

# TLIA.org Web News

## UPDATE

## Annual Meeting Recaps '15; Sets Stage for '16

The Tower Lakes Improvement Association's Annual Meeting was held last Sunday, November 8 at the Wauconda American Legion Hall. The 2-1/2 hour meeting was well attended, accommodating almost 100 residents. TLIA President Randy Young kicked off the meeting with explanations of the agenda, Committee roles and financial statements. He also detailed the ballot items.

The meeting opened with a "State of Our Association" presentation in which President Young outlined the challenges faced by, and the achievements of, TLIA in 2015. "The state of our Association is good," was the basic tenet of the presentation. Top in the "accomplishments" category was the Board's ability to collect over \$22,000 in late membership dues. These collections "did not add to our financial position as much as it helped to catch us up and stabilize it," Young told the assembled membership.

In his financial presentation, Young detailed how TLIA began to use the full depth of the Quickbooks accounting system in 2015. "Quickbooks has helped the Association truly behave like a business and report fully on its finances and activities," said Young. The FY16 budget and an explanation of the dues (for the year that began on November 1) were also presented.

"Membership dues," he explained, "will be going up for 2016 because of the rising costs for grounds upkeep and lake maintenance." The dues structure for FY16 will still include a discount for senior members and the final year of the special assessment for the lake. All in all, the dues for 2015 have gone up by \$50 per year for regular members and \$40 for seniors.

### 2016 Membership Dues

Reg. Member	\$500	Senior Member	\$400
Lake SSA	\$250	Lake SSA	\$250
Total	\$750	Total	\$650

## Audit Team Reviews TLIA Finances

In September, the TLIA Board established an Audit Committee to review the Association's finances for the year. Bill Hare, Andy Hay and Patti Vondrak were asked by President Randy Young to serve on the Committee. They reviewed the financial procedures of the Board and were supported by information provided by the financial team.

The audit report was presented by Bill Hare at the Association's annual meeting. The report stated that the "TLIA



A crowd of over 100 people attended the meeting Nov. 8.

### Candidates for the Board

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of candidates for election to the board and the three ballot issues upon which members were to vote. Balloting for Board positions included Vice President, Financial Secretary, and three (3) candidates for two (2) Member-at-Large positions.

**New TLIA Board Members for 2016**  
**Vice President ..... Steve Burgoon**  
**Financial Secretary... Linda Kuna**  
**Members-at-Large.... Randall Cross**  
**John Yancey**

*Read more about the annual meeting and the ballot initiatives approved by the membership; turn to page 10.*

Board is to be commended for continuing to improve its financial position" and the quality of its reporting.

The auditors also applauded the efforts of the Board and in particular the President and Financial Secretary for their pursuit of past due collections. It was noted that the level of past dues was lower than that seen in prior inspections and that the supporting documentation was clear.

Overall, the Committee found the finances in good shape, and with a few recommendations in procedures, approved the finances and practices of the Board.

The full audit report, including the recommendations, can be read online by [CLICKING HERE](#).

## NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA

### Congratulations everyone!

We approved the motion and our new courts can move forward... well almost. What we have is a little bit of the cart before the horse. Not in a bad way. We needed to prove our intent to stimulate yours.

The rebuilding of our tennis courts is now, more than ever, in your hands. As a neighborhood, we must raise, through private donations, the first half of the money necessary for construction. We do that through our donations to The Tower Lakes Community Foundation. Only when those donations reach their goal will it trigger the TLIA Board to act on your approval and authorize the capital funds to complete the project.

I am a huge supporter of the project. I've pledged our family's donation already, so have many other people. But it's a long way to our goal of \$50,000. If we can raise more, great. That means that less will be required from the TLIA Capital Fund to complete the project this spring. This "spring" is the key. We will have to commit to construction before winter is out to assure spring 2016 construction. The sooner you pledge, the better off we will be.

The deadline for donations to **TLCF** is **February 1, 2016**. TLCF is a registered 503(c) organization so your contribution is tax deductible. Make sure that in the memo portion of your check you write, "for Tennis Courts." That earmarks the funds for our project. With the window open from today through Feb. 1, 2016 you have the opportunity to choose which tax year benefits you most: 2015 or 2016.

