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UPDATE

July 4th - A Wonderful Time to be in Tower Lakes *Lasting Impressions...*

Another July 4th holiday celebration has come and gone. As we pack up the red, white and blue decorations and get ready for back-to-school shopping, we have much for which to be thankful. We live in a great community that knows how to celebrate. The annual July 4th festivities are our coming out party. It kicked off this year with Magoo, a Grateful Dead-themed band at the Adult Social. The music continued throughout the weekend with favorite duo Jasper Acoustic (aka Judson Brown) and local musicians Leadfoot and Pat McKillen, not to be outdone by our own Tower Lakes Jam Band who competed in "Tower Lakes Got Talent." We have a wealth of talent in the neighborhood, so we didn't have to venture too far to get music for our big weekend," said Bob Nash, Social Committee member in charge of musical acts.

A big attraction this year was the gorgeous weather. It was cold and rainy right before and after, but the warm, sunny weather shined on us all weekend. Other highlights during the weekend included the Fishing Derby, Homerun Derby, Basketball Shootout and Pony Rides. The Youth Committee resurrected an old favorite: Swim Races. "It was great to see families cheer on kids, parents and grandparents! Relays, watermelon race and the biggest highlight was the kids vs. lifeguard race. Youth Committee will be sure to host the event again next year!" said Courtney Young, member of the Youth Committee. The Parade, Tennis Tournament and Volleyball Competition rounded out the weekend.

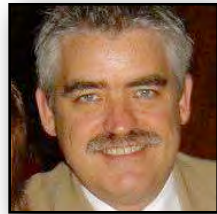
"The Social Committee did an excellent job with the limited number of members this year. I'm so very proud of them and all the community volunteers that stepped up to help make this year's celebration seamless," said TLIA President Randy Young. "As the new structure gets into place this month, I would ask residents to take on a whole or a portion of an upcoming social event so we can continue to enjoy each other, our assets, and community. I'd like to live our theme: Tower Lakes Proud and make our community an even better place to call home.

See related stories on page 4.

TLIA SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Photos by: Steve Barten. See more photos on our website: TLIA.org



NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA

This month I want to cover a few catch-up notes and well deserved mentions...

We just finished another wonderful July holiday. Great times, good food, wonderful people united in a community spirit unmatched anywhere! Please remember to thank and congratulate the members of the Events Committee who produced it for all of us. Yes, I said Events Committee because that is what it is now as they move into the new year and new format of the committee. The managers of the new committee are Fran & Rick Steffen and Kristi & Bob Nash. They will gather a wide range of event volunteers who have committed to run specific events throughout the year. It is a totally new concept of the old Social Committee. Join in the fun, be a part of the New Events Committee... See the email list in the newsletter and drop them a line!

One final time, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation of the TLIA Board for those members who contributed their time and talents over the past two years on the Board. Past President, Andy Hay, Rich Bahr, Alan Merkel, and Chris Wade. It was an honor to serve with you and we look forward to your continued participation in all our community does.

We have recently had a rash of scattered information throughout the community about several topics associated with TLIA. Please, please take only the information you receive from TLIA through our official communications outreach as the facts of our situation. We strive each month to publish a complete and accurate newsletter. Our emails are specific to events and current news for everyone. Your Board speaks with one voice and one message through our outreach so that all can benefit from our efforts at transparency in all areas of TLIA.

As we move toward the end of summer, look for news on the annual meeting coming this fall. We will have several decisions to consider and vote on. Please be informed and prepared.

Finally, we recently received reports of kids playing on and around the dam. Parents inform your kids of the dangers of that activity. It is posted as a "[No Trespassing](#)" zone and we will enforce those rules. It is a matter of safety! Please stay away from the dam, especially as the lake has remained at a high water/high flow state all season.



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Minutes as Approved TLIA BOARD MEETING June 9, 2015

7 PM Tower Lakes Village Hall

Board Members Attending:

Randy Young, Jack Johnson, Linda Kuna, Judd Lautenschlager, Mike Mitchell, Kathy Pattengale, and John Yancey

Apologies: Mary Magro, Andrew Young

Committee Representation: Rick Steffen – Social - Cass Young – Communications - Kathy Covek & Victor Mannina – Tennis Committee - Pat Covek – Grounds Beautification & Tennis

Guests: Jennifer Gray

Call to Order:

Randy Young

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Opening remarks

Randy Young

Randy opened the meeting noting that it was a very full agenda. The board has a full slate of topics tonight and several items to review prior the July activities. Not wanting to hold anything up he started the meeting calling for a review of the May minutes.

