

# TLIA Newsletter

## 2016 TLIA Annual Meeting: November 6

### The Candidates for Election to the Board

TLIA NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

#### Randy Young - President



Over the past several years, Randy has served TLIA, first as Recording Secretary and Vice President and for the last two years, President. He is seeking his second term as President. During his time serving the Association, he has helped to expanded communications between the Board TLIA and the members, helped guide park expansion and development, the new tennis courts and board initiatives to improve Tower Lakes and TLIA. The Communications Committee was formed four years ago and with the help of a small sub-committee, he was instrumental in re-vamping the Association's newsletter, developing and launching a new TLIA website, designing the emails blasts to the community and ushering in new financial disciplines and updates to the TLIA revenue streams.. Randy,

Cassandra, and their dogs Minor and Bree have lived in Tower Lakes for nearly 15 years. Professionally, Randy is a television producer/director and teacher.

#### Kathy Pattengale - Recording Secretary

I have lived in Tower Lakes with my husband Steve since 1994. We treasure the sense of serenity and community found here. Over the years I have been involved in various Tower Lakes and TLIA committees and would welcome the opportunity to serve a second term as TLIA secretary.



#### Mary Magro - Treasurer



I moved to Tower Lakes 27 years ago with my parents, Carol and Len Kuskowski while I was still in college. I fell in love with its beauty and the boy across the street, Nino Magro. We have three children - AJ (currently at IU), Julie (senior at BHS), and Gina (8th grade at Station). We have lived in North Lake for 14 years. We enjoy the small town feel to raise our children. Being part of the TLIA board allows me to give back to a community that my extended family has been a part of for over 40 years.

#### Tom Kubala - Member-at-large

As a 25+ year resident of Tower Lakes, I have had the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of the lake in both the summer and the winter, in fact all four seasons. Over time, I'm not sure which season offers the best, maybe it is some type of combination! Over the years, I've participated in many of the activities that make Tower



Lakes a unique, great place to live and volunteered to lead them as well: the Social Committee, organizing several Men's Days, the Village ZBA to name a few. I'm currently on the Village Planning Commission, as well as the TLIA Lake Committee. One of my main roles on the Lake Committee has been to spearhead the permit applications for our dredging projects with Lake County Stormwater Management, the Army Corp of Engineers and the Illinois EPA. Through this effort and in conjunction with other members of the committee, we have developed a very positive working relationship with these government agencies, along with members of the lake associations from our surrounding neighbors. I'd like your vote for the open Member-at-Large position, which also is the head of the Lake Committee. My goal will be to continue with the positive work that the entire Lake Committee has done over the past several years, so we can all continue to enjoy what the lake has to offer, no matter the season.

## Annual Meeting

Sunday NOVEMBER 6, 2016

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Wauconda American Legion Hall

515 S. Main Street  
Wauconda, IL 60084

TLIA BOARD



#### Mike Mitchell Member-at-large

My wife Jeanne and I have lived in Tower Lakes for 20 years. We have raised our two boys here: Jack and David. I have been a TLIA board

member for the past two years and have appreciated the opportunity to serve our community. Over the years, I've been involved with Social Committee, Men's Day, TL Soccer Fields and have coached several youth sports. We can't think of a better community to raise a family, build friendships, grow and support one another than Tower Lakes.



## NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA

I think fall is perhaps my favorite season. The whole neighborhood becomes a panorama of color and change. Animals bundle up for winter while the birds head south. We begin to think about warm fires, apple cider, the World Series and yes, the 2016 TLIA Annual Meeting

See how I did that? Lured you right into the meeting. Here are the headlines

### **Let's talk Budget**

You have all seen our approved budget for next year. I see a budget that is tight, but manageable. The Board has worked very hard to maintain our goals while avoiding the burden of a dues increase. We have spent money where necessary and made cuts where available all in the interest of fiscal management, primary responsibility.

The number one goal, once again is to reduce the percentage of delinquent accounts. Always a challenge. The difficult decision of stronger steps are on the horizon. They are never pleasant, nor easy and we will not take them lightly. But they will be necessary.

### **A continued SSA**

Our Lake Committee has worked diligently over the past five years on the program of silt removal and lake management and the current Lake Special Service Assessment (SSA) to improve our entire watershed has come to an end. Their next steps are designed to continue on the path of lake improvement.

My charge to them at the beginning of this year was to create a plan to continue to build upon the work they have done over the last five years, do it for the same cost and, if possible, less. The new plan that does just that. The 2016 five year lake improvement SSA is designed to continue this necessary work while saving our membership money.

The new SSA is presented at \$200 per household per year for five years a net savings of \$50 per household per year vs. the previous SSA. This money is dedicated to the lake and can not be used for any other operating expenses. Think of it as a \$50 reduction on your annual obligation to TLIA.