I urge you to donate as soon as you can and as much as you want. The choice is yours and the tennis courts will be ours.

Make your checks payable to **Tower Lakes Community Foundation - P.O. Box 6061 - Wauconda, IL 60084 (in the memo: tennis courts)**. You will soon be able to donate via their website as well. No minimum amount is required. Any amount is appreciated and every dollar moves us closer to our new courts.

I want to pass along a huge thank you to the entire membership of TLIA for stepping up to this project. New tennis courts will be a great benefit to our community for years to come. If you have questions about donating, or want to hand over a donation personally, contact Mary Magro at 847.469.8760 or Kathy Covek at 847.526.8871.



[Read all the president's columns at TLIA.org](http://TLIA.org)



## THE VILLAGE VOICE

DAVID PARRO  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

### Hello neighbors!

This month, I'd like to update you on 3 topics your Village government has been working on:

First, a status report on the proposed water system upgrade project. Thanks to the 30 plus citizens who turned out at the Sept. 29 Public Hearing to provide input and ask questions. There were some good suggestions that we are acting on, including not taxing homes with private wells until they connect to the system. We will apply for and are hopeful of getting access to a 1.85% interest loan from the IEPA to lower our borrowing costs vs the public bond market, which we believe will be more than double that rate. One issue that came up at both the Sept. 21 and Sept. 30 meetings was: if construction bids and other costs exceed the proposed borrowing cap of \$3.7MM, how would the Village Board select parts of the project to defer? We are increasingly concerned about this possibility, given indications of a recent double digit rise in costs for similar projects. The primary work to replace the oldest and smallest water mains cannot be deferred very long. This is the bulk of the cost. It should also help slash repair costs which are down thanks to previous upgrades, but still ran \$40,000 last year. The iron removal (15-20% of the estimated cost) is a very popular option that will provide quality benefits to everyone on the system. The looping of dead ends (20-25%) is helpful to homes in certain neighborhoods. One idea under investigation is rerouting the proposed 2nd line under Rt 59 to lower the cost but retain most of the benefit. Still, we may be faced with some tough choices and are committed to making those decisions transparently and with community and expert input. Please call Utilities Chair Trustee Paul Kierig, or me, to answer any questions or come to any of our regular Village Board meetings in the coming months. Also please remember that we are still in the 60 day waiting period following the Sept. 29 Hearing to allow time for petitions against the proposal. If you would like to sign such a petition, please contact the Village Hall for helpful procedural info.

Second, thanks to an Eagle Scout project led by William Gaffney and overseen by the Barrington Area Conservation Trust, we have a beautiful new amenity in town: a 0.3 mile loop nature path ready for your use in our Barclay's Woods nature preserve. Trail access and parking are at the end of Pebble Creek Dr. in Country Club Estates. Please get out to see it, and also please respect the privacy of the adjacent homes. Eventually there will be signage and perhaps even additional loops. While you are enjoying this awesome grove of ancient oaks please remember thanks are due to those who funded saving it, including the Yancey, Kainz, and Nelson families, and our partners at the Tower Lakes Community Foundation, BACT, Citizens for Conservation and Cuba Township.

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# TLIA Board Meeting Minutes September 11, 2015



## Board Members Attending:

Randy Young, Jack Johnson, Linda Kuna, Judd Lautenschlager, Mary Magro, and Kathy Pattengale, and John Yancey

**Apologies:** Andrew Young

## Committee Representation:

Janet Blake – Nominating Committee, Steve Burgoon & Andy Hay - Lake, Bob Nash & Rick Steffen – Social - Cass Young – Communications

## Guests:

Nancy Schumm (319 EPA Grant) - Jonathan Koepke (Encap Engineer)  
Kathy Covek

## Call to Order:

Randy Young

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

## Opening remarks

Randy Young

Randy Young opened the meeting noting that the Audit Committee is in the process of conducting our audit. They will present their results to the Board and share these findings at the Annual Meeting. Randy introduced Andy Hay from the Lake Committee, Nancy Schumm of Schumm Consulting, and Jonathan Koepke, Encap engineer, who will present an update and answer questions about the 319 IEPA Grant application status.

