

TLIA Newsletter

Tower Lakes Directory Hits the Road

New TL App ready for iOS & Android

TLIA Member Services is extremely excited to announce the launch of the Tower Lakes Directory Mobile Application compatible with both iOS (iPhone and iPad) and Android devices. The Tower Lakes Directory app puts the entire directory and important local numbers right in your pocket.

The cutting edge application allows you to search for any fellow resident by name, street or neighborhood and then simply tap to call, email, text, or get directions to any location. The application is only for the use of Tower Lakes residents. As such, all information is password protected.

The Directory App has 5 distinct sections to make finding the right number easier. The *Resident Directory* is where you can search for anyone who lives in the village. *Important Numbers* include Tower Lakes Police Dispatch, Poison Control and other critical numbers. *TLIA Contacts* and *Village Officials* allow you to easily get in touch with the correct local official for your needs.

And finally, the *Handy Numbers* section lists local libraries, movie theaters, schools and village contracted services. Also in the Handy Numbers section is Andy's List (curated by Andrew Milne) which links to a great list of neighbor recommended contractors for several type of work.

The applications were developed free-of-charge by [Ethervision](http://ethervision.net), (ethervision.net) a software development company owned by Tower Lakes resident Randall Cross. "The piece of functionality I am most excited to share with the community is the alert message system we put in place. Now important announcements can be shared in real time using the application," said Randall.

To get started using the application enter the following link into your smartphone web browser: ethv.co/directory and then download the app. Open the app and enter the current password: **duckisland**.

If you'd like to change or update your information, simply tap on "click here to update" on the home screen of the app. Rather than collect resident information for a paper directory every 2-3 years, our goal is to use the application to keep current resident information year-in and year-out.



Tower Lakes 2016 paper directories have been hand-delivered to residents. If you need additional copies, contact [TLIA Member Services](mailto:memberservices@tlia.org) (memberservices@tlia.org)



Little Library in Tower Lakes

After 26 years of teaching, Tower Lakes resident Elaine Moffitt received an unusual and charming retirement gift -- a little library. Her co-workers at Conyers Learning Academy in Palatine, where Elaine taught at-risk children, knew of her love of books and desire to give back to her community. "I saw a little library in Ohio and thought it would be a great idea for Tower Lakes," said Elaine.

Little libraries are popping up all over the country as a free way for people to place small, weatherproof boxes in their communities. They are stocked with books for the public to take and return. When someone takes a book, the intent is to replace it with another one. Elaine will be the steward of the box, which has been placed near the beach

parking lot. "I'm excited to see members using and contributing to this little library. I'm thrilled to contribute to Tower Lakes in this way."



NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA

Happy 4th of July everyone!



I'd like to invite you to take a ride with me. Come on along, won't you? Let's climb into my imaginary hot air balloon; you know the one...it looks just like the one on that great new directory we all just received. It's an easy drift over the trees to see the festivities and why "Life is good... in Tower Lakes."

Hold on while I fire up a little more height. There... we can gaze down over the islands this 4th of July. Take a good look around at all you see. It's a wonderland of music, food, fun, and community. Hey! Just like the poster says...

Take a look over there. See, there's Rest Island and the stage where we'll listen to some great music every day and evening this weekend. I saw the folks setting it up just yesterday and boy did they work hard. Oh, look! Just a few short steps away is the food tent. The kids can grab a treat or a slushy. How about a cold beer for us? Can you see the clothing tent and the folks from the Lake Committee in their tent? The Tower Lakes Foundation folks are here too! Listen closely. Is that the bingo caller I hear? Boy, that grill sure smells great!

As we drift over the lake and beach I can see the tug-o-war, canoe races, and the kids busy making sand castles. The Youth Committee always does such a great job with the kids' activities. And look, there's all the moms and dads basking in the sunshine and cooling off in the water! Is that a life guards whistling for a time out? Don't worry the Beach Committee has all that well in hand.

The bridges and paths are a swarm of families going places and having fun. Grounds and the Beautification folks did a great job making everything look so nice. Just over the trees we can see the parks where they have face painting, pony rides, basketball games, the new tennis courts, and volley ball! Isn't it a grand site to see from way up here? The view is magical! What do you expect? It's Tower Lakes 4th of July.

Oh, what's that you ask? How did everyone know about all this? Well it's our wonderful communications team with all the emails, posters, and have you seen that 24-page full color newsletter for July? We may be on an imaginary balloon ride, but you really can't imagine the hours of work all that takes. Over there, in the shade, it's the Events team taking a short break. I don't blame them. They deserve it! They are bushed from the dozens and dozens of hours of work, together with all their volunteers, that it takes to set all this up. Don't worry it won't be long before they are back at it making (like the sign says) life good in Tower Lakes.



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

Looking down, this is great, but how about a little glance up into the clouds? Just try it... you'll see something special. Yes it's the brand new directory app for Tower Lakes. Amazing isn't it! Have you downloaded it yet? Talk about being the best!

