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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall is approaching quickly, the weather is kinda changing, we'll be getting our boats ready for winter and it is election season again. And while you're watching the debates, listening to a stump speech or attending a rally, remember that there is a lot more than the federal elections going on. We have state, local, POA and even HOA elections on the table. Yes, the HOA is looking for volunteers to lead the organization through 2025. Five of our board positions are filled and we have opportunities to serve in six others. They are:

- **President** (Harry Rucker) - Serves as HOA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) having all the oversight responsibilities of a CEO. Sets strategic direction for the organization.
- **Vice President of Advocacy** (Mike Robins) – Identifies key issues within the Tellico Village community and promotes discussion towards resolution of those issues with Tellico Village HOA members.
- **Vice President of Membership** (Mark Flynn) – Manages membership records and conducts recruiting membership drives and events.
- **Vice President of Event Planning** (Betty Fortune) – The party planner in chief. Plans the event calendar and event budget for the Association and leads the Event Coordinators.
- **Vice President of Programs** (Lavonne Mitchell) - Conducts programs, forums and information events for the Village.
- **Vice President of Communications & Marketing** (Kay Condon) - Ensures all official HOA communications meet HOA standards and is editor of the monthly newsletter.

These jobs offer opportunities to learn about Tellico Village, to meet your neighbors from across the village, and challenges us to make the community better. You work with a group of dedicated, smart people in Tellico Village and the surrounding community and have fun while you're at it. We'll be voting on the new slate in November at a Special Meeting during the Social along with several By-law changes. Find out more about the positions on the HOA website. call the incumbent, or email Kay Condon, VP Communications at HOAcomms2024@gmail.com

Besides board member positions, there are dozens of non-elected, appointed positions, such as event coordinator and committee chair or committee member to volunteer for. These positions will introduce you to the HOA team and let you learn at your pace.

October 1 is the start of this year's membership drive for 2025. Sign up at the October Social or online at TellicoLife. Do so in October and you'll get the current \$15 dollar per year rate.

The HOA is developing a Memorandum of Agreement for moving the Neighborhood Watch organization to the POA. This Memorandum of Agreement will be provided to HOA members when it is complete. You can expect the same community protection service from the Neighborhood Watch as you have now plus improved communication to every household in the village.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next social on October 8 and at other future events. Be safe, have a great autumn and thanks for a wonderful September.

Harry Rucker, Tellico Village Homeowners Association President

Hello!
My name is “Cheesqua,”
(it means “bird” in Cherokee) and I
am the new HOA mascot! You will
see me on banners and fly-ers
around the village, so any time you
share HOA happenings, you can say,
“A little birdy told me!”

We had over 25 cute, clever, and creative names submitted from 17 members last month, and it was a hard decision for the board to make, but the HOA offers a huge thank you to [Pat McDermott](#) for her winning entry!





TEAM TALK

*A few words from the
HOA Volunteers who work
for YOU!*

HOA MONTHLY SOCIALS

The second Tuesday of each month is when the HOA Socials come alive with upbeat music, guest speakers from clubs and businesses in the Village. Each Social is planned out months in advance and developed with the hopes of enlightening your evening and informing you of various clubs and their benefits. The importance of Socials is to create carefree evenings to gather with old and new friends while learning about upcoming events sponsored by our Events team.

The evening starts with a friendly hello and a door prize ticket, then downstairs to Bobbi, our faithful volunteer, offering everyone a chance to purchase 50/50 raffle tickets. There is always time to grab a drink at the cash bar, wander through the information tables, mingle with friends, and take a look at the table of lovely door prizes, specially collected and decoratively packaged by Theresa for the raffle drawings before the program begins.

The success of our Socials depends on our volunteers and on the feedback from the attendees. The Socials are open to everyone in the Village, so bring your friends, family, and neighbors and be prepared to have a fun and informative 90 minutes!

Submitted by Roxanne Jackson, VP of Socials

COMMITTEE OF 100

My thoughts on advocacy with the HOA is to bring information of positive and negative issues or topics to our membership and community. This can provide clear direction for member knowledge of aspects interesting to them in regard to their lives in our community.

The Committee of 100 is a community-based organization focused on helping make the world around us an even happier place to live, work, serve, shop, own a business, raise a family, and retire. This national organization supports exciting community-building events and informational monthly meetings for our membership. Being active in this organization gives your Tellico Village HOA a place at the table for the exchange of information from around the local area.

Submitted by Mike Robins, Advocacy VP

MEMBERSHIP

The HOA currently has 3181 members, which is roughly twice the number of households registered as HOA members. Remember, our membership dues are for the entire HOUSEHOLD.

In the past, October has been the month that if a member applies for membership, his or her membership will be good for the rest of the current year and the following year as well. What also added to the confusion was the fact that our annual membership calendar is based on a 12-month cycle from January 1 through December 31. This membership cycle is not the same as the NV membership calendar that begins when the member applies for membership.

