Tower Lakes Improvement Association

August 2016

TLIA Newsletter

Village to Celebrate 50th Anniversary!!!

Sunday, September 4, 2016

So many things in our community are directly attributable to the very existence of our village, including our paved roads and community water system. Join us in exploring and celebrating facts, both big and small that make our village such a great place to live!

TL Historical Promenade - 2PM Explore the Village of Tower Lakes historical landmarks! Follow clues to locations that highlight interesting bits of TL history, complete fun challenges, and earn chances to win a prize! This non-competitive event is brought to you by the Tower Lakes Community Foundation and is suitable for all ages. Meet at the beach on Toy Island at 2:00 p.m. with your team to get started... completing the entire Promenade earns everyone on your team a raffle ticket to win a Tower Lakes metal print! There will be extra chances to earn more raffle tickets along the way, so put on your walking shoes and get ready for some educational fun!! Sign up for this event on **SignUpGenius** so we know how many people to plan for.

Picnic Ravinia-Style - 4PM After completing the Promenade, meet at Rest Island for a Ravinia-style (ie, you bring your own blanket or table set up) pig roast picnic brought to you by the village and other sponsors. We will have a video of clips from people who have been instrumental to the village's success and be treated to the Big Band Sound of Deerfield, featuring our very own Mike DeLapp. An ice cream dessert cart is sponsored by the Youth Committee! This event is free of charge, but also requires pre-registration as seating will be limited. Sign up: **CLICK HERE**.

50th anniversary commemorative items include apparel, metal prints and posters and a yearbook. Online shopping will be available August 1-15. Dedication ads for the yearbook will be available for purchase.

Questions? Contact one of us: Kathleen Leitner, Pati Schaefer, Debbie Baggett, Chris Burgoon or Carol Schmidt

More details on p.14

Photo by Pati Schaefer

Lathan's Landing: A Showplace Project for Water & Land Management

A combined effort from TLIA, The Village of Tower Lakes, and Lake County Stormwater Management, resulted in the completion of the new boat-landing site at Lathan's Landing.

The restoration of this site is a culmination of a tireless effort by Lake Committee. The Lathan's Landing Team, headed by Nick Adams, worked diligently with both the Village and Lake County to improve this site to be what you see in the photo.

The improved area is not only an excellent site for launching boats, it also provides superior storm water management and drainage for the entire North Lake area. When the plants mature, the area will be beautifully lined in wild flowers and native plants.

"A huge thank you to the TLIA Lake Committee for their hard work and dedication to our lake and water assets. It is because of volunteers like you that we have this showplace lake access point and a symbol of community and government cooperation," said Randy Young, TLIA President.

TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE

NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA

It's been a busy summer in Tower Lakes and we've accomplished a lot. Top of mind are those wonderful tennis courts, a great 4th of July, the beautiful new Lathan's Landing, and the final segment of our current silt removal project. But we are just beginning to scratch the surface of goals for Tower Lakes' homeowners.

As we move through the dog days of August and into the fall season, our thinking turns to long term plans. The annual meeting is just around the corner and our biggest challenge will be creating a 2017 budget. The looming question is, how do we do all we need to do — perhaps include a few great ideas we would like to do — while keeping our life good in Tower Lakes?

The first job is to keep diligent on past due collections. It is our largest source of frustration and the number one financial issue. While most of our members are diligent in keeping current with their dues obligation and several have stepped up to take advantage of the payment plans we offer, many remain lackadaisical in their approach to this vitally important responsibility.

Over the past two years, our financial team has made great strides in catching up on and collecting past due accounts. Yet in 2016, we find ourselves several thousand dollars short because of delinquent dues. The outstanding balance currently stands at $28,526 — an astoundingly, unacceptable amount. As I said at the 2015 annual meeting, we carry an "unacceptable, yet manageable allowance of 10% uncollectible dues." We are currently $11,316 over that 10% goal ($17,210) with only three months left in the fiscal year. We expect the payment plan people to finish their obligations but there will continue to be a percentage of our members with outstanding obligations. It seems a 100% compliance is an elusive goal. That is a top challenge facing our association as we move into FY2017.

