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## HOA Cancellations - Large Meetings (March, April, & May)

Meeting	Date
HOA Open Village Meeting - Community Church of Tellico Village	Thur. Mar. 26th ***CANCELLED **
HOA Social & Monthly Meeting - lower level of Yacht Club	Tues. Apr. 14th *** CANCELLED ***
HOA Social & Monthly Meeting - lower level of Yacht Club	Thur. May 12th *** CANCELLED ***
HOA Open Village Meeting - Community Church of Tellico Village	Thur. May 21 *** CANCELLED ***

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## Social Event Cancellations

Out of an abundance of caution the HOA has cancelled all social events through June 30th. We will continue to monitor the situation and make revisions if needed. Because of the volume of cancellations many venues are experiencing, additional information regarding refunds and/or rescheduling options may not be available until closer to the date of the event. Our Event Coordinators are working diligently to keep you informed about any information we receive and will notify you as information becomes available.

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## President's Message

By Ken Litke



"May you live in interesting times" is an English expression which purports to be a translation of a traditional Chinese curse. While seemingly a blessing, the expression is normally used ironically. I think that you will all agree that we are living in the most interesting of times. Most of us thought we were retiring to a little 'slice of heaven' only now to be faced with looming issues such as coronavirus (COVID-19). What makes this issue scary is the lack of facts and conflicting information depending upon which expert you listen to.

While we depend on our public officials to adequately prepare our health care system to respond to this threat, it does make sense for each person to be aware and keep themselves updated to do what they can to prevent the spread of this and other illness such as the seasonal flu. To learn more about this and stay updated, here's a link to the [CDC coronavirus site](#). Also, Log on to the POA

website [tellicovillagepoa.org](http://tellicovillagepoa.org). Under the title "News" you will find a heading named Coronavirus (COVID-19) in it you will find all of the information POA has posted concerning this issue.

The HOA, out of an abundance of caution has cancelled HOA meetings and social events through the month of May and will monitor the situation at that time. We will provide information as it becomes available concerning cancelled events. We are finding that because of the volume of events being cancelled or rescheduled, many venues are working on a week by week basis on the status of their events.

I have a special message concerning the COVID-19 crisis that I would like you to view by clicking on the following link: [HOA President's COVID-19 Message](#)

Please take care of yourselves and stay safe!

Ken Litke, HOA President

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## COVID-19 Care Tips

In a recent Facebook post a doctor stated that the best way to avoid the COVID-19 is to act like you have it and you don't want to spread to others it instead of trying to avoid it. We have all heard the warnings and suggestions you should take to protect yourself, but they bear repeating. No one wants to admit it, but we are at an age when we are at risk from this virus.

- Wash your hands often with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Keep a 6-foot distance from people.
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces frequently.
- Stay at home way from others if you are sick (cold, flu, etc.).
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Do not attend events, go to the gym, dine out or go to work if you have cold or flu-like symptoms (elevated temperature, fever, cough, shortness of breath).
- **Most importantly, if you experience flu symptoms, shortness of breath or a serious infection or virus, please stay home and avoid exposing others.**
- **If you have traveled outside this area, you are advised to self-quarantine for 7 to 14 days.**
- **If you think you have contracted the virus, call your doctor or the nearest hospital for further instructions.**

The HOA is not an expert on medical issues. We urge you to keep up to date by referring to the [CDC website](#). Also follow the local news for updates and log on to the POA website at [tellicovillagepoa.org](http://tellicovillagepoa.org) for information that can be found in the News heading.

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## Advocacy



## By Mark Pantley

We seem to be living in very troubled times. The issues are numerous and seem to be overwhelming – Coronavirus, Asian Carp infestation, stock market gyrations, political divisiveness, on and on the list goes. So, this month I thought it would be useful to focus on something interesting and fun – fireflies!

