

Mew Beginnings

# Message from the HOA President January 2025

Happy New Year! I hope you had a festive holiday season filled with love and laughter with family and friends.

January is typically a time for New Beginnings, which is the theme of our Social this month. Please join me on January 14th to meet our new HOA Board Members, to thank those Board Members who have graciously dedicated another year of their volunteer time and efforts to the HOA, and to kick off the year with several fantastic events!

We are happy to have POA Project Manager, Scott MacRae, join us at our January Social for an update on the Tanasi rebuild project and the Tellico Action Plan. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to meet Scott and get the latest news on these important projects.

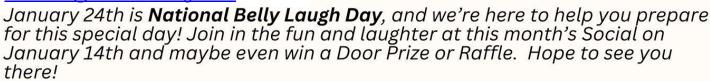
Scott is just one of many guest speakers we plan on including in this year's social calendar to keep members informed regarding important projects and initiatives that impact our community. Although this year's HOA Board has just begun the process of updating our Goals & Objectives, and prioritizing projects and initiatives for the year, the Board agrees that improving upon our Advocacy efforts is a top priority. Click below to learn more about what Advocacy means to the HOA and you.

https://www.hoatellicovillage.com/advocacy/

Key to the HOA's success are volunteers. To paraphrase Joe Bogardus' Tellico Village Welcome Orientation message, the culture of our community is its volunteers. While this year's HOA support team is almost complete, we are still in need of a few volunteers to fulfill key leadership positions to ensure the success of this year's goals & objectives. If you have experience and are interested in any of the following areas, we'd love to talk to you!

- Aesthetics & Environment Lead
- Information Technology / TellicoLife Lead
- Loudon Utilities Board Liaison
- Monroe County Commissioner Liaison
- Tennessee Area Service System (TASS) Liaison

For additional information, please email me at <a href="mailto:President@hoatellicovillage.com">President@hoatellicovillage.com</a>



Kind regards, Linda Garza





# Note from the HOA PAST PRESIDENT, Harry Rucker

2024 was a good year for our HOA and the service it provides Tellico Village. That was due to the many people that worked on all the projects, activities and events that the association provides. All told over 600 individuals worked the activities throughout the year and I thank each and every person, but I especially want to

thank our Board Members who served many hours both in the spotlight and behind the scenes keeping the Association running smoothly and keeping me out of trouble.

Several of the Board Members have signed up for another term. Nancy Mariani, HOA Secretary, Lavonne Mitchell, VP Programs, Kay Condon, VP Communications and Marketing, Roxanne Jackson, VP Social Planning, Bob Bilodeau, VP Technology and David Warmbold, Chair-at-Large are all returning. I thank them for their service and support in 2024 and in advance for all of their effort and support of the new President that they will provide in 2025.

I thank the Board Members that are leaving both for their service during 2024 and for the help they are providing our new board members as they learn their jobs and get their (sometimes one person) departments rolling in 2025. When you see Mark Flynn, Membership, Betty Fortune, Event Planning, Roberta Hopkins, Treasurer and Mike Robins, Advocacy please thank them for their efforts that made our HOA a success in 2024.

Finally, I want to give special thanks to Mark Pantley, HOA President in 2022 and 2023 and Past President in 2024. He was my sounding board, mentor and advisor during my term as President and I really could not have done it without him.

I thank every volunteer in Tellico Village. I encourage every Villager, that when they see a Board Member, past present or future, to shake their hand and say, "Thanks for your service." I can tell you that Tellico Village would not be the same without them.

Harry Rucker, Past President, Tellico Village Homeowners Association







#### 2025 Board of Directors

Linda Garza Lavonne Mitchell Teresa Reed Barb Burke Kay Condon Bob Bilodeau Roxanne Jackson Kathy Ruzic Nancy Mariani Cliff Jackson Harry Rucker

President **VP Programs** VP Advocacy VP Membership **VP Communications** VP Technology VP Social VP Event Planning Secretary Treasurer Past President

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Your Voice in the Village

#### HOA MISSION STATEMENT

Deliver value to Tellico Village homeowners through informative and engaging programs while promoting social fellowship, civic responsibility and providing a 'voice' for homeowner concerns.

