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Your Voice in the Village

## November 2023 President's Message:

I tend to view fall as good news and bad news:

1. Love the fall colors, hate all the leaves that come with it.
2. The holidays are coming...yeah!
3. The holidays are coming...oh no – need to start shopping!

Regardless of your views on the upcoming months, HOA has lots of great events to help you get in the holiday spirit! Here are a few of them:

- Annual Holiday Gala is December 3 at the Yacht Club. There will be both live music and DJ Steve, which should be a lot of fun. The event is almost sold out, so don't wait to book your tickets!
- Holiday Hand and Foot & Carryin is on December 13 at the Chota Rec Center, 5-8pm. Why fight the store crowds when you can have some fun while winning a prize that you can regift!
- Holiday Cookie Exchange is on December 18, 11am-1:30pm at the Blue Heron (Yacht Club). Here's a chance to avoid store bought cookies and get the good stuff!

Our November Social is on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> at the Yacht Club. This event will be dedicated to recognizing and thanking our wonderful volunteers who run HOA. HOA is an all-volunteer organization and without them we would not exist! Please plan to attend and help us to thank everyone who has helped to make 2023 a success. Also, we will be holding a short HOA Business Meeting at the start to elect our 2024 HOA Board. Your vote is important! Here is the slate for 2024:

President	Open
VP of Programs	Lavonne Mitchell
VP of Advocacy	Mike Robins
VP of Membership	Mark Flynn
VP of Communication & Marketing	Kay Condon
VP of Technology	Bob Bilobeau
VP of Social Planning	Roxanne Jackson
VP of Event Planning	Betty Fortune
Secretary	Nancy Mariani
Treasurer	Roberta Hopkins
Past President	Mark Pantley
Chair at Large	David Warmbold
Neighborhood Watch	Sherry Le
Welcome Orientation	Judy Bell

As you see, we don't have a President identified at this point for next year. Normally the next

## President's message cont'd:

President comes from within the prior year's Board; however, this year we don't have anyone who is able/willing to stand for President. As a result, the Board is looking at other options – one of which is to find someone within the existing HOA membership who would be interested in filling this role. If you have an interest in filling the President's role in 2024, please contact one of the Nomination Committee members: Mark Pantley, Ken Litke, Lavonne Mitchell, or Joe Bogardus. You can find the job description on our web site: [Board of Directors – Tellico Village HomeOwners Association \(hoatelicovillage.com\)](http://hoatelicovillage.com)

Recently we experienced several events within our membership that resulted in the HOA Board producing a policy regarding Disciplinary Action. The policy was approved by the HOA Board at our September meeting and incorporated into our Policy Book. Here is the text:

### ***Disciplinary Action:***

*In the event that a member acts in an unacceptable manner towards HOA Board members, HOA volunteers, other HOA members, the HOA in general or venue staff, it is the prerogative of the HOA Board to discontinue the member's membership with the Tellico Village HOA.*

*Actions that may constitute unacceptable behavior include (but are not limited to):*

- 1) Verbal or non-verbal communication that is confrontational, aggressive, or deemed inappropriate.*
- 2) Cheating or other behavior deemed inappropriate during HOA events where games are in play.*
- 3) Inappropriate behavior in the form of language or interpersonal interaction when a complaint has been filed with the HOA.*
- 4) Stealing from the HOA in the form of monetary funds or materials/food items that the member removes above what is intended for each member.*

*If unacceptable behavior occurs, the circumstances will be documented by the applicable HOA VP and then submitted to the President for action. The President and the submitting VP will together determine the appropriate steps to take – e.g., verbal or written warning, request to the Board for termination of membership, etc.*

*If a person's membership is terminated, they will not be allowed to attend HOA functions or events going forward including as a guest of another member. The member may request reinstatement after a period of two (2) years. Reinstatement will be subject to HOA Board approval. If the member is reinstated, and has another occurrence, the member will be banned for life.*

Mark Pantley  
HOA President



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



## NOVEMBER SOCIAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 5:00 PM  
YACHT CLUB LOWER LEVEL

### Join Us

As we say thank you to the many hands that have dedicated their time and talents all year to create fun memories, facilitate friendships, and advocate for the members of the Tellico Village Homeowners Association.