## Approval of Minutes

Randy Young

Motion to approve the August TLIA Board Meeting minutes: Linda Kuna Second: Judd Lautenschlager

## Nominating Committee

Janet Blake

The Nominating Committee has met. The positions of vice president, financial secretary, and 2 members at large are up for reelection. Linda Kuna, John Yancey, and Andrew Young wish to run for reelection. Jack Johnson wishes to step down from his role as vice president. Steve Burgoon has expressed interest in running for vice president, and Randall Cross has chosen to run for member at large. Janet will collect biographies for the newsletter by September 20, 2015. Randy Young and Kathy Pattengale will meet to prepare the final ballot and notices.

## 319 Grant Application

Andy Hay

Andy Hay, and Nancy Schumm, and Encap engineer John Koepke presented information regarding the 319 Grant proposal and application process. It is extremely important to have sign-in sheets at every applicable meeting so that we can document billable hours as in-kind contributions toward the grant. We will hear whether we have received both the Lake County Storm Water Management Grant and the 319 Grant sometime in March. We are considered a good match for the 319 Grant since Tower

Lakes is a priority watershed. If awarded the grant, the Village and/or TLIA need to appoint project managers to oversee the process. Bays Park is the likely starting point. Work must be completed within two years of receiving the grant.

Information was shared about the rain garden aspect about the 319 Grant. These gardens should not be mulched. The gardens will be stylized (native plants but planted in a more intentional manner). The RFP would include a 1-year guarantee for the plants and their maintenance. A question arose about adjusting the size of the rain garden to allow for more of a play area. We could stake out the area to show residents what the scale would be. A path could also be added in the plan.

## Financial Secretary's Report

Linda Kuna

Sending the past due notices resulted in a sharp rise in receipt of regular dues. However, 40 households have not paid their 2015 dues at this point.

### TLIA Financial Secretary's Report

September 14, 2015 Meeting

	August Receipts	Year to Date
	\$17,361.41	\$236,897.80
2015 Regular Dues	\$5,300.00	\$89,659.00
2015 Senior Dues	1,800.00	40,985.00
2015 Lake Collections	5,300.00	78,325.00
Vacant Lot	3,035.00	20,707.56
RFPP	450.00	1,125.00
Miscellaneous	2,881.25	
TOTAL	1476.41	3,214.99
	\$17,361.41	\$236,897.80

Sending the "past due" invoices showed results this month with a sharp rise in receipt of regular dues (from \$1,350 in July to \$5,300 in August). Senior dues and lake assessments also showed increases. There are still however more than forty households who have either not paid or have made only a partial payment of their 2015 dues. There have been no requests from any of these to set up a payment plan.

Randy and I are working with our attorney on an amendment to our by-laws that will simplify the penalty assessed for late payment of dues. Such a change will require voters' approval at the Annual Meeting.

Property is apparently moving in Tower Lakes. There were fees for four Letters of Paid Assessment received this month. The miscellaneous category also reflects amounts received for recouping of attorney's fees and advertising.

## Committees

### Youth

Missy Sandberg

The committee detailed their expenses and deposits in a written report. Missy Sandberg noted that although expenses typically go over budget the committee has received TLCF (earmarked) grant money and individual donations in addition to their budget to defray expenses.

### Treasurer's Report

Mary Magro

Most line items will come in close to budget except for lawn maintenance and trees.

### Communications

Cass Young

For the month of August, the Communications Committee sent out numerous email blasts and posted various website updates and calendar events.

## Next Meeting:



# December 14, 2015

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

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

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[For archive Board Reports, click here.](#)

**September 11, 2015 TLIA Board Minutes Cont.****Events Committee**

Bob Nash and Rick Steffen

Rick Steffen is the chairperson of the new Events Committee. Bob Nash is serving as treasurer. Fran Steffen and Kristi Nash are co-secretaries for communications and event coordination. The Events Committee wants to create a blueprint for success for all events using checklists from past events to assist people running the events in the future. The Chili Cook-off, set for October 24, is still in need of a project manager. An email blast has been sent asking for volunteers to coordinate the chili cook-off. The committee is planning an adult social event on January 30.

