



## MARCH PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

If you look at our Tellico Village website (the one available to the general public at <https://tellicovillage.org>), it states that “It’s Better at Tellico Village”. Ok, so we all know that - our village is a fantastic place to live in – no news there. What follows that bold statement has caused me to think a bit. It states that Tellico Village is a “active adult retirement community”. I understand the “adult retirement community” part – people move here to enjoy their retirement in a community that supports retirees. However, the word “active” implies additional meaning - that residents should be doing things (such as being involved in groups with common interests and engaging with others). I think the social fabric of Tellico Village supports this idea in two ways. First, it means we are all busy with social activities. That may be through a sport, club, or organization. It also may be by participating in HOA Events and the monthly HOA Social. Second, it means that we are all involved in different ways to make all these events and activities happen. Tellico Village is unique in that it is run by the residents, who volunteer their services to run the clubs and organizations, plus support POA governance through the Advisory Committees and the Board. I would like to encourage you to take advantage of the many events and activities that HOA offers, however also please consider being a volunteer doing something you care about. The long-term success of Tellico Village depends on all of us working together.

We had a great time at the February Social. DJ Steve helped us with our Valentine’s Day theme, and it was a fun night. We tried out a new seating arrangement (by moving all the event tables into the bar area) and I think it helped to open up the main floor so that it felt less crowded. Our March Social is planned for March 14, 5-6:30pm at the Yacht Club. The theme is St. Patrick’s Day and I’m hoping for green beer! Please plan to attend.

Our Events Planning team does a great job of scheduling events and then running them well. Please remember to thank your Event Coordinator for all the hard work they do to create and put on our many events. In the case of an upcoming event, they may be over-achieving – they have planned to murder someone at the Yacht Club! Our lucky victim will be part of our Murder Mystery Dinner to be held on April 1. We’re bringing in a team of professional actors to perform the event. As participants in the event, you will not only receive a nice meal, but will also be aiding in solving this crime. You can sign up on Tellico Life. Seating is limited and is going fast!

Our HOA Litter Angels continue to do an incredible job keeping the parkway neat and tidy. I’m always surprised at how much stuff shows up along the roadways and then ends up in neat piles for pickup. We have over 100 volunteers working as a Litter Angel. Thank you to everyone who participates in this great advocacy program and especially to our Lead Angel, Annie LaCour!

I had the opportunity to tag along with our HOA Highway Safety Committee co-chairs (Ken Litke and Rick Carlin) to meet with Loudon County Road Superintendent Billy Pickle recently. We talked about improving safety at many of the intersections where the village meets with county roads. Often, we can improve safety with relatively simple things like improving visibility (cutting down brush) or changes to signage (better placement). Billy is particularly interested

to improve communications to the village when county roadwork impacts Tellico Village residents (like repaving a road we commonly use). Our HSC will be working with him on this.

Please remember to renew your membership for 2023! It's still only \$15 for the year, which includes your entire household. It's easy to renew on Tellico Life or scan our QR Code.

I hope to see you at the March Social or an upcoming event.

Mark Pantley, HOA President