CASH BAR

GAMES

50/50

PRIZES



## Christmas Cocktail Parties Friday - December 1 6 - 9:00 pm

AS PART OF THE HOA'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION, YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND ONE OF SEVERAL COCKTAIL PARTIES THAT WILL BE OCCURRING SIMULTANEOUSLY THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE.

Cost is \$15/pp to attend

Guests are requested to bring an appetizer

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP / CANCEL IS NOVEMBER 7

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A HOST, PLEASE CONTACT THE EC BELOW FOR INFORMATION!

Your ECs are Bobbi & Annette  
[thebobette14@gmail.com](mailto:thebobette14@gmail.com)  
[annette-sloan@att.net](mailto:annette-sloan@att.net)





## Hand & Foot and Carry-In

*'Day' Change*

**Wednesday - December 13**  
**5:00 - 8:00 pm**  
**Chot a Rec Center - Room A**

Please bring a small appetizer, snack, or dessert to share, as well as your own NON-ALCOHOLIC beverage of choice.

**HOA Placeholder - \$10**  
(\$\$ will be returned to you at the event)

Should have some experience playing Hand & Foot

For more information, please contact:  
**Jeanne Ruoff @jeannetvhoa@gmail.com**

Last day to cancel is Sunday, December 3rd  
Minimum players: 32    Maximum players: 40



## HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE

**Wednesday, December 18**  
**Blue Heron Restaurant -- 11:00-1:30**

- Each baker to bake 5 dozen cookies.
- NO STORE-BOUGHT COOKIES OR PRE-PACKAGED DOUGH!
- Cookies do not have to be "Christmas" cookies.
- Just have fun and make your favorite confection or something you want to try.
- Bring 1 dozen cookies on a plate for sampling. If possible, please cut cookies in smaller pieces for tasting.
- Bag the remaining 4 dozen cookies in baggies or boxes of 4 per container, for a total of 12 containers.
- Email the name of your cookie to [Morris.Patti@gmail.com](mailto:Morris.Patti@gmail.com) by MONDAY, DECEMBER 4th so that table signage can be made.
- Email your recipe to [Morris.Patti@gmail.com](mailto:Morris.Patti@gmail.com) to be included in a post-event shared recipe folder.

DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME TAG!

COOKIE BAKERS - \$5 PLACEHOLDER  
REGISTERED GUESTS - \$5 EA.

DONT FORGET TO BRING SOMETHING TO CARRY YOUR NEW COOKIES HOME IN!

MAX: 40

LAST DAY TO REGISTER/CANCEL: 12/4

EVENT COORDINATOR  
[PattiMorris - Morris.Patti@gmail.com](mailto:PattiMorris - Morris.Patti@gmail.com)



# 2023 POA CANDIDATE FORUM



On Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, the HOA hosted the 2023 POA Candidate Forum at the Tellico Village Community Church. Current POA Board Members, Pat White and Rick Blough, will complete their term at the end of 2023, making available two open Board positions. Applying for the open positions are:

- Mike Braddock - mbrad80@gmail.com
- Ed Grollemond -ed@grollemond.com
- Don Hart - dfhgolfer72@gmail.com
- George Luttrell - georgeluttrell@prodigy.net
- Mark Pantley - mark.pantley@gmail.com

The forum began with POA Chief Executive Officer, Chet Pillsbury, providing the candidates and audience an overview of what the position entails. That was followed by each candidate providing information about themselves and an explanation as to why they are seeking the position. Each candidate had the opportunity to respond to 3 HOA prepared questions, followed by a Q&A session with multiple questions from the audience. It was a very informative session.

If you were unable to attend this event, we encourage all residents to watch the recorded presentation on [Tellico Village Network - YouTube channel](#). Click [here](#) to learn more about each candidate.

The future of our community is in the hands of the residents that vote. The HOA does not endorse any specific candidate. However, we do encourage all residents to engage in the process of electing the Board Members who will be responsible for aiding in the planning and management our great community. Do your part and get out and VOTE.