**PARC Committee**

Jack Johnson

Thanks to Betsy Brookbank, Gwen Torstenson, and Andrew Young for cleaning up Aram Park. The PARC Comprehensive Plan will be posted on the website. For an overview, see Summary Key Points that include recommendations and proposed capital projects for consideration.

There is a leak in the water fountain at the soccer field – Jack Johnson and Judd Lautenschlager will fix it. Mary Magro will investigate another water fountain on North Lake Shore Drive that is also apparently leaking.

**Tennis Court Committee Update**

Kathy Covek and Jack Johnson

The committee is still working on getting potential donors to partially offset the cost of replacing the tennis courts. Should the committee receive donor support, they will come to the board at the October meeting and ask for permission to put a request on the ballot to ask residents to pay for ½ of the replacement cost (\$55,000 of the \$110,000 cost).

**Tennis Committee**

Pat Covek

No report.

**Grounds**

John Yancey

There have been issues at the end of the summer with trees falling into the water. John Yancey is asking for a slight increase in the budget for tree maintenance as costs continue to go up. Work is concluding at Lindy Lewis Park. There will be a meeting about the Stewards of the Parks Program prior to the Annual Meeting to develop an ongoing maintenance program that is an extension of PARC. October 10 & 17 are scheduled as work/volunteer days.

**Lake Committee**

Judd Lautenschlager

Silt bags have been opened and spread out at McCarthy's Landing. Next steps are to pulverize, grade and seed it. We are still awaiting official approval from the Army Corps of Engineers for work on Lathan's Landing. If approved, work could still be done this fall. If approved too late, silt may be moved but not planted this fall. Fish restocking: Eric Torstenson and Mel Ott will be restocking 430 bluegill and 100 large mouth bass. The new flagpole is being installed, and there will be a dedication party in the spring.

**Beach Committee**

Mary Magro/Paula Voska

The beach is closed for the season.

**Directory**

Andrew Young

I will be collecting updated information from residents for the Tower Lakes Directory. Thanks to Mary Beth Adams for assisting with this process.

**Other Business**

Randy Young

The date for the October Meeting is changed to Monday, October 5. The Board will finalize the agenda for the Annual Meeting on October 5. Ballots will be sent out following the meeting.

**Bylaw Revision**

There are two proposed changes to the TLIA Bylaws that will be presented to members at the Annual Meeting for a vote: Members have 90 days to pay dues or set up a payment plan. Those who do not pay by the 90-day deadline will incur a one-time \$100 fee. The second bylaw change is to align with the new state law changing notification of the annual budget from thirty to twenty-five days. Motion: To change the language in Article XII Sec. 2b. from 30 to 25 days: Mary Magro Second: Mike Mitchell All in favor.

The proposed budget was discussed. New line items are Park Maintenance and Records and Archives. The board discussed needs, ideas for cost saving, and whether to increase dues. Motion to adopt the new 15-16 approved budget of \$139,400 including a \$50 dues increase while only putting approximately 10% in capital:

**Motion to Adjourn**

John Yancey Second: Mary Magro

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**Ladies' Bunco Night**  for fun & friendship!

The Tower Lakes Ladies Bunco group is always looking for new members! Don't worry if you haven't played before – we'll teach you in a minute! Great way to spend with neighbor friends and have a night out. LOTS of laughs, snacks and beverages – plus you can win a few bucks!

If you're interested in attending Bunco get-togethers, please send your email address to Julie Losinski at [jslosinski@yahoo.com](mailto:jslosinski@yahoo.com) and she will email you Bunco dates as they come up!

**Clean up day - October 31 and November 1**  
**Thanks to all that helped**

**TLIA GROUND**



**Burning Allowed in Village**  
**October 1 through December 15**

Attended burning on homeowner's property is allowed **October 1 through December 15 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** No burning of wet leaves. Please be considerate of your neighbors when burning. To protect our streets, burning leaves or brush on village right-of-ways or adjacent to roads is prohibited.



**Brush Pick-up - Week of November 9**

The Village will conduct a village-wide free brush and branch pick-up the week of **Monday, November 9**. Make sure your debris is out stacked for pickup by end of the day Sunday, November 8 or you may miss your area's pick-up. Please stack branches with the butt end at the street. Do not include weeds or other soft materials or any non-natural garbage as this may cause your entire load to be skipped due to landfill regulations.

