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# March Newsletter

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

#### President's Message

Our HOA Social on February 8 highlighted the Adopt-a-Class TN program. This program was founded in 2017 by village resident Karen Hamerslag to create opportunities for residents to volunteer in local elementary schools. Currently the program supports Steekee, Loudon, and Vonore Elementary schools. Attendees at the Social brought school supplies for the program and many gave cash donations. Our thanks to everyone who donated to Adopt-a-Class! In addition, we held sign-ups for the HOA Neighborhood Watch program and had a great turnout for this important activity. Nearly 200 people attended this month's Social. We almost ran out of chairs!

During the February HOA Board meeting a new ad-hoc committee was approved to support the Litter Angels program. Ann LaCour was appointed Chair of the committee (congratulations Ann!). Discussions are currently in progress with the TDOT TN Adopt-A-Highway program to agree on a section of Highway 444 that will be adopted by the HOA Litter Angels. The HOA Board is really excited to contribute back to our community through this important advocacy effort. The Litter Angels have provided a very valuable service through the years and HOA is happy to help ensure their success going forward. The HOA Litter Angels Charter can be found in our public DropBox Advocacy Folder. Click here to read the complete charter.

The POA Long Range Planning Advisory Committee is preparing to debrief the community on the results of their survey conducted last fall. HOA will be facilitating a meeting with village residents so that LRPAC can take everyone through the survey results. We expect to hold the event within the next few weeks and should have a date and location announced soon. The last LRPAC survey in 2019 was instrumental in guiding the direction of the village and we expect this survey to have similar impact. You won't want to miss this meeting.

Our next Open Village Meeting will focus on the "State of the County" and we plan to have separate events for Loudon and Monroe counties. It's an election year and we all need to understand each candidate's positions and views so we can vote responsibly. On April 7 we are holding a candidate's forum for Loudon county (like we normally do in October for the POA Board candidates). We expect to hold a similar event in Monroe county around the same time, but are waiting to see which candidates are running before setting the date (since we need to confirm their availability). In both sessions there will be an opportunity for Q&A from the audience.

We continue to have open positions that need to be filled. HOA is an all-volunteer organization that depends on all of us working together to make this work. Please consider how you can help to keep HOA great! There is a separate note in this newsletter listing the current openings.

Our next monthly Social will be on March 8. Our theme will be St Patrick's Day and the drinks will be green! Music, games, fun for all. Don't miss it!

Mark Pantley HOA President







# HOA EXPANDS OUTREACH TO INCLUDE AESTHETICS

### & ENVIRONMENT

The HOA announced the creation of an Aesthetics & Environment Committee (A&EC) to Tellico Villagers at their "State of the Village" program, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jim Hawkey was appointed Chair and is working to develop a committee of environmentally concerned residents.

The principal issues the A&EC will address long-term are: 1) visual aesthetics of Tellico Village,

2) water quality of the lake including trees, native vegetation, and shoreline protection,

3) solid waste management, and

4) solar power as an alternative energy source with the focus being on education and sharing of best management practices.

To learn more about this committee and what YOU can do to support this initiative, click <u>HERE</u>.

# Adopt-A-Class-TN

THANK YOU, Tellico Village HOA Members! The school supplies and monetary donations collected at your February Social will go a long way to support our program goals. Your enthusiastic response in support of our special project, to supply individual subscriptions of Highlights Magazines to all 2nd graders at Loudon, Steekee & Vonore Elementary Schools, is also greatly appreciated. If you missed this great event, visit us at https://www.adoptaclasstn.org to learn more about our local educational charity. In mid-April we will launch a new collection of allpurpose Adopt-a-Class greeting cards featuring unique designs created by students at our adopted schools. Priced at \$12 for a variety boxed set of 12 cards with self-sealing envelopes, this fundraiser fosters school spirit and student price, with all profits benefiting the

#### Tellico Village HOA Highway Safety Committee (HSC) and Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Meeting Feb 7, 2022

HOA HWY SAFETY Committee up<u>date</u>

The Tellico Village HomeOwners Association Highway Safety Committee and TDOT meeting was held virtually on Feb 7. Attending for TDOT were Traffic Engineer, Andrew Padgett, and District Engineer, Todd Sexton. Attending for the HSC were Chairman, Ed Wilson, and Members Deb Marshall and Rick Carlin. The key subjects discussed were as follows:

#### **Tellico Parkway Speed Limit**

At the request of the HSC, TDOT recently completed a study of Hwy 444 speed limits. Their review indicated that the current speed limits were correct for the design of the road, the topography, the signage, and the current traffic volume. Therefore, the current speed limits will remain unchanged.

