

HOA Goals for 2018

Be Engaged

Provide a variety of engaging social activities and programs for all HOA members

Be Informed

Provide timely, relevant information on topics affecting HOA members

Be Heard

Provide outlets to advocate that provide benefit to HOA members

President's Message

By Sue English-Kovar

Happy New Year everyone!

Be engaged – Be informed – Be heard

Welcome to 2018 and another great year to be a member of the HOA. Your HOA leadership team will be laser focused on keeping you engaged in the life of Tellico Village; informed with timely and relevant information on topics that affect us all and; heard through a variety of multi-media outlets.

These are the goals that the HOA will endeavor to meet by what it delivers to all of us this year.



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Be engaged Did you know that the HOA has representatives on every POA Committee and liaisons with Loudon and Monroe County governments and TDOT? True! This representation allows the HOA to be involved in the conversations that shape Tellico Village and beyond. HOA county liaisons provide continued Tellico Village presence at key government meetings and enhance TV's relationships with state and county leaders. In our Spring newsletter, for example, Dennis Stanczuk, our TDOT Committee Liaison, will update us on the SR444 resurfacing and completion of the 321 Bridge projects.

Of course, engaged means getting social too! Again this year, look for an even wider range of activities from our Social Activities Committee. Diane Delgouffre, VP of Social Activities, will give you a sample of the events the Social Committee has in store for us – See pages 3 and 4.

Be informed Ellen Fox, VP of Programs, will be delivering a lineup of compelling HOA General Meetings starting this month. The meetings will cover subjects like the ABC's of Turning 65, forums for POA and Local Government Candidates and East Tennessee history and lore to name a few. Ellen will fill you in on her plans on page 3.

Ken Litke, HOA Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, has some ambitious but achievable goals for the Neighborhood Watch program in 2018. Please see his article on page 3 and find out how easily they fit the way we live.

And, don't forget that information from the HOA is as close as your computer or smartphone through the HOA website and *TellicoLife*. *TellicoLife* continues to grow and provide access to the HOA and other organizations. See Marsha Herzog's update on page 2.

Last year, members of the HOA launched an initiative to create an independent community foundation as was reported in the Voice of the Village. The Tellico Community Foundation, an affiliate fund of the East Tennessee Foundation, became official in November and awarded its first grants in December. Jerry Fox reports on its grant making and fundraising plans for 2018 on page 4.

Be heard In 2018, the HOA will focus on clarifying its role and substance as an advocate for its membership. To that end, Annette Schmidt, HOA VP of Communications and Marketing, will be reaching out to you to help with that effort. She tells us more in her article on page 3.

Finally, my thanks to John Bordelon and the 2017 HOA Board for the phenomenal year they provided to the membership. On page 2, John shares his year-in-review with a report on the successes of 2017.

Thank you for your membership in HOA. As always, please feel free to offer suggestions and comments regarding issues, ideas, and concerns on matters that impact our quality of life here in Tellico Village.

HOA Welcome Orientations

By Susan Kimball

New residents, and even settled ones, are invited to attend the HOA Welcome Orientations. You will receive an informational packet and meet Villagers who head the Fire Department, TBart, recreational facilities such as the Wellness Center and the Recreation Center, the Tellico Village Library, Tellico Community Players, Tellico Village University, HOA, POA, and others. They will introduce you to the many opportunities and advantages of being a resident of Tellico Village. It will enhance your ability to access any information you will need to live in and love your new community.

The 2018 Orientations will be held at 6:30 pm at the Yacht Club on the following dates: January 31st, March 29th, May 31st, July 31st, October 11th and November 29th.

Please call Susan Kimball at (248) 534-0340 with any questions.

HOA 2018 Board

- President, Sue English-Kovar**
- VP of Programs, Ellen Fox**
- VP of Communications, Annette Schmidt**
- VP of the Social Committee, Diane Delgouffre**
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- Welcome Orientations, Susan Kimball**
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- New Villagers Liaison, Michael Althar**
- STAYinTV Liaison, Marty Hulett**
- Library Liaison, Nina Wise**



By Marsha Herzog, VP of Technology

2017 was a whirlwind for *TellicoLife* and the 45 volunteers across our 5 pilot clubs – without them it would not have happened! Thanks to the HOA leadership for its vision and startup funding.

It's hard to remember that the program launched in May – in partnership with the Computer Users Club, New Villagers, Neighborhood Watch, STAYinTV and HOA. We demonstrated that the concept has value to you, the active residents of Tellico Village, and these partner clubs. In September, we opened participation to other clubs and organizations in and around Tellico Village, and the response has been amazing!

We open 2018 with 17 clubs and organizations participating in *TellicoLife*. It's a diverse list – including small and large clubs (TV Hikers, TV Singers), area service organizations (ex. Good Samaritan of Loudon County and the NEW Tellico Community Foundation), Faith (St. Thomas Catholic Church), the Tellico Village Recreation Department and the Tellico Community Players. Visit our site – www.tellicolife.org and select the Home Pages Menu to view the growing list of participating club and organizations. Stop by our Calendar to view the events offered by these active organizations. Our #1 goal for 2018 is to continue growing the roster of participating clubs and organizations, making *TellicoLife* the place to be in Tellico Village. We hope you share our vision that there is a place for everyone on *TellicoLife*.

