an idea for a good question to ask, please send it to me. Thanks!

Aesthetics & Environment. The POA A&E Committee is looking for help with development of Best Management Practices for Tellico Village. Topic areas they are currently working on include:

- 1. Existing Lawns and Landscaping
- 2. Storm Water Management
- 3. Tree and Natural Vegetation
- 4. Open Spaces
- 5. Solid Waste Management
- 6. National Certifications
- 7. Solar Energy
- 8. Visual Aesthetics

If you have an opinion/thought/view/solution on any (or all!) of these topic areas, please send a note to Jim Hawkey (A&E Committee Chair) at ichawkey42@gmail.com. He is looking for input from all villagers on these very important concerns. Also, if you'd like to volunteer to work on a specific project in the future – perhaps to help educate other villagers on a specific topic, please let Jim know now so that he is sure to include you later on. The goal of the A&E Committee is to have a "green book" with guidelines for Tellico Village put together for everyone to review by November 2021.

2021 Elections. While there are no general elections for county, state, or federal positions in our area this year, there will be two POA Board positions up for election in 2021. These important roles are critical for ensuring the future success of Tellico Village. Board members serve for 3 years, with 2 or 3 of the positions coming up for election each year. Please consider running for one of these open positions. Sign up is usually during 3Q and elections are in 4Q, so you have some time to think about

this. You can find additional information about the role of a board member at: <u>Board of Directors - Tellico Village POA</u>

If you have any issues or concerns that I might be able to help with, please feel free to contact me on e-mail or catch me at an upcoming HOA Social.

Thank you. I look forward to hearing from you.

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