

TLIA Newsletter

NEW TENNIS COURTS A GO!

TLIA TENNIS

The TLIA Board announced at the February meeting that the Tennis Court Fund Raising Committee has reached its goal of raising \$50,000 in community donations to rebuild the tennis courts. The fund raising project was headed by Mary Magro and Kathy Covek. They have been diligent over the past few months working the phones and motivating residents to donate to the cause.

Last fall, the TLIA Board voted to pledge \$60,000 in capital funds to the project if the membership could raise the balance necessary to fund the \$110,000 construction price tag for the courts. As a result of that effort, over 100 Tower Lakes families donated a total of \$53,805. The money was collected through the Tower Lakes Community Foundation. TLCF is a registered 503(c) organization which added the extra bonus of making the donation tax deductible to residents.

“Since we were able to raise the required \$50,000, the TLIA Board can now vote to appropriate the capital funds that were approved at the Annual Meeting,” said Mary Magro. A motion will be offered at the March 14 meeting of the board to give the project the official go ahead. Once approved by TLIA, TFCF will then present a check for the full amount of the donations collected from residents.

The fund raising efforts are not complete yet as additional donations are still coming in and being accepted every day. Any amount over the goal of \$50,000 will be used for extra added items to the courts not budgeted in the original plans; items such as return boards for individual practice, wind

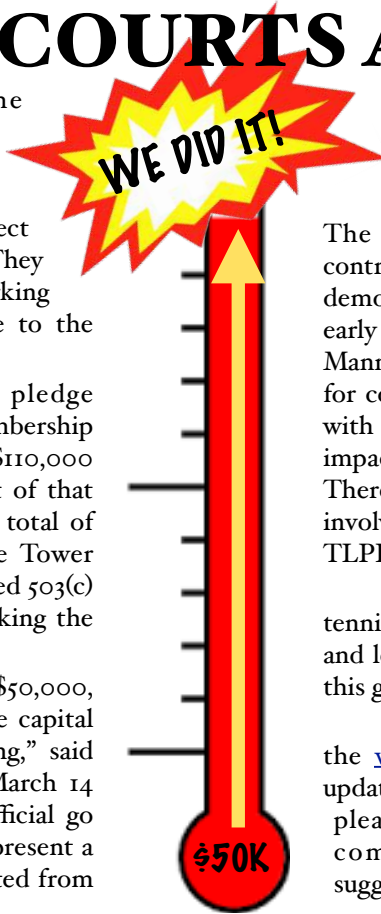
screening along the fence, or additional recreational opportunities within the courts.

The committee has been in touch with all of the contractors that were chosen for the many facets of the demolition and rebuild and a schedule, beginning in early April, is being prepared. Kathy Covek and Victor Manniana will supervise the construction. As time nears for construction, the committee will schedule meetings with nearby residents to review plans and any possible impact the construction will have on the neighborhood. There will be traffic implications and heavy equipment involved. Jack Johnson will be coordinating with the TLPD and monitoring safety.

The new courts will be ready for the summer tennis season and a new slate of programs, tournaments, and lessons is being developed to take full advantage of this great new community resource.

You can follow the construction progress via the www.tlia.org website and through regular email updates to the community. If you have any questions, please feel free to email courts@tlia.org and the committee will respond to your concerns or suggestions.

TLIA wants to thank the entire community for the support of this project and for believing in an integral feature of our Tower Lakes community. The new tennis courts shows that with your support, we can make our community a *better place to live!*



RAIN GARDENS

Community Rain Gardens for 2016 Committee update

Contributed by: 319 Project Team – Andy Hay

I was holding off writing this update hoping that we might have actually heard news from the IL EPA on the major Grant Award, but at the time of writing we have not. Maybe by the time you read this, we may have had news.

In the mean time we have had a very busy month. During the period mid January (When the Lake County Award was received) and the third week of February, we have recorded 18 events where the rain garden project, storm water management and specific planning for this project have occurred. The total in matching value is already over \$3,500 which is about 5% of what we need. The very act of writing, the communications team editing, and you reading this article has educational value, which eventually will be counted toward our contribution to the grant. While we have a long way to go, I do think we have made a great start.

Something NEW in the Newsletter is the MAIL ICON. Anywhere you see it, just click and you can email the TLIA committee or contact for the story.