There is a limit on the size of the piles that will be collected. Each house is allowed a total of 10 feet in length by 4 feet in height. Please respect this limit as it allows us to continue the service in a cost effective manner. If you exceed the amount of brush allowed for this pick-up you risk the chance of none of your debris being removed.



# TLCF Big Night 6: OKTOBERFEST!

*Contributed by Jan Bahr*



It was truly a fun-filled night of song, dance, good neighbors, good food, good beer and general Gemütlichkeit at The Onion Pub! From the decorations to the beer tasting, the schnitzel, the German dancers, the steins, the fabulous alpine hats, dirndls and liederhosen, you would have thought you were in Munich! With 154 attendees, it was our largest group of attendees ever, and I feel comfortable in saying, a good time was had by all!

The "liederhosened", Rich Bahr, welcomed the crowd

in German and was "wunderbar" his first time out as emcee, while President of TLCF, Mike Rigali, presented the award for Outstanding Citizens of the Year to a couple that have been involved in Tower Lakes for a very long time. Jack and Lee Johnson live in the house that Lee grew up in on Terrace Drive. Over the years, Lee served on the Village Board, TLIA and is currently a member of the Nominations and Beautification Committees. Jack will be ending his tenure this month as Vice-president of TLIA and has served on Lake, PARC and Tennis Committees. They are always around for both the spring and Fall Lake Clean-up days, with Jack handling with the heavy work and Lee helping to feed the hungry crew. On so many days over the summer, you can see Jack cutting down or cleaning up brush from Association property. Please, add your congratulations to the Johnsons when next you see them. Prost!

The silent auction was again filled with generous and fun donations from vendors and residents alike, as well as the ever-popular "Breakfast and Ride to School" with the Tower Lakes Police Dept and the newly added "Ride to School on a Fire truck" with the Wauconda Fire Department! But it was the Live Auction, which included the generous offerings of 2 wonderful vacation homes from the Wheatleys and Gilletts, an autographed Jonathan Toew's Blackhawks jersey with tickets and the very fun addition of a newly refurbished Golf Cart that once again hit the mark! Thanks to all who contributed, whether through donating or bidding on these items!

The costumes were not to be believed! From traditional German garb to the truly unique! Best /Most Authentic Man's Costume went to the very manly, Eric Mann and the Best/Most Authentic Lady's Costume to Frau Linda Kuna. While the Most Unique, or I should say, the Wackiest Costume went to the truly stunning, Dave Mackey!

Keeping it real, we had some neighbors from Barrington, Steff and Jim Troxell, entertain us with authentic German dance and their amazing 8 year old son on the accordion! After that, Tower Lakers really got their groove on when DJ Damian Gardner of Chicago DJ's started us off with some polkas! We eventually moved into more of our comfort levels with a large variety of pop music! and it was the talented Randall & Nancy Cross who took top honors in the Dance Contest this year!





None of this would have been possible without the BN6 Planning Committee, headed up by the tireless Carol Hannagan and including Betsy Brookbank, Mary Kate Harazin, Brooke Rowley, Missy Sandburg and the "prosit"-leading, Jan Bahr. It is a night that will be talked and laughed about for quite awhile in our little "Burg" of Tower Lakes!

In the words of Wayne Newton,  
 "Danke schoen, darlings,  
 danke schoen..."



*The Tower Lake Community Foundation would like to thank the following people for their many years of tireless effort in service to our organization. And although we have not said it enough, all of Tower Lakes should know, that we would not be the organization we are today without their generosity of time and talent!*

*Annalisa Barrie - Chrissie Mena - Pati Schaefer*



# Chili Cook-Off Good Time... Good Chili!

Contributed by: Fran Steffen

A fun time was had by all at the TL Chili Cook Off. The competition was fierce, 20 chili pots arrived full and went home empty; but the tummies of over 200 folks went home full! (... of chili, cornbread, sweets and a beer or two...) The Halloween storytellers awed the kids, while



s'mores at the firepits were yet another treat. A sudden crazy wind came through early, blowing the decades old ballot box in the lake along with dozens of styrofoam chili bowls, but the party went on and it was a wonderful evening. This first "Event" of the season was successfully managed by Linda Kuna. Thank you Linda! The TLEC is effectively a small steering committee, providing guidance and recruiting of volunteers to lead or participate in their favorite event (or part of an event in the case of the 4th). One and done, is a favorite saying these days - no two-year commitment, no pair of spouses participation required-- just step up and lead or manage a piece of a community event of your choice. A special thank you and call out to the tent team and all others that did set up/tear down and clean-up - none of these fun times could take place without you!

## TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

**Judges Choice:** Carol Mackey with "Out of your Gourd."  
**Peoples Choice:** David Koelling (friend of the Butlers) with "Kobe Beef Steak Chili."  
**People Choice, Honorable Mention:** Chris Burgoon with "Home on the Range Chicken Chili."  
*It turns out both Carol and David are professional chefs, so Chris Burgoon stood up with the best!*



## Welcome New Tower Lakes Residents

### Tim & Kelly Carden

641 Leon Drive (847) 483-4778  
 Email: [kelly@styleexteriors.com](mailto:kelly@styleexteriors.com)

Tim & Kelly are from North Barrington and have moved to North Lake with their four children. Jaycee is 15 and a sophomore at BHS who loves theater and choir. Annie is 8 and a second grader at North Barrington School who loves to play golf and soccer. Teagan is 6 and is a first grader at North Barrington who loves to swim and play soccer and golf. Liam is three years old and attends Salem Methodist preschool in Barrington and loves to do anything that involves a ball! Kelly is a big golfer while Tim enjoys following all of his favorite Chicago sport teams when he isn't fishing. The family has already met many friends and neighbors here over the summer and are anxious to join in to meet more!

### Mitch & Beth Coulter

406 E. LSD (815) 529-3551  
 Email: [bethrieke@hotmail.com](mailto:bethrieke@hotmail.com)

The Coulter Family recently moved here from Libertyville but are familiar with the area because Beth grew up in North Barrington on Brinker Road and graduated from Barrington High School. Mitch grew up in Peoria. They have two boys. Burton is 4 years old and attends St. Mark's Preschool where he said he liked to play, build and eat! Beckett is one year old and smiles a lot! The family loves to canoe, swim and camp. Beth said growing up in the Barrington area she always wanted to live in Tower Lakes. The family has already met so many friendly faces in the neighborhood.



**Congratulations to the Scarecrow Contest Winners:**  
**Claire Rowley & Gia Vieceli**

Ghost Scarecrow



**TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE**



**October 31  
 Happy Halloween  
 Trick or Trunk**  
 Photos by Pati Schaefer



**Tower Lakes Scotch Doubles Bowling**

**Location:** 3D Bowl/Sideouts in Island Lake  
**Date:** Saturday January 30, 2016 **Time:** 4-7PM  
**Cost:** \$30/Couple (Includes bowling, snacks/appetizers, prizes, shoe rental if needed)  
 Cash bar available

**Format:** Teams will be determined by random drawing prior to event. In the interest of marital/relational peace, you will not be able to bowl with your spouse or significant other. Two games will be bowled with partners alternating shots.

Following the bowling, in a separate room, the award/prize presentation & hospitality hour (for more "socializing") will be held.

**TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE**



*Limited spots available... first 24 couples - Sign-up will be sent out in mid December.*

## Annual Meeting

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TLIA BOARD

### Tennis Court Initiative

Kathy Covek and Mary Magro presented an option for tearing down and re-building the tennis courts at a cost of approximately \$110,000. The Tennis Court Committee has been working on bids and permanent solutions for several years. They have come forward with a solution at a reasonable cost.

The proposal calls for the Board to use \$60,000 from the capital fund only if private donations are made and earmarked "Tennis Court Fund" to the Tower Lakes Community Foundation totaling \$50,000. TLCF will then grant the money to TLIA who will activate the \$60,000 to complete construction. Extensive conversation about construction and the value of the tennis courts was held. When the room was asked "Who, in their time living in TL, has used the tennis courts?" a vast majority of those in attendance raised their hands, serving as a powerful representation of the value of the courts of the membership. The proposal passed 180 in favor to 40 opposed.

