



Goodbye 2020:  
You will Not be Missed!



FROM THIS PERCH  
by Steve Burgoon, TLIA President



Well folks, another year has come to an end. For most of us, this has been the most challenging year in our lifetimes. Yet, through it all, the Tower Lakes Improvement Association is in great shape. Despite the new virtual world we live in, we were able to conduct in-person meetings for our Annual Meeting in January and then the February and March meetings were also in-person. The balance of the year all the meetings have been virtual, conducted by our Communications team, who did a great job managing all the attendees. We have conducted our business activities as usual. Unfortunately, despite best efforts of the committees, we have had to cut back on many of our adult and youth activities. We hope all of that changes at least in the second half of 2021.

Please join us at the (Virtual) 2021 TLIA Annual Meeting on January 17 at 3 PM. Here is a brief summary by committee of 2020 activities:

**Beach** – Operated the beach from start to finish, adding tag checkers to eliminate trespassers; and replaced 20-year-old piers for improved safety.

**Events** – Conducted a successful but socially distanced, Independence Day weekend, virtual variety show, and recruited a new team to begin planning for the future.

**Finance** – Made an accommodation to members for delayed dues payments caused by the pandemic, collected dues from all but three members, and paid all bills in a timely manner.

**Grounds** – Although not possible in the Spring, deployed a successful Fall cleanup with many smaller projects tackled. Replaced walking path from the East Boat Landing to the beach and added pathway at the South East Boat landing through Kelsey Woods to Kelsey Road.

**Grounds Beautification** – Kept all areas beautified throughout the year, major trimming on Rest Island, and added fun virtual activities in the Fall.

**Lake** – Successfully managed lake aquatic plants and algae growth on both lakes and added much – needed erosion control around Play Island, at the east side boat landing and at the Southeast end of the Main Lake. Erosion control funded by the lake special assessment program.

**Tennis** – Reinvigorated the program activity with new committee members, multiple events and maintained the courts.

**Youth** – While many events had to be limited in scope, through creativity, held numerous virtual activities through the year.

As planned and communicated two years ago, we have protected our money, our people, and our properties. All is well. Y'all know what to do to get us to the other side. Please keep yourself, your family, and our community safe during this pandemic.

**Happy New Year to you and your family.**

See you around the Neighborhood



**\*See page 2 for more from the President on TLIA property damage and the VIRTUAL TLIA Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 17**

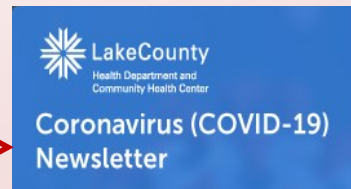


**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: PLEASE KNOW THAT DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS ANY TLIA SPONSORED ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

CONTINUE TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND [WWW.TLIA.ORG](http://WWW.TLIA.ORG) FOR UPDATES.

**READ THE LATEST INFO FROM LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.**

THEN CLICK ON THE **LAKE COUNTY ALLVAXX PORTAL TO REGISTER FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINE**



## Destruction to TLIA Property: A Note from the TLIA Board

Within the last 48 hours, someone or some group of people picked up portions of our recent shoreline restoration project and **threw them into the main lake** from the Rest Island Bridge and the Play Island Bridge. These rocks/small boulders are easily 20 to 50 pounds in weight and, unfortunately they are now sitting lodged in the ice. They cannot be recovered at this time and will sink into the silt bottom.

**This fall TLIA spent over \$50,000** of the Lake Special Assessment to fortify the eroding shoreline in three areas around the lake. **TLIA will file a police report** and will press charges of trespassing and property destruction, as applicable. This



IS NOT like tossing a couple of pebbles in the water; **this is an act of destruction** to a seawall meant to protect our property-YOUR property. We ask that anyone who has any information with regards to this property destruction please contact:

- Steve Burgoon, TLIA president
- Mike Megleo, TLIA Grounds chairman or
- Mitch Coulter, TLIA Lake chairman.

In addition, please discuss this issue with your children and advise them NOT to do this and/or ascertain if they have any information about this crime.

Thank You on behalf of the Board,

Steve Burgoon, TLIA President



**Mark Your  
Calendar**

### The TLIA VIRTUAL Annual Meeting

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m.**

**Watch your email for info on how to obtain a link for access to the meeting\***

**\*IF you prefer to PHONE IN** to the meeting, contact Mary Kay Bolger 847.526.2295 no later than Monday, January 11.

*As with many other activities during this Pandemic, we must modify our Annual TLIA Meeting and election. Unlike recent years when we would venture to the American Legion Hall in Wauconda, we will conduct **this year's Annual Meeting will be held virtually —via Zoom— on Sunday, January 17 at 3 PM.** Please, plan to attend, when we will present a brief review of 2020 activities, detail a plan for 2021, hold Board elections and share a presentation of the 2021 budget. By now, you should have received by mail the official 2021 ballot and 2021 budget.*