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TLIA

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## Approved TLIA Board Meeting Minutes August 15, 2016

TLIA BOARD

### **Board Members:**

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

### **Apologies:**

### **Committee Representation:**

Andy Hay, Tom Kubala, Mel Ott, Rich Bahr – Lake

Janet Blake – Nominating Committee

Cass Young – Communications

Pat Covek - Grounds Beautification & Tennis

Jack Johnson – Tennis Courts

Bob Nash - Events

Rick Steffen – Events

**Member Representation:** Linda Lenhardt, Marc Lenhardt

**Guests:** None

### **Call to Order @ 7:02 PM**

### **Opening Remarks**

**Randy Young**

Randy Young and Steve Burgoon have been working on streamlining the meeting process. The agenda will now be listed as Business Items, Committees, Old Business and New Business. This structure will better conform to our Rules and Bylaws. In addition, meeting guidelines will be created. Randy encouraged TLIA members to sign up for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tower Lakes pig roast and promenade to be held on September 4.

### **Business Items for August**

### **Review and Approve**

### **July Board Meeting Minutes**

**Randy Young**

Motion to approve: Randall Cross

Second: Judd Lautenschlager

All in favor

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

### **Next Meeting:**

TLIA BOARD

**October 10 - 7:00 pm  
Village Hall**

All recent meeting minutes are archived on the [TLIA.org](http://TLIA.org) website.

# Rain Garden Update

Contributed by Andy Hay, Project Manager

**Grant Awarded - Community education and involvement are key elements moving forward**

It is with great pleasure I want to let you know that the final signatures have been received and that Tower Lakes has been formally approved to receive a 319(h) grant from the IL EPA. This grant will be provided over 3 years to assist Tower Lakes to reduce its levels on non-point source pollution reaching the lake by the installation of two rain gardens, one into Bays Park, and the second into Wagner Park (East Boat Landing). The purpose of the garden is to catch and retain rain runoff from the streets and lawns of the East Side all the way from 59 by the village hall, down to the lake. The native plants in these gardens then trap and remove the pollutants. The secondary benefit is to help reduce flooding in key areas such as the low point in front of the tennis courts since the rain garden is designed to retain water equivalent to the highs in precipitation seen once every 50 years.



Financially this project is valued at \$266k with \$160k of that being directly funded by this award. Another \$106k has already been received in the form of a grant from our friends at Lake County Storm Water Management with potentially another similar amount to follow in 2018. The remainder is made up of a modest amount of cash split between the Village and TLIA (between \$5 and \$15k each over three years) and the value of the volunteer hours spent in education, business meetings and public awareness including Eco Day, July 4th education booths, town hall sessions, various Board and Committee meetings, newsletters and administration of the project.

The next steps are:

- Construct and distribute the RFP (Request for Proposal)
- Start the resident and community formal communication plan
- Receive RFP and make award of primary contractors
- Rigorous documentation of grant matching hours and opportunities (new style recoding form attached)

Thank you all for your patience and support of this project. It is a very exciting opportunity to make a big difference to the health of our most precious asset: Tower Lake itself.

**Find out more about the project**  
**Tower Lakes Rain Garden Open**  
**Information Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 29**  
**1:00 pm**  
**Bays Park**

TLIA 2016 Annual Meeting Agenda		DRAGETV
I. Welcome Remarks	Randy Young	2:00
II. Qualify a quorum	Kathy Pattengale	1:00
1. 10% of 327		
III. 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes	Randy Young	2:00
1. Call for approval of 2015 minutes		
IV. Appointment of 2017 Nominating Committee	Janet Blake	1:00
V. State of the Association	Randy Young	10:00
1. "Our Year and Looking Forward"		
VI. Financial Secretary Report	Linda Kuna	5:00
1. 2016 Revenue Review & Dues Collection		
VII. Treasurer Report	Mary Magro	5:00
1. 2016 Budget Results		
2. 2016 Capital Budget Contribution & Status		
VIII. Audit Committee 2016 Report	Bill Hare	10:00
IX. Budget Presentation		
a) Overview	Randy Young	2:00
b) Revenues for 2017	Linda Kuna	2:00
c) Expenses / Capital 2017	Mary Magro	3:00
X. 2017 Initiative 319 Grant - Rain Gardens	Andy Hay	15:00
XI. 2017 Ballot & Voting		
A. Presentation of Candidates for Board Election	Janet Blake	10:00
B. Lake SSA	Judd Lautenschlager	15:00
XII. Call to Cast Ballots	Randy Young	1:00
A. Nominations Committee to Tally vote		
XIII. 2016 Committee Reports		
A. Communications	Cassandra Young	5:00
B. Beach	Mary Magro / Paul Voska	5:00

Meeting information along with the draft agenda and sample ballot are posted on the 2016 Annual Meeting page at [tlia.org](http://tlia.org).