Go online now and join the HOA or renew your membership for 2018 – just \$10 per household!
JOIN/RENEW TODAY

The Year in Review.....

By John Bordelon, Past President

2017 was a great year for HOA. Our 'all volunteer' army presented an array of informative General Meetings coupled with a jam-packed social calendar. We attracted our largest ever membership that topped out at nearly 2000 households, about 3700 members. Our monthly socials filled the Yacht Club and parking lot to capacity. Interest in our social programs increased to the point that many events were expanded to two nights in order to satisfy demand. It seems that no event was 'too quirky' in bringing together friends and neighbors. In response, I would like to say thank you to all our members for their support and engagement in HOA activities this past year.

Initiatives Focused on Delivering Benefits to All Residents

At the start of 2017, we outlined several initiatives that were aimed at improving member services and addressing village wide needs. Here's a sampling of what was accomplished:

- *TellicoLife* was developed as a tool to facilitate membership management for clubs and organizations across Tellico Village. The New Villagers Club, Computer Users Club, HOA, and STAYinTV joined together to design and deliver a system to support membership enrollment, event tracking, and information sharing. By the end of 2017 *TellicoLife* expanded to include 17 organizations across the Village as well as regional organizations that rely on Village residents for delivery of services.
- The Tellico Community Foundation (TCF) was established as an affiliate fund of the East Tennessee Foundation. The TCF initiated operations in November with donor funding and a leadership team in hand. To demonstrate the Foundation's best intentions, it made grants to local charities and service organizations for the Christmas season. We look for big things to come out of this initiative. Tellico Village residents are second to none when it comes to giving.
- Village-wide surveys were conducted on social programs, aging in place and housing options. These surveys were particularly effective in telling us some of the concerns and wishes of you, the residents. We will use this information going forward to structure HOA's future programs and services.

Volunteers Run the Show

The final General Meeting in November was used to thank over 180 volunteers who made 2017 a great success. With the Village expanding at a record pace, we are seeing more interest, energy, and social activity. However, we need more volunteers to host and organize our programs for 2018. We hope you can help out!

2018 is in Great Hands

In closing, I would like say thank you to all of our members and to the large cast of volunteers that made this past year such a great success for the HOA. You elected a new Board, Committee Chairs, and Liaisons for 2018 and I am excited about the great ideas and plans in store for the coming year.

HOA Programs**By Ellen Fox, VP Programs****Programs and General Meetings targeted to keep you Informed**

We are excited to cover a wide range of topics in 2018, keeping you updated on what impacts us. We'll start with a program on Jan 25th covering the POA's state of the Village and other initiatives affecting the village. Our second general meeting will be on March 15, 2018 so please hold the date.

Ideas for 2018 programming include an update on the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee's projections on Tellico Village Growth, a real estate market update, aging in place, the ABC's of Turning 65 and East Tennessee history and lore.

Of course, we'll continue, in the Fall, to host the POA Candidates Forum and the HOA Volunteer Recognition night.

If you have any questions or ideas for general meeting topics, please send them my way at ellendfox@gmail.com.

HOA Communications**By Annette Schmidt, VP Communications**

Our Home Owners Association of Tellico Village is an organization focused on providing members throughout the year with multiple social engagement activities, informative meetings, as well as, opportunities for relevant issues to be heard. The overarching goals, as President Sue English-Kovar stated earlier, are for HOA members to: Be engaged – Be informed – Be heard.

My role as VP of Communications and Marketing will be to consistently bring clarity to the role of the HOA and ensure that we are meeting our goals and, most importantly, providing value to our members.

To accomplish my objectives, I will be conducting a membership survey to gauge such things as: Why do Villagers join the HOA? What expectations do you have as an HOA member? Is the HOA meeting your needs? As you can imagine, we want to be sure that our members are aware of what we do as your voice in the community. Please watch for the short survey that will be coming in January and provide your timely feedback. Your candid answers will enable us to improve and better clarify how the HOA functions on your behalf.

Neighborhood Watch**By Ken Litke, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator**

Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the country, bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer. I'm excited to become the latest caretaker of this important HOA initiative in Tellico Village. I want to thank Wayne Williamson for his expert stewardship of the Watch program for the past two years and his guidance during the transition hand-off.

My goals for the Neighborhood Watch program for the coming year are:

Continue to expand our excellent relationship with the two Sheriff's departments protecting our neighborhoods - Sheriff Tim Guider of Loudon County and Sheriff Tommy Jones of Monroe County.

Utilize the new and unique capabilities that are available through the *TellicoLife* website to bring crime prevention information to new and current homeowners in a timely/efficient manner.