What I'm excited about is the October 2024 Membership Drive! We will be sending notices to remind our members it's time to renew, planning a computer class at the Library to make signing up for Tellico Life and events easier, hosting a membership table at the Social, and reaching out to prospective members as well to explain what we do and the benefits of being an HOA member.

Membership dues are increasing to \$20/household/year next year, but if you sign up between 10/1/24 and 12/31/24, you and your household can take advantage of the current price of \$15 through 2025!

Submitted by Mark Flynn, VP of Membership

PROGRAMS

From a "PROGRAM" perspective, we have the POA Candidate Forum scheduled for October 30. This will take place at the Tellico Village Community Church at 4:00 pm. All candidates for the 2 open positions of the POA will be invited. We encourage all Tellico Village residents to attend.

There will be questions provided to the candidates prior to the meeting. We would love your feedback, and I will ensure that those questions are included in the program. In addition to the questions provided to the candidates ahead of time, we will also have a Q&A session. At that time, the audience will have the opportunity to ask questions. We do ask the audience that they respect the purpose of the candidate forum; let's use this time to get to know our candidates.

Submitted by Lavonne Mitchell, VP of Programs

FOOD SERVICE

The Loyalty Program is fully rolled out. In five weeks it has over 1200 members and growing as the word gets out. There are now guest surveys on all checks so please let them know if you have a problem and be sure to tell them when you have a great experience. We all like to hear when we are doing a good job. According to the financials, it was a good idea to bring Food Service in-house. To date the financials are \$156,000 improved over the prior year. Year to date, sales are outperforming last years numbers by 5%.

Submitted by Nancy Mariani, HOA Secretary, Liaison to Food Service Advisory Committee

HOA POSITION ON TAP TANK PROJECTS (Tellico Action Plan)

The Tellico Action Plan (TAP) is the POA plan to upgrade Tellico Village water and sewer infrastructure to preserve the quality of life and protect our property values. Detailed information is available on the POA website (Water & Sewer - Tellico Village Property Owners Association (tellicovillagepoa.org)) including the latest status updates, over 30 homeowner questions and answers, and a place to ask any question that you may have. The following pertains to the main village water and sewage tank installations, as they seem to be the most controversial of the 5 projects. The TAP projects which the POA Board recently approved a fee to pay for, are to manage the risk of a failure of components in the water or sewage system. Neither the water tank project nor the sewage holding tank project are required for the systems to work. Both are designed to improve the performance or control casualties to the system.

REGARDING THE WATER TANK ISSUE

We have sections of the Village where we have low water pressure, especially if the water usage is high. This is not only inconvenient but could present a danger in the event of a fire. Jacobs Engineering recommended that we replace our existing potable water pumps with upgraded variable speed pumps to maintain proper pressure at all times. These pumps would have to be large enough to supply water at the proper pressure during peak demand times but also be able to sense a reduction in usage and slow down accordingly. This approach has a high initial cost and continuous high operation and maintenance costs for the life of the system. The POA decided that they could accomplish the same thing at a lower life cycle cost by building an elevated tank with a small pump to continuously keep it full. Although it stores water, its main purpose is to maintain water pressure throughout the village. It provides the added benefit of providing pressure in a power outage without an uninterruptible power supply such as a diesel generator or batteries.

REGARDING THE SEWAGE HOLDING TANK ISSUE

The Village main lift station currently has a small holding tank. As designed, our system currently pumps over 374,000 gallons of sewage per day to the Loudon Utility Board, plus more with water intrusion due to rainfall. If sewage inflow to the main lift station were to exceed our pumping output capacity or if sewage service was interrupted for any reason, such as pipe break or LUB unable to accept sewage, that tank would quickly overflow, even on a dry day. As the tank is near the lake, sewage would flow into the lake, creating cost for cleanup and the possibility of a state order directing installation of a holding tank anyway. The result could involve negative publicity that could affect home values.

The HOA supports the POA on accomplishment of these projects, primarily because of the risk mitigation they provide in the event of a casualty.

Submitted by:

*Harry Rucker, HOA President
Bob Bilodeau, Technology VP*



AESTHETICS & ENVIRONMENT

What is a SMART YARD?

— a yard that is in balance with the local environment for the benefit of both people and our ecosystem.

Tennessee Smart Yards is an Extension-led program that guides Tennesseans on practices they can apply in their outdoor spaces to create healthier, more ecologically-sound landscapes and communities.

Nine principles of stewardship serve as the foundation for the program and are explored in online modules and practical workshops taught by UT-TSU Extension and water resource professionals.

You don't have to be an expert gardener or landscaper to create a Tennessee Smart Yard. All it takes is a willingness to learn and a desire to take actions described in our Workbook. Maintaining a Tennessee Smart Yard provides natural functionality for homeowners through working with nature for the benefit of both. Learn why a "Smart Yard" is right for you and our environment. For more information go to!

