



**"Your Voice in the Village"**  
Monthly Newsletter

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## Message From the President



I am writing this from Manassas, Virginia. Linda and I are watching our Grandkids as they get ready for another school year. Time goes by so fast, it's great to be able to spend just a little time with them. We have a lot to talk about this month. There has been a lot going on and there is a lot to prepare for.

First I'd like to talk about the HOA. In November, we will vote for a new board to run the organization. The Nominating Committee has been created and charged with nominating candidates to fill the thirteen positions that will be voted on. Their job is made a little easier as we have several incumbent board members choosing to run for another term and new volunteers to fill vacancies. However there are several positions where candidates are needed to run for the office.

- I agreed to be President for one year and we need someone to replace me. HOA President is challenging and rewarding but a lot of fun, too, and you learn a lot. You work with a bunch of dedicated and smart people in Tellico Village and the surrounding community.
- Our Vice President of Membership, Mark Flynn is leaving. Mark has put together a new membership drive format to increase our numbers and make joining easier.
- Mike Robins, Vice President of Advocacy is moving on. Mike's worked inside and outside the Village with the community and has much to pass on.
- Betty Fortune, our Vice President of Event Planning is also leaving. She and her coordinators have worked tirelessly to bring new events and venues to the Villagers while continuing old ones that everyone enjoyed so much.
- If you're willing to volunteer for one of these positions, don't hesitate to contact any board member or email Kay Condon, VP Communications at [HOAcomms2024@gmail.com](mailto:HOAcomms2024@gmail.com)

I've had many emails, phone calls and conversations with Villagers on the POA's recent actions with respect to the Tellico Action Plan (TAP) water and sewer projects. Many Villagers want to know why the HOA has not advocated for or against the \$80/month for 60 months fee the POA recently passed to pay for the projects. The HOA Board has studied the proposals and had many long discussions about them. We decided that whether one was for or against the proposals, was really a matter of how much risk one was willing to take.

We then looked at what the risks are. One of the fundamental tenets that the HOA's advocacy program will always stand behind is that Villagers' property values should always be maintained or increased. High property association fees can affect property values, but the HOA board felt an inadequate water and sewage system would affect them more.

Case in point: Not many communities had average property value declines in 2023. Those that did were due to insurance increases, water and sewage system failures and crime. The city with the greatest drop in home selling price in the entire country (-15%) was Jackson Mississippi and the main reason was poor management of the water and sewage system that can no longer support the community. The HOA wants to protect the Village from water and sewer casualty events that would affect property values. That doesn't mean the HOA will stop advocating. The HOA has developed a set of actions and project criteria to ensure the Village gets the best value for the projects that have been provided to the POA. We will formally present these to the PSAC and the Village in the near future.

Our Neighborhood Watch, led by Sherry Le, has been active in the Village for more than fifteen years. The NW adds value to the Village, whether you're home or away, and maintains solid communications with the sheriffs' and police departments in Loudon and Monroe Counties. Recent escapades with some juvenile mischief makers that had very positive outcomes show how much they work and care about our community. Our POA has recently expressed an interest in taking the Neighborhood Watch under their wing much as they have with the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. The HOA board sees some real benefit in making that move, but as the Neighborhood Watch is a Standing Committee in the HOA, the general membership would have to approve any changes. More to come as this issue progresses.

The HOA will be holding the 2025 membership drive beginning October 1. Inflationary pressures are forcing us to raise the annual dues to \$20 per household starting January 1, 2025, but if you sign up in October, you'll pay the current \$15 dollar rate for 2025 membership. Sign ups will also be available at the October social. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next social on September 10 and at other future events. Be safe, watch for the kids going back to school, and thanks for a wonderful August.

Harry Rucker, Tellico Village Home Owners Association President





AHOY!

Talk like a  
**PIRATE  
DAY**



**HOA SEPTEMBER SOCIAL**

**Tuesday, September 10th  
5:00 pm | Yacht Club**

featuring.

**Live Jimmy Buffet music by Jim Shields**

**Boating Presentation by T-BART**

**Prizes and Give-aways**

**Table Trivia Game**

**Cash Bar**

**50/50**



## INTRODUCING THE NEW HOA MASCOT!

Our handsome new friend loves everything about Tellico Village and wants to let you know what's happening, where and when it's happening, and how you can be a part of it! If anyone asks you how you heard tell them "a little birdie told you!"



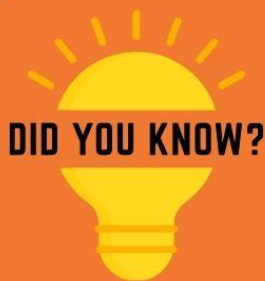
We need to give our Bluebird Buddy a name! Please send your suggestions to [HOAcomms2024@gmail.com](mailto:HOAcomms2024@gmail.com)  
We will announce the winning name next month!

**GET  
READY**

**OCTOBER IS  
HOA  
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE  
MONTH!**

As some of you may know, membership in HOA runs from January 1 to December 31 every year! But here's the deal..... If you sign up OR renew your membership during OCTOBER, you will automatically get the remainder of 2024 PLUS all of 2025 at this year's price.