As we drift back to reality, let me tell you a little tale about just how this all happens. It's not complicated or difficult at all. It's the people you know. You see them everywhere, managing all these activities, events, tents, and services. They are your friends and neighbors who have stepped up to volunteer. They are the Events, Communications, Grounds, Youth, Lake, Beach, and Beautification Committee people, activity leads, moms, dads and kids alike who have made this 4th of July happen for everyone. It's people just like you. This is what our community is all about: people stepping up, people willing to give a little so we can all enjoy a few very special days together. Our community is special because of our people. And it doesn't take a vivid imagination to see that, just a good look around.

You won't find this kind of community just anywhere. No sir, it's a Tower Lakes kind of thing! So, if you have a mind to step in... join in... volunteer the next time you see an opportunity. It may be today, tomorrow, or anytime... all year long. TLIA could use a few good people just like you to join in the party. Just ask anyone who's behind a counter, working a tent or manning an activity. With a big smile, they'll tell you how to join in.

Well the balloon ride is over and the real fun is just starting. You know, my wife says I'm a dreamer with my head in the clouds. I'm OK with that and maybe she's right. To all the volunteers this 4th of July, thank you for making my holiday a dreamer's delight... I love the view!



Next Meeting:

TLIA BOARD

July 11, 2016

August 8, 2016

7:00 P.M.

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.

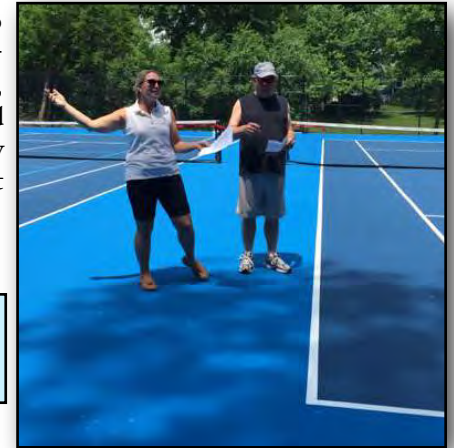
Community Celebrates New Tennis Courts

Dozens of Tower Lakes residents attended a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 11 to celebrate the opening of the new tennis courts. Mary Magro, who was instrumental in the fundraising effort, spoke and thanked integral members who kept the project on task: Pat Covek, Kathy Covek, Bob Covek, Jack Johnson, Judd Lautenschlager, Victor Mannina, Bob Nash and Randy Young. In the end, however, it was “the community that made the new tennis courts possible,” said Mary.

A full budget of the complete project is detailed on p. 4.

[Click here for tennis court rules](http://tlia.org/rules/)

<http://tlia.org/rules/>



Not All Happy with the New Courts



Several Tower Lakes residents who live adjacent to the new tennis courts attended the June TLIA Board meeting to express their dismay with the color choice made by the Tennis Committee. They contended the bright blue hue that was chosen for the perimeter of the courts was too vivid for their tastes and doesn't fit into the natural environment of the community. They also contend that it devalues their property. While all were in favor of new courts, many who attended the meeting believed they were blindsided in connection with the aesthetics of the courts. “While I applaud the effort in getting new tennis courts, they have become an eyesore. It's strikingly shocking. The bright blue border is too much,” said one resident. In support of their argument, the residents secured over 74 signatures in a petition they presented to the board.

TLIA President Randy Young set the parameters for the discussion, allowing everyone an opportunity to be heard. Members in opposition of the color were allowed a twenty minute time period in which to present their objections. Each member who spoke during the discussion was allowed two minutes to comment. Resident and Tennis Committee member Kathy Covek stated, “We had a number of swatches to choose from and picked blue on blue because it is the most popular color on the tennis circuit today.” Resident Jack Johnson added, “Blue is actually a tranquil color.” Other tennis players remarked on the contrast the color provides between ball and court.

In addition to the frustration with the color, the residents felt communication was poor throughout the entire process. “We received one phone call the night before construction was to begin,” said one member.

Resident Cassandra Young countered, “I think it's important to get involved in the process and to be proactive instead of reactive.” President Young also reminded the residents that between November 2015 (when the project was approved by the general membership) and May 2016, “there was no lack of outreach to the community. Everyone had ample opportunity to join the committee, make their voices heard, and contribute ideas.”

In the end, the residents are demanding, through their petition, that the tennis courts be repainted. Board member Mary Magro stated it would cost an additional \$3,500. She also indicated that repainting at the current time would disrupt the tennis lessons and planned activities that are currently on the events schedule. She said “it would make the courts unusable for quite some time.” The residents didn't object to repainting in the fall.

The TLIA Board then moved the issue to a “committee of the whole” where they discussed several items including the costs associated with the issue, the complaints, and potential solutions. The Board may have an opportunity to vote on recommendations at the July 11 meeting.