For more information on the POA Board Member election process, go to: <https://www.tellicovillagepoa.org/board-election-information/>

*Pictured above from left to right: Mark Pantley, George Luttrell, Don Hart, Ed Grollemond and Mike Braddock. Back Row Chet Pillsbury, CEO and Lavonne Mitchell, HOA VP Programs.*

## ADVOCACY UPDATE

### ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE NEXT EMERGENCY?

Neighborhood Watch recently sponsored an event presentation in Kahite regarding Emergency Preparedness. Tellico Village resident, Kevin Haney, talked about why it is important to prepare for emergencies, having a family emergency plan, receiving alerts and warnings, evacuation routes and Emergency GO kits. These are all things residents of our community should be ready for in the event of a natural disaster, medical emergency, major power outage or other large event.



Tellico Village is a large community with a lot of residents who, when it happens, might all try to evacuate at the same time. Imagine what the traffic will be like on Hwy 444 if that were to occur?!! Do you know alternate routes getting to Hwy 444 in the event a tree is down, and you cannot get out of your neighborhood? Do you know other ways to exit Tellico Village besides getting to Hwy 321 or Hwy 72.

Do you know what you are going to grab in an emergency situation when you have to leave? Medications, documents, things that prepare you to be away from your home possibly for days at a time.

And where are you going? Know places you might go to or nearby family you can meet up at. What if your

[Read more...](#)

# HOA A&E – Landscaping in TN

## What plants should I avoid putting in my yard in Tellico Village?



## Aesthetics & Environment COMMITTEE

The first step on the path to a Tennessee Smart Yard is “Right Plant; Right Place.” You may be wondering what exactly is a “right plant” for your yard? A good place to start is to understand what are the “wrong” plants. You’ll gain 2 inches on your Smart yardstick if you remove or avoid invasive/exotic plants. “Exotic” plants are any plants that are not native to East Tennessee -- these often originated in the Far East and are native to places like China and Japan. “Invasive” plants are often non-native and tend to grow and spread with abandon. They can be difficult to control and contain to a specific area. The problem with

invasive/exotic plants is twofold: (1) they often don’t produce any or very minimal sustainable nutrition for our native wildlife; and (2) they can outgrow and choke out our native plants that *do* produce nutrition for wildlife. Here’s a short list of invasive/exotics we see already thriving in Tellico Village – these are definitely the “wrong” plants – each is highly invasive and together they are taking over our native landscape.

- Mahonia
- Japanese Honeysuckle
- Privet
- Mimosa

This information is brought to you by the HOA Aesthetics and Environment Committee of Tellico Village. We encourage you to learn more about the Tennessee Smart Yard program so the yard at your home can contribute to the natural beauty of Tellico Village. <https://tnyards.utk.edu/>

## ***Plant This Instead by Troy B. Marden***

Are you looking for ideas for plants for your yard? This book can be a good resource. The author combines native with non-native suggestions, shows you a photo, explains why it is better than another similar plant. Here is an

example: Instead of Leyland Cypress (Figure 1) for an evergreen that provides privacy and grows quickly, consider ‘Emerald Arborvitae’ or ‘Green Giant Arborvitae’ (Figure 2). If you would like to see the difference between the two, drive over to Toqua and view the huge Leyland Cypress alongside of the road before you reach the parking lot. Jon North, Toqua Superintendent, plans to remove them because they became too large and disease prone. Then view the ‘Green Giant’

Arborvitae planted behind the

Toqua Golf Course Hole #14 restrooms. Rita Koridek, Toqua Beautification Committee member, recommended these as a privacy screen for homeowners who live behind the restroom building. You can also view them from Walosi Way (look for back of restroom on the lakeside). We are hoping to make this book available in the library.



Figure 1 - Leyland Cypress



Figure 2 - Emerald Arborvitae



On October 14th our HOA Litter Angels collected 59 bags of trash, tires, and construction debris. The next clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Volunteers will meet at Tugaloo Beach at 8:30am for equipment and work assignments. To join and learn more about the HOA Litter Angels Next Door Group click [here](#).