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NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA

Tennis anyone?

Well-done Tower Lakes!

It never ceases to amaze me when I see what we can do as a group focused on a challenge. The Tennis Courts Fund Raising our version of crowd funding at its best. But this crowd was not random people clicking on a computer link. No, this effort was the result of over 100 families and neighbors stepping up to contribute over \$50,000 toward a project in our community, for our community. Well done, indeed!

It should not have surprised anyone. When TLIA members sets their collective mind and heart to something, we make it happen. The lake silt project, funded and in progress nearly complete. The Parks rejuvenation funded and completed and now the new tennis courts. Tower Lakes had never missed the mark in accomplishing a community goal.

Over the past several years the TLIA Board and the Tennis Committee have struggled with the issue of our courts. We debated, discussed, argued, and tried several routes to make it happen. We presented options, heard opinions and endured challenges in approach but now it's happening because of the great neighbors of TL

Of course it did not happen without the dutiful work and effort a few key people like Mary Magro and Kathy Covek, leaders in the final push to success. The PARC Committee led by Jack Johnson and the Tennis Committee lead by Pat Covek also contributed their time and efforts and a special thanks to Victor Manniana for bringing his engineering talent and contractor contacts to the task. You are all shining stars and deserve a thank you from the community.

But most of all the thanks must go to YOU, our members who saw the potential and future in having new tennis courts in our community. Some gave thousands, some hundreds and others gave whatever they could and it all counted equally toward the goal. We can all share in what we have accomplished as we build something for our future, our kids' future and the sunny tomorrows of a Tower Lakes summer.

It's the heart of Tower Lakes, the soul of its people that made this happen. Thank you friends and neighbors for stepping up when it counts and believing in your hometown.

TLIA Board Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2016

TLIA BOARD

Board Members:

Steve Burgoon, Randall Cross, Linda Kuna, Judd Lautenschlager, Mary Magro, Mike Mitchell, Kathy Pattengale, and Randy Young

Apologies: John Yancey

Committee Representation: Pat Covek - Grounds Beautification & Tennis - Rick Steffen - Social - Jan Bahr - Communications

Member Representation:

Call to Order @ 7PM

President's Report

Randy Young shared that the recently approved Bylaws amendments have been filed with Lake County. Randy outlined several goals for the year: he wants the Board to review any contradictory language in the Bylaws and bring them up-to-date. Our attorney will stipulate which Bylaw changes the Board can vote on (a 2/3 majority is needed) and those changes that need to be approved at the next Annual Meeting in November. The TLIA Rules and Regulations also need to be revised, so a committee will be formed to focus on these revisions. Volunteers will personally deliver the Rules and Regulations and the updated bylaws with the beach tags to each address to ensure that all members receive them.

Approval of Minutes from December Meeting

Motion to approve: Steve Burgoon:

Second: Judd Lautenschlager

Vote to approve.

Financial Secretary Report Linda Kuna

Total revenue deposited in December 2015 \$18,446.00

Current reg. dues \$7,500

Current senior due \$4,400

Lake \$6,200

Collections \$271

Misc. \$75

Dues for the current year are being received at a healthy clip with twenty-seven residents paying in full this first month. (Forty-three more have paid in January, and the month is not yet half over). Some members have requested paying on a plan, which is necessary in order to avoid a late fee if dues are not received by March 1.

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TLIA

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Important Notes from the Village...



A reminder about your septic system

In 2014, the Village of Tower Lakes passed an ordinance requiring homeowners to show proof of septic system inspection. Since then, the village has been sending notices to homeowners asking for proof of inspection. Beginning March 1, the village will send the next round of notices, this time to homeowners on East Lake Shore Drive and East Tower Drive. Homeowners have 90 days to comply with the request by showing proof of recent inspection or by getting the system inspected within that timeframe.

Homeowners do not need to wait to receive the village notice. If the septic system has been pumped out and inspected within the last two years, homeowners can merely fill out the **System Inspection and Maintenance Report** form (with the \$25 administration fee) and drop it off in the

village office during normal business hours.

Water Systems

The changing winter temperatures have had a big impact on our water system infrastructure and may make it difficult to spot a leak or break in the water line. If you are having water issues, such as a drop in pressure or color changes, contact the village office during normal hours of operation. You may also call Robinson Engineering, the village's water management company, at 847-325-7270. They can also handle billing and payment questions.