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**Official Proxy Ballot**  
 Tower Lakes Improvement Association  
 Annual Meeting - Sunday, November 6, 2016

Registered TLIA Ballot  
DO NOT COPY

Voter #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voter #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tower Lakes, IL 60010  
 Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

The above mentioned Property Owner, being a Member-in-Good-Standing of the Tower Lakes Improvement Association (hereafter known as the "Association"), does hereby constitute and appoint Randy Young, President of the Board of Directors and the current Board of Directors with full power of substitution to attend the Special Meeting of the homeowners of the Association on November 6, 2016 including any adjournments thereof, in the name, place and stead of the undersigned, to represent and to vote, as designated below, all of the votes of the named member at the 2016 TLIA Annual Meeting.

Candidates: <small>(Review candidate flow attached to this ballot)</small>	Office	Voter 1		Voter 2	
		YES	NO	YES	NO
Randy Young	President				
Mary Magro	Treasurer				
Kathy Pattengale	Residing Secretary				
MEMBERS-AT-LARGE					
Mick Mitchell	Member-at-Large				
Tom Kubaala	Member-at-Large				

Voter 1                      Voter 2

Ballot Issue	YES	NO	YES	NO
Approve the 2017 TLIA Lake Maintenance SSA: See details of the Lake SSA Attached to this ballot.				

**THIS BALLOT MUST BE MAILED & POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN November 1, 2016**  
 TLIA  
 P.O. Box 405  
 Barrington, IL 60011-0405  
(fold ballot in thirds and apply postage. The mailing address is printed on back side) or  
**YOU MAY hand deliver to:**  
**TOWER LAKES VILLAGE HALL - DROP BOX AT FRONT DOOR**  
**NO LATER THAN - November 1, 2015**

# Five Year Plan/Proposal

## Lake History & Long Term Maintenance Plan

TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE

*Contributed by: Steve Burgoon*

Tower Lakes, Illinois was developed back in the early 1900s as a cottage community for vacation -- rest and relaxation. The lakes we now enjoy for swimming, fishing, boating and natural habitat were formed by damming the then-existing Mud Creek and down-stream wetland/swamp. The lake was expanded to twice its original size and North Lake was added by developing a road (Circle Drive) that dammed the water from exiting that wetland north of Roberts Road. These two mud bottom lakes, Davlin's Pond and inlet, and Cypress Pond are similar in construction (dammed wetland), size and use as many other lakes in Lake County, Illinois. Unfortunately, Tower Lakes, like its neighboring lakes, are shallow and contain significant amounts of sediment that limit the water depth as well as provide active nutrients (think food) for the aquatic plants.

The sediment comes from multiple sources. First is the sediment from the original lake formation (the ground under the water after damming the exit). Secondly, there is the sediment entering the lakes from the inlets at Davlin's Pond on the north and under Kelsey road at the south. Sedimentation is also added from road and shoreline run off. Lastly, sediment is created as aquatic plants, leaves and other organic material decay during the year. If allowed to continue unchecked, the lakes will continue to naturally "eutrophy" over time and Tower Lakes will turn into a swamp, much like the Wagner Fen to our west. Even with silt removal efforts in 1966 (resulting in creation of the Soccer Field), 1992 to 1995 (the last Special Assessment with some silt removal), and our current but ending 5-year project, there is still (and always will -- we will never get it all) a LOT of silt in the lake in particularly strategic locations -- near the dam, in and around the islands (Beach and Rest), and the south end of North Lake.

Maintaining the lake for a multitude of activities is a significant challenge. We try to create a balance of enough water to swim, boat and fish, and enough aquatic plants ("weeds") to provide needed oxygen for the fish population. We believe we have managed the plant life better than when we started but we know it is not perfect (nor will it ever be perfect..... and we know there are many opinions of what perfect is). However, we do have a VERY healthy lake. Water clarity is good. Because of the lack of water depth (average 4.5 feet) and the nutrients below, as well as nutrients occurring in the water column, we will ALWAYS have aquatic plants..... UNLESS we kill all of them. If we kill all the plants, it would create a negative impact on the fish and add to the nutrient load. So..... we MANAGE aquatic plants the best we can. We would like to do this with less herbicide over time.

Over the past five years, the Lake Committee has been involved and engaged with many local organizations to help educate ourselves as well as be actively involved in Watershed Planning and Lake Management. We have seen first-hand alternative Best Management Practice (BMPs) that other lakes have used to manage their lakes with similar challenges. Weed Harvesting, Alum Treatments, Aeration, Water Elevators, Water Movers, Floating Islands, etc. have been viewed and researched to some extent. Instead of killing the aquatic plants (adding silt), we would like to try Weed Harvesting (either mechanically and/or manually) to effectively give the plants a "haircut". If effective, we might be able to keep certain areas more free of surface plants, eliminate dead plants turning into silt, and lower our herbicide treatments. In addition, we would like to consider other potential BMPs mentioned above for long term lake maintenance that might allow us to end (or delay for time) silt removal sometime in the future.