*Voting will also modify slightly. As we will not have an election "location" to bring your ballot in person and attend the meeting, you will have two options to deliver your proxy ballot to the Nominations Committee. Effectively all ballots this year are proxies. Ballots will be registered with the election tellers and recording secretary on the roll of eligible members provided by the financial secretary and finalized just prior to the meeting. **Via a By-Laws amendment in 2019, we are now able to use all proxy votes to meet our quorum of 10% of the households (37 households).** Therefore, as long as we get 37 proxies we can conduct an official meeting.*

- ◆ **You may mail your proxy ballot** to the TLIA post office box address on the ballot, OR,
- ◆ **You may deliver your ballot by hand** and place in a "ballot box" at the home of  
May Beth Adams, Nominations Chairperson, at 277 West Lake Shore Drive.
- ◆ **All proxy ballots must be received by Saturday, January 16.**

*Just like the 2020 US national elections, please exercise your right to participate in the 2021 TLIA Annual Meeting and elections. **Please VOTE and attend the meeting!***

APPROVED NOVEMBER 2020



MEETING MINUTES

**Call to Order**

Steve Burgoon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approve Meeting Minutes for October: Motion to approve: Mary Magro Second: Mark Handley Ayes: 9 Nays: 0  
Steve Burgoon

**President's Report**

Review the Committee reports in reverse order beginning with Youth, and in addition:

Finance

Nominations and Election process and communication

Annual Meeting plan

- a. January 17, 2021 TLIA Annual Meeting Logistics (Melissa Covek)
- b. Meeting format and location
- c. Safety precautions
- d. Administrator for Zoom meeting

**Committee Reports****I. Financial Committee Report**

Tom Kuna and Melissa Covek

- a. Expenses:
  - i. Copies of the October 2020 Financials comparing budget to actuals for income and expenses are attached for your review. The month of October reported a loss in Net Operating Income before interest of \$6400, largely due to heavy expenses in grounds general, grounds maintenance, and grounds beautification. Grounds general and grounds maintenance are slightly over-budget for the year.
  - ii. Most income and expense categories are under budget through October YTD. Total income of \$226,728 through October YTD is 90% of the budgeted income for the year. Total expenses of \$146,931 through October YTD is 68.5% of the budgeted expenses for the year. As a result, Net Operating Income before interest of \$79,797 through October YTD is ahead of the budgeted Net Operating Income before interest for the year of \$37,940.
  - iii. Cash Balances for the three TLIA accounts have been reconciled and are attached.
- b. Revenue:
  - i. 5 remaining delinquent properties totaling over \$4,500
  - ii. Plan to publish delinquent properties in December news letter
  - iii. Donation from Island Wedding and Rain garden checks deposited into the Capital Account
  - iv. Youth profits from food trucks deposited in October

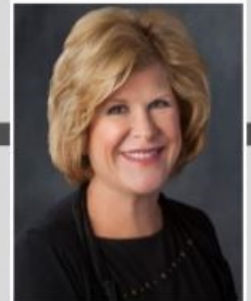
**Beach - No Report**

Mary Magro

**Communications**

Mary Kay Bolger

- a. Jan Bahr published and sent out the TLIA monthly newsletter electronically and Rob Dunbar posted it on the website around 10/01/20; MK Bolger printed out 7 copies and dropped them off at some homes that do not have access to computers. If anyone requests copies of them, we are asking that they contact MK Bolger directly for a hard copy of the newsletter

**To read the entire November minutes see CLICK at top of page.***Your Tower Lakes  
Home Town Agent***Serving the Tower Lakes  
Area since 1993!**TLIA Youth Committee receives a \$250 donation  
for every home I sell in Tower Lakes**Cathy Schmidt**

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In 2020, we welcomed some wonderful new families to Tower Lakes, and we round the year off with 2 more.

**Rodrigo and Ana Teixeira**  
**106 South Hills Drive**

Rodrigo and Ana Teixeira moved to South Hills from Naperville. They are originally from Brazil. Ana is with Louis Dreyfus, a global agricultural merchant and processor. Rodrigo works for Mitsubishi Heavy Industries in Itasca. The Teixeira's nine-year-old daughter, Alice, loves to read, ice skate, play soccer and do gymnastics. Pedro, 5, enjoys hockey, soccer and Jiu jitsu. BEM-VINDO!



**Brandon and Jenny Powal**  
**25147 Edward Lane**

The Powal Family was looking for a home on the lake, and their new home has one of the best views in town! They moved here recently from Lake Zurich, but have spent time in North Dakota, on a farm in Ohio, Wisconsin and even Amsterdam. They love an adventure! The Powals are settling in Tower Lakes with sons Zach, 4, and Xander, 1. Brandon is home with the two boys while restoring the home. Jenny is the director of marketing for an office supply company in Lincolnshire. The Powals love the outdoors and are looking forward to meeting their neighbors and joining in our wonderful community's activities.