New Email System Streamlines TLIA Communications

In January, TLIA announced the redevelopment of the association's website, tlia.org. In a continuation of that project, TLIA is now announcing the implementation of the new email system that will streamline communications, increase bandwidth and improve security.

Streamlined Communications

The new email system was launched last month to facilitate better communications between the board, its committees, and the membership. With its launch, it becomes the best way to contact the board and its committees.

Each board member will now have individual @tlia.org email addresses. With the new system, those individual email addresses will also be embedded into the board's group email. So instead of emailing individual members of the board, residents who want to contact the entire board will merely address their email to: board@tlia.org. The same holds true for the committees. Committee leads, committee members and residents now have direct lines of communication through (CommitteeName)@tlia.org. This improvement allows for the shortest path to communicate items relevant to the committees. TLIA President

Randy Young says, "Centralizing the email system in this way has made communications between the board, its committees and the membership faster, easier and more focused. The real benefit to having our own system is to unify the communications process."

Increased Bandwidth

In addition, the new email system has an unlimited number of email addresses. This is a huge improvement over the old configuration that was limited to a fixed number of addresses and bandwidth. Since the system runs in parallel with the new website (tlia.org), it allows for unlimited data space as well. TLIA can now archive records and establish a new method of data storage, a great improvement for information management.

Improved Security

Finally, the new system is powered through a national server company known for its security and reliability. With the new server, the system has improved archive capabilities allowing TLIA records to be maintained and recalled — in a secure way — whenever necessary. President Young, "This moves forward our belief in transparency and openness in governance — a concept that began under the previous administration with President Andy Hay." It also brings the association in line with state regulations and changes that are moving to encourage expanded use of electronic communications within association.

A complete list of @tlia.org address and who is on the receiving end of those addresses is on the website, tlia.org.

CLICK HERE to see the list and download it to your address book.



@TLIA.ORG

WACKY WINTER WEATHER

Contributed by: Judd Lautenschlager

Committee Update

"WWW" alerts us to be aware on the lakes at this time of the year. **WACKY WINTER WEATHER** has the lake freezing and thawing frequently. With this in mind, BEWARE of THIN ICE! Also, pet owners may wish to have a leash on their dogs to help prevent an unexpected dash to the lake by Fido that could lead to an unexpected dunking.

What is the Lake Committee doing lately? Glad you asked! We met on January 4 to organize the active members into sub-committees and began a discussion as to what things each would like to accomplish this year.

The Silt Team, led by Steve Burgoon, will be working on the following projects:

- **Phase I - Dredging Project Restoration:** John Schmidt is in charge and the tree planting near the McCarthy property at Davlin's Pond that will complete this project in the spring.
- **Phase II - Lathan's Landing Restoration:** Nick Adams is overseeing this project. Due to some good weather conditions this past fall and early winter, a large portion of the area has been restored and upgraded as per plan, with final work to be done this spring.
- **Phase III - Kelsey Road:** Tom Kubala is head of this project for the south end of the lake. This is the last year of the assessments for these projects. The site for the silt that is to be removed has been approved and prepped for the project to move forward. Permitting for silt removal is the next step to be finalized.

Inter-Governmental Activities: Rich Bahr has been a key player in all three phases of these projects, including vendor selection. He will also be a presenter at the ILM meeting concerning our projects.

Rain Garden Projects: Andy Hay is in charge of overseeing the Rain Garden projects at Bay's and Wagner Parks. Look for more details to come on these projects and ways in which you can assist Andy as this community improvement progresses. Your involvement goes toward work credits (\$) that reduce our out-of-pocket costs.

Fish Restocking: Eric Torstenson is leading this effort with assistance from Mel Ott. The Lake Committee plans on continued review of the need for fish restocking to help fill in the population voids of types and sizes that we may need. Our lakes still are "catch and release" (except for carp) to help get our fish population well balanced and maintained.

Eco Day Educational Program: Jen Grey is involved with the details of this program to inform you of what you can do on your property to help reduce water runoff and unwanted pollutants going into our lake, and also provide many other benefits.