[CLICK HERE](#)
To read the petition,
see link on page 21

See Tennis Court financial statement on p.4

This spreadsheet was reported to the TLIA Board on June 13, 2016 as the full accounting of the Tennis Courts Rebuilding Project



by Steve Schweinsberg
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TLCF Donations (as of 5/31/2016)	\$50,000	\$55,830
TLIA Capital Funds	\$60,000	\$60,000
Income Total	\$110,000	\$115,830
Expenses to Date:		
Donation letters/stamps	\$0	\$450.29
Permits	\$0	\$437.50
Soil Stabilization	\$28,300	\$27,000
Demolition	\$10,000	\$11,275
Court Surface - stone and asphalt	\$33,623	\$33,623
Retaining Wall	\$4,800	\$6,569.11
Front loader rental	\$0	\$961.50
Misc (caution tape, stakes, drain sleeves)	\$0	\$83.78
Court leveling, resurfacing, color/stripping	\$10,200	\$10,200
Pickle Ball Striping	\$0	\$350
Fencing, Net, Posts, Nets	\$22,858	\$22,858
Additional gate	\$0	\$950
Construction Sub Total	\$109,781.00	\$114,758.18
Anticipated Additional Expenses		
Stabilize gravel		\$500
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Adult Social: Lip Sync Challenge 7:00 pm

Saturday - July 2

Fishing Derby 8:00 am

Tents Open 9:00 am

Tickets, Clothing & Grill 9:00 am-7:30 pm

Snacks & Bar 9:00 am-11:00 pm

Dr. Steve's Animal Show 10:00 am-11:00 am

Bingo 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Sail Boat Races 12:00 pm

Music: Pulsebeat 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Home Run Derby - Baseball Field 3:00 pm

Cart Races - Soccer Field 4:00 pm

Basketball Shootout - Murray Park (west side) 5:00 pm

Music: Northbound Train / The Guys 7:00 pm-10:00 pm

Sunday - July 3

Tents Open 9:00 am

Tickets, Clothing & Grill 9:00 am-7:30 pm

Snacks & Bar 9:00 am-11:00 pm

Pony Rides/Face Painting - Soccer Field 11:00 am

Swim Races 12:00 pm

Bingo 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Sand Castle Judging 2:30 pm

Tug-o-War 3:00 pm

Kayak/Canoe Races 3:30 pm

TL Youth Got Talent 4:30 pm-6:00 pm

Music: 2nd Time Around 7:00 pm

Monday - July 4

Parade 9:00 am

Tents Open 9:30 am

Tickets, Clothing & Grill 9:30 am-2:00 pm

Snacks & Bar 9:30 am-2:00 pm

Flag Ceremony 9:45 am

Pancake Breakfast 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Music: Breakfast with Pat McKillen 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Volleyball & Tennis 2:00 pm

*All events are weather dependent

*All events are at Rest or Play Island unless otherwise noted

July 1-2-3-4 2016

TLIA Board Meeting Minutes - May 9, 2016

Board Members: Steve Burgoon, Randall Cross, Linda Kuna, Judd Lautenschlager, Mary Magro, Mike Mitchell, Kathy Pattengale, and John Yancey

Apologies: Randy Young

Committee Representation: Pat Covek - Grounds Beautification & Tennis - Jack Johnson - Tennis Courts - Caroline Milne - Youth - Bob Nash - Events - Cass Young - Communications

Member Representation: Jack Johnson - Guests: None

Call to Order @ 7:02 PM

Opening Remarks

Steve Burgoon applauded the community for their volunteerism, in particular for recent work on the tennis courts demolition and reconstruction.

Approval of Minutes from April Meeting **Steve Burgoon**

Motion to approve: Judd Lautenschlager

Second: Linda Kuna

Vote to approve.

Financial Secretary Report

Linda Kuna

Dues collection has slowed dramatically. A total of \$38,062.00 remains to be collected this year, including all outstanding invoices and late payment assessments. 24 residents remain on payment plans, down from 32. There are currently five properties on the market, and dues payments will not be received until these properties sell. One property is in foreclosure. Of the seven properties (six homeowners) that were sent collection letters, two have responded directly to TLIA already. There are six homeowners who have not responded at all and have been assessed the late fee for 2016 only.

Steve Burgoon noted the need to estimate the amount of dues money that will be allocated for the Lake Assessment based on the total percentage collected.

Total deposited in March	\$ 67,400.00	\$ 282,360.25
Regular Dues	4,350.00	96,400.00
Senior Dues	1,750.00	\$ 44,625.00
Lake	2,500.00	\$ 70,975.00
Collections	4,120.00\$	\$ 13,880.25
Vacant Lot	0	500.00
Miscellaneous	54,680.00	500.00
RFPP	0	425.00
TOTALS	\$67,400.00	\$282,360.25

Please note that the \$54,680.00 in the miscellaneous category represents funds from TLCF for the tennis courts.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kuna, Financial Secretary

Treasurer's Report **Mary Magro**

There were only a few invoices submitted for payment this month. Bills have been paid for a dues refund (overpayment by a resident), Grounds General (weed management at the Gazebo and bobcat rental), Grounds Maintenance (cleanup and mulch of all TLIA properties), and Lake (ILMA expenses and tree removal). Invoices have been received for the tennis courts construction, including front loader rental, stones purchased, and blacktop.

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July 4 - Monday, 11 am -

Breakfast with Pat McKillen

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TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

Thinking of Having a party on TLIA Common Area Property?

TLIA

Tower Lakes is a very special community with several parks, playgrounds, islands, and the lake all making up the Common Area of the Association. These Common Areas are open areas designed and maintained for the enjoyment of our members. Each year, many families and groups request to use the TLIA Common Areas for activities and parties outside the scope of TLIA sponsorship and organization.

To assist in the use and enjoyment of the Common Areas for these activities, TLIA has developed a Special Events Application for use by members requesting Common Area use for group activities outside the scope of TLIA.

