

TLIA Newsletter

Holiday Turkey Trot Gobbles Up the Neighborhood

The holiday was celebrated on the streets of Tower Lakes this past Thanksgiving morning with over 133 runners, trotters, and walkers in the TLIA Turkey Trot. The event, sponsored by the Youth Committee, celebrated getting up and out to exercise and share the Thanksgiving holiday spirit with neighbors and friends. Trotters were welcomed on Thursday morning as the race kicked off at 9AM. Those who wanted to run the race were first off the line with trotters and walkers following up.

Safety was the key all along the route as the organizers posted safety monitors to help runners follow the course and motorists be aware of pedestrian traffic. No incidents or injuries were reported.

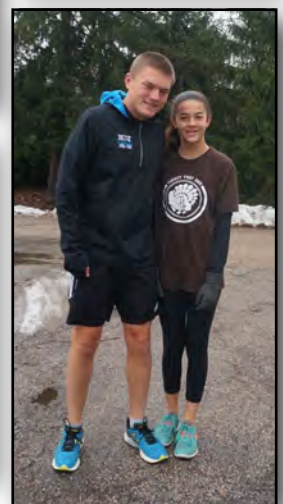
All the participants commented on having great fun along the route which began at the Village Hall. The marked route toured nearly all of Tower Lakes east and west sides. Many neighbors who choose not to run or trot were in their yards cheering on those brave souls taming the hills and valleys of the neighborhood.

The TLIA Youth Committee benefited from the proceeds of the participation donations of trotters. Almost half the trotters took advantage of local resident, Jess Galvan's t-shirt design for the event. Jess and her company, Fresh Batch T-shirts (www.freshbatchtshirts.com), donated \$10.00 to the Youth Committee for each shirt purchased — a total of \$640! The total raised for the Youth Committee was \$2,630, money that will go a long way for programs benefiting our youth in the neighborhood.

Randall Cross did a wonderful job organizing what could become a holiday tradition in Tower Lakes.



The Youth Committee would like to thank all the volunteers for making the Turkey Trot such a great event. Thank you to the following families/folks: The Bolgers, Burgoons, Crosses, Funks, Galvans, Jen Grey, Hannagans, Julie Kanak, Laksos, Nashes, Schaefer's, Steffens, Youngs and Tom Kubala. They would also like to thank the TL Police, and those who came, saw and conquered the 5K. Approx. \$2,700 was raised.



Photos by Pati Schaefer





NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA

Happy New Year!

No, I'm not saying it early; I say it because TLIA is on a November-thru-October fiscal year, so I saying: "Happy TLIA fiscal new year."

I hope you heard me speak at the Annual Meeting just a few weeks ago, when I detailed our fiscal position as tight but manageable. The moderate dues increase for 2016, along with the Board's diligence in money management and revenue recovery, will help our dollars stretch farther and accomplish all our plans for TLIA in the coming year.

You can do your part by looking for the dues invoices which will be arriving in your mail box in just a few days. The due date in March 1, 2016. You have 90 days to meet your financial obligation. Please do your best to make that date. When you do, it will go a long way in achieving our plans and meeting our goals for TLIA in 2016.

We understand that it might be difficult for some people to meet the March deadline. If that is the case, we are happy to help make it easier. We can arrange, at no additional cost to you, a payment plan that will keep your dues current and maintain your "member-in-good-standing" status for 2016. It's simple and easy to set up. All it needs is a phone call to Linda Kuna, our Financial Secretary. However, remember that this arrangement must be in place by the due date to avoid the late fees that will be added to accounts after March 1. (per the TLIA Bylaws). So the sooner, the better.

We need the support of everyone if we are to maintain our budget and manage our money efficiently. There are great plans ahead for all the wonderful activities, facilities, and capital improvements in the new year. It's your turn to do your part. Get your dues in ASAP to make it a great new year!

Our next meeting is Monday, December 14. I am looking forward to that meeting as we get an update on the Tennis Court fund raising progress. I've heard whispers through the winds of good things happening; so stay tuned. Better yet, come to the meeting to hear all about the fund drive, how you can contribute and help us improve our neighborhood with new tennis courts. The meeting is December 14, 7pm at the Village Hall. Hope to see you all there!

