

TLIA Newsletter

Building the Great Wall of Tower Lakes *Tennis Court Update*

Over a few weekends in April, the Tower Lakes volunteer community came out in force to continue construction on the new tennis courts. Several Tower Lakes residents spent their weekend clearing away debris, leveling the ground and slowly building a retaining wall at the front of the courts. With strong community effort, and a will to complete the project, the wall was built in a little over 20 hours. The wall was constructed with 320 cement blocks (weighing 80 pounds each). Each block was placed in a staggered design so as to shift the weight of the wall into the courts and away from the street (see photo at right). At each level, the blocks were filled with small pebbles, which will serve as water channels. A drainage system was also installed at the base of the wall. Kathy Covek, Jack Johnson, and Victor Mannina served as the volunteer project managers. "The community saved thousands of dollars by completing some of the work ourselves. It also kept the project on track for completion in May," said Jack Johnson.



Staggered Wall

The wall will be topped off with cap blocks in the next few weeks. Then four inches of gravel will be compacted over the entire surface onto which three inches of asphalt will be laid. Three or four days later, the fencing will be installed. After two weeks of curing, the coloring and striping will be done. Once complete, the courts will be a great investment in our community.

Special thanks go to Victor Mannina, who operated the back hoe/front end loader, and supervised the construction of the wall. "We had several individuals who spent all day working on the wall and some who could only give us an hour or so. I'm so pleased with the turn out of volunteers in the community who spent much of their weekend helping out on the project. It was much appreciated," said Jack.



Tennis Court Committee

- Kathy Covek
- Pat Covek
- Jack Johnson
- Mary Magro
- Victor Mannina
- Bob Nash
- Randy Young

Thank you to the following volunteers who "built the wall":

Ray Boe, Betsy Brookbank, Chris Burgoon, Dave Conway and sons Kai and Jet and cousin Natban, Bill Crowther, Bob and Kathy Covek, Joe Davey, Jack Johnson, Will Knight, Tom Kubala, Derek and Jean Mall, sons Owen and Calen, daughter Annabel, Victor Mannina, Brad Merkle, Bob Nash, Brian and Leslie Olson, sons Dylon and Ryder, Mel and Anne Gavic Ott, John Schmidt, Rick Steffen, John Yancey, and Cass Young.



TLIA TENNIS COMMITTEE



NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA

Over the last few weeks, a conversation arose between neighbors about how well we maintain our neighborhood. This took on a very personal vein when I viewed it from a TLIA perspective.

This past weekend, our spring cleanup was the very best cleanup activity I have witnessed in my fifteen years in Tower Lakes. It was a true representation of Tower Lakes as a holistic community. I propose a hardy "Well Done" and toast everyone who came out to show what we, as a community, can do when we join together. Cheers and thank you.

Now don't get me wrong. Many of the recent comments in the neighborhood exchange came from a foundation of fact. Some of our residents have fallen short on their obligations to us as a community. Individuality is encouraged, but disrespect to our neighborhood and ourselves is intolerable.

Our village is a very desirable mix of traditional, comfortable, and most importantly, a divine collection of eclectic. We all know "Judge not, lest you be judged." I hope that we would not review each other harshly or with malice. How is that in any way a motivator for improvement? No two or us are alike and no one of us is better than the other.

Just as we did this past weekend with our spring cleanup, TLIA has always approached neighborhood improvement as a community effort done together to benefit the whole. I would hope that this spirit would carry to the individual effort as well.

We are not a neighborhood of manicured lawns, perfect mirror images, or cookie cutter mediocrity. We are not a "majestic" neighborhood made of "little boxes on the hillside that all look just the same" and thank goodness we are not! But we can and should do better in consideration of our neighbors. That is our true value and one that should be embraced.

We are a unique collection of individuals. I believe we can improve our mutual home while maintaining our idiosyncratic nature of brilliance. Heck, we should scream that value from each of our less than perfect rooftops!

Our property values are a driving force within which we should unite and work together to improve. They are our only true material bond. We should all embrace the challenge of improvement. That is the factual portion of the discussion I read last week.

As we celebrated last Fourth of July, we are "Tower Lakes Proud." Living that belief and embracing that spirit, we all win!

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

Approved

TLIA Board Meeting Minutes March 14, 2016

Board Members:

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

Apologies: None

Committee Representation: Pat Covek - Grounds Beautification & Tennis

Kathy Covek, Jack Johnson - Tennis Courts - Rick Steffen - Social - Cass Young - Communications

Member Representation: Kathleen Leitner-**Guests:** Victor Mannina

Call to Order @ 7:00 PM

President's Report

Randy Young gave an update about the tennis court rebuilding initiative and introduced Mary Magro to read a motion about funding the demolition and construction of the courts.