The application covers the use of the listed TLIA Common Areas & Parks.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW AND DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION](#)

or see link on page 21

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Members wishing to use the Common Areas for group activities, sports activities, large parties, wedding ceremonies, and similar functions must fill in this application, present it to the TLIA Board in person at a regular board meeting for review and approval at least 60 days prior to the event. A limited number of Special Event Applications will be approved each year.

Common Areas in Tower Lakes where a Special Events Application is required for events:

Aram Park	Gorden Lewis Park
Barsumian Park	Gordon Iversen Park
Bays Park	Harriet Graham Park
Khoren L. Hussissian Park	Cyril Wagner Park
Murray Park	Claudia Zupancic Park
Rose's Park Soccer Field	Lindy Lewis Gazebo
Tennis Courts	Rest Island
Tower Lake	Play Island
North Lake	Toy Island
	Duck Island

**TREE CITY USA®****Tree Planting Throughout Village**

*Contributed by:
Rick Steffen
Village Tree
Commissioner*

As a part of this program, the Village Tree Commission has been planting several trees throughout Tower Lakes. All of these new trees have been planted within the Village right-of-way areas along our streets and homes.

The Village Tree Commission is asking that if you have been lucky enough to have a tree planted along the right-of-way fronting your home, would you please take a few moments and provide these young trees with a good soaking of water every few days for the next couple of weeks?

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*Please RSVP by Sunday, July 17, to
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Rain Garden Update *Contributed by Andy Hay*

Time passes slowly in our federal government. While we have made great progress and our Tower Lakes Rain Garden Project has definitely been selected by the IL EPA as one of the supported projects, as yet the funds have not been made available by the federal government to support the award. So, in a nutshell, we are on hold. All of the pre-work has been done. Thanks to both the Village Board and the Board of Tower Lakes Improvement Association, we are as ready as we can be.

In the meantime, all of the recorded hours of community activity has led to us being able to match the non-cash portion of the original Lake County grant of \$10,000 and more. This bodes well that we, as a community, will be able to meet our commitments to match the Federal Grant when we receive it.



I wish I had more to give you on this project but the wheels are turning slowly, more so than prior years and definitely slower than we had expected.

If the grant is awarded before the July 4th celebrations, we will send out an email blast and have information available on the island. In the meantime, we are effectively “on hold.”

I appreciate everyone’s support and would ask that, our community keep the faith that this will come eventually. We will have plenty of time to complete the project when it does.

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 Kiran, and Samira*

LATHAN'S LANDING WORK CONTINUES

Q&A With *NICK ADAMS, Project Manager*

Lathan's Landing is the TLIA boat landing located between North Lake and the main lake along the channel west of Roberts Road. The area has been under construction for some time and several residents have been asking when it will be completed. Nick Adams, TLIA Lake Committee Member and Project Manager, sat down recently and provided answers and information on the area's status and schedule. Here are the highlights of Nick's Q/A session in response to member questions:

Q: What is the project and what is the time frame?

A: The project was the reconstruction and development of Lathan's Landing into a high quality park and boat landing. It was designed to offer improved drainage, rebuild the natural environment using native plants and build an improved boat landing with access to the main lake. In terms of the overall schedule, we began the work well over a year ago. We had hoped to have the entire project completed by November 2015. TLIA applied for the relevant permits for the renovation of the entire area (Lathan's Landing boat area and the Circle Drive Park area) in plenty of time to complete the project on schedule.

Q: What permitting agencies are involved?

A: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Lake County Storm Water Management (LCSWM) The original schedule called for completion in July 2015.

Q: What was the hold up?

A: TLIA asked the permitting agencies to urgently expedite approval. We advised the agencies, through our project consultant, that we needed to have the permits issued by September or October to execute the project by the end of 2015. Unfortunately, the agencies could not respond in a timely fashion. It was not due to lack of trying or communication on the part of TLIA. The lake Committee more or less hounded the LCSWM from September until the end of October to expedite the permits.

We were told that LCSWM could not issue its permit prior to USACE issuing its permit. Additionally, we were informed that USACE generally takes 9 to 12 months to issue permits.

Q: Could any work be done to expedite the progress?

A: Yes. After contacting USACE directly in an attempt to get the permit issued, we eventually made the decision to start the renovation on the park portion of the project prior to issuance of the permits.

TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE

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Congratulations...



Brett Adams is a May graduate from Purdue University with a degree in mechanical engineering. He has accepted a job doing large machinery design work for an engineering firm in Merrillville, Indiana.

Patrick Bolger, son of Tom and Mary Kay, graduated June 11 from North Central College in Naperville. Patrick received his B.S. degree in economics and finance and is currently interviewing with several banks, investment firms and other financial institutions. He had excellent grades throughout his college career and was a three-year starter for the NCC football Cardinals. He was voted all-conference both his junior and senior season and was named captain of the Cardinals his senior year. His team went 30-6 over his career and made it to the NCAA Division III national semi-final game in 2013. Patrick was also a mentor for underclassmen athletes for three years. He and his girlfriend, Danielle, hope to remain in the greater Chicago area.