### Bylaw Revision

In addition to the Board candidates, the ballot has three issues that required membership approval. The first was a bylaw change in Article XII, Section 3. The Board sought to revise this section of the bylaws to simplify the method by which a fine is levied for late payment of dues. The revision was approved. Moving forward, when members exceed the 90 day window allowed to pay their dues, they will be assessed a single

fine of \$100 for that fiscal year. The 2016 Association Dues Statements and invoices will be going out in November. The new bylaw and process will be in place for 2016.

### Property Swap

The Board was also seeking approval for a property swap with the owner at 703 N. Lake Shore Drive. The swap involved a six (6) foot strip of land -- a lake access right-of-way that TLIA owns that runs right through the 703 N. Lake Shore Drive property. The Board recommended that the Association swap that strip with the owners so that their property becomes one continuous plot and the 6-foot strip then borders the property and creates a pathway between 703 and the property just to the north. This ballot issue passed 222-0 in favor of the proposal.

Each Committee also presented updates of the 2015 activities and projections for 2016. The full Board minutes and slide presentations can be found on the website. [Click here](#) for details.

"I was very happy with the meeting," said TLIA President Randy Young. "It was well-attended and I'm glad the membership was so engaged in the process." "It was the best Board meeting I attended," said another resident. The overall feeling was that the meeting was very informational and continued the TLIA Board's belief in transparency and disclosure.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be the second Monday of the month: December 14, 2015.

## Village Voice

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Third, Sept. 12, 2016 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Village of Tower Lakes. Pati Schaefer has agreed to lead the planning committee for activities commemorating this milestone. I hear they are thinking about a Community picnic with big band music. Watch for more announcements in 2016 and please contact Pati or Chris Burgoon or Carol Schmidt if you would like to volunteer to help. I'm sure this golden anniversary of incorporation will be a great tune up for the 2024 TL Centennial party!

**TLIA Youth Committee Presents:**

**Photos with Santa  
&  
Horse Drawn Carriage Rides**

**DATE: Sunday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**

**TIME: 3:00 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.**

**PLACE: Rest Island – Weather permitting**

We'll take the pictures and supply the URL  
so you can print out as many pictures as you'd like!

Join us for some hot cocoa and snuggle up on a carriage ride!  
Bring a treat to share and snack with friends!  
Donations graciously accepted

Questions? [youth@tlia.org](mailto:youth@tlia.org)

**1st Annual TLIA 5K  
Turkey Trot  
Thanksgiving Morning at 9:00 am**

**Bring the family down and join your fellow neighbors for the TLIA 5K Turkey Trot/Run/Walk/Stroll on the streets of our very Tower Lakes.**

The race/stroll will start at **9:00 am on November 26** from the TL Village Hall.

**The Course Map:** [Click here to see the map.](#)

A big thank you to Tom Bolger for being Volunteer #1 and already making 27 laminated signs to highlight the route!

**Turkey Trot Shirts:** Order shirts for the whole family. All t-shirts are American-made, soft and comfortable. With every t-shirt sold, \$10 will be donated to the TLIA Youth Committee. A huge thanks to Jess Galvan for donating her time and talent.

Order by 11/15/15: [Kids Shirts](#) [Adult shirts](#) (click links)

**Suggested Trotters Donation:**

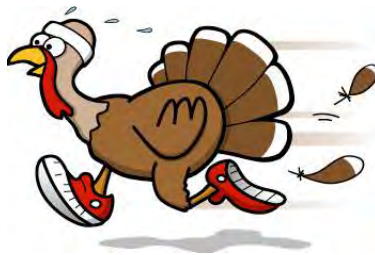
\$15 per adult donation benefits the TLIA Youth Committee.

\$10 per adult. If you buy a shirt.  
Kids 12 & under trot for free.

Checks should be made payable to:  
YOUTH COMMITTEE

**[Click on the turkey to sign up!](#)**

**Volunteers:** 9 volunteers needed to monitor specified "blind" intersections and ensure the safety of all "runners." And a few extra hands at the start/finish line.



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