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

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TLIA BOARD

APPROVED

Minutes TLIA BOARD MEETING October 5, 2015

7 PM Tower Lakes Village Hall

Board Members Attending:

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

Apologies: Linda Kuna, Andrew Young

Committee Representation:

Steve Burgoon – Lake - Kathy Covek – Tennis Courts - Rick Steffen – Social - Cass Young – Communications

Guests: Bob Covek

Call to Order: Randy Young

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

Opening remarks Randy Young

There were no opening remarks due to the full agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Randy Young

Motion by Mary Magro to approve the September TLIA Board Meeting minutes

Second: John Yancey All in favor.

Financial Secretary's Report

Linda Kuna

TLIA Financial Secretary's Report – October 5, 2015 Meeting

September	Receipts	Year to Date
	10,891.89	\$247,789.69
2015 Regular Dues	\$4,300.00	\$93,959.00
2015 Senior Dues	0	40,985.00
2015 Lake Collections	2,350.00	80,675.00
Vacant Lot	1,524.67	22,232.23
	0	1,125.00
RFPP	0	2,881.25
Miscellaneous	<u>2,717.22</u>	<u>5,932.21</u>
TOTAL	\$10,891.89	\$247,789.69

37 households owe a total of \$24,261.24 in unpaid 2015 dues. A letter will be sent out laying out the penalty that will be assessed if dues are not received or a payment plan is not set up by 10/31/15. The past due accounts will be put into a general category so that everything can balance in QuickBooks.

See TLIA Board p.5

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Next Meeting:

TLIA BOARD

January 11, 2016

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.

Lathan's Landing Renovation Status

Contributed by: Nick Adams

TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE

The Circle Drive Park & Lathan's Landing Renovation project kicked off on September 28. The entire project consisted of three separate tasks. The first was to spread, seed, and stabilize a portion of the collected sediment at Circle Drive Park. That work was completed October 9 and grass is growing in the park! The second task was to remove and replace the failed drainage system from North Lake to the Main Lake Channel. That work was completed the first week of October. The third task is to renovate a depression which was carved from stormwater overflow (due to the failed drainage system) and to turn the site into a quality boat landing.

The first two tasks did not require permits since the work did not directly impact the Main Lake Channel shoreline or water quality. Unfortunately, our construction contractor had to stop work on the project in mid October since the relevant permits from U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) and Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (LCSWM) (applications which were submitted in July) were not yet issued. Final permit approvals from USACE and LCSWM were received in November. The current plan is to have the contractor restart the work after Thanksgiving and complete the boat landing by mid December. Let's hope the weather cooperates!

Tower Lakes' Favorite Ducks Get a Permanent Home

Two white Pekin ducks that have called Tower Lake their home for the past two summers were recently rounded up and delivered to a permanent year round home. The ducks are domestic waterfowl that are not able to fly; therefore they cannot migrate and would not survive once the lake freezes and predators could get to them easily. They were abandoned in the lake two years ago and have survived these past summer months with the help of residents Fran & Rick Steffen, Franz & Jan Wolff and others who provided extra nutritional food to supplement what they could get in the lake.

With winter approaching, Fran sought a permanent home for the ducks. She was able to secure them a home with a local farmer that agreed to care for them. "They were entertaining companions during the summer, but it's time to send them to a forever home and say good-bye," says Fran Steffen. "I'll miss their visits."

Fran would like to extend thanks to Rick, Mel & Anne Ott and Randy Young for their help in rounding up the ducks for transport to their new home, which made for an entertaining morning in its own right.

Saying Good-bye



Burning Allowed - Oct. 1 - Dec. 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.

TLIA GROUNDS

Progressive Dinner

Spring Date TBD

July 4th

July 2, 3, 4

Chili Cook Off

October 15, 2016



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THE VILLAGE VOICE



Attention Tower Lakes seniors and handicapped:

There is an underutilized local transportation service that your Village government helps to provide. We think it is underutilized because it is underpublicized. I am

talking about our Barrington Area Pace Dial-a-Ride service. I think most folks are aware of the Pace Suburban Bus system. They run fixed routes & schedules but they don't stop in Tower Lakes anymore. Less people know that Pace also sponsors a door to door, on-demand, mini bus service called Dial-a-Ride and it does come to Tower Lakes.