Michael Colby graduated Cum Laude on May 7 from Iowa State University with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. Michael will be marrying his BHS sweetheart, Emma Haney (graduated from Loyola), on July 16 and honeymooning in Peru before beginning his job with Chicago-based Stanley Consultants. Michael & Emma will be calling the Edgewater neighborhood of Chicago home.

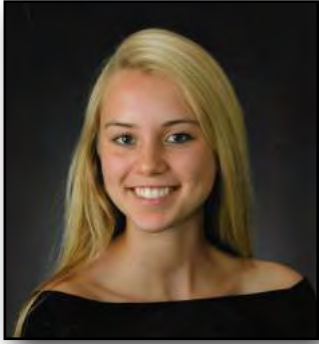
Olivia Hagan graduated Barrington High School with honors and will be attending University of Kentucky. She will be studying early education at UK.

Trevor J Hannagan will be heading to St Louis, MO this fall to study technical theatre direction at Webster University, Conservatory of Fine Arts. Technical theatre has been his passion since working with the stage productions at Barrington Middle School. In high school, Trevor became involved with the drama club and took a specific interest in lighting design. Trevor has been inducted into the National Thespian Society (2015) and has worked for the BHS technical services crew for the past 3 years. It is not often someone so young can commit to a passion and choose to study it further at the collegiate level. Trevor is grateful to his parents for their support & his mentors at BHS theatre, Amy and John Tilford. He greatly appreciates the scholarship opportunities he has been awarded and looks forward to a successful college experience.

Zac Hess will be attending the University of Iowa in the fall. He will be studying business.

Mickey Kubala is a BHS class of 2016 graduate. He's lived in Tower Lakes his entire life. This fall, he'll be attending the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign. As both of his parents spent time living in Europe, as well as working in various countries around the world, he is very interested in international business and culture. As a result, he plans to study abroad in Europe within the next couple years, hopefully in Spain or Italy.





Andrew and Elizabeth Messerschmidt graduated on May 24 from Barrington Middle School Station. They will both attend Barrington High School this fall. Andrew plans to be in the Drumline in the BHS marching band and will continue to work towards earning his Eagle Scout rank. Elizabeth plans to join the girls cross country and track teams at BHS.



Eden J Merkle will be in the lifeguard chair this summer at TL beach. Then she is headed to Pennsylvania in the fall to study environmental science and sustainability at Allegheny College in their 3/2 program with Duke University. She will be playing volleyball for the school's team, the Gators. We are very proud of all her accomplishments and will miss her terribly.



Grace D Merkle will be leaving the world of Station Middle School to attend Barrington High in the fall. She is an avid animal lover and speedy soccer player. Her goals this summer are to take a surfing class and sleep a lot.

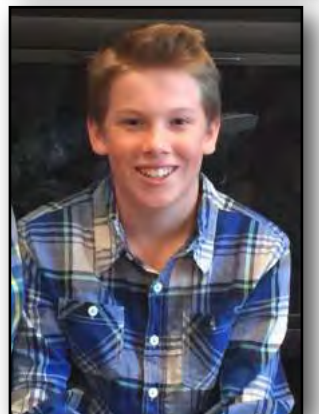
Madison Miyake loved her high school years at BHS with her friends. She participated in soccer, Broncos Committed, Student Council, Student Mentor, and PE leaders. In the fall, she will be attending Butler University to study in their physician's assistant program.



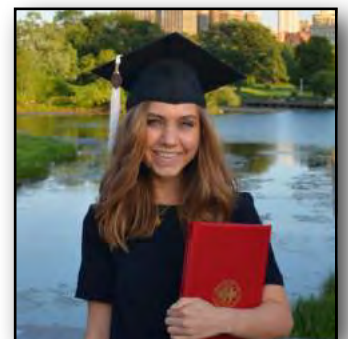
Mike O'Neill graduated with high honors from St. Viator's High School in May. He played football, basketball and baseball his first two years. He continued to play baseball through his senior year where he started in left field. He was part of the student council and Ambassadors Club for 4 years and he was a member of National Honor Society. Mike was accepted to the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University where he plans to study accounting/finance.



Myles Oppermann will be graduating from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering, December 2016. At the University, Myles works as a teaching assistant for an electronic music synthesis related class and will be performing research with Lippold Haken, the inventor of the Haken Continuum. This summer, Myles is an engineering intern at Shure Inc. in Niles, and hopes to find work in the audio or consumer electronics field.



Christie Parro graduated with honors from DePaul University in Chicago in June 2016 with a BA degree in art history and a minor in studio art and psychology. In the fall, she will pursue her master's degree in contemporary art at Sotheby's Institute in London. She won the Gordon Lang Scholarship from Sotheby's, a competitive award based on writing skills, which covers tuition for the top rated incoming student.



Connor Vondrak is graduating from 8th grade and is excited to be attending Barrington High School this fall. Connor loves playing baseball, fishing, and water skiing. He's looking forward to another fun summer in Tower Lakes.



...2016 graduates

Swimming Lessons in Tower Lakes



Lacrosse Comes to Tower Lakes

The Inaugural TL Boys Lacrosse Camp sponsored by the TL Youth Committee was held May 31 - June 3 and generously coached by Will Knight, Barrington High School Coach and TL native. Over 15 boys between the ages of 6 -13 enjoyed learning the game and improving their skills on the TL soccer field.