The Fourth of July theme was "Life is Good in Tower Lakes." Life will only continue to be good if we all keep current with our membership obligations. It is our dues that pay for everything we enjoy about life Tower Lakes.

Our Budget Committee begins its work this month and the demands on our dollars are a never ending battle, for you and for us! If you have ideas or valuable knowledge to contribute, please do not hesitate to email me. CLICK HERE to contact me with your ideas.

Together we can overcome this challenge and truly continue to personify the saying, "Life is Good in Tower Lakes."

TLIA

Read all the president's columns at TLIA.org

Approved
TLIA Board Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2016

TLIA Board

Board Members:

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

Apologies: Linda Kuna, John Yancey

Committee Representation: Rich Bahr – Lake - Janet Blake, Nominating Committee - Kathy Covek – Tennis Courts, Pat Covek - Grounds Beautification & Tennis

Andy Hay – Lake, Jack Johnson, Victor Mannina – Tennis Courts

Cass Young - Communications

Member Representation: William Buonincontro, Bob Covek, Heidi Davey, Joe Davey, Shaun Kildare, Mark Lenhardt, Sharon Lenhardt, Julie Losinski, Cassandra Mariano, Janet Nikoden, Paul Nikoden, and Jeffrey Patronik

Guests: None

Call to Order @ 7:00 PM

Opening Remarks Randy Young

Randy Young recognized those members in attendance that had come to express their concerns regarding the color of the new tennis courts.

Concerns Regarding the Tennis Courts Randy Young

Members present distributed a petition representing 64 homes and including 74 signatures requesting that the courts be repainted a more aesthetically pleasing color; preferably back to the original green.

Several residents commented that the blue color (especially the brighter border color) does not fit in with the neighborhood and could negatively impact property values and the ability for residents to sell their homes.

READ MORE

Read the full Board Minutes, click here.

Next Meeting:

TLIA Board

August 15, 2016

*****Date & Location change*****

The Lodge Conference Room

Lake Barrington Shores

Details on p. 3

September 12, 2016

Regularly scheduled at Village Hall

All recent meeting minutes are archived on the TLIA.org website.

A Message from the Events Steering Committee

Looking ahead to 2017

TLIA Events Committee

Historically, the residents of Tower Lakes have enjoyed a social calendar full of fun activities for adults and the whole family. These events did not just happen on their own. Hours of preparation, planning and execution by volunteers have provided the community with many diverse yet traditional activities. These now consist of Chili Cook Off, Progressive Dinner, Pub Quiz, Scotch Doubles Bowling and the highlight of the year... the 4th of July celebration.

In the past two years however, the number of volunteers has dwindled. Reasons are varied: "I've already done my turn," "My kids are too little," or "I just don't have time." While these reasons can be valid, the fact remains that unless people are willing to invest personal time, these fun events and the memories they create for parents and kids are not going to happen by themselves.

Recognizing that a new approach was needed to sustain this important part of our community heritage, the current team (2 couples) sought community input and formulated a new model that lightened the load on committee members. It focuses on the idea the "many hands make for light work." Under the new model, not just couples need apply. Individuals who enjoy a particular event can step up and function as the lead for that event. The "steering committee" assists by providing advice, templates and historical information helpful to stage the event.

With "major" events such as the multi-day 4th celebration, multiple leads are assigned and assist in focusing on specific aspects that interest them: supply chain, grill management, entertainment, clothing, adult social, etc.

In order to see these traditions continue, **your help is needed now**. At this time, we are looking for new members for the Events Committee to help plan and organize the remaining 2016 event (Chili Cook-Off on October 15) as well as all 2017 events. To get more information, please contact any members of the current team shown below. Take this opportunity to have some fun, get to know your neighbors and pay it forward by creating new memories that are so special to living in Tower Lakes. If you've "been there done that," consider doing it again. Your experience is invaluable. If you haven't participated in the past, why not now?? Thanks for listening.