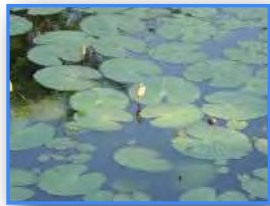
Animal Control: Fran Steffan is in charge of activities that include our annual spring goose egg oiling. Formal permitting for the egg oiling is again being handled by Andy Hay.

VLMP Program: Judd Lautenschlager and Jack Johnson are overseeing this program that collects data about our lake. This is used to evaluate conditions and changes, and what affects us upstream as well as downstream from our lakes.

Lake Management Company Rollins Aquatic: Judd Lautenschlager will oversee this company, which provides regular and, when needed, extra service calls to help maintain our lakes with a balanced healthy environment for fishing, boating and swimming.

We welcome comments, concerns and ideas that you have for our committee.

We also welcome more help!



TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE



Contact any committee member or

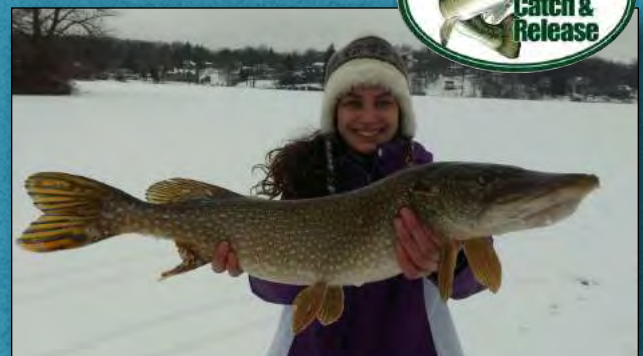
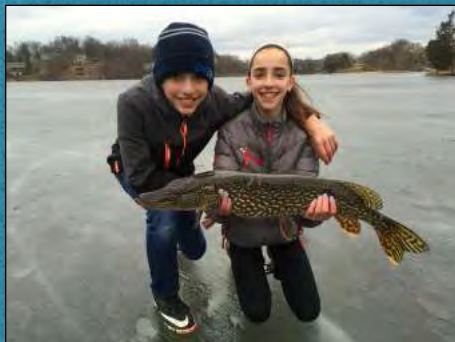
Judd
Lautenschlager
(Lake Committee
Chairman)

Email or call

847-487-1649



Great Wintertime Fishing in Tower Lakes



TLIA PARKS & GROUNDS

SAVE THE DATES***April 29 – Arbor Day***

The Village Tree Commission will be planting a tree and offering educational activities.

April 30 – Spring Cleanup Day

Join your neighbors in cleanup day. The cleanup will concentrate on the following areas:

- **North LSD Boat Landing & Path** - Cleanup pathway and landing area

April 30 – Stewards of the Parks

- **Barsumian Park** - Gordon Iversen and Mary Beth Adams will identify projects
- **Aram Park** – Clean park equipment
- **Lindy Lewis/Gazebo and Gordon Lewis Parks** – Celebrating Eagle Scout accomplishments



Contact John Yancey or Mike Mitchell for details.

TLIA SPRING CLEANUP DAY

April

30

Saturday

MEET AT BEACH
PARKING LOT
8:00 am

TLIA GROUNDS

TL Tree Commission

Tower Lakes has reestablished the TL Tree Commission. The commission is comprised of volunteers representing various stakeholder and community groups within Tower Lakes. Their major responsibility, according to Rick Steffen (VTL Sponsor), is to continue community participation in caring for our trees and maintaining the Village designation as a “Tree City USA.”



TREE CITY USA

Tom Spicer serves as the new chairman of the commission. Members include John Yancey (TLIA Grounds), Ken Stevens (VTL Planning Commission), Hugh Davis (TLIA Grounds Beautification), Pat McKillen (TLIA Lake Committee), and Bill O’Mahoney (Village Arborist).

The major duties of the commission are defined in Title 6, Chapter 4 of the village code and they include:

- advising the village arborist on matters pertaining to the TL tree ordinance;
- provide amendments to the tree ordinance as necessary;
- formulate policies concerning selection, planting and removal of trees and shrubs within the village;
- allocation of funds for the purchase, planting and maintenance of trees;
- develop and implement short and long term plans for the TL urban forest;
- establish educational and informational programs for all residents concerning the community benefits of our urban forest; and
- plan and hold annual Arbor Day activities as part of our Tree City USA designation.