Click <u>HERE</u> to read the complete article, including updates on:

- Mialaquo/Cheeyo and Tellico Parkway Hwy 444
- Vonore Niles Ferry/High 411 Intersection



# FOLLOW THE GOPHER TO TELLICOLIFE & REGISTER NOW\* Click HERE to register HOA Golf begins April 13, 2022 @ Tanasi 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month 14+ events including Cinco de Mayo, Red, White & Blue, Caddy Shack, Wild, Wild West & BBQ, Luau Pig Roast, and much more. \*Must be a HOA Member to join. Watch for more 2022 HOA Golf information from the "Gopher"!

# HOA NEEDS YOU!

OUR TEAM IS PROUD OF ALL WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR THIS YEAR. LOOKING AHEAD, WE HAVE SEVERAL FANTISTIC, FUN IDEAS TO PROMOTE GETTING OUT AND ENJOYING THIS GREAT COMMUNITY WE LIVE IN BUT WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP. PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A PART OF THIS FUN TEAM ENGAGED IN PROMOTING SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP, CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AND A VOICE IN THE VILLAGE FOR ALL MEMBERS.

**OPEN POSITIONS:** 

- GOVERNMENTAL LIAISON (LOUDON COUNTY)
- TELLICO LIFE EVENT ADMINISTRATORS
- DINING OUT EVENT COORDINATOR
- EVENT COORDINATORS
- ASSISTANT VP OF SOCIAL PLANNING (NEWLY CREATED POSITIONS TO SUPPORT OUR VP OF SOCIAL PLANNING)
- ASSISTANCE VP OF PROGRAMS (NEWLY CREATED POSITION TO SUPPORT OUR VP OF PROGRAMS)
- NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATORS

CONTACT HOA PRESIDENT, MARK PANTLEY, AT <u>MARK.PANTLEY@GMAIL.COM</u> FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS OR TO DISCUSS ANY OF THESE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



## **OPEN VILLAGE MEETING:**

# LOUDON COUNTY CANDIDATE'S FORUM

The HOA will be hosting a Loudon County Candidate's forum to educate Villagers of each candidate's goals and priorities. This event will take place on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:30PM at the Community Church of Tellico Village. Additional details will be provided as we get closer to this date.

A Monroe County forum is being considered but details are not available at this time.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:

Sunrise and sunset will be an hour later beginning on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour or you'll be late!



### FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Don't miss the next big event! Follow us on Facebook for information about upcoming events. Click <u>HERE</u> to access the Tellico Village HOA Facebook page

#### YARD STICK ISSUE 3, March 2022

#### By Jim Hawkey, HOA A&E Chair

#### PREPARING FOR SPRING: THREE IMPORTANT TIPS

- <u>Soil Testing</u>. Winter is the best season to do soil testing because the results tell you what you need to apply
  or not apply to your lawn in the spring. Soil testing is the most reliable and environmentally sound method
  for determining amounts of lime and fertilizers to apply. It's very important to know the chemical makeup
  of your soil. That means taking a soil sample. UT's Agricultural Extension Department will do the analysis.
  All you have to do is prepare the soil sample. Go online and get soil sample forms and a kit at: <u>Soil, Plant &
  Pest Center | Soil, Plant and Pest Center (tennessee.edu)</u>
- 2. <u>Fertilizers.</u> Now that you know what chemical support your lawn needs, follow your soil test recommendations. Leave your grass clippings on your lawn to reduce the amount of fertilizer. Consider using a slow-release lawn fertilizer with no phosphorous. Apply these best management practices: do not fertilize within 20' from the lake shore to avoid direct runoff into Lake water (because fertilizer will stimulate the growth of algae and unwanted vegetation); if fertilizer lands on hard surfaces, sweep it onto the lawn to prevent it being washed down by stormwater; do not apply fertilizer to frozen ground or dormant turf; and, do not blow or sweep soil and other materials into storm drains. Consult The Tennessee Yardstick Workbook for additional information: <u>Tennessee Smart Yards | Tennessee Smart Yards (utk.edu</u>).
- 3. <u>Watering.</u> Low water pressure is a concern and is caused when most homeowners water lawns on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Simultaneous neighborhood demand for water puts enormous strain on the local supply. An easy no-cost way to resolve this issue and maintain stable water pressure is for residents to set your watering timer to odd/even days. If your home address number is odd, water on Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday. If your home address number is even, water on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. Water from 3 9 AM two (2) days a week. The result is a "balancing" effect on neighborhood water pressure. The odd/even watering pattern has been adopted by many communities throughout the United States. Please, implement the program in your home.