Your Events Committee

Rick Steffen 847/922-0776 **Bob Nash 847/687-5452**
Fran Steffen 773/558-6570 **Kristi Nash 847/767-7027**

TLIA Board

***** Official Notice *****

TLIA August Meeting
Date & Location Change

TLIA Board

Because of schedule conflicts, the August meeting of the TLIA Board has changed the dates and location of the meeting.

Please make note of the date and location change.

New Date:

Monday August 15, 2016

Time: 7:00-9:00 pm

Location:

Conference Room

The Lodge Building at Lake Barrington Shores

This is NOT a special meeting. It is merely a date and location change of the regularly scheduled August meeting. LBS has been kind enough to lend us their conference room for the August 15 meeting. All members of TLIA are welcome and encouraged to attend.

TLIA members attending can enter LBS via the main gate on Hwy. 59. (Tell security you are attending the TLIA meeting at the Lodge.) Just past main gate, turn left. Take a short drive on Old Barn Rd and the Lodge is on the right. Please park in the "special events" area across street form the Lodge. The conference room is on the ground level.

Village Septic Inspection Continues

Do you live on a street beginning with A (Abbott Place) through L (Leon Drive)? If so, you must submit your septic tank inspection form, receipt of inspection and $25 check to the Village Hall office immediately.

The next round of mailings will be sent in late August to residents living on streets beginning with M (Marian Court) through O (Oxford Road). Your compliance with the septic inspection is appreciated.

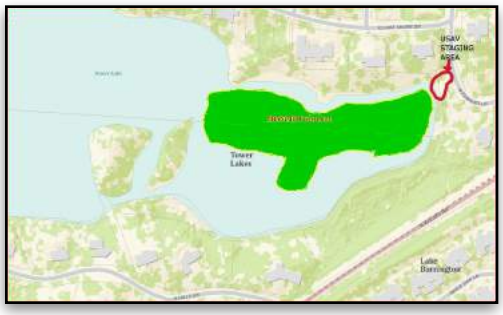
If you have questions or concerns, contact the Village of Tower Lakes office at 847.526.0488 or village@towerlakes-il.gov

Lake Silt Removal Continues into August

TLIA Lake Committee

Contributed by Tom Kubala

Phase III of the 5 year silt removal plan is well underway. Over the past several months, the Lake Committee has secured the necessary permits from Lake County Stormwater Management, the US Army Corp of Engineers and the Illinois EPA for the project. In addition the site in Kelsey Woods was identified as meeting the requirements of each of the agencies and prepped for the project, including bag placement to facilitate return water. The southeast area of the lake, near the inlet from across Kelsey Road will be the area that will be worked on. This area was selected because one of the key goals of the project is to remove silt where the build up is significant, near the inlets to the lake.



Pumping started shortly after the 4th of July activities and will continue on for the next 6-8 weeks, 6 days a week from 8 am to 4:30 pm. The final schedule is dependent on many variables that a project like this may encounter, including weather, normal equipment related issues, and the available budget dollars from the Special Lake Assessment. During the project period US AquaVac will have their barge in the southeast area of the lake, with guide wires attached across both the south and north ends of the lake, where the silt removal will occur. There is also a guide wire running across the lake, where the actual silt removal is taking place. This is needed to ensure the process covers the entire area where silt is expected to be removed, much like mowing the grass. During this time, there will also be hoses on the south end of the lake and the work trailer will be parked on TLIA property near the East Side Boat Landing. While these necessary items will be as inconspicuous as possible, we wanted all to know they will be there for the duration of the project.

During the project period, we ask that everyone, simply leave the equipment (barge, trailer, hoses, guide wires, etc) alone to avoid any unnecessary issues. Please, be sure to make your children aware of these possible hazards. For those with boats on the South End Landing (Edward Lane), if you have not yet done so, you may want to move them over to the landing just west of Warwick Road, to have clear access to the lake during the project period.