Motion to the TLIA Board

I move the adoption of the following resolution

Whereas, We, the TLIA Board believe that the construction of new tennis courts is necessary to maintain the quality of the Tower Lakes community; and

Whereas, TLIA wants to provide recreational facilities to its members; and

Whereas, The membership voted at the 2015 Annual meeting of the Members to authorize the TLIA Board to appropriate \$60,000 in capital funds of the Association for the purpose of construction of new tennis courts provided that a community fund raising effort reached a goal of \$50,000 in donations for said purpose; and

Whereas, The community fund raising effort did raise the funds as documented by The Tower Lakes Community Foundation; and

Whereas, Such funds will be provided to TLIA by TLCF; therefore be it

Resolved, That the TLIA Board designate the sum of \$60,000 from its Capital Account for the repair and construction of tennis courts in the Village of Tower Lakes

Respectively submitted and moved by Mary Magro, treasurer

Second: TLIA Board - **All in favor: unanimous voice vote**

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Next Meeting:

May 9, 2016

June 13, 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.



Stop Speeding in our Neighborhood

By Tower Lakes
Police Chief
Sam Sinacore



Tower Lakes police have been receiving complaints of people speeding on the interior streets of the village. I have also received information that a dog was recently hit by a car. I know there are times when we all run late and are in a hurry to get to work in the morning and to get home at night, but think about your loved ones and friends or neighbors and the children that might be playing, riding their bicycles, walking their dogs and neighbors that walk for exercise on our streets in our village every day. I'm sure no one wants to endanger their lives.

“Help! People just fly down my street and it’s dangerous.”

Tower Lakes is a special place to live; I know everyone takes PRIDE in this community. Please take notice of your speed when driving. We need your help as residents to do your part, so we can continue to have that special feeling we all share about Tower Lakes.

Tower Lakes Celebrates Arbor Day

TL is a Tree City USA

On Friday, April 29, the Village of Tower Lakes celebrated its 22 years as a Tree City USA Community and recognized Arbor Day with the planting of two trees in front of the Village Hall. A brief ceremony took place, according to Rick Steffen VOTL Trustee and sponsor of the TL Tree Commission. Village President Dave Parro, TLIA President Randy Young, members of the Village Board, as well as members of the newly formed TL Tree Commission were in attendance. “This event was created to recognize and celebrate the value and beauty that our urban forest brings to our community,” said Rick.



East/West Bridge Path Improved

Recently, work has been completed on the construction of the first half of the path improvement project at the west side of the east/west bridge. The project was approved at the April TLIA board meeting.

SMP Landscape Construction installed the path running from West Lake Shore Drive down the hill to the shoreline of the lake. The environmentally friendly bricks used to pave the center of the path will allow grass to grow inside the “X” shaped blocks while providing stability and proper drainage for stormwater. The same style paving bricks used for the boat landing at the north end of the main lake were used for this project. The blocks are a permanent solution to the eroding issues caused by stormwater running down the path for several years.

The newly paved path is now fully stabilized and much safer for both foot and bike traffic along the path to the bridge. The drainage and erosion of the area was greatly improved when the neighbor along the south side of the path redirected his sump pump discharge and stormwater from his property away from the path. This homeowner work prefaced the installation of the new path and made the installation of the brick a viable solution.

The landing area at the bottom of the path near the bridge is part two of the construction plan. SMP will use the same kind of bricks to improve that area while stabilizing the footing up to the bridge. They will also install a bench in the area.

When the path improvement is complete it will be a useful, safe, and beautiful addition to the natural environment of Tower Lakes.

TLIA PARKS & GROUNDS



View from W. Lake Shore Dr.

Important Village Information



Prairieland Landscape Waste Collection Program

Yard waste, such as grass clippings, leaves, tree branches and brush, will be collected **through November 30**. This optional yard waste collection occurs weekly, the same day as trash day, for both the subscription and sticker program. To sign up for the subscription service, please call Prairieland at 847.381.9300. Yard waste stickers are available for purchase at the LB Mart in Lake Barrington.

Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable Kraft paper bags or containers with handles (specifically identified for yard waste) that are no greater than 32-gallons in size and do not exceed 50 lbs. in weight. Brush and branches must be cut into 4-foot lengths and bundled with string or twine. Each must not exceed 50 lbs. in weight.

Please note that sod, dirt, rock, whole trees, limbs greater than 4 inches in diameter and stumps are not part of the weekly yard waste program.