Approval of Minutes

Floor

The minutes were approved as written.

Motion to approve: Judd Lautenschlager - Second: Mike Mitchell
Vote to approve.

Financial Secretary's Report

Linda Kuna

TLIA Financial Secretary's Report – June 16, 2015 Meeting

	May Receipts	Year to Date
	\$7,960.00	\$208,308.14
2015 Regular Dues	\$2,950.00	\$80,659.00
2015 Senior Dues	360.00	38,465.00
2015 Lake	1,975.00	70,475.00
Past Dues	1,050.00	11,835.00
Past Lake	250.00	4,437.56
Vacant Lot	225.00	675.00
RFPP	850.00	850.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	911.58
TOTAL	\$11,825.00	\$208,308.14

Receipts for TLIA dues are coming in very slowly. Certified letters went out to five households that are in arrears for 2013 and 2014 and have not responded to requests to set up a payment plan. Outstanding dues on these five accounts total \$5,300. In addition, we will be sending out a request for payment marked "past due" to all households who have not paid their 2015 dues in full right after the Fourth of July.

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Next Meeting:

TLIA BOARD

August 10, 2015

All recent meeting minutes are archived on the [TLIA.org](#) website.

TLIA Board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the TL Village Hall.

Getting to Know Your Neighbor- (and Village President) Dave Parro

Contributed by Kathy and Steve Pattengale

“Best decision ever” is the way Dave Parro describes moving to Tower Lakes with his family in 1989 after eight years next door in LBS. Dave and his wife Marilyn were looking for a house with a yard and a water view. After looking in a 50-mile radius, they realized they were sold on Tower Lakes.

Dave and Marilyn are empty nesters, married 28 years, with two daughters. Katy, 24, is an NIU graduate planning to go back to school full time in the fall to get her masters degree. Christie, 22, is a senior at DePaul.

Dave grew up in Champaign and got his BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Illinois. His first job after graduation was developing technology for the oil refining industry at the world leader in the field, UOP. He got to live in every corner of the world in the 70's and 80's, commissioning new refineries. Dave considered it a dream job, so he never left. He just celebrated his 40th anniversary at the company.



[Click here to read the entire article.](#)

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Dave's Goals as Village President of Tower Lakes

- Maintain/ lift our property values. This means maintaining a smart balance between spending & taxing, which will be tougher than ever with the State raiding our share of income & gasoline tax.
- Finishing the water system upgrades as recommended by past engineering studies. Get the iron out and replace the last of the failing undersized lines.
- Implementing the 2010 Comprehensive Plan, most importantly protecting our natural Environment and keeping our status quo as Best Suburb to Raise a Family (see Niche.com 2015 where we are #3 in IL and #19 in the USA).
- Modernizing our records. This is an ongoing process but important to my successors and me.
- Cooperate with our Homeowner Associations, neighbor Villages and Townships to save costs and enforce planning. Good examples are the new Watershed Plan, various current & future Intergovernmental Agreements and the Groundwater study work.
- Continue road resurfacing on a sustainable pace.

The new Garbage contract touches several of these priorities: cost reduction/ smart spending, environment/ recycling, road wear & tear, working with other orgs.

On Dave's long term wish list is another safety/ quality of life goal: 24/7 police coverage, but he doesn't expect we will achieve that in the near term.

If you have an idea for something the Village government should do (or not do) Dave would truly love to hear about it. Please email him at dparro@towerlakes-il.gov.

Also keep an eye on the new Village website towerlakes-il.gov as it gets updated, improved and merged in the data from the old site.

New Waste Disposal Coming in Fall

Prairieland Disposal is new contractor

Contributed by: Joe Skurla

Batting clean-up during our 4th of July Parade this year was a jaunty garbage cart followed by her big brother trash truck brought to you by our brand new trash and recycle provider, Prairieland Disposal. Our current contract with Waste Management will end at the end of August with the last pick-up by Waste Management being August 25. While we have been well served by Waste Management the past 10 years, Prairieland provides a broader offering at a better value for Tower Lakes.