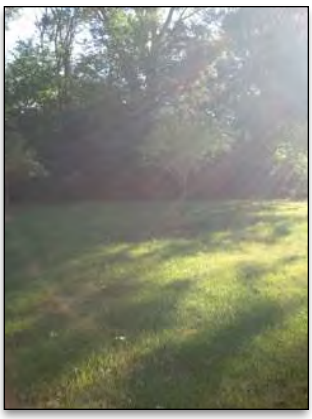
Silt will be pumped into several large de-watering bags, which will be located in the Kelsey Road Woods. During the pumping period, a significant amount of return water will be flowing back into the lake, so it will be best to avoid the path through the woods at this time. Upon completion of the pumping, the bags will be left hidden in the woods, helping to minimize costs. Any impact on the path will be remediated so it will be back to normal as soon as possible.

Thanks to all, once again for your patience and cooperation during this final phase of the project, especially those members who are directly affected by the work.

If there are any questions, please do not talk directly with the work crew from US AquaVac, but rather contact either of the silt removal team members below.

Rich Bahr (primary contact) 847-471-7525; Tom Kubala (secondary contact) 847-867-4979

Final Landscaping of Phase I Complete



Silt going to great use in Tower Lakes

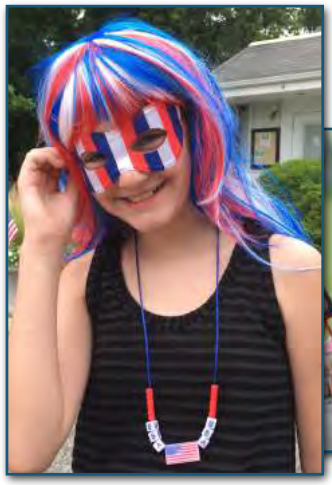
Final grading and seeding was done last fall on Phase I of the Silt Project. Three (3) new trees were planted in July. Many thanks to the McCarthys (of N. Lake) for their patience throughout the process.

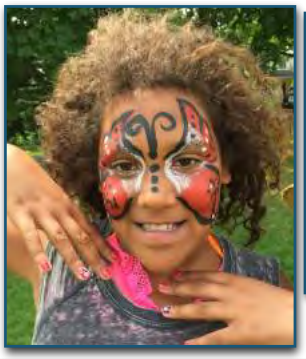
Life is Good in Tower Lakes

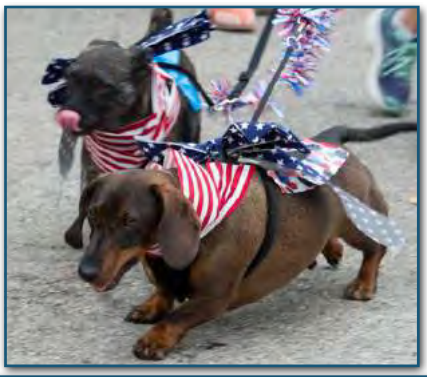
Lasting Impressions....pages 6-7-8

Another successful July 4th celebration is in the books. Wonderful weather, good food, exciting entertainment, and of course, the community spirit that bonds us together. Life is good in Tower Lakes. The weekend started with a rousing adult lip sync challenge; Adele clearly the fan favorite. Other musical acts throughout the weekend included our own kids in TL Youth Got Talent, followed by Second Time Around. Pulsebeat, the teen band that plays for a cause (see related story on p.8), and of course our hometown favorites Northbound Train/The Guys entertained on Saturday. And closing the weekend out, a post-parade pancake breakfast with our own Pat McKillen. The fishing derby, boat races and tug-o-war were other community favorites that brought out the crowds. Dr. Steve's Animal Show was greatly expanded from last year with amazing creatures from the Wildlife Discovery Center. "Everything was really nice," stated one long-time resident, "We had out-of-town guests who marveled at what we do each year. It's akin to a small county fair!" This year, the overall operation was accomplished differently. The four Tower Lakes' Event Committee ("TLEC") members served more like Directors of Operations, while lead volunteers served as project managers, manning specific pieces of the holiday weekend. It allowed the volunteers to focus only on their sub-event and TLEC acted as the steering committee, looking at the big picture. "I think it worked out well for the first time; though, we all learned things," stated Events Committee member Fran Steffen. "A hearty thank you to all who stepped up! It can only happen with the dedication of so very many in the community. Yes, life is definitely good in Tower Lakes."