If you are interested in working with the commission on any tree related activities or have any questions, please contact any of the commission members.

Plan Your Own Native Garden

On **Thursday, March 10** Conservation@Home will host *Plan Your Native Garden*, a free event at the Barrington Library from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

C@H will be presenting beautiful and functional native trees, shrubs, forbs, and grasses to enhance your home landscape. You will be given plant lists and generic planting plans to inspire your own creations for:

- A privacy garden
- A rain garden/bird & butterfly garden
- A year-round color garden



Native plants, trees, shrubs and rain barrels will be available to order through the BACT website following the workshop.

Plant pick-up is scheduled for Friday, May 20 between noon and 3:00 p.m. in the Barrington Village Hall parking lot.

Unable to join us?

Conservation@Home can come to you!

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information to set up your private consultation.

APRIL

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TOWER LAKES PROGRESSIVE DINNER

an evening with friends

RSVP
13 MARCH 2016
\$16.00/PERSON

COMPLETE FORM &
REMIT PAYMENT TO :
NANCY CROSS
27186 W LAKE SHORE
DRIVE

APPS 6p
DINNER 730p
DESSERT 945p-130a

Download the
form to
RSVP
[CLICK HERE](#)

please check the following that apply to you....

- * _____ I will host cocktails & apps. How many to host, include yourselves _____
- * _____ I will host dinner. How many to host, include yourselves _____
- _____ I will bring wine (1 bottle to app house & 1 bottle to dinner house)
- _____ I will bring to dinner: bread _____ or salad _____. Call din host for details.
- _____ I would prefer a vegetarian meal.
- _____ I have food allergies. Please explain _____

PLEASE PRINT

NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS: Itinerary will be sent to this email address.

PHONE NO:

ATTENDING:

TOTAL @ \$16.00/PERSON

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TOWER LAKES SOCIAL COMMITTEE

*DINNER HOSTS DON'T PAY OR BRING WINE TO APP HOUSE

*APP HOSTS DON'T BRING WINE TO DINNER HOUSE

TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

Rain Garden Update *Continued from p.1*

On an activity note, some progress that has been made since the last update. The submission of the request was made to Lake County for a "Jurisdiction" on Bay's Park. This is where Lake County Storm Water Management and The Army Corps of Engineers look at the location of the wetland and decide under which authority it falls. We hope and believe this will fall under Lake County jurisdiction which means we can avoid the potential delays of an Army Corp permit. Once this is received we can apply for the correct permit. There was also a financial planning meeting which met to map out the cash flows and risks of the project and presented that information to the Village Board. They will also be included in the next TLIA Board meeting and eventually will form part of this column.

Lastly, the Stewards of the Parks meeting appointed a team to be responsible for Bays Park, and they will be included in these discussions going forward. Also, a cross functional team of individuals from the Grounds Committee, Eco-Day and Arbor Day planning, Parks, Garden Club and Grounds Beautification met to discuss their planting strategies for 2016 and that led to the future formation of a committee to work with the professional contractor on decisions around the layout of the rain garden and the choice of plants.

Next steps after we receive good news from the IL EPA include:

**What's a rain garden?
Glad you asked.
[CLICK HERE](#)
for an in depth look.**

- Meeting with the neighbors around Bays Park
- Developing and posting an RFP/Bid request for the project
- Further work on the financial modeling
- Formation of the planting committee

Please continue to watch for updates and if this has piqued your interest, then feel free to call me (Andy Hay) at 847 736 9640 for more information or email me by clicking below and volunteer to help.



TLIA Board Meeting Minutes *Cont'd from p.2*

Tower Lakers are encouraged to contact Linda Kuna or dues@tlia.org if they do not think their dues will be paid by this date to avoid a penalty. Letters are being sent out to people who have past dues informing them that they owe a \$100 fee and asking them to set up a payment plan. Late dues are divided between the lake assessment and dues, but dues are paid first. This process needs to be clarified so that we can allocate these monies appropriately.

Treasurer's Report

Total Exp: December	\$6,773.34
Capital	\$449.00
Silt Removal	\$16,100.00

A \$197 fee for the PO Box was paid. Other costs include lake consulting, newsletter printing, port-o-let rental, legal bills, tennis courts fundraising, and tree removal. The silt project balance will be added to future monthly reports.