Leaf Burning

Attended burning is allowed on homeowner's property **through May 31 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** No burning of wet leaves. Also no burning of treated lumber or any construction waste materials. Please be considerate of your neighbors when burning. Burning leaves or brush on village right-of-ways or adjacent to roads is prohibited.



Spring Brush Pickup

The village will conduct a village-wide free brush and branch pick-up **the week of Monday, May 9**. Please make sure your debris is stacked for pick-up no later than Monday morning or you may miss your area's pick-up. Please stack branches with the butt end at the curb. 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. Also, 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 this service in a cost effective manner. If you exceed the amount of brush allowed for this pick-up, you risk the chance that none of your debris will be removed.



Contact JULIE

State law requires you to contact JULIE before you start **any** digging project, no matter how small the project or how deep you plan to dig. There are two convenient ways to reach JULIE:

1. Click Before You Dig Using E-Request

You can now enter your request if you have a valid email address and a single-address excavation. You will receive a confirmation email from JULIE along with general information pertaining to the excavation project. E-requests are processed by JULIE before the start of the next business day. The legal start date and time will be 48 hours from the time that JULIE processes your locate request. **NOTE: Your E-request is not valid until you receive an email confirmation from JULIE with a start date and time.**

2. Call Before You Dig

8-1-1 is the nationwide toll-free number for locate services.

Call **JULIE's toll-free number** at 800.892.0123 which is staffed 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

Both the call and JULIE's services are free. For more information you can visit their website at www.illinoisrcall.com.



Tower Lakes July 4th celebration is around the corner. Activity leads needed. Contact Events@tlia.org

*Life is Good -
Tower Lakes*

The Village Voice



Dave Parro
Tower Lakes Village
President

Very soon we will be receiving in the mail the annual application/bill for Tower Lakes vehicle stickers, which are due July 1. I would just like to remind everyone of a few things:




1. If any of the owners are 62 or older, don't forget to apply the 50% senior discount, which saves you \$15 per car.
2. All of the net revenue, and it is more than \$20,000/ year, is dedicated to TL road resurfacing. This funds more than 10% of our road repairs.

3. Compliance is the law. In recent years our police have not been aggressively ticketing for missing stickers. Sadly, compliance has shrunk to below 85%, even in the face of strongly worded follow-up letters and higher late fees. In April, the Village Board discussed the situation, including alternative methods of getting the needed funding. For a variety of reasons, including the fairness of assessing by number of cars and not just by property value or a flat rate, the consensus is to continue the program but evaluate enforcement methods. My plea to the scofflaws is to please consider that this user fee is both small and fair. Nobody thinks we are spending too much on road conditioning and nobody wants their property tax to rise and nobody (well at least not me) thinks this is a good priority for our public safety officers. Shirking your share is just putting pressure in the wrong direction on these factors as well as raising our administrative costs. Thanks for your understanding.

DO YOU HAVE A 2016 GRAD?



**Any level
Any degree
Any school**



The July Special Edition of the Tower Lakes newsletter will feature 2016 TL grads in full color!

Send a short bio about your grad (no more than 75 words) and a photo by June 15 to: communications@tlia.org

TLIA COMMUNICATIONS



July 2016

Is it Time to Celebrate in Tower Lakes?

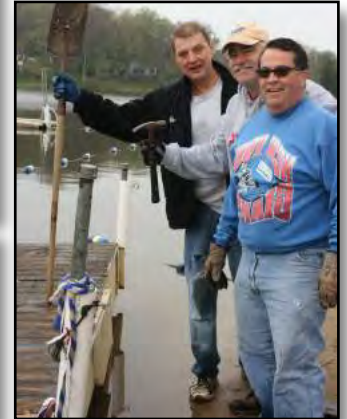
Graduation * Summer Parties * Weddings
If you are hosting a party and need help making it the best it can be, Tower Lakes Event Committee can rent the following items to you:

Yellow & White Tent (20 x 30)	\$100.00
8' Tables (16 in inventory)	\$4.00 ea.
Chairs (50 in inventory)	\$0.50 ea.
A Complete Package	
8 tables	
48 chairs	
tent	\$125.00

Contact Kristi & Bob Nash
847.526.6129

TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

Spring Cleanup Day – The Best Yet



TLIA PARKS & GROUNDS



Despite the soggy, cold weather, spring cleanup day on Saturday, April 30 was the best attended yet. Over 40 volunteers focused on several locations, throughout the neighborhood, each with a lead project manager. “Even though the weather wasn’t ideal, it was the best attended cleanup day we’ve had in years,” said John Yancey, TLIA Board member and Chair of TLIA Parks & Grounds. “Instead of focusing on one or two areas like we’ve done in the past, we spread out more.” Each lead concentrated on a certain park or project, allowing each group to accomplish more. Linda Kuna lead an attack the garlic mustard situation. She went to a number of locations, followed by a posse of children educating them on what garlic mustard looks like, why it’s bad for our environment, and how to pull it. Yancey went on to say, “Others concentrated on disabling the sinking lake raft and cutting it up for the dumpster.” Each project manager determined the activities needed and led teams of three to 15 people, depending on the location and workload.