Memories of a Great Weekend!







Thanks to all the volunteers, participants, and our entire TL community...

Photos courtesy of Gwen Torstenson, Steve Barten, Pati Schaefer, Lisa Vraniak, Jen Grey, Chris Burgoon

More photos are posted at TLIA.org
CLICK HERE

TLIA Events Committee

Congrats to the winning teams

Volleyball

The 2016 volleyball tournament saw a great turnout on the 4th. Several teams showed up to play in all age groups. The courts were in great shape with fresh sand and a new net this year. You could hear yelps of encouragement from the sidelines as spectators cheered for their favorite team.

The final round came down to two teams who had battled their way in the heat and humidity all day. Congrats to the winners of the 2016 volleyball tournament, Uncle Jack, who beat the TL lifeguards in the finals!

Basketball

Over on the west side, at Murray Park, several gathered for the annual basketball shootout. Kids of all ages contended for top ranking under the guidance of Coach Andy Milne. The contestants had to make shots from all areas of the court to score points.

Congrats to the winners of the 2016 basketball shootout.

Red Group: AMIR
White Group: JOSEPH
Blue Group: QUENTIN
Gold Group: ERIN

TLIA Events Committee

July 4th Donations for Children's Hospital

TL residents step up for a great cause

The 4th of July celebration brought lots of joy and good times to all, including Pulsebeat who, through their music at the Tower Lakes celebration, raised $553! The band was formed to connect people to a cause after one of the band members benefitted from receiving a pacemaker (at age 2) at Lurie's Children Hospital. Two hundred dollars ($200) was raised through online donations and three hundred fifty three ($353) was donated at the July 2nd event on Rest Island! The donations benefit Lurie's Children Hospital. You can still make a donation by (CLICKING HERE)

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Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Contributed by: Mary Beth Adams

Shaun and Surbhi Kildare
107 Terrace Drive

Welcome to the Kildare family, moving from Cary and prior to that Baltimore while Surbhi finished her residency and Shaun completed his doctorate. Surbhi is originally from Woodridge, IL. Shaun is originally from Massapequa Park, NY.

Surbhi is an orthopedic surgeon with Lake Cook Orthopedic Associates in Barrington. She specializes in hand / elbow / shoulder injury. Shaun is the director of research in engineering for Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, a non-profit lobbying organization in Washington, D.C. (the good kind of lobbyist...he swears).

Surbhi is interested in wine, dance, and ethnic cuisine. Shaun enjoys organizing neighborhood events (barbecues, game day out at the Boomers, Holi parties, poker nights). They love to travel, and spend lots of time with their family.

Son

Kiran is two. He loves the beach, swimming, and playing at the park. Daughter Samira is just over a month old. She loves playing with her activity gym and dancing with mommy.

While they are sad to leave their wonderful neighbors in Cary, they are very excited to join the tight-knit and active Tower Lakes community. They love meeting new friends and their door is always open. If you see them out in the yard, cooking on the grill, or just around town, don't hesitate to pop over and introduce yourself.

Dennis and Angela McMahan
152 W. Lake Shore Drive

Welcome the McMahan Family! They moved here from Barrington Hills. Son Joseph is 11 and Nicholas is 9. Daughter Eva is 3 years old. The family is very active and loves to play and watch sports. They play baseball, swim, fish and ride bikes. You'll see them on the Tower Lakes beach, so stop and say hello!

