

HOA

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"Your Voice in the Village" MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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December Message from President Harry Rucker



November is an important month. Besides my birthday, it contains election day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Each holiday, in its own way, celebrates service and those that provide that service. So, November is a month that celebrates service, and I'll talk about service in this newsletter.

What is service? It could be as large as dedicating your life to a cause, as many veterans and religious do, or as simple as engaging with or helping a neighbor. Most of us serve without even thinking about it. It's natural for human beings to want to help and support each other. I thank each and every person that serves, no matter how big or how small their effort is.

Our annual business meeting was held this month, and the 2025 HOA Board of Directors was approved by the membership. I congratulate the new board and thank them for the many hours of service that they will contribute to the HOA and the community.

President – Linda Garza
HOA Board Secretary – Nancy Mariana (Incumbent)
HOA Treasurer – Cliff Jackson
VP Programs – Lavonne Mitchell
VP Comms & Marketing – Kay Condon (Incumbent)
VP Event Planning – Kathy Ruzic
VP Advocacy – Teresa Reed
VP Membership – Barb Burke
VP Social Planning – Roxanne Jackson (Incumbent)
VP Technology – Bob Bilodeau (Incumbent)
Chair at Large – David Warmbold (Incumbent)
Past President – Harry Rucker



At this month's HOA social, the 100+ volunteers that make the HOA run were recognized. I cannot thank them enough for the time, talent and energy they give to this community. Know that the HOA could not exist without these volunteers. I hope that every person's experience was rewarding, and I hope that you had fun while you were doing it.

Our TellicoLife scheduling and communication software tool has been around for almost a decade. That's old in software terms. We're putting a team together to update it and perhaps transition it to an improved product in 2025. If you know about software and would like to volunteer, you're welcome to join in the fun.

Looking into December, our Holiday Gala is a sellout. By the time you read this, all 300 tickets may be gone, so I hope that you got yours. The Gala is on Tuesday, the tenth of December, so it will take the place of the December Social. I hope to see you there, but if I don't, please have a safe and merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



HOA CANDIDATE FORUM

It was a great turnout for the POA Candidate Forum held on Wednesday October 30th. This year, there were 6 candidates, all with stellar qualifications. Left to right Phil Brenner, Bruce Gibbons, Mike Lackey, Lavonne Mitchell, Joel Reed, Kevin Ward. Back row host & moderator David Warmbold. There will be two open positions this year.



The program provided a comprehensive overview of the responsibilities and motivations of each candidate, along with a solid opportunity for the audience to engage directly through questions.

All candidates provided their bio and then answer two prepared questions. This was followed by an open question forum.

It's always a great sign when residents come together to stay informed and actively participate in shaping the future of the community.

We encourage everyone to watch the playback on the Tellico Village Network. It is a great way to ensure those who couldn't attend can still access the information.

And please make sure to get out and vote! For more information, please go to: <https://www.tellicovillagepoa.org/board-election-information/>

As 2024 draws to a close, please join us in thanking the dedicated volunteers who will be moving on! Because of their efforts, creativity, and strong desire to make the HOA a great place to Be Informed, Be Engaged, and Be Heard, we wish each one of them success in whatever adventures they take on next! To all of you, a great big

THANK YOU!

Harry Rucker, President
Mark Pantley, Past President
Lavonne Mitchell, Programs
Mark Flynn, Membership
Betty Fortune, Events
Roberta Hopkins, Treasurer



ATTENTION!
There will be no HOA Monthly Social in December due to the Holiday Gala planned for December 10th.



Urgent Need for Tellico Life Operational Lead

As 2025 approaches your HOA has an urgent need for a TellicoLife Business Lead to take over from our existing volunteer whose term ends on Dec 31st. The work involves the following responsibilities:

- Maximize the value of Tellico Life for the approximately 50 organizations that use it.
- Ensure Tellico Life is financially self-funded through ongoing annual contributions from participating organizations.
- Work with the HOA treasurer to ensure reserve funding for one year of Tellico Life expense is developed
- Market Tellico Life throughout the village and to village organizations.
- Facilitate monthly Zoom meetings

If you already have or want to develop more business skills, this low-pressure volunteer-way of doing it may appeal to you. Some modest computer skills are required to facilitate Zoom meetings, publish meeting minutes and collect Tellico Life metrics from the Tellico Life admin team. Feel free to contact us directly with any questions or concerns about this position.

Bob Bilodeau, HOA VP of Technology - bilobob@hotmail.com

Linda Garza, HOA President 2025 - President@hoatelicovillage.com



HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**welcomes the newest members of the
POA Board of Directors**

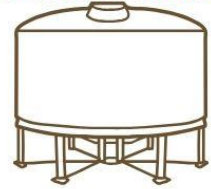
MICHAEL LACKEY & JOEL REED

**and wishes them every success in their new positions.
We look forward to working with them as we strive to
make Tellico Village the best it can be!**

Well done!



Main Lift Station Upgrade and Wastewater Storage Tank



*In HOA's ongoing effort to keep our members informed about issues affecting our community, we reached out to representatives of various departments for some straightforward facts about the planned wastewater storage tank. Many thanks to **Phil Brenner, LRPAC** - **John Tierney, PSAC** - **Matt Benoit, POA Public Works** for taking the time to respond to our specific questions.*

Is the wastewater storage tank part of the TAP? Has it always been?

BRENNER (LRPAC) & TIERNEY (PSAC) - Yes, it is part of the TAP program, Project #2. The main lift station upgrade and storage tank was a result of studies over at least the past 5 years, which predates the creation of "TAP".