“Thank you to the many, many volunteers who helped cut, clean, cook and clear. This cleanup was a banner event, in terms of volunteers and the projects that were accomplished. It was a huge success,” said TLIA President, Randy Young.



The weekend before, Mary Beth Adams organized an impromptu cleanup of trash from the main roads leading into our village. “There was a great deal of garbage left over from the winter months, and now the roads look great!” said Mary Beth.

Due to the weather, the rededication of Lindsey Lewis Gazebo Park after the Boy Scout renovation was postponed. A new date will be announced.



CLEANUP DAY PROJECT LEADS

- Project: Barsumian Park
Leads: Mary Beth Adams and Gordon Iversen
- Project: Rest and Play Island
Lead: Mark Shirchel
- Project: Beach
Lead: Jerry Metzl
- Project: Garlic Mustard
Lead: Linda Kuna
- Project: Iversen Park
Lead: Tom Spicer
- Project: East side boat landing (E. LSD)
Leads: Jack Johnson and Keith Scharm
- Project: Tennis Courts
Lead: Victor Mannina



Youth Conservationist Activity Workshop

Contributed by: Jen Grey

Our goal is to encourage the planting and conservation of native plants for a greener, healthier, and more beautiful world. The workshop will focus on the benefits of nurturing plants native to Illinois, and their potential impact right here in Tower Lakes. Members from CFC and Native Seed Gardeners will discuss opportunities for Voluntary Stewardship Programs, and lead participants in interactive eco games. Pint-sized 'Prairie Dropseed' and 'Nodding Onion' plants will be given away for adoption, free.



**"We love our Spring Sprouts!"
(featuring Jack and Brooke van Black)**



Sponsored by:
Citizens for Conservation
ECO friendly



IMPORTANT REMINDER:
PLEASE
Don't fertilize too close to the lake.

Save the Date



ECO DAY 2

Saturday, June 11, 2016

10-11:00 am

Rest Island

Come visit with guests from BACT, Native Seed Gardeners, TLIA LC Rain Garden/319 Grant Initiative, Tower Lakes Village Tree Commission, Praireland and others...

Youth Conservationist Activity Workshop for kids:

- *Plant adoption give away
- *Educational seminar

Contact Fran Steffen or Jen Grey for details.



TL YOUTH TENNIS

June 6–July 28

Where: TL tennis courts

When: M/W or T/Th

Time: TBD based on enrollment

Cost:

\$70 for K – 1st grade (45 min)

\$80 for 2nd–8th grade (60 min)

Deadline:
May 15

[CLICK HERE](#)
[to register](#)
[online](#)

Calling all kids! Summer is just around the corner.

Come join us for TENNIS.. We are excited to kick off the summer on our new courts this season! Any students entering kindergarten in the fall through 8th grade.

Any questions, please contact:

Bridget Lacson 312.927.2114

sheansbm@yahoo.com

TLIA YOUTH TENNIS

Progress on 319 Grant Dollars for TL

*Contributed by: Andy Hay, Project Manager
TL Rain Garden Initiative*

Hi everyone!

At last, we are making some progress with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency towards learning the outcome of our application for a grant to support our initiative to reduce non-point source pollution and reducing flooding.

Just to recap. The 319 Grant Application is a process where communities can apply for financial support to the state to access federal funds that have been set aside for this purpose, largely generated from fines that have been levied on companies that pollute our waterways, and in particular, to be used for the purpose of reducing pollution going back in our waterways. This year, the focus area is Northern Illinois and our particular area.

This week we received the great news that our request for funding has been selected by the IL EPA as a winning grant application and has now been sent for funding confirmation. One common question I hear is, "How safe are the funds, given that our state is not in a strong financial position?" The answer, I believe, is that these funds are very safe, given that they are federal funds, and have been set aside for this purpose. But note: we cannot celebrate yet. All of the communication goes to great lengths to remind us that we will not be deemed to be successful until we receive our award letter.