Andy & Kathy Dunham
206 E. Tower

The Dunhams moved here recently from the north end of Boston. They are familiar with the area because Andy graduated from Wauconda High School and Kathy from Cary Grove High School. Andy is the CSO of a medical device start up based in Boston and also loves to hunt and fish. Kathy coaches cheerleading at Grant High School in Fox Lake and loves to sew. They have two daughters. Jennifer is 25 and lives in Illinois. Melissa is 21 and will be returning to Dartmouth College in the fall to work on her B.A. in earth science after completing her current internship in Oakridge, Tennessee. The family loves to travel in their Airstream Travel Trailer, but are also looking forward to their time in this beautiful community.

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Tennis Court Color Controversy Continues

Further research requested by TLIA Board

At the July 11 TLIA Board meeting, the petition brought by several residents concerning the color of the tennis courts was once again brought up for review and discussion. (See Tower Lakes July Newsletter.) A lively discussion was held by board members and Tower Lakes residents who attended the meeting. At the conclusion of the discussion, a motion was proposed to have the Tennis Court Committee conduct additional research on the color choices, the feasibility, and the cost of re-painting the courts. Their meeting will he held August 4, 7pm at the Village Hall. A report on those findings will be prepared by the Courts Committee and presented to the TLIA Board at the August 15, board meeting.

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Welcome to the Neighborhood! Cont'd from p.9

Jeff & Natalie Banaszak
232 Abbott

The Banaszak family has moved to Tower Lakes from St. Louis. Jeff is in investment management for corporate investment plans and a musician (drums & percussion). Natalie is currently a homemaker and has worked as a designer for corporate interiors. She loves to ride horses. They have two young children. Asher is 4 and is a dinosaur expert and Violet is 1 and into princesses. The family loves any activities that will be outdoors. They love to spend time as a family as they hike, fish, kayak, ice skate and play hockey.

Jonathan & Jenelle Wexler
26730 Leon Drive

Meet your new neighbors at 26730 Leon Drive in North Lake. Jonathan and Jenelle Wexler moved here from Chicago with their 11-month old son, River, who will be a fourth generation Tower Laker! Jenelle owns her own salon in Johnsburg called "Now Hair This," a business she started 11 years ago. Jonathan works at a family business in Chicago. They look forward to enjoying all of the activities that Tower Lakes has to offer and meeting new families and friends.

Rachael Glowaki
308 Oxford Road

We are so happy to see Rachael Glowaki back in Tower Lakes! She was born at Good Shepherd Hospital when it first opened and lived on Raleigh Place with her parents, Bob and Kathy, and her three brothers, Chris, Brad and Nate. The family then moved to New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and then back to Bloomington, Illinois where they raised two horses. Rachael graduated from Barat College of DePaul in Lake Forest where she was on the dance squad and later coached the squad after graduation. She moved to downtown Chicago and worked as an office manager/family assistant for a commercial real estate firm.

Rachael's heart never left Tower Lakes. Her parents moved to a house on the west side of Tower Lakes when she was finishing college. Rachael knew she would return to the community. She recently fell in love with the house at 308 Oxford Road, next to the tennis courts. She is busy kayaking, paddle boarding, fishing and riding her horse, Jack. She plays cricket and tennis and recently joined the Tower Lakes Tennis Committee.

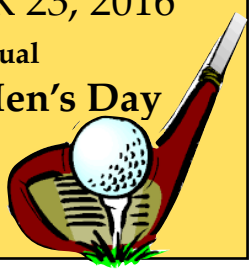
Rachael has the true "Tower Lakes Spirit" and has jumped right in to volunteer and attend different events. Look for her around the village. She is excited about seeing familiar faces and meeting new neighbors in a place she has always called home.

Save the Date!

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

30th Annual
Tower Lakes Men's Day

play, food, drink & camaraderie!