## 2024 Membership Renewal



Online registration for 2024 membership opened on October 1, 2023, to all Tellico Village residents. For new members, registering early provides membership benefits effective the day of registration through December 31, 2024. Three households from the first 100 registrations will be picked to win a prize, so what are you waiting for? [Register](#) today!

Membership dues are still only \$15 per household and go towards numerous programs sponsored by the HOA. By the end of this year, the HOA will have:

- Hosted 3 Open Village Meetings (The State of Loudon County, The State of Monroe County and the POA Candidate Forum)
- Held 11 Monthly Socials with numerous guest speakers, door prizes and raffles
- Sponsored its first ever membership picnic, with plans for another one next year!
- Coordinated 120 events for members participation
- Sponsored and supported Litter Angels in the collection of nearly 1.65 Tons of garbage
- Worked with TDOT to add additional parking to the Halls Bend Trail Head, created a Milage Map of Hwy 444, and conducted multiple traffic studies that will ultimately result in safer roads in our community
- Sponsored 2 Neighborhood Watch community meetings with the support of Neighborhood Watch Coordinators from every neighborhood in the main Village & Kahite
- Communicated property owners' concerns on sensitive topics impacting homeowners to the POA, such as, the proposed Bowman Property sale, short term rentals, ACC Blue Book changes and more
- Spearheaded the creation of one "Tellico Village Welcome Orientation" co-sponsored by the HOA, POA & New Villagers with sponsorship tables from more than 200 club/organizations in our community

With the continued support of our members, we are making plans for another exciting and engaging year. We hope you will continue to support us through your annual membership.

## Community News & More

### THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!

It is with sincere gratitude that we thank the following businesses and individuals for their support of our September HOA Socials and events through their kind gifts and donations:

- Lorrie Lewis Detailing Service
- Gallaher's Spa
- Tellico Village Community Players
- AWE





# LOBBING FOR THE LIBRARY Championship



NOVEMBER 10 - 12  
Weather make-up Nov. 13

WOMEN'S DOUBLES	ROUND ROBIN
MEN'S DOUBLES	FORMAT
MIXED DOUBLES	SKILL LEVELS
NO AGE GROUPS	2.5 3.0
	3.5 4.0

# WINE, CHEESE, & CHOCOLATE Party & Silent Auction



\$25  
PP

EVERYONE  
is welcome here!

NOVEMBER 13  
6:30 - 9pm  
at the library

Tickets are available at the library  
or through [tvlibrary.org/fotvl-events](http://tvlibrary.org/fotvl-events)



SCAN TO REGISTER  
FOR TOURNAMENT

**BE A CHAMPION FOR THE LIBRARY!**  
100% of the net proceeds to benefit  
the Tellico Village Library!

Registration opens September 18  
Registration closes November 7  
More info at [tvpsc-gameon.org](http://tvpsc-gameon.org)

## TOWN HALL MEETING



THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 26TH  
4:00 P.M. - 5:45 P.M.  
Tellico Village Yacht Club



Join us as Tellico Village CEO, Chet Pillsbury, highlights topics impacting property owners. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers. The meeting will be livestreamed and recorded for future viewing.



## IS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT FAKE OR A FACT?

It takes an average of 9.6 hours for a host to prepare a full Thanksgiving meal. How much time is spent eating that meal?  
16 minutes.

Answer: This is a Fact! Learn about more interesting Thanksgiving facts using the link provided below.

More interesting Thanksgiving facts [here](#).

## READER REWARDS!!!

Congratulations to our October Reader Rewards winner:

**Diane Arguelles**

Will you be our next Reader Rewards winner? Be the first HOA member to answer this month's questions and win \$5 in free 50/50 raffle tickets for our November Social?

November Questions:

1. Name the five candidates running for office on the POA Board of Directors.
2. When will voting close for the POA Board election?

Hurry! Email your answers to:

[hoatv.org@gmail.com](mailto:hoatv.org@gmail.com)



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