TL FRIDAY FUN DAY @ Play Island



Noon - 3pm
Friday Fundays

- June 3-Decorate Cupcakes
- June 10-Meet a friend to play Bagger
- June 17-Pirates + Mermaids (bring your water gun)
- June 24-Play Volleyball
- July 1-Ping Pong day
- July 8-Superhero fun + Concession Stand -bring your 4th of July tickets
- July 15-Basketball hoops + Sand castle building
- July 22-Snow cone
- July 29-Olympic Games
- Aug 5-Paddle Boarding
- Aug 12-Art Friday
- Aug 19-SuRprise!!

TLIA BEACH

Save These Dates

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

Summer Story Time

Friday, July 8 (Theme Superhero)

10:30 a.m. Rest Island

All Ages!

Come with your favorite superhero costume! Or feel free to bring a prop! We will head to the beach after for a Superhero party!

Summer Story Time

Friday, July 29 (Theme Olympics)

10:30 a.m. Rest Island

All Ages!

Summer Story Time

Friday, August 12 (Theme TBA)

10:30 a.m. Rest Island

All Ages!

Back to School Bash

Tuesday, August 16

5:00 - 7:00 pm Soccer Field

All Ages!

We will end the summer with a splash so put on your swimsuits! Spend a few hours sliding down the Lava Twist water slide at the Soccer Field!



Family Campout Barsumian Park

Saturday September 10, 2016

Rain date: Sept 24, 2016

Set your tent up for a night under the stars. We will bring the fire pits and s'mores and you bring the fun!



Trick-or-Treat and Trunk-or-Treat

Soccer Field Monday October 31, 2016

4:30 p.m.

If you don't get many trick-or-treaters decorate your trunk, and come pass out candy to our ghosts and goblins! Kids bring your candy bags and your best costume!



Santa

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Location TBA



WebLinks...

Because this is a paper based issue, we have listed the links contained in stories here. Enter the links in your browser or go to the e-version at TLIA.org and navigate using embedded links from there.

Lathan's Landing Q&A with Nick Adams *Cont. from p.11*

TLIA engaged a contractor and began on the Circle Drive Park portion of the renovation. The contractor also did some preliminary work on the infrastructure (i.e. drainage) of the Lathan's Landing part of the project. We had to be careful not to work on the "lake" part of the project without approvals and/or permits from USACE and LCSWM.

It made sense to start on the park as the silt bags were ready to open and spread and it got us a head start on grooming the park area, responding to resident concerns about weeds growing from the silt bags. In October 2015, our contractor finished the work that we believed was achievable without the permits. They had to withdraw from the site since no additional work could be done without permits. We continued to encourage LCSWM and USACE, to issue the necessary permits ASAP.

Q: What is the permit status now?

A: In November, USACE and then LCSWM eventually issued the permits. Unfortunately, our contractor had engaged in other work and could not restart until the end of November. By then, the work site became saturated and was unworkable. It became apparent that we would not be able to work on the boat landing site during the rest of 2015. Of course, once the lake froze this terminated the work until the spring.

Q: What is the schedule now?

A: Our contractor decided to "give it a go" toward the end of March even though our area experienced a wet spring and Lathan's Landing was very muddy. That attempt was unsuccessful. The work is scheduled to restart on **Monday, June 20** if the weather cooperates. Up to this point, it has just been too wet and soft to do anything of substance. We are very frustrated by this situation.

We cannot even accurately predict when the project will be completed since the work is totally dependent on the weather. The area must dry down and become workable.

The TLIA Board and Lake Committee has discussed possible solutions for boat owners who want to use the landing prior to project completion. Those decisions are pending and we will let everyone know very soon. All we can do now is offer apologies to the residents of N. Lake and indeed, all Association members, that this project has dragged on.



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May TLIA Board Meeting Minutes Cont'd from p6.

FINANCIALS:

Tower Lakes Improvement Association
 Budget vs. Actuals: Budget - FY16 P&L
 November 2015 - October 2016
 Total

	March	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
Expenses					
Administration		1,955.81	3,000.00	-1,044.19	65.19%
Beach/Lifeguards		4,582.31	29,000.00	-24,417.69	15.80%
Community Relations		1,383.41	3,000.00	-1,616.59	46.11%
Grounds Beautification		1,000.00	6,500.00	-5,500.00	15.38%
Grounds General	62.14	1,775.99	6,000.00	-4,224.01	29.60%
Grounds Maintenance			8,450.00	-8,450.00	0.00%
Insurance			15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.00%
Lake	1,597.29	1,597.29	26,450.00	24,852.71	6.04%
Lawn Maintenance		3,840.00	18,000.00	-14,160.00	21.33%
Legal		1,345.50	2,500.00	-1,154.50	53.82%
Park Maintenance			1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00%
Records & Archives			1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00%
Social Committee			1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00%
Tennis Committee		891.49	3,000.00	-2,108.51	29.72%
Tree Removal and Maint.	4,600.00	11,650.00	12,500.00	-850.00	93.20%
Website		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Youth Committee		1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00%	
Total Expenses	\$ 6,259.43	\$32,021.80	\$139,400.00	-\$107,378.20	22.97%

	March	Total
Capital		449.00
Dues Refund	250.00	250.00
Silt Removal		27,094.16
Tennis Courts	45,301.78	45,301.78
VTL Overweight permit	-300.00	
VTL Building Permit	-137.50	
Postmaster Stamps	-58.80	
Lurvey Landscape		
Retaining wall	-4,962.32	
Lurvey Landscape Supply		
Steps and drainage tile	-1,568.16	
Bedrock Stabilization	-27,000.00	
Soil stabilization		
Bulldog Earth Movers	-11,275.00	
Remove tennis courts		

The minutes included the final statement of the tennis court financials. You can read it on page 4.