So, what are the next steps? Firstly, the village has been given a draft contract to review and comment on. This is in anticipation of the award letter. Also, we have been requested to submit a very detailed budget, in a standard Illinois format, for their review. Both of these are ongoing as I write this report. We have also been given access to a project manager at IL IPA to support us. This is all very promising and we should be cautiously optimistic that a successful outcome may be close.

In the meantime, the community is really getting behind this initiative. I have been overwhelmed by the requests for more information and the willingness to record all hours spent on this project. Just the very fact that you are reading this article is contributing to our side of the funding requirement and you will see a theme throughout the summer with Eco Day and July 4th – our particular focus. Although our efforts now cannot count towards the final grant 319 match, the clock on that starts when the award is made, and runs for 3 years. We still need to log \$10,000 of value to match the award made by Lake County. I am happy to say that by the time you read this, we will have achieved that target, allowing us to focus all of our efforts on the IL EPA value matching.

I am also amazed how many people are installing rain gardens on their own property. Part of this initiative is to raise awareness within Tower Lakes to the positive benefits of rain gardens to capture and clean any runoff waters. Steve Burgoon recently came across a great article from Washington State where local communities gathered together to help protect the waters of Puget Sound by building 12,000 rain gardens. While we may not be able to hit 12,000, we can certainly work together to capture runoff pollution in all of our homes. Please check out this article <http://www.12000raingardens.org/build-a-rain-garden/champions/>

Thank you for all your support! The dream moved closer to reality this week.

READ MORE

[Read the full Board Minutes, click here.](#)

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Victor Mannina detailed a construction update. He has met with the general contractor and soil stabilization contractor. All equipment will be driven in except for a backhoe. The fence will be torn down, one tree will be removed, and the bench will be temporarily moved out of the way prior to the start of construction. TLIA will check with the building officer to ensure that stormwater management requirements and wetland designation are in order, and adjacent neighbors will be notified that work will be done prior to demolition. The material from the courts will be ground up and processed for reuse on the new courts. Thank you notes and receipts for tax deduction will be sent out to donors.

Village Proposal

Kathleen Leitner requested the Board's tentative approval of holding a Tower Lakes 50th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, September 4, based on receiving a Special Events Permit. Kathleen and Debbie Baggett, Chris Burgoon, Pati Schaefer, and Carol Schmidt are working to plan the festivities. Proposed events include a road rally and a pig roast. The planning committee is requesting to borrow chairs, tables, and tents from TLIA for this event. TLIA committees could also possibly contribute funds to offset a portion of the costs. It was noted that lifeguards should be posted during the event since it will be held near the beach. Randy Young will take on the role of TLIA sponsor as delineated in the Special Events Permit process. All associations and new homeowners are encouraged to get involved in planning and participating in this event.

Kathleen also shared information about the Little Free Library, a concept that has been used in other communities in an effort to encourage reading. This project would consist of small boxes (approximately the size of the message boards) placed throughout the community where residents could exchange books: give a book and take a book. Kathleen suggested that Toy Island would be an ideal location for one of these boxes. The intent is to have this up and running by the end of the school year. The Board expressed unanimous support for this project.

Events Committee

Registration is in process for the Progressive Dinner. The committee is still looking for additional dinner houses. Sign-up sheets for 4th of July volunteers will be posted at the dessert house. 4th of July events this year will include a Friday adult social on July 1 and activities on the islands on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday (until 1:00 p.m.), July 2-4.

Approval of Minutes from February Meeting

Motion to approve: Mary Magro Second: Randall Cross Vote to approve.

Financial Secretary Report

All but 68 households have paid their 2016 dues at this point, and 18 households still owe dues from last year. 30 of these households are on payment plans and should be paid in full by September 1. Many dues came in at the end of February prior to the deadline, and therefore members avoided paying the late fee. \$58,670 is still outstanding from this year with \$13,760 remaining past due from 2015.

Kathleen Leitner

Rick Steffen

Randy Young

Linda Kuna

Meet the 2016 Tower Lakes Lifeguards

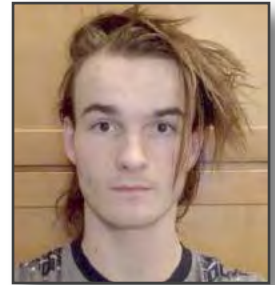
Lots of new faces for 2016!