**DUES ARE GOING UP ON JANUARY 1, 2025, SO PLAN AHEAD AND JOIN EARLY!**



**DID YOU KNOW?**

**MISCELLANEOUS PERMIT (Blue Book, page 6)**

The following shall require a miscellaneous permit: a.) all exterior changes or improvements to any home and b.) all exterior changes or improvements to any lot which are greater than 2 feet in height, 2 feet in width and 2 feet in depth (other than the installation of plantings or trees).

Maintenance or replacement with the same color/type item does not require a miscellaneous permit.

# OPEN EVENTS

# SIGN UP NOW!

## EAST TN RIVER NAVIGATION LOCKS UPDATES AND THE NEW CHICKAMAUGA LOCK PROJECT



Thursday  
26 September  
2 - 4 pm  
Yacht Club

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Providing a detailed presentation on the construction progress of the NEW Chickamauga Lock Replacement, as well as more in-depth technical information regarding concrete growth and alkali aggregate reaction issues with the old/existing lock that is currently in operation.



## 2024 HOA CHILI COOK OFF!

### October 23

Tugaloo Pavillion  
4:30 - 6:30 PM

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15 CHILI  
ENTRIES  
NEEDED!

CONTESTANTS WILL  
RECEIVE FREE ADMISSION  
AND A \$20 GIFT CARD  
FROM FOOD LION!

## THE ART OF SNOWMAKING

OCTOBER 25th  
2 - 4 pm  
Yacht Club

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presented by  
The Ober Mountain Team!

## MONSTER MASH

### Costume Dinner and Dance Party

October 31 | 6 - 9 pm  
Yacht Club

Potato Bar w/ assorted toppings  
D Experience  
Games & Prizes

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## BILTMORE Candlelight Christmas



Gardens and Chikuly Exhibit

Wednesday | 6 November  
Asheville, NC

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## UT FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY Presentation & Dinner

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | 5-9 pm  
Tellico Village Yacht Club



ITALIAN BUFFET  
INCLUDED!

\$24.75

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## TOUR BRUSHY MOUNTAIN!

If you haven't been to the "End of the Line" notorious (and some say haunted) historic prison yet, you really need to join us!

The tours are led by actual former guards and prisoners, so the stories they tell are REAL....

This is a  
MUST SEE event!

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Scenes from "An Evening with  
Wendel Werner," featuring dinner  
and a musical history of "Motown!"



## THE HOA LITTER ANGELS

**Our Saturday Morning Picker-Uppers Making Great Strides!**

Since January 1, 2024 our dedicated Litter Angels have collected over **ONE TON** of litter and garbage along Hwy. 444 (Tellico Parkway) to beautify our main thoroughfare and enhance the value of our community. That's 420 bags of garbage, plus construction debris, siding, wall board, and even tires!

**Kudos to our HOA Litter Angels!**



*Our Litter Angels gather on the 2nd Saturday every month during the summer at 8:00 am and are always looking for additional angels. For more information on how to get your wings, contact Annie LaCour at <mailto:aalacour@gmail.com>*

# Community Spotlight



*Joe Marlette, Board Member of the Tellico Community Foundation passing Grant Funds to Sharon Smith, a director of the Tellico Community Players.*

TCF has chosen as one of its two focus areas, improvement in Childhood Development in Loudon and Monroe Counties. The future of our society relies on the education of the youth today. A future society that governs itself to the benefit of all, cares for the less fortunate, raises future leaders with good moral compasses and builds a society that benefits all, is started by providing a good, well rounded education for the youth of today.

## Tellico Village Acronym Dictionary

- ACC - Architectural Control Committee
- CAC - Communications Advisory Committee
- FAC - Food Service Advisory Committee
- GAC - Golf Advisory Committee
- GVAC - Governmental Affairs Committee
- I & I - Inflow and Infiltration
- LRPAC - Long Range Planning Advisory Committee
- MAC - Marine Advisory Committee
- PRAC - Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
- PSAC - Public Service Advisory Committee
- TAP - Tellico Action Plan

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Whether spoken or written, acronyms are handy ways to communicate by cutting to the chase! They're easy to memorize, especially compared to the lengthy phrases that they represent. Sometimes, however, we get confused when we don't know what they mean, so here is your reference when reading reports about Tellico Village and listening to Town Halls and Board Meetings and you want to know who or what they are talking about.

And BTW . . . your HOA has liaisons to each of the committees listed above, so we can help keep you informed, educated, and in the loop!





# Reader Rewards!

Read your newsletter closely and answer the questions below to win 5 raffle tickets for the 50/50 drawing at the JULY SOCIAL! The first one to email the correct answers wins!

1. HOA dues starting on January 1, 2025 will increase to \_\_\_\_\_ per household per year.
2. What does LRPAC stand for?

EMAIL YOUR ANSWERS TO:  
<mailto:HOAcomms2024@gmail.com>



# We'll see you soon!

SEPTEMBER SOCIAL  
SEPTEMBER 10  
5:00 PM  
YACHT CLUB  
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Talk like a  
**PIRATE DAY**