While fireflies are common in eastern Tennessee, they are concentrated in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park around the Elkmont area. People from all over the world travel there to experience the annual mating ritual of these small creatures. To help minimize impact on the fireflies, the park

implemented a lottery system and shuttle service in 2015 to limit access to the Elkmont area. Only campers and lottery winners are allowed access during the peak firefly mating season. To find more information about fireflies and the lottery, please see my expanded article on the HOA website: [Advocacy](#)

While our ability to see each other at HOA Social gatherings is currently limited, please feel free to send me a note if you have any issues or concerns that I might be able to help with.

Thank you. I look forward to hearing from you.

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## The 2020 Census is Here! Stand Up and be Counted!

### It only Takes about 10 Minutes to Complete!

By now everyone should have received their 2020 Census invitation in the mail. The law requires all of us to complete and return the census questionnaire. The Census Bureau is encouraging you to fill out your questionnaire online, but there are other options.

Your invitation contains a Census ID. Keep this handy for any correspondence with the Census Bureau.

If you are completing your questionnaire online, type [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) into your computer. You will be asked to enter your Census ID, which is prominently located on the front of your invitation letter. When you have entered your ID, your address will be displayed and you will be asked to confirm that it is correct. After this you will be proceed to the Census questions. There are not a lot and they are not complicated. When you have completed your answers there will be a chance to review and make changes to your answers after which you will submit your form.

If you are not comfortable with completing the questionnaire online you can request to have a paper form mailed to you. To do this call 1-844-330-2020. Another option is to simply do nothing. You will receive a reminder postcard in early April, followed by a reminder letter and a paper questionnaire by mid-April. When you receive the paper questionnaire complete it with blue or black ink, no pencil, and return it in the envelope provided.

There is a third option. You can complete your questionnaire by phone. You can do this by calling 1-844-330-2020 between 7:00 AM and 2:00 AM Eastern Time. Having your Census ID number would be helpful.

The Census Bureau is not going to go away without getting you to complete your questionnaire. If you have not responded by the end of April, you will receive a final reminder and then a census interviewer will follow up at your home in person.

### Things you need to know to protect yourself.

#### If someone visits your home:

- Check to make sure that they have a valid ID Badge with their name, photograph, a U.S. Dept. of Commerce Watermark and an expiration date.
- If you still have questions about their identity call 1-844-330-2020.
- If you determine that the person who came to your door does not work for the Census Bureau, call the police

**The Census Bureau will never ask for:**

- Your full Social Security Number.
- Your Bank Account or Credit Card numbers
- Anything on behalf of a Political Party
- Money or a Donation

Your response will help gain an accurate count that is very important to the community because the results will affect community funding, congressional funding and more.

**Important Dates to Remember!**

<b>WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL</b>	
<b>On or between</b>	<b>You'll receive:</b>
<b>March 12-20</b>	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
<b>March 16-24</b>	A reminder letter.
	<b>If you haven't responded yet:</b>
<b>March 26-April 3</b>	A reminder postcard.
<b>April 8-16</b>	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
<b>April 20-27</b>	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

**Every Person Counts!**

Your response will help gain an accurate census for Tellico Village.

This is very important to our community because the results will affect the allocation of governmental funding for various federal, state and local services supporting our village, other legislative and community initiatives, and more.

**Like Voting, It's a Constitutional Right and Your Duty!**

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## **Liaison Reports**

**The Golf Advisory Committee** reports that under the leadership of Chris Sykes they are undertaking several new projects and initiatives to enhance the golf experience in the village. Among these initiatives is a new no cost App that provides course yardages and other local information. To download this go to Apps on your phone and search for YamaTrack. To keep up with changes and restrictions relating to golf other golf information go to [golftellicovillage.com](http://golftellicovillage.com) .

**Loudon & Monroe County Government Liaisons** report that both counties have authorized up to \$6.5M in bonds to be issued by TASS (Tellico Area Services System) to use for the upgrade of water lines extending primarily through Loudon County. TASS exists to provide water and wastewater services to its customers.

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