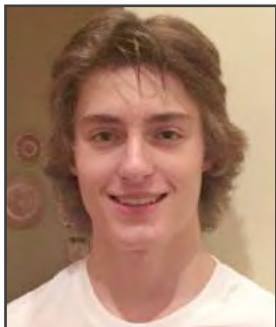
My name is **Jennifer Bailey** but everyone calls me JJ. I'm a student at the University of Dayton studying Communication Management with a marketing minor. I am involved in a service and entrepreneurship fraternity at UD. I hope to live in the city after college and pursue a career. I have a twin sister as well as one younger brother. I love adventure and the outdoors! I'm also an animal lover... cats are my favorite! I started travel soccer when I was 5 years old and continued playing until high school ended. I also played for my high school, Cary-Grove, and was captain of the varsity team my senior year. I am passionate about photography and all things from the 60's! I also love to cook and bake; chocolate chip cookies are my go-to. I am excited to start my job as a lifeguard for the Tower Lakes beach!



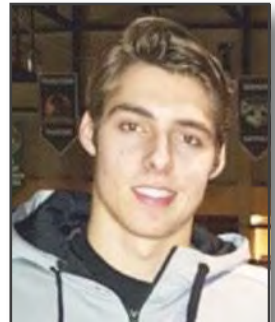
Hi, I'm **Dillon Davey** and I attend Barrington High School. I'm interested in music, volleyball, theater, writing, and sciences. I write my own music. I compose in my free time, and also write poetry and do both orchestral and choral arrangements for musical extracurricular groups.



Hi! My name is **Jared Gaidjunas** and I live on Lake Shore Drive in Tower Lakes. I am 16 and will be a junior next fall at Barrington High School. I've lived in TL for the past 8 years of my life and have loved every second of it. I play basketball and enjoy playing music, including the drums and piano, both of which I have played my whole life. I also really love swimming and do it regularly to train and just have fun! Tower Lakes has been the perfect place for me to grow up and I really look forward to lifeguarding and giving back to the community!!



Hi! I'm **Connor Mackey** and I'm coming into my 4th year as a grizzled veteran on the TL lifeguard squad. I'm currently playing hockey for a living, for the past 8 months, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. I enjoy fishing and golfing. I am the 2005 international junior ping-pong champion of Mexico!



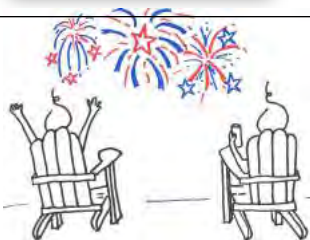
My name is **Ian Mackey**. I am not currently attending school, but rather play junior hockey for the Portage Terriers. I enjoy hanging with my friends in my free time, and this is my fourth year as a lifeguard.



Hi! I'm **Austin Mazzenga** and I attend the University of Alabama where I'm studying business management. I'm a huge Cub fan and hoping they win a World Series this year!



Hi! My name is **Nick Manfredini**. I am 16 years old. I have been a resident of Tower Lakes my entire life and spent every summer day of my childhood at the beach. My hobbies include soccer, swimming, cooking, baking, hanging out with friends, playing Xbox, relaxing in a hammock and playing with my dog.



Make the July 4th celebration good by volunteering for an activity. Contact Events@tlia.org

Life is Good - Tower Lakes



Hi! I'm **Eden Merkel** and I attended Barrington H.S. I plan on studying environmental science at Allegheny College in Pennsylvania in the fall where I'll be playing volleyball. Something unique about me is I love to play guitar.

I'm **Kyle Osterhues**, I'm 17 years old and attend Barrington H.S. I've been studying Mandarin Chinese since 6th grade and am interested in hockey, caddying, running, swimming, fishing, and hanging out with friends. When I get older, I want to skydive.



Hello, my name is **Troy Soto** and I'm a sophomore at Barrington H.S. During the school year, I play three sports: football in the fall, swimming in the winter, and water polo in the spring. Academically, my favorite classes are metalworking, mobile app development, and physics. I have lived in Tower Lakes my entire life and I really enjoy swimming and fishing. I have three siblings, and as a family, we've had many wonderful experiences in Tower Lakes.

Hi, my name is **Corinne Vondrak!** I go to Barrington High School and will be starting my senior year. I have been involved in many clubs and sports within my high school career, but my main focus has been community service. I have lived in Tower Lakes my whole life and have been going to the beach since I was a kid. Last year was my first year guarding and I had a great time. I love kids and look forward to being able to work with them again. I'm excited for a great summer at the beach!



Hi! I'm **Stephen Yancey** and I attend Barrington High School. I like to be outside, and enjoy playing sports with my friends. I run cross-country and track. I'd like to study business in college. Something interesting about me is that I always look at the good in any situation.

[CLICK HERE for beach rules](#)

2016 Beach Tags & Boat Stickers

TLIA Members and those who participate in the Recreational Family Pass Program (RFPP) can come to the beach parking area to get their Beach Tags and Boat Stickers (if needed) on the days listed below. All green boat stickers are still valid.