Prairieland Disposal and Recycling is an environmentally conscious, family-owned and operated waste collection and recycling firm that services the greater Lake, McHenry and Cook Counties. They take waste reduction seriously and recycling is a strategic part of their business. The truck you all saw in the parade is a state-of-the-art “ONE-PASS” collection truck which collects both garbage and recycling at the same time. This will decrease the amount of fuel and energy used, as well as reduce traffic and emissions on roadways and neighborhoods. This truck is also lighter than other rear load or front load refuse trucks resulting in less wear tear on our roads.



Dr. Steve's Wildlife Show Wows the Crowd, Again!



While many looked on with great interest, there was still the squeamish. Tower Lakes' residents gathered on Rest Island for what is quickly becoming a regular Forth of July event, the *Dr. Steve Wildlife Show*. Dr. Steve Barten, resident and local veterinarian, once again amazed the onlookers with wildlife found in and around our area: several

turtles, snakes, frogs, salamanders, a kestrel (sometimes called sparrow hawk) and a great horned owl.

Barten made sure to note that every animal he brought was safe. "There are no dangerous animals in Tower Lakes. There are no venomous snakes in the entire Barrington area, so if you see a snake, you automatically know it is safe." He explained that our native fox snakes often rattle their tails, as many harmless snakes do, but they do NOT have a rattle (if you look closely, which few people do, the tail comes to a sharp point like other harmless snakes) and they are NOT rattlesnakes and they are NOT venomous. He noted that people see the vibrating tail and assume it's a rattlesnake that is dangerous and should be killed, but it is NOT! Barten added, "In fact, a single fox snake can live longer than 25 years and eat over 500 mice, voles, and shrews in its lifetime. They are a big help to our ecosystem."

Snapping turtles will bite, but only in self-defense if you are looming over them when they are on land. "Plus, they're a turtle, it's not like they can chase you. If you stay 2 feet away from the head you're safe." said Barten. "We can all live in harmony."

Children were enthralled as Dr. Steve showed a good-sized snapping turtle and explained the good they bring to our lake. He demonstrated how slow turtles move – even when running. "There's no need to be afraid – they don't attack swimmers - and no need to overtly disturb them either. Just enjoy that we share the lake and land with them," said Barten.

Snakes are no different. Remembering the three "S's" of snakes, as Dr. Steve explained, will make residents feel safer. First, a snake is **short**. They may be up to 3 or 4 feet long but they're only an inch and a half tall, so they are afraid of our height and won't openly attack. Second, they are **slow**. They sometimes appear to be very fast as they wriggle with no legs, but even rattlesnakes have been clocked at only 2 to 5 MPH top speed, and people are faster walkers (or a very slow jog)! Third, they are **silent**. They have complex nervous systems and feel pain and terror just like any animal, but can't vocalize when it happens to them. If you ever accidentally stepped on your dog and it cried out, you no doubt felt guilty and sorry for the dog. If a snake could scream when it was being beaten with a stick or shovel, you also would feel terrible and stop doing it. They DO feel pain and terror, so please don't torture them! Remember how many mice they are keeping out of your home! *(Continued on page 5)*



Rest Island to Get New Flag Pole



You may notice something missing next time you visit Rest Island...the flagpole. It's a prominent fixture during the July 4th celebrations, but was recently taken down. "There was a large crack that had developed. It seemed best to dismantle it for safety reasons," said TLIA President Randy Young, who along with Andy and Adam Hay took it down after the holiday weekend. "We will replace it, but may move it to a different location on the island for better traffic flow," said Young.

In addition, the TLIA Board is getting a bid to dismantle the flagpole at Barsumian Park. "We'd like to clear that space for more plantings. The pole hasn't flown a flag in years," said Young.

[See the video of the Rest Island flagpole coming down.](#)



TL Branded Clothing Big

Success During 4th

*Big Thank You from
Social Committee*

The July 4th clothing tent would like to thank everyone for showing community spirit!, especially:

- **Catherine Mehringer** who donated the original TL boat artwork for the T-shirt design.
- **Roger Repsold** and **Carley Olhrich** for providing apparel at 'community spirit' prices along with great service.
- **Pati Schaeffer** who designed and produced TL unique jewelry at greatly reduced prices.

And to all Tower Laker residents, friends and family members who purchased shirts, hats, hoodies and jewelry to show their community pride. Proceeds help fund the year-round Social Committee events that bring our community together!