One reason Dial-a-Ride is less well known is that its rules and coverage are not universal across the metro area. The service differs from area to area and this makes it harder to get the word out about what the deal is for any one specific area. Naturally, this is a funding issue. Pace doesn't have the money to unilaterally deliver Dial-a-Ride everywhere, so they have partnered with local governments and charities to set up many, many different Dial-a-Ride projects in many different zones. Each has its own phone #, rules for rider eligibility, territorial limits, fares, etc. according to the priorities of the participating partners.

Here's how it works for Tower Lakes: Eligible riders are Seniors over 65 and Disabled of any age. You must call to make a reservation 1 day in advance at 800-273-5939. Doctor visits can be booked up to a week in advance. They come to your driveway with a mini-bus, van or car on the appointed day and time and take you to your local destination (and back at an agreed time). You pay a fare of \$2. Trips can be made 9-4 M-F. They can take wheelchairs. You can go anywhere in the "Barringtons" (train station, shops, restaurants, Good Shepherd, Dr. offices, drug stores, friend's house, etc.) or Deer Park or the Rt. 12 corridor of Lake Zurich. Wauconda is not included – they are on a separate system. These details are available at:

http://www.pacebus.com/sub/paratransit/sd_dial_a_ride.asp#Lake. Note: the hospital also runs a separate transport service to its campus from anywhere in 60010 for a

nominal fee with a reservation 1 day ahead at (888) 574-5700. Don't have to be a senior for that one.



DAVID PARRO
VILLAGE PRESIDENT



Our Barrington Area Dial-a-Ride project is sponsored jointly by the two townships and the handful of Villages centered around Barrington, including Tower Lakes. Some administration is provided by the Barrington Area Council On Aging (BACOA). As an aside, BACOA is a great charity that has lots of additional offerings for area seniors and caregivers. Check them out at the Garlands or at www.bacoa.org. Those low fares cover about 5% of the service cost. Pace funds ~50%, Cuba Township and Barrington Township together pay about 30% and the balance is paid by the Barrington area villages in proportion to their citizen's participation. Last year TL averaged 2 trips a month and we will therefore be paying \$200 for our share of the subsidy in 2016. The year before, there was more use in TL and we paid \$500. So, should we as a government be satisfied that our cost went down by \$300? The thing is, this is such a fantastic leveraged deal for us that we don't mind a little bigger outlay in proportion to more transport service for our seniors and disabled who need it. Well, why worry if only 2 a month need it? Here are some facts that make us worry that lack of publicity is driving low utilization more than lack of need: Barrington village, which has 8x our population had 59x our rides. Lake Barrington, which has 3.8x our population had 26x our rides. Well, both those towns have senior housing, so what about North Barrington which is closer to us demographically (and also with minimal publicity)? They have 2.3x our population but used 7.3x as many Dial-a-Rides. This and other evidence says we have a need and an affordable solution which just require connecting. I know not everybody will read this article to the end and more still will read and forget because they don't need the info today. So the rest of you, please spread the word among friends & neighbors in Tower Lakes about Dial-a-Ride for seniors and disabled and hopefully some of us will be able to enjoy living in Tower Lakes a bit better and longer.



TL Ladies Bunco Night

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 and she will email you Bunco dates as they come up!

Neighborhood Yahoo Group Email

As mentioned in the TLIA Annual meeting last month, the usefulness of the neighborhood yahoo group email cannot be underestimated. Kudos to its creator, Mary Kate Harazin. As a forum for helping neighbors get the word out on many things including, finding lost pets; selling outgrown or unneeded furniture or equipment; securing trusted contractors, doctors; and more, it provides a very valuable social media connection within our community. While it is a great resource, it is not the forum to find out or disseminate what members "think" are the official positions of the Village or TLIA.



The TLIA and Village websites and the Village offices are the official sources for this information.