Saturday May 7
between 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Saturday May 21
between 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Beach Parking Lot



TLIA BEACH





TL Swim Lessons

Swim lessons will be offered this summer for nine weeks, beginning Monday, June 6 thru Thursday, Aug 4. Lessons will meet twice a week on either M/W or T/Th between noon and 4pm. Lessons are offered for children ages 3 and up.



\$75
per child

Early registration
must be received
by May 20 to
receive discount

\$80
per child

Registration
between May 21-
May 27

Registration must be received 10 days prior to the first class for scheduling.

Please drop off or mail your check to:

Paula Voska

630 Leon Dr.

Tower Lakes, IL 60010

Classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Your check will guarantee your spot.

Make checks payable to **TLIA**.

Questions or Concerns?

Paula Voska

H: 847.526.2376

C: 847.921.2376

Contact

Email:

beach@tlia.org

Mary Magro

H: 847.469.8760

C: 815.545.7710



[Click Here](#) to register on line



**American
Red Cross**

All lifeguards providing instruction have received Red Cross training and certifications. Lessons that are canceled due to poor weather or beach conditions will not be rescheduled. Lessons will be canceled if the temperature is below 69 degrees at lesson time.

TLIA BEACH

SAVE THESE DATES FOR

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

End of School Bash

Thursday, May 26 - 5:00 p.m. - Aram Park - All Ages!
Youth Committee will provide popsicles, music and fun! Bring a snack or dish to share! Come vote for the Family Movie Night movie! See you at the park to kick off summer!

Lacrosse Camp

Tuesday, May 31 - Friday, June 3 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Soccer Field - Ages 6 and up
Look out for the email blast with information on sign up, registration costs and equipment needs. Camp will be run by Will Knight, BHS Head JV Lacrosse Coach!

Summer Story Time - Friday, June 17 (Theme: Pirates & Mermaids) 10:30 a.m. Rest Island - All Ages!

Escape into a world of stories with our very own Tinker Bell storyteller, Mrs. Jacquie Skurla, as she captivates our young audience on Rest Island! Friday, June 17 will be a Pirate & Mermaid theme, so feel free to bring a prop or dress appropriately! We will head to the beach after for a Pirate and Mermaid party! July and August Story Time dates to come!

**Family Movie Night**

Friday, June 24 - Dusk Soccer Field - All Ages!

Youth Committee will provide the big screen, movie, and popcorn! Bring your own blanket/chair and beverages!



Kids Garage Sale - Monday, June 27 10:00 a.m. - Noon Soccer Field -All Ages!

Calling all kids who would love to sell your old items and make them someone else's treasure! Bring a blanket or table, items you wish to sell, and some extra money to spend! Price and sell your own items in your space! This is not a public sale for outsiders, just for Tower Lakers.



Cricket Anyone?

Contributed by: Andy Milne, Resident Bowler

Save the date for a day of cricket with Andy Milne. Starting at 10:00 am, this free 2-hour cricket camp will cover the basics of bowling, batting and fielding plus the unique history, language and culture behind the game. At 2 pm, we will reconvene on the soccer field and play a full version of the game. In advance of the day, Andy will share recipe ideas for the perfect cricket tea. Come out and play, or just watch with friends and family as you picnic while hearing that quintessential sound of cork on willow (OK, tennis ball on wooden bat).

If you have experience playing cricket and would like to help out with coaching, please contact Andy Milne at

773.951.9062

[Click Here for details](#)

Cricket comes to Tower Lakes

Saturday June 25th

Cricket Camp 10 'til 12
Cricket Match 2 'til Tea

All ages welcome

www.tinyurl.com/TLCricket

Getting to know your neighbor... Mary Beth Adams

Mary Beth Adams is most likely the first person new residents meet when they move into Tower Lakes. With a smile on her face and a warm, friendly demeanor, Mary Beth is a one-man show, greeting newcomers to our community. She is the one and only official "Tower Lakes Welcoming Committee." "I get to meet new folks when they move in and connect them with other people in the neighborhood. I'm excited to tell them about the wonderful events and activities here and to encourage them to get involved. It is truly the key to happiness in Tower Lakes," says Mary Beth.

It seems the perfect job for her. Mary Beth is a natural ambassador for Tower Lakes. "It's like being on vacation every day. No matter what kind of a day you have had, or what else is happening in the world, Tower Lakes is a calming respite. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else," says Mary Beth.

