

September President's Message - Ken Litke



Hopefully most of you read the recent Connection article ([link](#)) where I was quoted on the impact of the Housing Boom on Tellico Village. My response was that TV has always been a planned community. While the rapid speed of development may be a concern to some people, if we have good leadership and we plan for it, then the future will be good. This fall, as homeowners we have the opportunity to play an important role in the planning process. So, how do we do this?

Firstly, the Long-Range Planning Committee is finalizing a survey that will be sent to all residents to gather information to help with future planning in our ever-growing village. This critical survey will be coming out in September so don't miss this opportunity to provide your feedback to help guide our future.

Secondly, each Fall, approximately one-third of the POA Board of Directors (BOD) are up for election. BOD members contribute significantly to the effective management of the Village including long range planning, sponsorship of special issue studies, as well as a liaison role with the various advisory committees. This fall, there will be two BOD positions that are up. Anyone with an interest to participate can apply for these important positions but you better apply fast as Sept 3rd is the last day for applications, petitions, and resumes to be submitted to the POA. This BOD will also have the important task of selecting a new Chief Executive Officer as Winton Blazer will be retiring next year.

While you may not want to serve on the BOD, our duty as homeowners is to learn about the candidates for the POA Board Positions and then vote. Assuming more than 2 candidates place their name on the ballot, HOA will conduct POA Candidates Forum in October. Don't miss this opportunity to hear and ask questions from the candidates running for the open POA Board positions and make your decision whose vision for the future will be elected.

Now turning to the more fun stuff – namely Social activities - our August Monthly Social which we called “Yacht Rock” was fabulously supported by the HOA membership! Well over 200 people attended with 130 eating at the optional Buffet and all enjoying the music from AM Station. Many really

got into the swing of things by dressing up in Yacht and Island wear. Based upon the success of this event, we'll plan more of these type events in the future.



Sheryl and her team have another great Social being planned for September 14th - again with live music provided by Dave Jeffrey plus see some Classic Cars in the parking lot from the Tellico Car Club.

So, if you haven't been to an HOA Social lately you're really missing a great chance to socialize with your friends, learn about what's coming up at your HOA, and listen to some great music.

In addition to the Monthly Socials and this Open Village Meeting, HOA has scheduled other social activities for September and beyond so please watch for and read the HOA Social Invite email. All new events will open for sign-ups when the Social Invite emails are sent to HOA members – so if you see something you'd like to attend – don't wait as events tend to fill up fast.

See you soon at an HOA event!

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