Please spread the word to your neighbors about the Yahoo Group as an adjunct to communications within Tower Lakes.

To sign up for the Yahoo Group email:

1. Send an email to the following email address indicating that you'd like to join the group:
tlneighbors-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
2. You will receive an email back from the moderator inviting you to sign up to be a member. The membership is free.

If you need clarification or have additional questions, contact Mary Kate Harazin at 847.526.5460 or email mkharazinro@sbcglobal.net

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Committees

Youth

Missy Sandberg

No report

Treasurer's Report

Mary Magro

Youth Committee and Social Committee monies have been transferred into their respective accounts. Money has been paid for the Lathan's Landing project. Trees and Grounds are over budget for the year. Any surplus funds remaining at the end of the year will be put into Capital. Any uncollected dues affect our ability to maintain and increase our Capital fund.

Communications

Cass Young

In the month of October, the Communications Committee has promoted events such as Barsumian in the Park, TLCF Oktoberfest, the Chili Cook-off, Scarecrow Fest, Fall Cleanup, and Halloween via email blasts, website updates, and posters.

Events Committee

Bob Nash and Rick Steffen

Linda Kuna has volunteered to chair the Chili Cook-off. The Events Committee will prepare a blueprint of past events to guide event planners in the future, and a Sign-up Genius will be posted online to solicit volunteers. The Events Committee will be setting the date for the Progressive Dinner as well as the dates for the 4th of July. Save the date for Scotch Doubles at Sideouts on January 30.

PARC Committee

Jack Johnson

An email blast will be sent about removing all boats from the boat landings by November 1 (boats must be removed in order to maintain the boat landings). TLIA will remove any boats that remain after November 1 and will charge owners for the cost of the removal. Boats will either be sold or

Tower Lakes

TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

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.

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

owners will be required to pay \$50 to get their boats back in the spring.

Motion by Jack Johnson:

In order to maintain the boat landings, a \$50 fine will be assessed on all boats that are not removed from the boat landings by November 1.

Mike Mitchell: Second

All in favor.

Tennis Court Committee Update

Mary Magro

Mary Magro shared that several donors have stepped forward to contribute to funding the rebuilding of the tennis courts. The committee has filled out a TLCF grant application for \$110,000, and donations will be solicited at the TLGF Oktoberfest. An email will be sent detailing how TLIA members can make donations through the TL Foundation website.

Motion by Mary Magro:

To place on the ballot of the November 8, 2015 Annual Meeting: Seek approval from the membership to allow the Board to spend no more than \$60,000, out of the Capital Fund to partially fund the rebuilding of the tennis courts, providing that and contingent upon the balance of the construction monies come from individual donations from community members through the TLCF.

Jack Johnson: Second All in favor.

TLIA BOARD

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TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

Decorate your houses for the holidays!

The homes demonstrating the overall best Spirit of the Season will be judged by TLEC on Sunday Dec 13. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place!



TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

TLIA Youth Committee Presents:

Photos with Santa & Horse Drawn Carriage Rides

DATE: Sunday Dec. 13th

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@flia.org



The TLFC will be hosting the kids shop and wrap at the Village Hall Wednesday, December 16 from 5pm - 8pm.

The proceeds would go to the Youth Committee.

If you would like to be one of the crafty elves and donate small gifts, please email Betsy Brookbank at betsybrookbank@gmail.com or Mary Kate Harazin at mkharazin10@sbcglobal.net.

Grounds Beautification PRESENTS

The Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 13 - 4:45 p.m.

Rest Island

See email for more details

Charitable Donations to

St. Jude Children's Hospital



TLIA GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION

Bread Pudding with Whiskey Sauce

By Carol Mackey



- 1 loaf of day-old bread
- about ½ quart milk - 4 eggs
- 1 ½ cups sugar - 2 Tbls. vanilla
- 1 cup white raisins - 2 apples (granny Smith) peeled, cored and diced
- ½ tsp. cinnamon - ½ tsp. nutmeg - ½ cup walnuts, chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 9x 13 baking dish, sprinkle with a little bit of sugar and set aside. Cut bread into 2 inch cubes, crush into milk and set aside. In another bowl beat together eggs, vanilla and sugar; stir in bread cubes, apples, raisins and walnuts, cinnamon and nutmeg. Mix all together.