**TROT YOUR OWN TURKEY 2020: WINNERS AND SHOUT OUTS**

Thank you to all the hardy participants of the 2020 Thanksgiving Trot Your Own Turkey event who chose Community over cold weather!

**Congratulations to the speedy winners!**

- Yeah for the Girls 12 & Under champ: Anna Janitz (39:42)
- For Boys 12 & Under: Anthony Ermilio took the title (29:52), with Evan Janitz in second (41:37)
- In the Men 18-49 category: Stuart Todd Middleditch (18:14), Chris Ciupke (25:32) and Carl Lenling (25:32)
- For Women 50+: Chris Burgoon (30:00)
- Across the finish line for Men 50+: Jeff Paczynski (27:10)

**Thank you also to the organizers, who are much appreciated.**

The Youth Committee gives a special shout out to Cathy Schmidt, Sherry Van Ochten and Bob Van Ochten who have made generous donations! We are looking forward to putting those funds towards fun activities once we can get the kiddos together again!

With temperatures fluctuating both down and up as the year draws to a close, North Laker Don Sidlowski, a Trained Spotter for the National Weather Service Chicago Office, shares with us a little ice safety info, compliments of the NWS. We want our Members and their families to enjoy our lakes all seasons of the year – including winter – and children and adults have already been spotted walking and ice skating on both our lakes. Just remember it doesn't matter how many adults may be on shore watching youth, or, out skating themselves, should you go through the ice, the weight of saturated skates or clothes alone will pull you right to the bottom. Just a friendly reminder to [check ice thickness](#) with a spud bar before venturing too far out. It's not safe to skate or walk across ice until it's 4-5" thick. Let's put safety first on our Tower Lakes!

# SAFETY ON ICE

Ice is never 100% safe. If you don't know, don't go!

**DANGER THIN ICE**

Minimum ice thickness guidelines for new clear ice only

- It takes a minimum of 4 inches of ice to support a person!
- Cycles of thawing and refreezing will make areas of ice appear safe when in reality the ice is still quite thin!

<2"

STAY OFF!!!

4"

Supports ice fishing and walking

5"

Supports small groups ice skating

6"

Supports snow mobile ATV

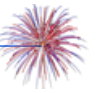
9"

Supports cars

12"

Supports medium size trucks

Stay away from any cracks and melting ice.



## Variety Show Virtually Rocks Tower Lakes!

*submitted by Mary Beth Adams*

How does Tower Lakes bring people together for an enjoyable evening watching friends and neighbors rock their talents in a socially distanced way? You have a creative genius like Jeff Kernohan, head of the Events Committee, lead the way, finding the talent that abounds in our community. He recruited the folks and then worked with them to record themselves for this hour-long show that we all enjoyed. Who knew we had so many stars in Tower Lakes?

If you haven't had the joy of watching the show, this is what you missed:

- Self-taught guitarist/singer Annika Riepe performing Beatles and Guns'N'Roses classics
- "Comedy" skit and news from Steve Burgoon and Bob Nash
- Barb Wachholz singing inspirational songs from Stevie Wonder and Burt Bacharach
- Local restaurant reviews
- Cocktail segments from Don Sidlowski and Jeff Kernohan



WATCH for a January episode including Tower Lakes-owned restaurant segments, American Sign Language songs from Tower Lakes kids and a lot more!

CLICK on the EVENTS LOGO to reach out to the Events committee if you would like to participate.



## YOU, TOO, CAN SWIM IN OUR LAKE ...(AND BOAT AND FISH)

**TLIA Member Services**

is pleased to re-announce that member tags and boat decals can now be ordered online right here: **Just CLICK below...**

**...AND** fill in the form to the best of your ability and we'll handle all the sorting, packaging, sleeving, stapling, folding, gluing and mailing sometime after April 1, 2021.

To help our Member Services staff to better understand the fulfillment process, we created this helpful poster and put it on our office wall so everyone would know how to accurately process applicants:

Everyone has found this to be more than helpful. So, do NOT call our 1-800 number to get your stuff.... just fill in the form (**CLICK HERE**) and we'll get everyone working on your request "really quicker" than quickly.





# 2020 DUES

TLIA Board

The TLIA closes the 2020 calendar year with a total of \$3460 outstanding (\$300 of remains from 2019). There are four properties currently not in compliance with their payment obligations of dues/SA/late fees:

-807 Roberts Rd. - 520 Marion Court - 411 Roslyn Place -137 South Hills Dr.

The owners of these properties are in violation of TLIA By-Laws and are considered members Not in Good Standing by the Association. While their dues remain unpaid, they are not eligible to vote in TLIA elections, attend the annual meeting, participate in TLIA events, or access TLIA community properties.

**2021 TLIA Dues invoices will be emailed the first week of 2021.** According to the By-Laws, remittances are due to the TLIA no later than April 1. Monies paid after that time are subject to a late fee.



Fran Steffen

Chris Miles

Dave Parro

Many thanks to our TL photographers for capturing the beauty of the Season in this place we call home!

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Amy Magro

Marlies Hansen

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