Committees

319 Grant No report

Youth - No report

Communications Committee

Cass Young

The Communications Committee sent out 13 email blasts last month and made various website updates and postings. The decision was made not print any additional editions of the Newsletter for now, but Randall Cross and Randy Young will analyze percentages of households reached online. A web designer is in the process of updating and modernizing the TLIA website, and the password requirement will be removed to facilitate ease of use. The Communications Committee took in almost \$1600 in advertising revenue last year and will now be selling advertising for the website as well as for the newsletter. A Communications Committee bank account has been set up to deal with advertising revenue. Three additional wooden message boards will be installed around the community. Mary Beth Adams will be added to the Communications Committee since she contacts new residents when they move in.

Events Committee

All events have been scheduled for the coming year. The online holiday events shop raised over \$400. Nancy Cross, Julie Losinski, and Valerie Baartz are chairing the Progressive Dinner, which will be held on April 2. 26 people are signed up for the Scotch-bowling event.

Tennis Courts Update

Mary Magro

TLIA members have contributed \$21,050 in donations via the Tower Lakes Community Foundation toward the \$50,000 goal needed to rebuild the Tower Lakes tennis courts. The committee will send out reminder email blasts encouraging members to contribute to this effort.

Grounds - No report

Grounds Beautification

Pat Covek

The annual tree lighting ceremony was not held this year due to inclement weather. This year the committee will be focusing on the reading circle on the island and the area behind the beach house, which needs some type of shoreline stabilization. The committee will seek the assistance of the Barrington Area Conservation Trust (BACT) or Citizens for Conservation (CFC) for this shoreline project. These projects could possibly be aligned with Eco Day II. It was suggested that motion sensor lights for ice-skating be reinstalled as the old lights are no longer working.

Lake Committee

Judd Lautenschlager & Steve Burgoon

The silt removal project continues. Phase 1 Davlin's Pond is almost complete. Two trees will be planted in the spring, and this will conclude the project. Phase 2 Lathan's Landing is near completion due to the mild weather and will also be finished in the spring. Permitting paperwork for Phase 3 has been completed. The committee is now looking at future lake needs. On January 9 we can start documenting meeting, volunteer, and training hours toward work credits that offset project costs. Andy Hay will share the template and process for documenting meeting hours.

Tower Lakes Welcomes New Residents:



Colin and Amy Regan

281 W. Lake Shore Drive

Colin cell (847) 714-3005

Colin email: colinregan@gmail.com

Amy cell: (847) 867-2350

Amy email: amylynnregan@gmail.com

Welcome our new neighbors Colin and Amy Regan to Tower Lakes! They moved here from Cary and have settled in to their home at 281 W. Lake Shore Drive on the lake by hosting many family gatherings and ice skating parties.

Also enjoying the parties are their nine-month-old son, Declan, along with their 14 month-old dogs, Finn & Fiona and their cat, Aidan. Colin works in sales at Kraft Chemicals in Melrose Park. Amy is a first grade teacher at Grove School in Barrington. The family loves to kayak, fish and play hockey. They know they have chosen the right home for their family and are looking forward to attending many of the events and making new friends in Tower Lakes!

Jeff and Margo Clark

25430 Wren Road

Margo cell: (847) 912-0081

Margo email:

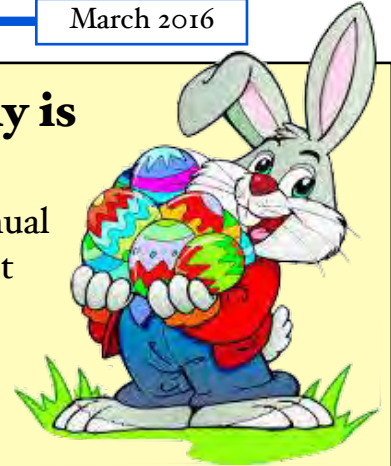
margo1717@yahoo.com



We have new neighbors at 25430 Wren Road! Welcome Jeff and Margo Clark to the Village. They moved here from Batavia, but they are from the area as Margo grew up in Barrington Hills and Jeff is from Barrington. They knew they wanted to live in Tower Lakes and visited here often until they found the perfect house for their family of three children. Jack is 12 and loves to play baseball, soccer and basketball and is also an avid chess player and a whiz at math. Jane is 10 and is involved with dance, gymnastics, choir, and chess while also being a whiz at math. The youngest at age 2 is Matthew who loves balls, dancing to music, and playing with Jack and Jane, all while sporting endless smiles! Jeff is a senior staff engineer and a Fukushima seismic lead for Exelon Corporation in Warrenville. He enjoys swimming, soccer, basketball, attending sporting events and playing sports with his kids. Margo lived in Paris for two years and now teaches French language and culture. She enjoys reading, swimming, walking, yoga, and spending time with family and friends. Welcome this busy family to Tower Lakes!

The Easter Bunny is Coming!

Please join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and visit with the Easter Bunny! Don't forget to bring your baskets and cameras!



Saturday, March 26, 2016

10:00 a.m. (Promptly)

0-3 yrs old - Toy Island

4-6 yrs old - Play Island

7+ yrs old - Rest Island

Tower Lakes Families: If you have a child or children that will be participating in the Easter Egg Hunt, please help out the Easter Bunny by dropping off a dozen pre-filled eggs per child at the home of Carrie Thompson, 111 Devonshire Road, from Saturday, March 12 to Wednesday, March 23. Questions? Email



TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

Calling all Lifeguards! Calling all Lifeguards!

We know it is cold outside but it is time to start thinking about summer! If you are interested in lifeguarding this summer, please send an email with your name and email address to:

beach@tlia.com. We will then send you an application.



TLIA BEACH



**Looking forward to another
great year at the beach!**

Driveway Sealants: What residents need to know

Sealants applied to driveways, playgrounds, and other asphalt pavements give old surfaces a black, glossy restored appearance. But if sealants contain high levels of **Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)**, they come with a potential danger. PAHs are toxic to aquatic life and a known carcinogen to humans and animals.

The PAHs in coal tar particles in rivers and streams can inhibit reproduction and cause DNA damage, tumors, cataracts, liver damage and death in aquatic life forms. In humans, prolonged exposure to PAHs has been linked to blood, kidney, liver, lung, scrotal, skin and stomach cancers.

Coal tar doesn't stay on your driveway. Sealant particles flake off with vehicle and foot traffic and in sunlight. Particles blow away and wash into ponds and streams with storm water. Coal tar dust is tracked into homes, by people and pets, where potentially carcinogenic dust and PAHs can be inhaled, ingested and absorbed through the skin.

Mouth tumors in fish have been linked to PAH concentration in sediments (Pinkney, 2009)



Alternatives

Safer, asphalt-based sealants have about 1/1,000th the PAHs of coal tar sealants. Asphalt-based sealants are similar in cost and durability to coal tar sealants and are widely available in stores and from contractors by request. Alternately, residents may choose to leave pavement unsealed or replace asphalt with concrete, pavers or surfaces other than asphalt.

When negotiating with a contractor to sealcoat a driveway, tennis court or parking area, ask what type of product is used. Specify that you **don't** want a coal tar sealant or other sealant high in PAHs. Request a safety data sheet for the contractor's product to confirm.

When shopping for a sealant to apply yourself, it is up to you to read the label. Most home improvement stores sell safer sealants. High levels of PAHs are most commonly found in coal tar-based sealants, but other products that may even be labeled as "green" can also be high in PAHs. Avoid sealants with the terms shown at the right.



Pouring seal coating on a driveway.
photo: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency



Models suggest that over a lifetime the risk for cancer can be 38 times higher from the ingestion alone of coal tar dust. Exposure for children under six years of age carries the greatest risk.

Avoid:

Coal Tar Based Sealants

CAS#65996-92-1
CAS#65996-93-2
CAS#65996-89-6
CAS#8007-45-2
Coal Tar
Coal Tar Pitch
Coal Tar Distillates
RT-12
Refined Tar
Refined Coal Tar Pitch
Coal Tar Pitch Volatiles
Tar
Related Terms

Avoid:

Other High PAH Sealants

CAS#64742-90-1
CAS#69013-21-4
Steam-cracked Petroleum Residues
Steam-cracked Asphalt
Pyrolysis Fuel Oil
Pyrolysis Oil
Heavy Aromatic Pyrolysis Oil
Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO)
Heavy Pyrolysis Oil (HPO)
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Getting to know your neighbor... Gordon Iversen

It's said that the artist's role is to create a sanctuary of beauty in an ugly world. The long version defines art as: "The expression of creative skill and imagination -- typically in a visual form -- to produce works to be appreciated for their beauty or emotional power." Tower Lakes is lucky to have this type of individual in our midst. Gordon Iversen is a true artist in many ways. While deliberate and methodical, his passion for art is inescapable.