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Welcome our new neighbors Brett and Jackie Aprati. They are moving into 108 E. Tower just in time to celebrate the Tower Lakes July 4th activities. They are moving from the Barrington Village and are both long time Barrington residents as they met at Barrington High School. Brett went on to graduate from Indiana University and is now working in sales for International Health, which specializes in Corporate Wellness. Jackie graduated from Illinois State University and is a second grade teacher with the Arlington Heights School District. They keep busy with their three young children. Joey is 5 1/2 and loves to bike, swim, play hockey, t-ball and legos. Annie is 4 and loves ballet, swimming, gymnastics and legos. Tommy is 7 months old and just loves to eat and sleep!!

Brett and Jackie are very active and are excited to get involved in the community and work on some committees. They enjoy visiting with friends and family and can't wait to boat on the lake this summer. Jackie is the daughter of Bob and Cathy Schmidt. Cathy is a realtor for Re/Max, so you have probably met her in town.

Len & Lisa Vraniak 25318 N. Barsumian Drive
Len (312) 203-7985 Lisa (703) 336-7273
Lisa lisakatev@yahoo.com

Say hello to our new residents that moved here recently from Chicago. They loved living in the "Big City", but were looking for the charm and space offered in the Barrington area along with the Chinese immersion programs offered in the District #220 schools. Len works in communications at the Boeing International Headquarters in Chicago. Lisa is a kitchen & bath designer who is now a homemaker. They have two 6-year-old daughters who are fluent in Chinese. Kate loves to play chess, read books, and do math. Lucy loves to play soccer, swim and do anything active. The family is looking forward to fishing, kayaking, and sailing in Tower Lakes and just enjoying meeting new neighbors and joining in all of the summer activities.

Eric and Kris Harding 225 Circle Drive
Eric ericharding@isoc.net Kris krisharding@me.com
(847) 469-8705

The Harding family has moved to Tower Lakes from Traverse City, but while Eric is from Cincinnati, Kris is familiar with the Barrington area as she graduated from Barrington High School. Eric currently sells private label bakeware and Kris is a homemaker. They are busy raising and home schooling five amazing kids. Mary is 19 and works with her dad. John is 18, will be a senior next fall and will work in the family business this summer. Caleb is 16 and will be a sophomore. The boys are huge NBA fans and also love to play basketball. Esther is 12 and Jane is 11. The entire family loves the outdoors and are enjoying all of the wildlife in the area. They can identify many of the birds and will take photos of young deer and birds in the area. Stop and say hello to this fun family!

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Eco2Day - A great success

Contributed by: Jen Grey

TLIA Eco2Day was a fantastic success, more than sixty people turned out on June 11. Bigger than its premiere last year in 2015, this year's event on Rest Island featured eco learning opportunities and fun for the whole family.

Eco2Day Speakers were great, and Workshop Leaders terrific! Barrington Area Conservation Trust (BACT), Native Seed Gardeners (NSG), Citizens for Conservation (CFC), PrairieLand Disposal and Recycling Services, TLIA Lake Committee and TL Tree Commission set up inspired displays, tents, and posters. Workshops for kids and tots sponsored by NSG and the CFC were also a delight, bringing ecojoy to everyone - and an armload of freebies intended to promote continuing educational opportunities at home.

All the hours of participation will count as "Eco dollars" in watershed community grant development projects as matching "in kind" contributions. "In terms of matching grant potential," Andy Hay pointed out, "on-the-day-value of the event was \$3,200". In addition, time spent prepping Eco2Day also translates into future Eco funding. The event provided a practical economic model for strategies designed to embrace cooperative Eco updates, education and community action.

Founders of the annual TLIA ECO DAY, Fran and Rick Steffen worked hard to provide catalytic leadership in all things great and small, from tent and table set ups to V.I.P. Guest Lists.

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See all the story links on
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CFC Youth Education Program supports Eco2Day!

Story continued on p.20





*Contributed by
Carol Mackey*

Tomato Tart

This is a super easy tart to make because we are using store bought puff pastry for the crust and you don't even need to cut the tomatoes! Perfect for a light dinner with a salad!