Thus, the Lake Committee requests your support in voting FOR the proposed Lake Special Assessment of "\$200 per year, per household, for five years (fiscal years 2017 through 2021), specifically for and limited to the continuance of the silt removal project and other best management practices for long term lake maintenance."

Over the past 5 years, we have been good stewards of the funding you have provided and we thank you for the confidence you have given us to work on this vital mission.

If you have any questions prior to the TLIA Annual Meeting please call one of the folks on the Long Term Committee -- Nick Adams, Rich Bahr, Steve Burgoon, Andy Hay, Tom Kubala or John Schmidt.



*Silt bags located on south shore of Tower Lake*



*Photo by Rick Steffen*

# Clean Data a Must for TLIA

## Making sure we reach everyone

Several members of the Communications Committee and TLIA Board recently took a bright light to the contact information of Tower Lakes' residents. "I've been feeling for years that we aren't reaching all of the residents of Tower Lakes that want communication from us," said Communications Committee member Jan Bahr. "Some people may not even know we have email blasts or be aware of the wonderful events that are provided."

So over several nights, 5 volunteers poured through three (3) lists to create a comprehensive file. "We used the TLIA Directory as our base since that list seemed to be the most complete and current," said Cass Young, Communications Committee member. "From there, we compared the names and addresses to our email list and cross-referenced that with our dues list. It was a laborious process, but we were able to fill in many of the gaps."

The undertaking was not an easy one: some residents own two (2) homes, which will generate 2 dues bills but only one email address; some folks rent their home and don't get a bill; some have moved away, but still like to receive information from us and there's always the problem multiple email addresses for one person. "We didn't change or add email addresses to our email list, even if we had a different email from the directory. By law, we can't email without permission from the person," said Cass Young.

In the end, we discovered approximately 76% of our Households was receiving homeowner association communications electronically. To capture everyone, however, the Communications Committee decided to mail out the October newsletter to every household. They are also requesting people sign-up for email communication. "We are trying our best



to acquire as many email addresses as possible. We know we won't get 100%. We also know that people change their email addresses often. We are also aware that there are some residents who just don't want to be communicated to and we respect that," said Cass Young.

The most troubling discovery, though, was that some households were not receiving dues statements. "When we transitioned our financials over to QuickBooks last year, we must have missed a few records," said Linda Kuna, TLIA Board Financial member. That problem has since been rectified.

Overall, it was a productive use of time. "I was doubtful that we would uncover much discrepancy. But when we got into the thick of things, I quickly realized what a valuable process this has been. We will consider doing this on an annual basis," said Randy Young, TLIA President.

### TLIA COMMUNICATIONS



[Click the envelope](#)

**COMMUNICATION is KEY**  
**Sign up to take advantage of all the resources TLIA has for members.**

*Receive email - community updates - event notices - news*

**Simply log on to [tlia.org](http://tlia.org), scroll to the bottom of the page, click, and input your email address.**

### TLIA COMMUNICATIONS

**VOTE YES**  
 on your Annual Meeting Ballot for the  
**2017 Lake SSA**  
 Keep our lake the most important resource.  
 Continue the progress of  
 water & lake improvement.  
**TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE**

*Thank you..... for a wonderful season!*

**A special note of thanks to our wonderful lifeguards, swim team and lesson instructors!**

*The Beach Committee  
 Mary Magro and Paula Voska*

**TLIA BEACH**

## Lasting Impressions 50th Anniversary Celebration



## A Walk Through the Village Tower Lakes' Rich History

What would an anniversary celebration be without looking back to where it all started? Dedicated volunteers Valerie Baartz and Julie Losinski took the time to create an informative (and fun) activity aimed at exploring the historical landmarks within Tower Lakes. Over 50 people participated in the 2-mile walk and followed clues to such places as the east-west suspension bridge, the original farmhouse, the gazebo, and much more, while listening to a narrative at each location. "There were so many things I learned at each stop. We have an incredible history," said one participant. "Overall, the event was a wonderful success," stated Valerie Baartz.

Historic photos of Tower Lakes can be explored through the [Barrington Area Library website](#):  
 ◦ Go to the Barrington Area Library homepage

- click on local history
- click on Barrington Area Historical Photos
- click on the Tower Lakes folder (folders are in alphabetic order)

Learn more about the [village](#).



## The Barsumians Visit TL

One of the stops along the historical promenade was Barsumian Park. Many people know that Nazareth Barsumian developed Tower Lakes, but don't know much more than that. The short story is that Nazareth was an Armenian who emigrated from Turkey in 1902. He was famous for dyeing carpets in Europe, but then studied medicine and eventually became a lawyer in northern Illinois. His final occupation was as a judge in Barrington. Throughout his life, he also had an interest in real estate and helped develop the village that is now our own Tower Lakes. He was so successful in America that he sponsored others to come over and helped them settle in Oak Park and Evanston.