Gordon had a conventional upbringing. He grew up in Mt. Prospect and attended Arlington Heights Township High School. He discovered a natural aptitude for drafting after taking a class as an elective. His talent led him to University of Illinois and the School of Architecture where he graduated with a B.A. in Architecture. Passing his state exam on the first try in 1957, Gordon started his career as a registered architect. He worked for a select few firms specializing in churches and utilitarian projects. So successful was Gordon that during his 26 years at Teng and Associates, he became Vice President of Technical Services which included architecture, management, and marketing. He spent years creating for others and when it came to designing his own home, Gordon logically wanted to do it himself.

He owned a lot in Tower Lakes for 12 years before he put pencil to paper to design his house. Generous windows and a two-story area compliment the structure. The house sits facing the dam with a southern exposure for maximum afternoon light. But it wasn't all about form. Function was extremely important to Gordon and he strove to make his new residence a state of the art and energy efficient space. He did so with a number of design elements: placing foil on the drywall to reflect the heat; installing an innovative ventilation system; and integrating six skylights onto the roof. He also placed the overhangs for maximum shade in summer and maximum sun in the winter. The result was one of the most efficient homes around. Today, it is still a lesson in effective heating and cooling. "When the sun is shining on a cold, winter day," Gordon says, "the furnace rarely kicks in." The house was a work of art.

With his home in Tower Lakes complete, Gordon and his wife began to



travel and travel and travel. Maybe it was because Gordon never lived outside of Illinois. Maybe it was because he wanted to experience other places and cultures or possibly because his wife worked for United Airlines early in their marriage. Whatever the reason, the Iversens' travel led them to almost every corner of the globe. With trips to Bangkok, Istanbul, Iceland, Moscow, Australia, Norway and the tip of South America (to name a few), Gordon brought back artwork each time. Photos fill one wall of his home and objects, rugs and artifacts pepper the rest of the house. He filled it with love, beauty, and fond memories.

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PROGRESSIVE DINNER Dessert House 945p-130a

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Next Meeting:

March 14, 2016

April 11, 2016

TLIA BOARD

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.

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In retirement, Gordon enjoys making things such as jewelry and stained glass. He even built a kit car. Gordon also enjoys raising orchids. The delicate flower takes a lot of attention but Gordon is used to nurturing such beauty and he doesn't mind getting his hands dirty.

He is an environmentalist at heart and the year after moving to Tower Lakes became one of the original members of the group affectionately called "The Chain Gang." It's a strange name for such a calm, reserved person, but Gordon and another resident used chain saws to cleanup dead trees in the common areas. Recently, Gordon joined the PARC Committee and currently co-stewards Barsumian Park with Mary Beth Adams. To be honest, he really adopted it when he moved in and did much of the maintenance in and around the park. He considers himself now a fierce protector of that park and has

hopes of establishing an arboretum within it.

And if you didn't know, Gordon was the TLIA President from 1984 to 1994. As an even-handed leader, he found and marked the access paths on the main lake and parks with brass medallions at the boundaries. Under his direction, he modified the dam slopes to conform to the state regulations and turned the Fen's maintenance over to BACOG. His legacy is beauty and the environment. You can see it everywhere...even in the dark. He personally keeps the Village Hall exterior lights and community entrance lights maintained and lit.

Are you tired yet? Well this 82-year-old man still finds time to spend each Monday volunteering at the Island Lake/Wauconda Food Pantry. He also works on Fridays in the gift shop of Good Shepherd Hospital.

Gordon has built a life of beauty and warmth, touched by art and design. He has gifted us all with the serenity of a

beautiful environment. He is an artistic, worldly man of all seasons who calls Tower Lakes home and plans to be here as long as he can.

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