TLIA Events Committee

TL Continues Tree Planting Program

"I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree." Joyce Kilmer

Tower Lakes has been home to a vast array of lovely trees for many years and in 1995 was honored by the National Arbor Day Foundation by so naming us a Tree City, USA. The Village has worked hard to maintain that designation with the formation of a Village Tree Commission and maintaining a Village Arborist.

TREE CITY USA®

In June, the Village, in cooperation with TLIA, purchased 23 trees to be added to our "Urban Forest" and planted near homes and parks within the Village right-of-way. There were 4 different species chosen: Serbian spruce, autumn blaze maples, swamp white oak and Chanticleer Ornamental Pear. With the knowledge and strong back of TL resident, Tom Spicer, a group of volunteers were able to help him with the heavy lifting and planting. This hardy group included Tom, Joe and Patrick Bolger, Wade Brookbank, Mike Rigali and Stephen Yancey.

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 MINUTES AND PROVIDE THESE YOUNG TREES WITH A GOOD SOAKING OF WATER EVERY FEW DAYS FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS*, especially in the extremely hot weather? And they will stretch their branches, and fill them with leaves to give shade and beauty for all of us, as well as a home and protection for the many little critters that also call Tower Lakes home.

Tower Lakes made the list again!

Top Ten Illinois Suburb to Live In

Tower Lakes once again made the list (#10) of top ten Illinois suburbs to live in, according to rebootillinois.com. With high property values, lots of family amenities and low crime rates, Tower Lakes is a great place to live...but we already knew that.

Read the full report
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Superheroes Swoop Down on Storytime

A lively group of superheroes gathered on Rest Island to hear stories of valor, heroism, avenging wrong-doers, and saving the world from evil, as the "superist" of them all, "Word Master Woman" Jacquie Skurla lead the July 8 gathering of Story Time.

Superman, Super Girl, Flash, Hulk, along with various other manifestations of good vs. evil, gathered to hear the wonderful tales of super adventure. The sun adorned faces of the little heroes.

After hearing stories, the superheroes crawled through the "laser" obstacle course, chased "bad guys" with silly string, and enjoyed treats.

Each Story Time adventure is themed and the kids dress up to play parts. It's a regular summer activity put on by the TLIA Youth Committee and hosted by reading advocate (and a little like a kid-at-heart herself), Jacquie Skurla. There is one more Story Time opportunity before school starts up again, August 12. Each one is hosted on Rest Island and all children are welcome. They can bring mom & dad too!

Tower Lakes Community Foundation

The Tower Lakes Community Foundation

would like to thank

Carol Hannagan & Betsy Brookbank

for their years of consistent effort in service to our organization.

As all Tower Lakers should know by now, our community organizations only work because of the generosity of time and talent from our volunteers!

TLIA Lake Committee

Fishing Camp Nets Some Big Ones!

TLIA Youth Committee

Summer Story Time
Friday, August 12
(Theme Back to School)
10:30 a.m. Rest Island
All Ages!

Back to School Bash
Tuesday, August 16
Soccer Field - 3:00 - 5:00 pm
All Ages!

NEW TIME!

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
Saturday, September 10, 2016
Barsumian Park
Rain date: September 24, 2016
Set up your tent 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
Monday, October 31, 2016
Soccer Field - 4:30 pm
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's Visit
Sunday, December 4, 2016
Location TBA

Just a few more Friday Fundays are left....

Noon 3:00pm

August 5 - Olympic Games
August 12 - Art Friday
August 19 - Surprise

TLIA Beach

Volunteers Needed for Board Positions

TLIA Board

The TLIA Board needs your help in filling the positions open for election this year at the General Meeting in November. They include:

*President
*Treasurer
*Recording Secretary
*Two (2) Members-at-Large

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, and/or have questions pertaining to the elections, please contact Janet Blake (janetblake@comcast.net) for requirements and information.

We are also looking for anyone who might be interested in serving on Nominations Committee for this year and/or next year. **Thank you for your consideration,**

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http://www.tower-lakes.org/

and as always, thanks for your support!