The Tellico Village HOA is a SOCIAL AND ADVOCACY organization made up of residents who want to be engaged with friends and learn more about the community we live in.

#### **ARE YOUR FRIENDS HOA MEMBERS?**



Please remind your Tellico friends and neighbors they must be members of the HOA in order to attend HOA social events unless otherwise specified!

Members may still sign up their out-of-town visitors as guests, but Tellico Village residents <u>must be HOA</u> <u>members</u> to sign up for HOA events on Tellico Life.





#### PHOTOGRAPHY MAY BE IN PROGRESS AT OUR EVENTS!



Any and all media recorded may be used in our promotional materials, social media, and or website in perpetuity without remuneration.



### Roxanne Jackson, HOA VP of Social Planning, personally invites you to attend the next HOA Social!

Come join us on January 14th from 5:00 - 6:30 PM at the Yacht Club for fun and information!

"New beginnings" is the theme for the HOA January Social and we'll be focusing on what 2025 has in store for us. We are excited to host Scott MacRae, the new project manager overseeing the rebuilding of the new Tanasi Clubhouse, who will share a brief update and take a few questions from the audience. We will also be hosting a Belly Laugh Contest, so bring your sense of humor!

In addition to important community updates, the monthly socials include showcasing upcoming events and nice door prizes. Set your calendars for every second Tuesday and gather with your friends for fun and information!

*All Members and Non-Members are Welcome!* 

# **Community Liaison Reports**

Every month, more than 23 HOA-appointed liaisons attend Tellico Village and Local Agency public meetings in order to keep HOA members informed and in-the-know about issues and hot topics impacting Tellico Village, Loudon and Monroe counties, and local communities. The HOA's Monthly Newsletter endeavors in 2025 to highlight select reports each month as we continue to advocate for homeowner concerns. Here are some of our December 2024 reports!

#### Submitted by Doug Schetzel, Liaison to Committee of 100

On December 2 The Loudon County Commission awarded the Tellico Village Volunteer Fire (TVVFD) department a grant for \$51,525. The TVVFD will use the grant to purchase two Motorola Radio repeaters. One is in a suitcase and can be deployed anywhere, and the other will be mounted in one of the command vehicles. The repeaters are especially useful in our hill terrain to boost communications between firefighters on a scene and the dispatch center.

The Loudon County grant to the TVVFD is with funds provided to Loudon County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). ARPA was passed in 2021 to provide \$65.1 billion in Covid-19 relief to state and local governments. The Loudon County Commission also provided ARPA grants to the Philadelphia Fire Department, Our Place and Loudon Alive during their December meeting. ARPA regulations require local governments to return grant funding that remains unobligated as of the end of 2024. Thus no additional ARPA grants are anticipated.

#### Submitted by Linda Garza, Liaison to POA Board - Re: RESERVE FUNDING FEE

On December 11, the POA Board announced it intends to present a revised Reserve Funding Fee during the 2025 legislative session. As our community nears buildout and income from housing permits diminish, additional revenue, beyond monthly assessments, is necessary to sustain day to day operations and to maintain our existing amenities.

If you recall, this fee was proposed last year but failed to carry through to the 2024 legislative session. What's changed?

• Primarily, the fee itself. Originally, the fee was proposed to be ½ percent of the buyer's purchase price. The revised fee is a flat rate of \$5,000 regardless of purchase price.

• One additional exemption was added - There will be exemptions for current residents who buy another home in Tellico Village after 24 months of residence and property transfers to family members, into or out of a trust, to an heir, or a business entity in which the owner holds an ownership interest.