BRENNER (LRPAC) - Wastewater tanks are not uncommon. Knoxville has several. Lexington, KY has at least 2. So does Columbia, SC. Chattanooga constructed one in 2022 (designed by Jacobs Engineering). Nashville uses this approach.

Is it going to hold 750,000 gallons of wastewater?

BRENNER (LRPAC)- YES. I think it is important to recognize that this is an "overflow" tank. Most of the time this tank will have little or no wastewater in it. A handful of times each year when we have high rainfall events that exceed our ability to pump it, or LUB's ability to accept it, the excess wastewater would flow into this tank for holding. As the rainwater recedes, the stored wastewater would be pumped out to LUB.

TIERNEY (PSAC) - YES.

Will it be located near Tugaloo off of Sequoia?

BRENNER (LRPAC) & TIERNEY (PSAC) - Yes, the existing station is accessed by a driveway off of Sequoia, which is immediately adjacent to the Chota Shores / Tanasi Shores / Yacht Club sign and garden. The project will replace the existing main lift station and be constructed next to the existing station. It will be vital that the existing lift station remains in service until the replacement pump systems and tank have been constructed and tested. All the sewage in the main village is piped to this point.

BRENNER (LRPAC) - I think it is important to recognize that this location is where ALL of the main village's wastewater eventually goes TODAY. There is a wet well there today, so some limited amount of wastewater storage is occurring there today (along with the other four lift stations in the main village).



Main Lift Station Upgrade and Wastewater Storage Tank

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Will it be visible from Rt. 444?

BRENNER (LRPAC) & TIERNEY (PSAC) - The existing station is visible from 444 if you look hard enough. It is located adjacent to 444 but many feet below the level of the road. The new station and the storage tank will be built further away from 444, necessitating tree clearing and excavation. By slant view, the tank and new station structures will likely be more visible, if looking that way while travelling at 40-50 MPH down the state highway. A similar tank was recently constructed in West Knoxville on Ebenezer Road, North Shore Drive; This tank is down below the road, but visible if you are looking for it.

BRENNER (LRPAC)- I don't know what plans (if any) have been contemplated for shielding the tank from view, but I imagine that landscaping may help. I would also note that in reading a little about these tanks, I came across installations where tanks were disguised to look like something else. Here is one in St. Louis



IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BENOIT (POA PUBLIC WORKS) - The floor elevation of the proposed Wastewater Storage Tank is 832 feet. The top of the tank is 859(ish) feet. The road grade elevation of Hwy. 444 854 at the site of the current Main Pumping Station, so the tank will sit approximately 5 feet above the road. With the evergreen trees that are between the site and 444, I don't think much of the tank will be visible from the street. I would only add to some of the commentary about visibility that when traveling down 444 (2-lanes), you must take your eyes off the road to see the existing pump station (provided you know what you are looking for). It is so far below the road grade of 444 that when traveling southbound you have to look way left and down. I'm not sure you can even see it when traveling northbound, because it sits so low.

The closest house to the proposed wastewater storage tank [would] sit about 20-22 feet higher than the top of the tank. Looking at the aerial map of the property, there are solid trees between the proposed Wastewater Storage Tank and the nearest home. Certainly some landscaping could be added to screen the tank.

The HOA encourages its members to watch Matt Benoit's comprehensive, detailed, and easy to understand 35-minute YouTube video on the proposed project to get the facts. Click the button to watch the video



Coming Soon

Registration opens December 11

Under the direction of our new VP of Events Kathy Ruzic, here is a sneak peek of our 2025 Events Kickoff! Details are still being finalized, but mark your calendars and be ready to sign up on Wednesday, December 11th!

**Click Here
For More Information**

Questions? Contact Kathy at Events@hoatellcovillage.com

UT VOLLS BASKETBALL!

UT Basketball vs Florida U	Sat - Feb 1	12 pm	Food City Arena
UT Basketball vs Vandy	Sat - Feb 15	1 pm	Food City Arena
UT Women's Basketball vs UConn	Thurs - Feb 6	6:30 pm	Food City Arena

Bunco	Wed - Jan 22	2 - 4 pm	Yacht Club
SINGO	Wed - Jan 22	7 - 9 pm	Yacht Club
Benton's Ham Tour	Thurs - Jan 23	10 am	Vonore
911 Call Center Tour	Mon - Jan 27	10 am	Loudon
Cook 'n Craft Pizza Class	Wed - Jan 29	4:30 - 7:30	Loudon
Tennessee Theater Organ	Mon - Feb 3	2 - 4 pm	Yacht Club
Locks & Dams	Thurs - Feb 13	2 - 4 pm	Yacht Club
SINGO	Wed - Feb - 19	7 - 9 pm	Yacht Club
"Barefoot in the Park"	Sun - Feb 23	2 pm	Oak Ridge
Back Stage Tour	Mon - Feb 24	10:30 am	TN Theater
Bunco	Wed - Feb 26	2 - 4 pm	Yacht Club

Who says winter has to be boring!



Reader Rewards!

Read your newsletter closely and answer the questions below to win 5 raffle tickets for the 50/50 drawing at the JANUARY 2025 SOCIAL! The first one to email the correct answers wins!

1. How many incumbent HOA Board members will be returning in 2025?
2. HOW many gallons of wastewater will the proposed Wastewater Storage Tank hold?

Please email your answers to:

HOAcomms2024@gmail.com



Don't forget to renew your HOA membership for 2025 NOW! Fees increase on Jan 1st!

CLICK HERE



Join us for our next Monthly Social on

"December
A month of lights, snow,
coziness, and feasts.
Time to make amends and tie
up loose ends.
Finish what you started
and make your wishes come
true."

Tuesday,
January 14
5:00 pm
Yacht Club

Happy Holidays