* we are also looking for Live Auction items. Please, contact Mary Kate Harazan if you have something you would like to donate. mkharazin10@sbcglobal.net

Getting to Know Your Neighbor ...
Mark Shircel

On a hot August day in Tower Lakes, you can usually find someone enjoying a cool breeze under one of the many trees in the neighborhood. Tower Lakes has a wonderfully mature and diverse tree population. It's such a delight wandering through the neighborhood enjoying and living next to trees that are so glorious. Mature. Secure. Colorful. Comforting. Oaks. Pines. Willows. Evergreens. We are so blessed to have these magnificent plants beside us.

When you rest under one of the trees in Tower Lakes, the name Mark Shircel may not immediately come to mind, but it should. As the former president of TLIA for four years (2003 – 2007), he made it his mission to plant new trees in and around our neighborhood. Even before his term on the board, he witnessed hundreds of trees dying and focused on saving as many as he could. Through sheer determination and volunteerism from others in the community, he accomplished his goal of supporting the tree population. He protected the huge elm on the beach and the massive oak that has become a landmark for Rest Island.

Mark's love of trees began in Sheboygan, Wisconsin during a high school "Trees for Tomorrow" initiative. The mission of the program encouraged resource management through educational experiences. Mark took part and was moved. That experience, coupled with his job as a Chick Evans caddy at Pine Hills Golf Course, sealed his fate. "I love trees," he said. "I still recall the beautiful trees that lined Pine Hills. The colors. The majesty. It was a pleasure to weed out golf balls from the woods. Walking the course was an experience for the senses."

So when it was time for Mark and his wife, Mary Lenling, whom he met on a blind date at University of Wisconsin -- Madison, to find a home in Illinois, they fell in love with Tower Lakes. Not only did it have mature, beautiful trees, like the ones he grew up with, but it was also a community in the midst of "cleanup day." "We drove into the neighborhood during the 1996 "cleanup day" and were sold. Not only was it a 'community,' but it was a community caring about the community," recalls Mark. "We saw entire families clearing and cleaning the parks. Even small children were picking up trash or sticks to make the common areas look better. What other place do you know of that does that on a regular basis?" asks Mark.

Over the years, he has volunteered for the TLIA board as a member-at-large where he concentrated on the parks and grounds. Today, he sees less and less volunteerism. "I try to make all the cleanup days. I encourage others to come and tell them they don't have to know anything about landscaping or trees; the community sometimes just needs bodies to drag branches to the curb. There's really no skill required," says Mark.

Under his leadership as TLIA President, the "bouncy bridge" between Rest and Play Islands was rebuilt. This year, he and Mary led the grill team for the 4th of July celebrations and the sand volleyball tournament. In his spare time, Mark likes to cycle, snowshoe and travel. He and Mary have hosted eight foreign exchange students in their home while they studied at Barrington High School. They thought it would be great exposure for their son Carl who is now at Alabama University studying communication and advertising.

During the day, Mark is a Vice President of Human Resources at Newly Weds Foods, a food ingredient company on the northwest side of Chicago. He has travelled extensively for work and pleasure. With Mary and Carl, they love to camp, snorkel and scuba dive in St. Johns, U.S.V.I. A few years ago, they camped and swam in the Amazon. One thing you may not know about Mark is that he played the accordion. As Mark says, "Everyone in Wisconsin loves the accordion!"

If he's not out of town this year, be sure to say "thank you" next time you see him at cleanup day. He most likely planted the tree you'll be trimming.

Resident Completes Shoreline Rain Garden: Preview Date Set

Everyone welcome to attend

TLIA Lake Committee member Jen Grey will be previewing her backyard rain garden project to the community on August 25 at 7pm. Jen's home is at 145 W. Lake Shore Drive. At the event, she will be presenting the unique way her rain garden was funded. Doug DeWitt of Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Jen's partner in creating the project, will be her guest at the preview. Doug will speak about sustained shoreline stewardship, how rain gardens provide a rich habitat for native wildlife, and are an enduring asset to the TL community.

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