She wasn't always surrounded by nature. Mary Beth grew up on the busy northwest side of Chicago in an Irish/Italian neighborhood with many large families. She was the annoying kid who always wanted to play "school". After attending Catholic schools, she went on to fulfill her dream of becoming a teacher by earning a bachelor's degree in special education and elementary education at Northeastern Illinois University. While working as a junior high special education teacher in the western suburbs, she went on to earn master's degrees in reading and school administration. Later, as a school administrator with the Northern Suburban Special Education District on the North Shore, she had the opportunity to collaborate with so many wonderfully dedicated teachers and families. It was a career that inspired her to give back.

Some years ago, Mary Beth bought a home in Des Plaines, never knowing that her future husband, Nick, lived in the house next door! "He always joked that he didn't have far to drive to pick me up for a date!" exclaims Mary Beth. They married and recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

During the early years of their marriage, Nick worked with Dave Parro (a Tower Lakes resident and current Village President), and the Adams would drive out to Tower Lakes to visit. Mary Beth recalls taking paddleboat rides to look at the lakefront homes and realized that Tower Lakes was where she wanted to live. She was drawn to the beauty of the lake, the parks, and the friendly people.

In 1996, with two-year old twins, Nick and Mary Beth realized that they needed a larger home. More importantly, they wanted to raise their boys in a place that had a real sense of community. Tower Lakes naturally came to mind and the Adams couldn't have been happier when they found a home on the lake. To this day, Mary Beth looks out her window at the incredible view and is amazed by her surroundings.

Although Nick and Mary Beth knew the Parros, they felt it was important to immerse themselves

deeper into the community. That meant volunteering and helping out neighbors. Mary Beth immediately started a playgroup for her sons that connected her with other new moms. She joined the Youth Committee, managing many of the events that continue to this day: the Halloween pizza party and the movie night, among others. And even though her kids are grown, Mary Beth still finds herself wandering over to watch kids enjoying the fun! Later, she and her husband joined the Social Committee (now called the Events Committee) and had great fun planning events and meeting even more people in the neighborhood! She claims the Social Committee was one of the best experiences in Tower Lakes. No wonder. It allowed her to again fulfill her desire to socialize and connect with others – this time on a bigger scale.

And Mary Beth passed along the lesson of stewardship to her sons. Although now in college completing their engineering degrees, Mary Beth always encouraged them to volunteer in Tower Lakes. The boys would ask, "Why we are cleaning up Kelsey Road or the parks?" or "Why we are going to a neighbor's house to help them?" Nick and Mary Beth would tell them that they are blessed to live in such a community and it is their responsibility to take care of it and one another – a lesson she learned from working on the North Shore.

She dedicates many hours in Tower Lakes at the parks. She maintains the flowerbeds at Barsumian Park and recently became one of the Stewards of the Park. "Residents get to enjoy the splendor in our parks because of the many volunteers who spend time beautifying them," says Mary Beth.

We all know the environment in Tower Lakes is beyond compare. "When I think about the real attractiveness here, though, it truly is the people. Everyone is so friendly and inspiring," says Mary Beth. She loves getting to know so many wonderfully diverse people and feels blessed to be fortunate enough to call them friends.

After a rich, fulfilling career in education, Mary Beth retired eight years ago. Her natural instinct to connect with others kicked back in and she is currently working part-time at Harper College – in the Admissions Office – welcoming new students to campus. She also informs them about college life, financial aid and helps them acclimate to their new surroundings. It's a perfect fit for this woman who is, by nature, so warm and welcoming.



"Me and my Shadow"

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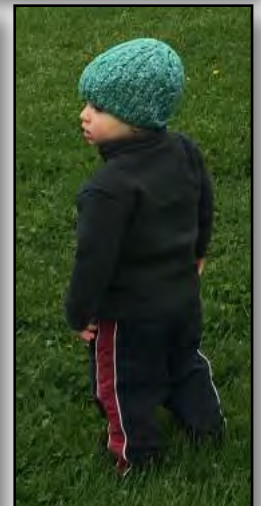
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SAVE THE DATES!

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016 6:30 P.M.
 FREE SEMINAR ON TAX REDUCTION AND
 ESTATE TAX ELIMINATION (DINNER INCLUDED)
 AT LAKE BARRINGTON SHORES GOLF CLUB
 PRESENTED BY RODNEY PIERCEY,
 FORMER TOWER LAKER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016
BIG NIGHT 7: MASQUERADE!



Save Dates

July 1, 2, 3, 4
 July 4th Celebration
 Parade on Monday, July 4

October 15
 Chili Cook-off
 Rest Island

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 July 4th celebration.

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 Tower Lakes*