The Barsumians

Tower Lakes honored Nazareth's family members at the 50th anniversary celebration. Grandson Randy Barsumian, his family and second cousin attended the celebration.

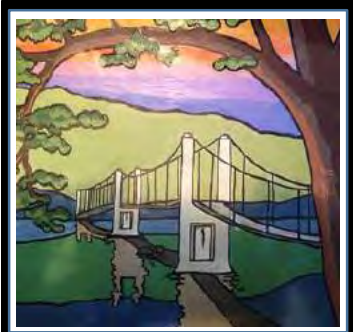
**Nazareth's full biography is [Stowaway to Heaven](#) (Armenian Information Bureau, 1960).**

# Village Yearbook in the Works

Contributed by: *Pati Shaefer*

**Photos & stories to honor residents, history, and events over 50 years**

For only the 2nd time in the history of our community, we will be publishing a Tower Lakes Yearbook in 2016. The 168 page all color yearbook is available for order now. The book will capture life in Tower Lakes and provide our residents with a cherished collection of memories. Photos will focus on the last few years, with memories back to the last yearbook which was published in 2000.



The Village of  
Tower Lakes  
2016 Yearbook

**Make Memories**

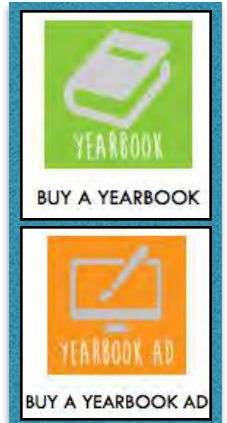
You and your family are probably already stars in many of the pictures that will be shared in the book. You can also submit photos to be used in the “inbox” section of the yearbook. Send a digital .jpg high quality photo to patiphoto@aol.com.

**Share Memories**

Dedication ads are a great way to share a memory. Ads are created by you in the “easy to use” software. The cost ranges from \$25 to \$140 for 1/8 to a full page. Don’t miss this opportunity to be a part of history. Deadline is October 20th to place ads, but please do it early! Questions: contact Marty Thompson [marty.thompson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marty.thompson@sbcglobal.net)

**Cherish Memories**

Yearbooks will be delivered in early December in time for Christmas. Think of buying a book for each of your children or a special neighbor that moved away.



CLICK the link above, then enter code **“Village of Tower Lakes 2016”** Yearbooks are \$50 **for more info on ordering an Ad**



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# Helping Those Who Protect Us and Our Property

Contributed by **Bill Hare, Fund Drive Chairman**

Tower Lakes, being a small bedroom community, employs a part-time police department to protect our citizens and property. They do a great job.

One of the many activities our police department performs is to make periodic home visits to ensure our property is safe during extended periods of time while we are absent from our homes. It's estimated 200 homeowners annually report time from one week to several months away from a residence. Tower Lakes' residents rely on our police officers to make these home checks, giving us comfort that our homes are safe. What a great security service to know our property is being protected while we are away.

The Tower Lakes Police Department is in need of funds to provide current and new officers with modern protective vests. The cost for each vest is in the \$700 range with a two to five years expiration date, depending on manufacture. Seems to me Tower Lakes residents that rely on these officers to protect our property could assist the police department with funds to help defray the cost of these important protective vests. I hope you agree.

As a result, a call to the Tower Lakes community for financial assistance is being sought. We are asking all residents and particularly those residents that rely on our police officers to protect our property during time away from home, to make a donation. We are suggesting a tax deductible amount of \$100 or even \$50, to the Tower Lakes Community Foundation (TLCF). TLCF is a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, which will collect the funds and provide for the purchase of vests and other police needs.

Checks can be made out to "Tower Lakes Community Foundation" and please indicate in the memo field of the check "Police Vest Fund." You also can go to the TLCF website, [www.tower-lakes.org](http://www.tower-lakes.org) and use a credit card or PayPal to make a donation. A donation letter for tax purposes will be sent to all contributors. If you remember, TLCF is the same organization that was used for the successful fund drive for the renovated tennis courts. Let's make those donations **now** to Tower Lakes Community Foundation, P.O. Box 6061, Wauconda, IL 60084, or go to [www.tower-lakes.org](http://www.tower-lakes.org) and show support for the Tower Lakes officers that protect our property. We will continue to have the police fund drive until December 31, 2016.

As this drive is just beginning, the organizers of this year's Tower Lakes Turkey Trot have committed the donations to the Police Fund Drive. See the article in this issue for more info on the 2016 TL Turkey Trot.

Police Chief Sam Sinacore has agreed to provide a report of the funds used after the drive is completed and items purchased.