Crust:

Sheet of puff pastry rolled out to fit tart pan

Filling:

About 1 1/4 cup Gruyere cheese, shredded
about 2 cups of yellow and cherry tomatoes

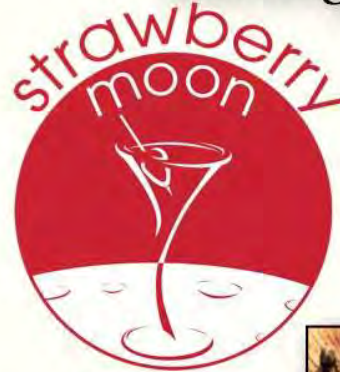
1 1/2 Tbls. Dijon-I love Edmund Fallot from France salt and pepper
basil; chopped

For Crust: Roll out dough on floured surface, transfer to a 9" tart pan with removable bottom. Fold overhang into double thick sides. Chill 30 minutes. Then pierce bottom of crust with a fork and bake at 400 degrees for about 20 minutes.

Spread bottom of crust with Dijon mixture and then cheese. Cover with tomatoes, until you have filled the pan. Season with salt and pepper. Bake 375 degrees for about 25-30 minutes. I would suggest putting a sheet pan on the rack below (not under the tart or the bottom will be soggy) as you may have some drippings. Just before it is done sprinkle basil over the top. Serves 6-8.



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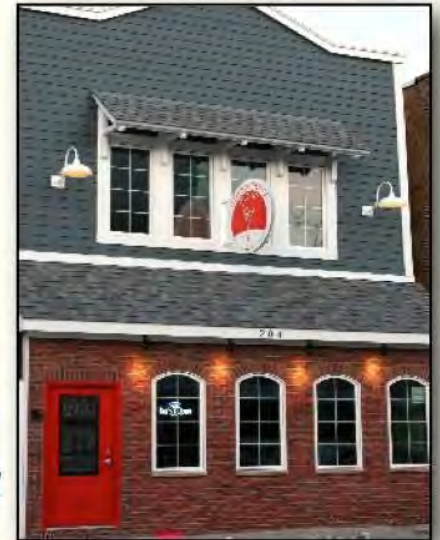
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CFC Youth Education Program supports TL Eco2Day!



At Tower Lakes, we taught children how to plant Prairie Dropseed, Nodding Onion, and Baby Burr oaks - all historic native plants that provide food and forage in a healthy natural habitat. Children earned official Native Plant Adoption Certificates, sponsored by Citizens for Conservation, Native Seed Gardeners and the TLIA Lake

Contributed by:

Gail Vanderpoel, CFC Youth Education Workshop Leader

Katherine Grover, CFC Rep and Workshop Leader for Native Seed Gardeners

Jen Grey, Youth Workshop Coordinator, TLIA Lake Committee

Committee. When the plants have grown bigger, they'll need their parents' help in deciding where they should be planted - at home in their own yard! in the Village! or in a TLIA community park!

Children were thrilled to discover more about animal tracks, and how to use molds tin making clay replicas. Seeing the joy in their faces as they identified footprints of our warm and cold blooded friends was heart warming. They love the deer, fox, coyote, rabbits, frogs, snakes and other critters with whom we share our beautiful lake. We encouraged all of them to participate in special classes and programs fostered by BACT, CFC and the Native Seed Gardeners directed for Junior Naturalists at home and in the field.

We used nets to explore the shoreline and discover baby crayfish, while doing lots of talk about fish, fishing and what else they find in their lake, for better or worse. Clearly, the lake is a shared resource, a jewel in the crown of community pride - one worth preserving for future generations.

Read more at tlia.org

For more information on CFC Children and Youth Education (free to the public), go to:

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Tennis Rules

<http://tlia.org/rules/>

View the members tennis court petition

<http://tlia.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/TLIA-Tennis-Pkg.pdf>

Prairie Land website

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Read the May TLIA Board Minutes

<http://tlia.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/May-09-2016-TLIA-Board-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>

Read the TLIA Special Event Form

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Eco Day Stories

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Capt'n Jac-Queeee and her little Pirates



It was a great day for a story on Treasure Island... no no... Rest Island last week as Jacquie Skurla (Capt'n Jac-Quee) used her talents and smile (not to mention the threat of waking the plank!) to engage all the little neighborhood pirates for Story Time reading.

The kids listened and learned about buried treasure, walking the plank, and general scalowag pirate behavior!

While the kids were enthralled, the island was invaded by real pirates in search of the buried treasure! The kids put up a tough fight and captured the pirates treasure map and quickly deciphered the trail to buried treasure at the beach. Defeated and dejected, the renegade pirates retreated into the fog and foam of the sea (the lake actually) never to be seen again.

Each young pirate was rewarded with a piece of the bounty and walked away richer and happier. As the morning ended, Capt'n Jac-Queee was heard to say.. ARRRRGGGGGHHH....



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Movie Night at the Soccer Field “The Karate Kid”

You know it’s summer when the TL Youth Committee presents Movie Night. Dozens of young movie goers and their parents gathered in the soccer field for a screening of *Karate Kid*.

The 1984 hit movie, starring Ralph Macchio as Daniel, was once again a hit in Tower Lakes. The committee kept the kids entertained prior to the film by creating their own Karate Kid headbands, just like Daniel’s.

The aromatic smell of popcorn drifted throughout the neighborhood all evening and a good time was had by all!



2016 Youth Committee - Left to right: Carrie Thompson , Kaley Kracht, Courtney Young, Caroline Milne, Gwen Torstenson, Missy Sandberg
Not pictured: Katherine Vondrak and Sandy Perez



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