Develop educational opportunities for homeowners to make their homes and neighborhoods safer.

The most important element of any neighborhood watch program is you and your neighbor watching out for one another! Both sheriff departments welcome your calls concerning any suspicious activity. Please feel free to contact me (klitke204@gmail.com) with any suggestions on how to improve the Neighborhood Watch program here in Tellico Village.

HOA SOCIAL PROGRAM AND CALENDAR**By Diane Delgouffre, VP-Social Committee**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! The beginning of the year is a great time to look back and review what went well and what didn't in the previous year. Your Social Activities Committee is doing just that! We had some awesome events that were big hits: Our Dining Outs were so popular we had to add a second night; the Southern Caribbean Cruise; Scavenger Scramble Hunt; Chili Cook-off; Trivia Night welcoming New Villagers; Zombie Paintball; Battles of Chattanooga & Knoxville; Tellico Lake Tour & Lunch; Keeneland Races & Horse Farm Tours; Bluegrass Underground and Beautiful, the Musical to name just a few.

We are dedicated to bringing exciting, informative, and entertaining events to Tellico Village HOA members! We are also open to ideas from you – our customers! If you have an idea for an event, please bring it to our attention – you can either be involved in planning it or we can take the idea and “run” with it to make it happen!

JANUARY 2018:

Trivia Night with New Villager Grads	1-4-18	Linda Klein (865-973-7233)
Dining Out – Chop House	1-15 & 1-22	Cricket Ohlmansiek (865-657-3082)
Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame Tour	1-16-18	Patti Mau (865-657-5095)
Dueling Pianos	1-19-18	Mary Kay Bogardus (865-657-9374)
Bush Bean Plant Tour & Lunch	1-22-18	Ken Litke (508-509-0895)
Alabama Story	1-31-18	Patti Mau (865-657-5095)

FEBRUARY 2018:

Panama Canal Cruise	2-5-18 thru 2-16-18	Lance & Marge Jensen (865-458-7337)
Dining Out – Soccer Taco	2-5 & 2-19	JoAnne Wiklund (865-657-9513)
Lady Vols Basketball Game & Brunch	2-11-18	Joyce Blevins (937-620-7267)
Williams & Sonoma Cooking Class	2-14-18	Dave Dinkgrave (513-315-1919)
Jewelry Television Tour & Lunch	2-22-18	Mickey Hostick (865-657-7204)
Ice Bears Hockey Game	2-23-18	Evelyn Dinkgrave (513-833-4525)
Bowling @ The Event	2-27-18	Mickey Hostick (865-657-7204)

MARCH 2018:

Harlem Globetrotters	3-4-18	Jackie Starnes (865-657-9231)
Dining Out – The Tap House	3-19-18	Bobbi Taylor (865-591-4436)
Trivia Night	3-5-18	Yvonne Jones (865-657-3234)
Floral Arranging Class	3-21-18	Mary Kay Bogardus (865-657-9374)
Wicked	3-29-18	Patti Mau (865-657-5095)

**Tellico Community Foundation Makes First Grants
By Jerry Fox**

Really surprised! That best describes Mike Kitchens reaction to the news that the new Tellico Community Foundation had selected the Smoky Mountain Service Dogs (SMSD) as one of the Foundation's first grant recipients. Mike is chairman of SMSD.

According to Kitchens, "Our group will use this award for a wide-range of canine care supplies to assist our trainers prepare these exceptional dogs to support our disabled war veterans. We were really surprised and honored to be one of the first groups selected by this new foundation."

The Foundation’s Advisory Board reviewed a series of diverse grant requests from organizations within Tellico Village and from organizations that serve communities in Loudon and Monroe counties. In addition to the Smoky Mountain Service Dogs, the Foundation issued grants to the Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department and the Tennessee Bluebird Society. All told, \$1,420 of funding was awarded to the three organizations.

The Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department will use the donated funds to help underwrite the educational materials for a new class of Emergency Medical Responders. The grant given to the Tennessee Bluebird Society will be used for nature area signage and to further the group's efforts to obtain Audubon Society certification for all three of the Village's golf courses.

"The Foundation’s Advisory Board was pleased to make these awards to these valued organizations," commented Joe Beyel, chair of the new foundation. "As the Foundation grows its funding in 2018, we expect to expand our gifting to other worthwhile programs and groups in the Village and surrounding area."

The goals of the Foundation are to enrich the lives of the greater community by evaluating and addressing community issues, connecting generosity to programs and projects, and nurturing a culture of charitable giving. The Foundation is affiliated with the East Tennessee Foundation, a collection of hundreds of individual charitable funds; affiliate funds and supporting foundations covering a 25-county region in East Tennessee.

Beyel asks Villagers, as they evaluate their charitable giving plans, to consider a donation to the TCF. Regardless of size, every gift can impact the lives of your friends and neighbors throughout Loudon and Monroe counties. Gifting options, including online giving and more information about the Tellico Community Foundation can be accessed at www.etf.org/Tellico and on *TellicoLife*.

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