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## Your Voice in the Village

# President's Message

It's Spring! Almost summer! Yea! The warmer weather draws us all to come out of the caves we've been hibernating in all winter. Whether it's to hit the courts, the links, the lakes, or just dig in the garden, warmer weather and sunny skies encourages us to get busy.



Another aspect of Spring is Memorial Day on May 30, followed by Flag Day on June 14. While for many people it marks the unofficial start of summer, Memorial Day is also one of our most important national holidays – a day when we honor those who have died in our nation's wars. Here are a few interesting facts about Memorial Day:

1. Memorial Day is specifically dedicated to armed forces personnel who have died in action. There is also a day for Veterans (Veteran's Day) as well as Armed Forces Day, dedicated to those currently serving.

2. Memorial Day is basically the US equivalent of Remembrance Day (originally Armistice Day from WW1), observed on November 11 in the UK.

3. Some people wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war – a tradition that began with a WW1 poem ("In Flanders Fields").

4. On Memorial Day, the US Flag should be flown at half-mast from dawn until noon only. From noon to dusk it should be flown at four at full.

5. Memorial Day wasn't the first name for the holiday. It was first called Decoration Day because it was a day to decorate the graves of lost loved ones.

Our June HOA Social will be on June 14, which is Flag Day. It will be an important time to recognize veterans who live in the village. The VFW will be with us to demonstrate how to correctly fold a US Flag and we will be giving away a US Flag that has flown over the Capital. Smokey Mountain Service Dogs will also be with us to provide a demonstration of their training program. In addition, there will be music and prizes. Wear your red, white, and blue and come have a great time!

I want to thank everyone who took the time to vote in the recent May 3 primary. The next election date is August 4 when we'll be voting for State and Federal Primary candidates, plus the County General Election. Early voting will be July 15-30. Based on the many positive comments we received after the last round of Candidates Forums, the HOA Board has decided to hold another round of Candidate Forums in support of this next election cycle. We're currently working on the details and will let you know as soon as we can what the plan is.

Neighborhood Watch is holding a village-wide meeting at the Yacht Club on May 24, 5:30-7pm. Please plan to attend and learn about the recent changes to the NW program. Sheriff-elect Jimmy Davis will be attending and participating in the discussion.

If you are new to the village and have not yet attended the Tellico Village Welcome Orientation, please consider participating in the next event on June 7. To attend you must sign up on TellicoLife. You can find more information in the Event Calendar on TellicoLife.

Fantasy Casino Night is on June 5! Leave your money at home. We'll be using "funny money" to play blackjack, roulette, craps, and poker. Our professional dealers will be giving lessons for those who are new to this. Great music, prizes, and a buffet dinner (no dishes to do!). It will be a really fun time for everyone. Sign-up's close on May 26, so don't delay. Sign up on TellicoLife.

It's time to get out of your cave! Get out there and enjoy all that Tellico Village has to offer!

Mark Pantley, HOA President

You can find us at <u>www.hoatellicovillage.com</u> or simply use this QR code on your phone:

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING HOA EVENTS



NEIGHBORHOOD

WE LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER

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Registration is not required for our monthly Socials. However, seating is limited so don't be late!



Noticed new signs in your neighborhood?

The HomeOwners Association of Tellico Village (HOA) is launching the new & reenergized Neighborhood Watch Program this month.

Join us for an in-person presentation:

#### INTRODUCTION TO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Date: Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> Time: 5:30pm Where: Yacht Club lower level

All Tellico Village residents are encouraged to attend. Come find out how this program will benefit YOU and how you can help.

Guest Speaker - Newly Sheriff-elect Jimmy Davis Meet Your Neighborhood Watch Coordinators

Sign up for Neighborhood Watch information by sending your name, address, and neighborhood to: TELLICOVILLAGENW@GMAIL.COM



### Casino Night Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

\$25,000 FREE MONEY?!? Sign me up! Try your luck at poker, blackjack, roulette, and craps. Enjoy a buffet dinner with music with DJ Steve and take lessons from our professional dealers. Limited space available, so don't wait! Today's the day to sign up. Click <u>here</u>!

Join Us for a fun Evening of Wine Tasting! Tuesday, June 21 5:00 to 6:30 pm at Little Italy Cost: \$34.00 per person (Max 50, Minimum 25) Includes Delicious Snacks, 6 Wines to Taste, Described by a Professional Sommelier.

Click here to sign up.





#### HOA Hand & Foot and Dinner - Thursday, July 28, 4:30-8 pm

Tanasi Bar & Grill is providing us with the room and a special dinner menu to choose from. Attendees will order and pay independently for their meals and drinks. A minimum of 30 attendees is required for this event. For this to work we need everyone to purchase food and drink(s) at Tanasi Bar & Grill

Sign up today. Click here!

### It's raft off time! At a Cove near you!

Thursday, July  $14^{th}$  - 12:00PM – 3:00 PM EDT

<u>Passengers</u>: Sign up <u>here</u> and your boat captain will contact you in advance of the raft off with boarding information and additional details.

Captains: We need you! Captains and Mates are free. To become a captain, contact Keith Cole at 214-923-9208 or at keithcole385@gmail.com



Click <u>here</u> is to see all of our HOA sponsored events



We'd like to say THANK YOU to the individuals and companies that contributed towards our May Social gift giveaways:

- Gallaher's Spa MD at Tellico Village
- Cuttin Loose Salon
- LoCo Drive-In
- Better Times-CBD store
- The Cafe by LeeEllen-Loudon
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- Tellico Village Golf

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The HOA is a 100% volunteer run organization. Won't you consider becoming a member of our team? Here are the current open positions for your consideration:

- Assistant VP Technology
- Assistant VP **Communications &** Marketing
  - **Event Coordinators**
  - Webmaster

Speak to a member of our team for more information or attend our next Board meeting on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

It's never too late to renew your HOA membership. Click here to learn why and how.