**Thanks for your support.**



**TURKEY TROT**

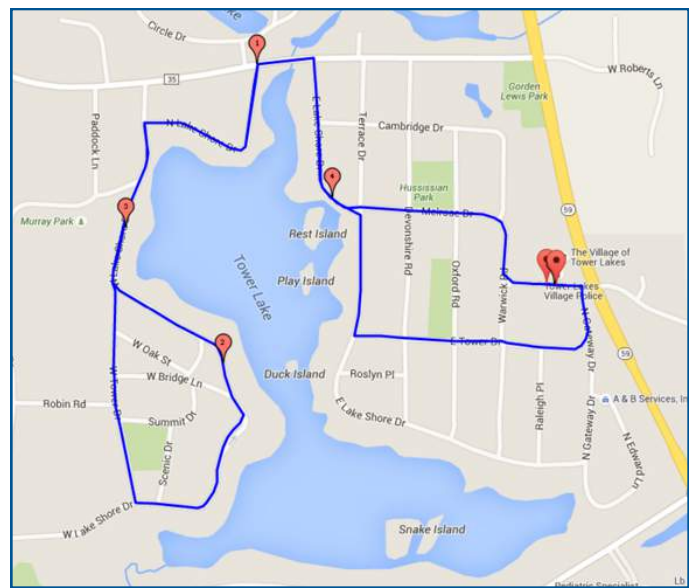
SAVE THE DATE  
**NOVEMBER 24, 2016**  
 9 am

## 2nd Annual TL 5K Turkey Trot Thanksgiving Morning Step off at 9AM

TLIA is happy to announce the second running of the Turkey Trot. This year, the cause couldn't be better. All proceeds will go to help purchase better police vests for our very own Tower Lakes police force. All donations will

be 100% tax deductible. Sign up and volunteer information will be posted shortly.

Bring the family down and join your fellow neighbors for the 5k Run/Walk/Stroll on the streets of our very own Tower Lakes. The race will start at 9am from the Village Hall. The course winds through the streets of the East Side over Roberts Bridge to the hills of the West Side and back. All are welcome to attend.



## Tower Lakes' Newest Eagle Scout Congratulations Stuart Middleditch!



September  
25,  
2016

## Tower Lakes Featured in Local Paper

Recently, Tower Lakes was featured as a photo spread and story in the Daily Herald newspaper. It was a well written article about our village and environment. All the natural beauty and wonder that is TL was shown through several beautiful photographs. The Daily Herald was kind enough to allow the Tower Lakes news to offer readers a link where you can see and read this story about our home.

[Click here](#)

# Daily Herald

## Holiday Decoration Contest Judging begins Dec 11 at dusk



Categories  
Most Creative  
Children's Fantasy  
Most Elegant

**\$50 gift card to ZaZa's**  
*(Last year's winners not eligible)*

TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Annual Tower Lakes  
**CHILI COOK OFF**  
October 15  
Rest Island  
6:00 - 10:00 pm - 5:45 - check-in



Prize  
Categories



Judge's Choice  
People's Choice  
Most Creative Name



Spooky  
Storytelling by  
Eliza-witch  
reading stories  
in her  
"Pumpkin  
Palace"

**Live Music**  
Anderlick,  
Miller & Otto

- \*Beverages for the kids; beer/wine for the adults
- \*Chili-challenged chefs can bring corn breads or desserts to share
- \*TLEC provides the chili fixin's, including sour cream

TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

**Volunteer your time and talent.**



**Help still needed for  
Chili Cook Off.**

**[Click here](#)**

**to sign up.**

## NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA

The Board fully endorses this initiative and urge you to vote for its passage. It gives our association a beautiful lake while we receive a yearly savings.

### ***Congratulations for a big win***

The next initiative deserves pat-on-the-back for Andy Hay and the successful completion of the 319 Grant for our Community Rain Gardens. This joint Village/TLIA project has been in development for over a year and we now have signed contracts allowing us to move forward with a request for proposal, awarding of the work, and construction.

This program will develop two rain gardens for Tower Lakes. One in Bays Park and the other in Wagner Park (along E Lake Shore Drive). These gardens will greatly improve our storm water drainage and reduce pollutants that would inevitably flow into the lake.

TLIA has the opportunity to reduce our cash outlay for this program through our volunteerism. We receive a dollar per hour per person credit toward the project for each volunteer hour we log. This is the easiest money we will ever earn, it's based on our volunteerism, something we are very good at providing!

Informational meetings are planned for the immediate neighbors and a community meeting is being planned for shortly thereafter. These are not "what if" meetings but "when and how" meetings for this exceptional project. Check your email for the invitations, dates and times of the meetings and plan to attend. Every person/hour counts toward our cost share in the project

### ***One last plug.***

We need you to attend for all the reasons we have stressed in the past. A quorum is required for the meeting to be official. Proxy votes, while convenient, do not count toward a quorum. I promise it will be orderly, organized and efficient and informative for all. We will elect a new board, review the budget, hear the plans for 2017, and pass the SSA.

I look forward to seeing you November 6 at the Wauconda American Legion Hall, 515 S. Main Street in Wauconda.