Read the full story and learn how you can save money, and have a healthier, happier lawn by clicking HERE!

#### **READER REWARDS!!!**

Congratulations to our February Reader Rewards winners:

- Jackie Starnes
- John Nametz

The first 2022 HOA member to answer this month's questions correctly will win \$5 in free tickets to our March Social 50/50 Raffle.

Questions:

- 1. Watering your lawn before 3am can cause what?
- 2. Exterior construction activities and site work shall take place between the hours of \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Monday through \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Hurry! Email your answers to: hoatv.org@gmail.com



#### **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEEDS YOU!!!**

Your Tellico Village HOA Neighborhood Watch is looking for individuals who are willing to be a Neighborhood Watch Coordinator (NWC) for the following neighborhoods:

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We are excited to announce we have volunteer NWCs for Chota, Kahite, Mialaquo, Tanasi, Toqua and Tommotley already! Join our team and help create an effective and engaging Neighborhood Watch program for our community.

Neighborhood Watch Coordinators (NWC) duties may include:

- Acting as a liaison to our HOA Neighborhood Watch Chair(s). The NWC passes on non-emergency information for their respective neighborhoods. This information will be gathered, reviewed, and passed on to law enforcement and residents as needed.
- The NWC gets the word out for upcoming presentations and attend gatherings to gain additional support for their respective areas.
- Maintain a list of Neighborhood Watch Supporters (NWS) to assist in miscellaneous Neighborhood Watch duties such as looking out for a resident's home while they are away, picking up delivered packages left out or checking on elderly neighbors.
- Be able to meet with the Tellico Village Neighborhood Watch Chair(s) to discuss improvements in the program and suggestions for future activities.

If you don't think you're up for that big a task but know someone in your neighborhood that would be perfect for the position, please share this information and encourage them to consider this opportunity. Consider being a Neighborhood Watch Supporter (NWS) for your street or block. Be the eyes and ears and send information back to your NWC if needed. Be what you already are, a good neighbor.

Individuals may Email the HOA Neighborhood Watch Chair at <u>TellicoVillageNW@gmail.com</u> for additional information.

#### Don't Miss Out!!

Our membership is growing! We're now above our level from last year and it's still increasing! Don't miss out by not renewing your membership. If you have not yet renewed your HOA membership for 2022, please don't delay! It's only \$15 for the year and it includes everyone in your household (including your significant other, kids, and anyone else!). Renewing your membership is easy. You can do it online at TellicoLife. On your computer or smartphone go to <u>www.tellicolife.org</u>, or scan this QR code with your phone:





#### WHEN CAN I SIGN UP?

Every month, the HOA sends members two emails:

- 1) The Monthly Voice of the Village Newsletter
- 2) The HOA Social Update

The Social Update email is sent the Friday before our monthly Social, which is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Upon receipt of the Social Update email, members may begin registering for event. Don't wait! Most events sell out quickly. All events remain open for registration until the event is sold out, postponed, or cancelled.

Hurry! Space is limited!



March 2022 - NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH By Sherry Le, HOA Neighborhood Watch Chair

## IT'S NOT JUST A CONTRACTOR'S PROBLEM...

We all know Tellico Village is booming and according to the POA there are over 500 active permits to build right now. Unfortunately, as anyone in the construction business can attest, more opportunity attracts more thieves, and that case is true with just the 2021 statistics. With equipment and material costs soaring, construction sites are prime targets for thieves, and contractors and new homeowners are paying the price.

To read the full Neighborhood Watch article and learn what YOU need to do, click here.



Question: What's the difference between the HOA, POA and New Villagers?

Answer: Great question! Do you think you know? There are several differences. Click <u>here</u> for a complete explanation.