Pour mixture into prepared dish. Cover loosely with buttered parchment or buttered foil. Bake for 30 minutes, remove parchment and bake 20 minutes more. Serve warm with whiskey sauce. Do ahead tip: Cut up squares, freeze individually and reheat in the microwave.

Whiskey Sauce:

- ½ cup melted butter - ¾ cup sugar - 1 egg yolk, beaten - ¼ cup half and half whiskey to taste, about 1/3 cup
- In a small saucepan melt butter and sugar; whisk in egg over low heat, cook about 2 minutes. Remove from heat, let cool and add cream and whiskey.

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Tennis Committee

Pat Covek
The courts will close November 1. Will Knight will be running the men's doubles program. Anyone interested in helping with 2016 programs should contact Pat Covek. Kathy Covek and Mary Magro have been working to solicit funds to help rebuild the tennis courts.

Grounds

John Yancey

Stewards of the Parks volunteers are needed for the boat landings. The gazebo has a safety issue. The stone wall on the patio needs to be shored up, and steps will have to be built. We have received an estimate for \$3000 for this work.

This work could be done in the spring.

Mary Magro:

Motion to allocate \$3000 to shore up the stone wall at the gazebo and build steps up to it.

Mike Mitchell: Second

All in favor.

Grounds Beautification

Fall flowers have been planted. Ray Boe planted approximately 80 mums that should be in bloom in time for the Chili Cook-off. An email blast will be sent regarding the holiday tree lighting, which will be done in conjunction with the Youth Committee. The committee is hoping to adopt St. Jude Children's Hospital as this year's charity associated with the tree lighting event.

Lake Committee

Progress is being made spreading out and drying the silt. Fish restocking and carp removal have been done.

Beach Committee

The beach is closed for the season.

Member Services

Andrew Young

Andrew Young is collecting data for the 2016 printing of the Tower Lakes Directory. He has received 135 responses via the Google Form. Residents are asked to include their email addresses and are able to customize how they wish to receive their newsletters.

Follow-up contact will be made with any residents who don't submit information via Google Form.

Other Business

Randy Young

Agenda Items for Annual Meeting

The tennis courts rebuilding request and The Beach Committee will be added into the draft agenda. Written reports from Tennis, Grounds Beautification, Youth, and Communications will be shared as a written report at the meeting.

Property Swap Titles

Randy Young

TLIA has placed on the ballot for the Annual Meeting approval for the exchanging of TLIA property lines with an adjacent property. TLIA will put up markers to delineate the resulting TLIA path.

Additional Unimproved Properties

Randy Young

The Board is looking into additional unimproved properties that are part of TLIA but have not paid association dues.

Special Use Waiver

Mike Mitchell

The Board will rewrite the special events form to address potential liability issues presented by for profit activities/events not sponsored by TLIA. Our attorney recommended two options: purchasing additional liability insurance or requiring a liability waiver. Mike Mitchell will pursue the liability waiver option further and report back to the Board.

Adjourn Motion to adjourn: 9:13 p.m. Mary Magro

Second: Judd Lautenschlager

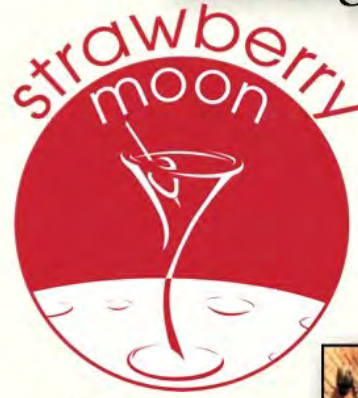
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Pattengale



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Randy Young

Interested in being a part of TLIA Communications?

Contact us for more information.

Communications@tlia.org

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

Youth Committee would like to thank the following individuals and TL families for the most recent generous monetary donations. We will be putting together amazing events for our youth in 2016! Happy New Year to all!

Cathy Schmidt - another home sold in TL! - Cassandra & Randy Young - Jess Galvan & freshbatchtshirts.com