The Tower Lakes Community Foundation  
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*Big Night 7: Masquerade*

Friday, October 28, 2016

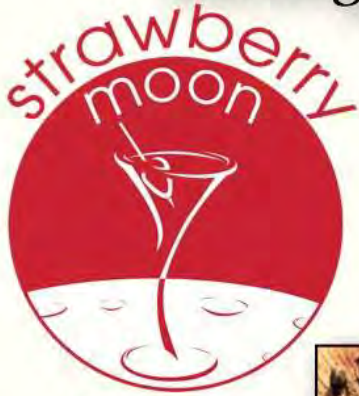
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# TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

TL Youth Committee is excited for another year at the Soccer Field to kick off Halloween with a pizza party! And it is the 2nd year of Trunk-or-Treat! If you don't get a lot of trick-or-treaters, back up your car to the soccer field, and hand out candy to our lil' TL ghosts and goblins!

**Feel free to decorate your car trunks and dress up if you please!**  
**Otherwise come as you are on Monday, October 31!**



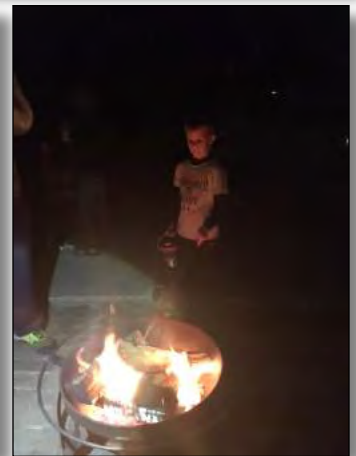
**Trick-or-Treat & Trunk-or-Treat**  
**Pizza Party**  
**Soccer Field**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
**Monday October 31, 2016**



**Santa & Carriage Rides**  
**Sunday December 11, 2016**

**Please direct all questions/comments to: [youth@tlia.org](mailto:youth@tlia.org)**

## September 10 - Family Camp out



A feathered friend enjoying the view  
*Photo by: Rick Steffen*

## Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Contributed by: Mary Beth Adams

### Katie Grimm

311 Devonshire

We are happy to welcome a new resident to Tower Lakes who knows our village well. Katie Grimm grew up in Lake Barrington and attended North Barrington School, Station and Barrington High School. She then went to DePaul University where she earned a degree in marketing and a master's in elementary education. She works for a law office doing legal work and marketing. Her son, Landon, is 6 years old and has just started first grade at North Barrington. He loves to play baseball and soccer, to read and to fish. They have two dogs named Chase and Gracie Bell. Katie loves to be outside, to read and to spend time with Landon. She is excited to meet her neighbors at many of the Tower Lakes events!

### Jay Sturges

416 Warwick

Welcome Jay Sturges to his new home at 416 Warwick Road. Jay is from the Barrington area and is happy to have found his beautiful home in Tower Lakes. He works for a company in Wheeling that disposes of hazardous waste. He has a 4 1/2 year old daughter named Leah who loves to play at the parks and beach and can't get enough of building with legos. Jay is a huge Cubs fan and is looking forward to meeting his new neighbors and enjoying the slower pace of life here in Tower Lakes.

### Adam and Jennifer Davis

597 Leon Drive

The Davis Family is our new neighbor living at 597 Leon Drive. They moved here from San Diego. Both Adam and Jen are contractors for a telecommunications company where Adam is one of the directors. They have a 14-year-old son named Ace who is a freshman at Barrington High School. Ace's talents and interests are in film and theatre production, video editing, drawing, writing scripts, reading comic books and video gaming. Adam loves the outdoors, kayaking and canoeing. Jen also plays the drums and both collect vinyl records. They have been out walking to meet people, so stop and say hello to this talented family!

### Leo and Meg Koszulinski

25302 Pebble Creek Drive

Welcome our new Country Club Estates neighbors, Leo and Meg Koszulinski. They moved here from Oswego. Leo is originally from Orland Park and is a software engineer. Meg is originally from Park Ridge and works for Dyson Floor Care. They are busy with their two little ones, Leo who is 5 1/2 and Ava who is 3 1/2. The family loves to bike ride and travel to places with warm weather. They are looking forward to kayaking in Tower Lakes and getting involved in our events.





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- July 1,2,3,4  
Fourth of July Celebration
- Oct 14  
Chili Cook Off
- Sept 16  
Music in the Park

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## Getting to Know Your Neighbor ... Frank Radogna

Working for years in logistics and transportation industry is a far cry from food and fare. But maybe not for a progressive foodie minded entrepreneur like Frank Radogna. Meet the owner of [Franco's Pescheria](#).