Keep in mind, this fee is not intended to be paid by the current Tellico Village resident. This fee is to be paid by the buyer of your home, when you leave our community.

The HOA encourages residents to attend the POA's January 9th Town Hall meeting to review this revised Reserve Funding Fee in greater detail and to provide your feedback prior to the Board's vote on January 15th.



Our HOA Litter Angels wrapped up When asked for a recap of the year. reported, "We collected a total of 629

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LITTER ANGELS 2024 on Saturday, December 28th. Litter Angels Chair, Annie LaCour, bags of trash plus tires and

construction debris in 2024. We have found money, tools, clothing, sunglasses, tire rims, and even a purse (which we handed over to the police department). We have collected as few as 31 bags and as many as 71 bags in our 2 hour clean up window. We have over 150 volunteers but typically have 20-30 come for the clean ups. We collect along 444 first then we branch out to side streets if we have extra people. I would estimate approximately 700+ man hours, as many of the volunteers do clean up independently of the scheduled Saturday clean ups that occur every 3-4 weeks. They also responded to an "emergency clean-up" I called because the trash was so bad. They are a very devoted group of volunteers!!"

In preparation for the year ahead, Annie indicated, "Our goal remains the same for 2025, keep our home looking beautiful! We meet every 3-4 weeks (we go to monthly during the hot summer months). Our next clean-up day is Saturday, January 18th, 8:30 am, Tugaloo Beach.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

There are TDOT and HOA paperwork requirements before someone can join Litter Angels.



# COMING EVENTS!

Registration for NEW EVENTS will open on Wednesday morning, January 15th! All others are currently available for registration.

Be sure to mark your calendar and plan ahead to sign up early, as seats are limited. Participating in these events is a great opportunity to learn, network, and engage with others who share your interests. Don't hesitate to contact the EC listed on the flyer if you have questions or need further assistance.

We look forward to seeing you and hope you have an enriching and enjoyable 2025!



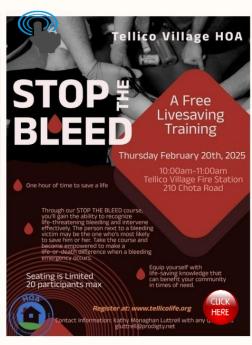
The red buttons on each flyer will link you to more information and online registration.



# TECH TALKS & CLASSES







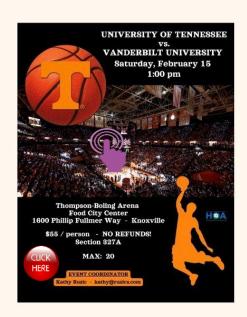
#### SPECIAL EVENTS







### GAMES & SPORTS







#### MONTHLY FAVORITES



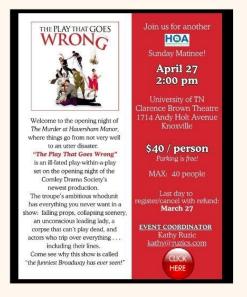




### THEATRE EVENTS







## MUSIC & CONCERTS









Who says winter has to be boring!



# Reader Rewards

Read this newsletter closely and answer the questions below to win \$5 worth of raffle tickets for the 50/50 drawing at the January Social -- The first one to email the correct answers wins!

- 1. How many bags of roadside debris did Litter Angels collect along Tellico Parkway in 2024?
- 2. What will the TVVFD purchase with their \$51,525 ARPA grant award?

**Email your answers to:** 

communications@HOAtellicovillage.com



Join us as the HOA of Tellico Village kicks off the New Year with new and familiar faces, an exciting line up of new events, interesting speakers, and fun activities for everyone.

Changes are coming, so don't miss this first installment!

January Social Tuesday, January 14 5:00 pm

Yacht Club Lower Level

featuring

Scott MacRae with updates on the Tanasi Rebuild Introduction of the 2025 HOA Board of Directors Preview of Coming Events Jokes and a Belly Laugh Contest!