# HOA ADVOCACY UDPATES



# Litter Angels

With the support of the community, Litter Angels got off to a fantastic start in April picking up over 1/2 TON of garbage in just one month. While we would all prefer not to need this group, our world is a much better place because of them. Please consider joining our team for our scheduled pickup on June 4th and 25<sup>th</sup>. To learn more, sign up for our HOA Litter Angels by clicking on this link:

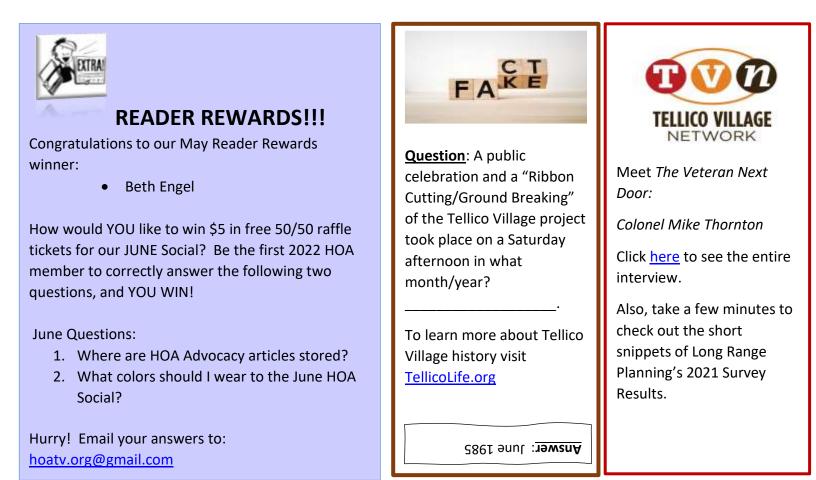
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# Meet HOA Advocacy VP, Harry Rucker

My name is Harry Rucker and I am your new "advocate." I relieved Mark Pantley as HOA's Vice President of Advocacy, and I hope that I can live up to the legacy he laid down as your first "advocate."

A little bit about myself. I spent 30 years in the Navy driving, maintaining, designing, and building warships. I'm a Naval Academy graduate and an engineer by trade. After the Navy, I spent 15 years designing and building Navy and Coast Guard ships for a private company in Mississippi. East Tennessee was always on my family's sight for a retirement location, and we absolutely love it here.

Learn more about Harry and his plans to support our community and organization by clicking here.



## **Community News**

#### **Friends of the Library**

The Board of the Friends of the Library are excited to announce the second Memorial Day Celebration Sing Along on May 30 at 3:00PM. This is a free event. There will be seating in the library courtyard but if you wish, please feel free to bring lawn chairs to sit out in the sun. We have quite the program– Tim and Leslie Heschler will lead the singing; Peggy Bastien will accompany on keyboard; "The Kahite Sweeties", an acapella quartet, will do a few numbers and there will be a recitation by one of our younger residents of the Village. There may be a few other surprises also, so don't miss this patriotic program.

The Tellico Top Notes are coming to the Library for a performance on June 25, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Seating will be in the Library Courtyard; tickets are \$15 for Friends and \$20 for others. Tickets are limited to 100 and go on sale June 1 on the Library website, <u>www.tvlibrary.org</u> and in person at the Library. The Tellico Top Notes is a 20 piece band that focuses on playing classic big band music from the 30s and 40s and some current tunes as well. They play music made famous by artists such as Henry Mancini, Glenn Miller and Duke Ellington. They are sure to dazzle us with their new musical program. Join us for an evening of good music.

#### **Friends of Vonore Public Library**

Click here to read this month's Behind the Stacks newsletter from the Friends of Vonore Public Library.

#### Adopt-A-Class TN

This year, the annual Summer Library Program at Vonore Public Library will resume and offer a wonderful array of activities. With the theme "Oceans of Possibilities," resource help from the state and a dedicated team of experienced and new volunteers, Adopta-Class is excited to take an active role.

The program will run every Wednesday morning in June from 10 am until noon, for a total of 5 sessions. Children will be divided into 3 age groups and rotate between story time, a craft, and an activity. The final half hour will be a group lunch.

Volunteers are needed to help. Please contact our volunteer coordinator Martha Jones at mjones49@gmail.com to register.

Thank you supporting the children of Vonore with this special enrichment.

Best wishes, Karen Hamerslag Director, Adopt-a-Class

### What's Going on with STAYinTV?

STAYinTV survived the COVID pandemic in good shape. Requests for assistance from our two largest programs (Home Maintenance and Rides) are back to pre-COVID levels and we have been able to provide all the requested services.



Our focus these days is on identifying and investigating possible new programs for the 40% of our population that is over 75 years old. While many of them are couples, there are also a lot of singles.

How can we better serve them, and what can we do to generate more social interaction among them? We recently partnered with the University of Tennessee Extension Service to conduct a "Needs Assessment" for the Loudon County portion of the Village. With their guidance, we developed a survey and distributed it to about 10 percent of the households in the Main Village. More than 20% of these forms were returned.

We are now "digesting" this data, and plan to blend it with data from the recent survey by the POA's Long Range Planning Committee to form the basis for some new programs. If you are interested in helping an ad hoc committee generate and research some ideas, please let us know. Either call (865-458-7084) and follow the prompts to leave a message or send a note to info@stayintv.org. To learn more about STAYinTV, visit our website at STAYinTV – Helping You Stay in Tellico Village.