The truth is that Frank has been cooking with his Italian grandmother since age 5 -- recipes from the old country... cooking from scratch.... farm fresh ingredients. He has always enjoyed fine wine and he has a flare for adventure and enterprise. It's his passion; it's in his blood. He sips his espresso as we enjoyed a Saturday morning on his front porch café chairs. It seems so European. His relaxed, peaceful sense about himself is refreshing. He loves food, cooking, shopping, and eating (especially the meals he creates). In fact, he has every edition of *Bon Appetite* magazine since 1972. "The recipes don't change much, so I like to add something here or there to vary or personalize it," says Frank. "I also ask my kids to pick out recipes and I'll make them." Each Christmas, he prepares the traditional Italian "Feast of Seven Fishes" for a crowd of 40-60 people.

To wash down his meals, Frank enjoys a good glass of wine, which he knows something about. Frank and Fran Radogna own a small vineyard, called Rad Dog Vineyards, in Paso Robles, California. They sell a majority of the grapes to Tobin James Winery, but they reserve fifty vines for themselves. With that, he and his son (Marc, 17) travel each fall to crush the grapes, ferment them and bottle them to make Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and sometimes, Port. The wine cellar at home is stocked with his personal collection of Rad Dog Red.

A fine eating experience and love of good food drives him. When he took over Diamond Seafood from the Hannagans in June, he intentionally kept many of the same traditions. At the same time, he's also an entrepreneur at heart. He has lots of initiatives in mind, including growing the business two- or three-fold. First, was the name change to Franco's Pescheria (Frank's fish market). The new place is a retail store with fresh fish, prepared foods, bake-n-serve items, and a lunchtime café. He kept it basically a fish mart. No meat, no poultry. He uses the same fish distributors -- the top three for freshness in Chicago -- that have always supplied Diamond with the best quality seafood products.... and he won't keep it in-house longer than 3 days. He orders in limited quantity, but is looking to expand the variety and offer more choices as he grows the market. He will be opening on Friday and Saturday evenings with a Cicchetti concept ("small plates of fish" translated from Italian). Wine and beer will be added as soon as he obtains a license. Another desire is to create a bar and open kitchen area; perhaps in a new, expanded space -- one that can hold 30 - 50 seats.

For all the time spent at the Pescheria, Frank likes to relax at home with his wife, Fran, whom he married 21 years ago. Frank moved here from California in 1992. He and Fran have two children, Michelle (19) and Marc (17). He also has a daughter, Alexandria (27) from his first marriage, who shares his love of cooking and recently graduated from Le Cordon Bleu, an acclaimed culinary arts school. She's currently working at GT Fish and Oyster as a chef.

The Radognas moved to the Chicagoland area to be closer to his daughter, Alex. He was drawn to Tower Lakes, like so many others, for the community feel. "I knew one neighbor in California!" said Frank. "It's different here. It's like family." In fact, Frank and Fran bought both his mother and Fran's parents houses in Tower Lakes. "There's no reason to leave. I have my food and family," said Frank. It's the perfect Italian set-up, like living at camp with good friends and family all around.

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# Tower Lakes Men's Day - September 23, 2016 *Lasting Impressions*

*Contributed by Steve Burgoon*

Oh what a night..... And day!! The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's day was a fantastic success. Record numbers of Tower Lakes Men gathered in multiple recreational locations for recreation, refreshment and fellowship on Friday September 23. Starting at Chalet Hills Golf Club at 8 AM, a record eighty (80) men played a scramble-format golf tournament. Nervous the day before, the weather held out with clouds and 72 degrees. Perfect!!! Play was pretty quick with the overall low score of 12 under par – the team of Jim Colantino, Don Fitzgibbons, Ron Crocco and Gene Grochowski. Jim and Don are former Tower Lakers that live next door in LBS and have been a part of many past Men's Days. The 4-hole playoff winners were Phil Wertz, Bob Wertz, Jim "Doc" Runke and Scott McRoberts. Phil and "Doc" are also former TLMers who have participated for years. They love to return to join in the fun.

After the golf tourney the men gathered back at Bay's Park/Volleyball courts for lunch where appetizers, burgers, brats, salads and all the fixin's were prepared and devoured. Oh, there were some liquid refreshments too. A "Bags" tournament commenced in the volleyball area for the balance of the afternoon. Quite a few guys grabbed a racquet or paddle to play tennis or pickle ball on our new Tennis Courts. The

bags tourney was won by Pat McKillen and Mike Rigali with runner-ups Brian Lunt, Eric Lunt and Rocky Ermilio.

Off to SideOuts for the final event..... Steak Dinner. Sixty guys enjoyed a night of great steaks, awards, raffles, cards and darts. It pays to be the "last guy in" as long time resident Dick Wade joined the group for the evening. Good choice by Dick as he won the 50/50 raffle of \$500. Paul Hancock and Eric Lunt won the dart tourney with Judd Lautenschlager and Tyler Sandberg finishing runner-up. Thanks guys for joining the festivities, camaraderie and activities. It was great to see MANY new faces and lots of folks got introduced for the first time!



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