Perhaps the most amazing animal was a great horned owl with stunning yellow eyes and a penetrating gaze. Dr. Steve's friend, Jenny Vollamn of the Northern Illinois Raptor Center, a

l i c e n s e d organization that rescues native birds and brings them back to health, brought the owl and kestrel to the show. Both had been injured and no longer can fly to be free, and now serve as educational birds.

The owl, which has no name to prevent humans from bonding too closely with this regal wild animal, has fostered

orphan owlets that fell from their nest on several occasions, raising them and teaching them how to be owls so they can be released. Great horned owls are common in our area and are often heard but seldom seen.

They can lift more than their own weight and surprisingly, one of their favorite prey animals is skunks.

Over 150 people attended the popular show, which was sponsored by the TL Lake Committee. "It is always an informational, interesting talk," said resident Andrew Young who watched the show with his two young boys. "I learned today that snakes have no eyelids!"



TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE



Tower Lakes Welcoming Committee

Craig & Stephanie Baily and family

have moved from 731 Circle Drive in North Lake to 229 W. Lake Shore Drive

Douglas and Yesenia Gamache 303 Summit Drive (312) 480-5470 email: yvalde@yahoo.com

The Gamache family recently moved to Tower Lakes from Schaumburg. They have two children. Gabriella is 4 and Jonathan is 1 & 1/2 years old. They are big sports fans and love to go to watch the Chicago Bears, Bulls, and Blackhawks play. Closer to home, they enjoy walking to our parks and to the beach. They are looking forward to kayaking on the lake that they can see from the great view from their front porch.

Michael & Sandy Perez 25489 N. Barsumian (773) 556-3578 email: sandyjfisher@gmail.com

Mike & Sandy moved recently from Silicon Valley to Tower Lakes with their 6 1/2 year old daughter Josephine, 2 year old twins Loretto and Verona, and two dogs. Previously, they lived in Twin Pond Farms and Sandy grew up in North Barrington, so they have come back home! After many moves, the Perez Family is happy to settle down in Tower Lakes. Mike works in the technology field and Sandy is busy managing her busy home. While they love to travel, they hope they are here in Tower Lakes to stay!

Dave Coupe

311 E. Lake Shore Drive (847) 812-8414 Email: dave.coupe2012@gmail.com

Dave has lived in South Barrington and Deer Park before moving to Tower Lakes. He is very proud of his three great kids. Chandler is 16, Tyler is 14 and will be a freshman at St. Viator's in the fall where he will play football, and Stuart is 13. They are a very active and fun-loving family who enjoy boating and swimming.

Need to contact TLIA or Committee member?

See our updated email list below:

Beach	beach@tlia.org
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Vice President	vicepresident@tlia.org
Youth	youth@tlia.org

Have you noticed any new neighbors who have moved into Tower Lakes recently? The Tower Lakes Welcoming Committee would like to contact them and officially welcome them to the community. **If you have any information about new neighbors, please contact Mary Beth Adams at mb4adams@gmail.com.**

TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE

Yes... Mother Nature Rules!!!*Contributed by Steve Burgoon*

I know this sounds like a broken record but it is true.

We live in and among nature but we can't and shouldn't control it... just live with it the best we can. The last three years have seen the driest summer in history, most harsh winter in Illinois history, and now the wettest June on record! July is seemingly setting records, too. All of these weather extremes put stress on



the lake in many different ways. Luckily we have a strong and knowledgeable Lake Committee with the patience and persistence to work with the tools we have to meet the following Lake Committee Objectives as stated in the Committee's Statement of Purpose

(November 28, 2014):

The objectives of the committee are as follows:

***To maintain and preserve all TLIA Lakes and waterways as "Recreational Properties" for the use of residents in Swimming, Fishing and Small Boat Boating (Canoes, Paddleboats, Sailboats, Kayaks, etc.)**

***To develop a comprehensive, long term plan that engages multiple tactics ("buffer zones" to leach water runoff prior to entering the lakes, shoreline management tactics to prevent erosion, silt and nutrient removal to limit chemical application, etc.) to achieve the stated objectives.**

***To use as few chemicals as possible.**

***To research, develop and implement Best Management Practice projects to reduce pollutant loads entering Tower Lakes as identified in the "9 Lakes Water-shed based Plan".**

***To ultimately eliminate Tower Lakes from the IEPA list of impaired lakes.**

Characteristics of a recreational lake are defined as:

- 1. Acceptable Water quality/clarity (not plant free but good water quality)**
- 2. Reasonably free of nuisance aquatic plants – to allow unabated paddling and sailing**
- 3. Deep enough to facilitate items 1 and 2 above**
- 4. Safe for all recreational use**

As you can see from the objectives and notice from the many projects we are working on that management of the lake is a complex and comprehensive piece of work. See the following updates:

Re-landscaping at the east end of Davlin's Pond – Rich Bahr and his son attempted to move the top layer of the two bags behind the McCarthy residence with the use of a Bobcat but the wet silt (drying nicely in April but too wet the last 90 days) provided a slick surface making movement impossible. With any luck the weather will cooperate in August and September so this material can be spread with a heavier piece of construction equipment and re-seeded. We thank the McCarthy family for their patience as we wait for Mother Nature to cooperate.

[Read the entire story at TLIA.org](http://www.tlia.org)

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Prairieland Disposal contd. From p.3



Trash pickup to be: **THURSDAYS STARTING AUG 25.**

After August 25, the new village trash day will be Thursday so expect to see the Prairieland truck on Thursday, September 3. New 95 gallon toters for recycle and garbage will be delivered to each resident prior to that date. Waste Management will pick-up their toters on August 25th. There will be no charge to the residents for these toters. Seniors, if they desire, may choose a smaller toter (65 gallons) for garbage. Yard waste subscriptions will be available similar to the program provided by Waste Management with one noted improvement: food and animal waste (kitty litter) will be accepted in the yard waste program. Waste Management will provide rebates for any unused months on existing subscriptions. Please be sure to use up your existing yard waste stickers prior to August 25th as they are specific to Waste Management and new stickers must be purchased from Prairieland after that date.

Prairieland also offers one bulk item pick-up per week such as a couch and provides free electronic scrap drop-off at their Lake Barrington site on Pepper Road. This includes one free TV disposal per household per year. This is a great opportunity to dispose of those old printers, routers, etc. since electronic recycle has become a net cost to communities due to processing costs and low commodity prices.

Additional information will be forthcoming in a letter to the residents which will provide the details you need for the transition process and contact information for Prairieland. The results of this change will be lower disposal costs, increased recycle opportunities and reduced environmental impact. Additionally we will be involve with local business who will provide quality attention to the needs of our community. Please welcome Prairieland to our community!



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CAROLS
That Cook



You will need:

- 4 large green tomatoes
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 1/2 cup panko bread crumbs
- Salt and pepper
- Canola oil for frying

Remoulade

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 Tbls. Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp. garlic
- 1 Tbls. fresh lemon juice
- 2 Tbls. capers; chopped
- 1 Tbls. chopped basil
- Mix together above ingredients

Fried Green Tomatoes with Basil Remoulade

Contributed by Carl Mackey

This is the perfect appetizer at the end of the tomato season when you have green tomatoes left on the vine but frost is setting in. The green tomatoes are unripe tomatoes, not a special heirloom type. I prefer the combination of panko (Japanese breadcrumbs) and the traditional cornmeal. To help the coating stick, dip them in flour, egg and then breadcrumbs; this is called the standard breading procedure.

- Slice tomatoes 1/2 inch thick. Discard the ends.

- Whisk eggs and milk together. Scoop flour onto a plate. Mix cornmeal and bread crumbs on another plate. Salt and pepper tomatoes and dip into flour to coat. Then dip the tomatoes into milk and egg mixture. Dredge in breadcrumbs to completely coat.

- In a large skillet, pour oil (enough so that there is 1/2 inch of oil in the pan) and heat over a medium heat. Place tomatoes into the frying pan in batches of 4 or 5, depending on the size of your skillet. Do not crowd the tomatoes; they should not touch each other. When the tomatoes are browned, flip and fry them on the other side. Drain them on paper towels.

[See all of Carols that Cook at TLIA.org](http://www.tlta.org)

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Calling All Kids:

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE



Back to School
Party!

Date: Thursday, August 13

Time: 5:00 - 7:00pm

Location: Soccer Field



Come join us for some special 'back-to-school' surprises! Super-BIG-Fun activities planned for ALL age groups!

****Those with beach tags will have priority - please bring your tags with you!**

The Ice Cream Truck will be returning, so please bring money if you'd like to purchase a treat!

Don't miss out on this favorite end-of-summer tradition!

Questions? Call Lila 847.791.7276



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