<https://tnyards.utk.edu>

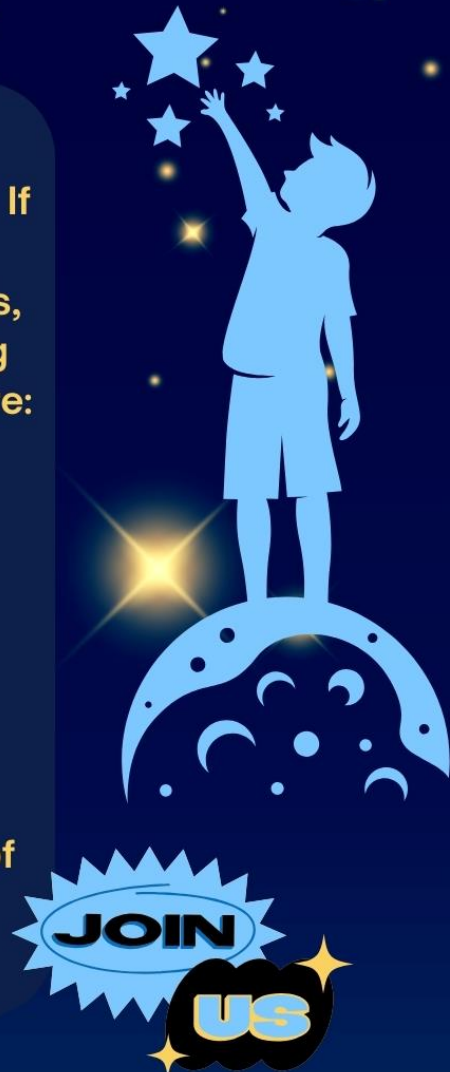
Link submitted by Dori Holt, A&E Committee Chair

TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!

Every year around this time, the HOA Nominating Committee begins its search for volunteers to serve on next year's HOA Board and support teams, and they would like to talk to YOU! If you have been thinking it's time to plug in and pay back, be engaged in making our community the envy of all communities, and make friends along the way, please consider volunteering with us! Board positions that need to be filled for next year are:

- HOA President
- Vice President of Advocacy
- Vice President of Communications & Marketing
- Vice President of Event Planning
- Vice President of Membership
- Vice President of Programs

If you would like more information on what is involved in any of these positions, email us at HOAtv.org@gmail.com and we will have someone call to answer your questions.



Friends of the Vonore Public Library Hosts Oak Ridge Historian

Oak Ridge Historian Ray Smith will be guest speaker at the Annual Meeting of Friends of the Vonore Public Library (FVPL) on Thursday, October 17th at 7 p.m. The FVPL board will hold a brief business meeting to elect new officers prior to the



presentation, which will be held at the Vonore Community Center located above the Vonore Public Library. Members can also renew their annual dues, which are \$20 per family or \$10 individually. All current members will have reserved seats and be eligible for a prize raffle after the presentation. Our speaker Ray Smith enjoyed a 47-year career at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, spending the last 10 years as the official Y-12 Historian. Mr. Smith now serves as Historian for the City of Oak Ridge. He has produced

award-winning documentaries about Oak Ridge and its role in developing fuel for the nuclear bombs that ended World War II. He is a prolific author, newspaper columnist and regularly leads tours of Oak Ridge. His presentation, entitled "Stories of the Secret City", is one you won't want to miss. The public is invited to attend this free event.

Congratulations!
Cathy DeBoer

**Is the winner of the
September**

Reader Rewards!

Reader Rewards!

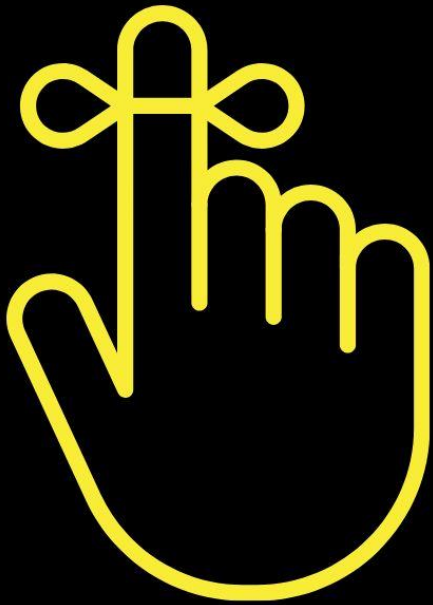
Read your newsletter closely and answer the questions below to win 5 raffle tickets for the 50/50 drawing at the JULY SOCIAL! The first one to email the correct answers wins!

- 1. What is the primary reason the HOA supports the POA's TAP Program?**
- 2. How many members currently belong to the HOA?**

Please email your answers to:

HOAcomms2024@gmail.com

DON'T FORGET!



**OCTOBER IS HOA
MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL
MONTH!**



**DUES ARE GOING UP TO \$20/YEAR/HOUSEHOLD ON JANUARY 1ST,
BUT IF YOU RENEW BETWEEN BETWEEN OCTOBER 1ST AND THE END OF THIS
YEAR, YOU WILL ONLY PAY \$15 FOR MEMBERSHIP IN 2025!**

**BE SURE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS COST SAVINGS
BEFORE YOU FLY SOUTH FOR THE WINTER!**

***We'll see you at the
next HOA Social
on October 8th!***

