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## HOA Voice of the Village

### Advocacy-Tellico Village is not a Cruise Ship



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If you've ever had the opportunity to take a cruise, I think you'd agree that it is a great experience. The ship takes you to new and interesting places that you can then explore. While on board the ship they offer endless entertainment and fun. We all quickly find that the Cruise Director is a very important person in our life while on board since they are the source of all this fun.

Unfortunately, Tellico Village is not a cruise ship and there is no Cruise Director. Instead, Tellico Village is a privately owned residential community that is entirely dependent on these same residents to ensure its success. This is because, being privately owned, it is not able to benefit from tax revenue and federal/state grants like the incorporated areas around us (e.g., City of Loudon, Lenoir City, Greenback, Vonore, Sweetwater, Philadelphia, Madisonville, Tellico Plains). It's up to the residents to pay all the costs to run the village.

I think we can all agree that Tellico Village is a wonderful place. We were all attracted to it for many reasons – natural beauty, low cost, moderate climate, low crime, etc. One key aspect that has contributed to its success is the willingness of its residents to volunteer. Personally, this “culture of volunteerism” is one of the reasons we were attracted to this community and decided to move here several years ago. Unlike most places we've lived in the past (where we expected the city to take care of everything), Tellico Village is built on the idea that its residents are involved and contributing to the success of the community. We see this in the people who lead the many clubs and organizations, those who work on the POA Board and Advisory Committees, as well as HOA and New Villagers. Collectively, the combined activities of all these organizations working together result in the thing that makes Tellico Village a great place to live – endless fun, interesting things to do, with well managed cost-efficient operations in a beautiful environment. You see, volunteering is also the basis for keeping our costs down and for this to continue to be an affordable place to live.

Without everyone's involvement, the thing that makes Tellico Village “great” will not survive. If you're not currently involved, please consider getting involved with something (anything!). We need you to help keep Tellico Village a good place to live by volunteering your time doing something you care about. Everyone contributing in their unique way will result in Tellico Village continuing to be a great place to live. Our future success depends on you!

Please feel free to send me a note or talk to me at the monthly HOA Socials if you have any issues or concerns that I might be able to help with. I look forward to hearing from you.

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