

TLIA Newsletter

2016 TLIA Annual Meeting: Recap

By: Kathy Pattengale

TLIA BOARD

President Randy Young opened the meeting by acknowledging the TLIA Board members and highlighting their strengths and contributions to the association over the past year. He also noted some of the major accomplishments from 2016 and outlined goals for 2017. Approximately 70 people were in attendance representing 36+ households, constituting a quorum.



The 2017 TLIA Budget was presented along with an Audit Report from 2016. TLIA Committee chairpersons shared their individual reports. Randy Young (president), Mary Magro (treasurer), Mike Mitchell (member-at-large), and Kathy Pattengale (recording secretary) were reelected to another two-year term on the Board. Tom Kubala was elected as a new member-at-large. Also on the ballot was a proposal for a Lake Maintenance Special Assessment of \$200 per year, per household, for a total of 5 years to continue best management practices for our lake. The Lake Maintenance SA passed 155-22. Board members and committee chairpersons expressed gratitude for the many volunteers who provided their time and talent over the past year.

Accomplishments from 2016 include improvements made to our grounds and parks, lake maintenance and silt removal, beautification of our entryways and islands, construction of the west side path and the boat landing, and upgrading equipment at the beach. An updated paper directory and directory app were distributed to residents. Our newly restructured Events Committee planned and coordinated a calendar of outstanding events, resulting in increased involvement and volunteerism. The Youth Committee created an array of activities focused on making special memories of childhood in Tower Lakes. In addition, the tennis courts were demolished and rebuilt on schedule and under budget, made possible in part by donations and volunteer labor.

Looking ahead to 2017, we will continue to make Tower Lakes an even better place, focusing on continuous care of our lake, creation of the rain gardens through the 319 IEPA Grant, improvements in our financial management with a tougher stance on dues compliance, and the creation of new board procedures, committee reporting and improved record storage. The Communications Committee will also launch a new outreach program to ensure that the entire community has full access to all of our communication resources: newsletters, TLIA website and email blasts. Reflecting back on the past year, we are once again reminded of how special our community is and why we live here.

You can review the entire TLIA Annual Meeting Power Point presentation by [CLICKING HERE](#)

Lake Special Assessment Approved

In an overwhelming majority, (156 Yes/22 No) Tower Lakes homeowners approved the 2017 Lake Special Assessment. In doing so, they have authorized the TLIA Board to assess homeowners' \$200 each year for the next 5 fiscal years. The funds will be used to continue the silt removal project and for other lake maintenance.

[Click here](#) to read the 2016 Lake Committee Summary Report.

Your elected officials for the 2017 TLIA Board

President	Randy Young	president@tlia.org
Vice President	Steve Burgoon	vicepresident@tlia.org
Recording Secretary	Kathy Pattengale	secretary@tlia.org
Treasurer	Mary Magro	treasurer@tlia.org
Financial Secretary	Linda Kuna	dues@tlia.org
Grounds	John Yancey	jyancey@tlia.org
Member Services	Randall Cross	memberservices@tlia.org
Members-at-large	Mike Mitchell	mmitchell@tlia.org
	Tom Kubala	lake@tlia.org

Congratulations to all!



NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA

Recently, I had the privilege of working with Mr. Malcom Gladwell. I'm sure many of you know who he is: social scientist, best-selling author, and contributing editor to New Yorker magazine. In his presentation, he spoke of the kind of people who create change and the acceptance of change in our society. I found his talk to be enlightening and very applicable to TLIA.

He classified the people of change in three categories:

The Conscientious ones

These folks are detail and goal oriented. They are concerned about everything and dedicated. They see a project and are focused on moving that project forward.

The Creators

These folks are the thinkers and idea makers. They are never afraid to put ideas into play. They work and live outside the box. Gladwell described many of them in his book Outliers. And then there is....

The Disagreeable Type

Don't think of this term in its usual sense. Mr. Gladwell calls them disagreeable because they are the "full-steam ahead" and "don't-get-in-my-way" kind of people who "don't care what others think." Rather than disagreeable, I prefer to call them the "get-it-done" type.

In our leadership group we have all three of these types of people.

In Grounds, John Yancey and Mike Mitchell are Conscientious in making everything about our natural beauty and environment better. If you want to speak about details...we have Mary Margo on the expense side and Linda Kuna on the revenue side of our finances.

When I think Lake, I can't imagine a more Conscientious team than Judd and the entire Lake Committee. Judd made his final appearance at the Annual meeting where he highlighted his team's 2016 actions.

Then there are Creators, like Randall Cross. He created the new TL Address Book App which I believe is brilliant!

The third type are the Get it Done type. People like Steve Burgoon when he steps up to so many projects within the Board or Lake and Kathy Pattengale who manages our information flow.

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Approved
TLIA Annual Board Meeting
Minutes November 2015

TLIA BOARD

*These minutes were approved
at the 2016 Annual meeting*

TLIA Board Meeting Minutes November 8, 2015

Board Members:

Jack Johnson, Linda Kuna, Judd Lautenschlager, Mary Magro, Mike Mitchell, Kathy Pattengale, John Yancey, Andrew Young, and Randy Young

Apologies:

Committee Representation:

Rich Bahr - Lake

Steve Burgoon - Lake

Kathy Covek - Tennis Courts

Pat Covek - Grounds Beautification, Tennis Missy Sandberg - Youth

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m.

Qualify for a quorum (10% of 327)

The meeting was called to order by Randy Young at 2:06 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, Wauconda, IL It was established that a quorum of residents was present.

Approval of 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes were presented to the membership. There was a motion from the floor to approve the minutes as presented. The 2014 Minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Approval of October TLIA Meeting Minutes by the TLIA Board

Motion to approve: Mike Mitchell Second: John Yancey
Motion approved.

Appointment of 2016 Nominating Committee Randy Young

President Randy Young asked Janet Blake to once again serve as chair of the Nominating Committee. She agreed to continue in this role next year.

State of the Association Randy Young

READ MORE

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

Next Meeting:

TLIA BOARD

**December 12 - 7:00 pm
Village Hall**

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

Rain Garden Update

Contributed by Andy Hay, Project Manager

Developing the RFP

At the time of writing this we are starting to move quickly now on the initial phases of the project. Phase One is to develop and publish the Request for Proposal (RFP). We want to capture all of the technical aspects of the Rain Garden construction as well as ensure that the selected vendor has a robust track record of projects like this, and a history of working well with Lake County. We have some candidate companies already who have proven track records within Tower Lakes but of course will be opening this up to anyone who wants to bid. The goal is to have all the bids collected, with finalists presenting their proposals to the steering team, and a recommendation to the Village Board with updates to the TLIA Board in December. During this phase of the project we will also be submitting for the various permits needed with Lake County for Bays and Wagner Parks, and for the Army Corp for Wagner.

Why the rush? Well winter is the best time to actually perform Phase Two, the excavation part of the construction on Bays Park.

While the ground is frozen, the trees are dormant so there is less impact on them, the excavation cause less compression of the soil layers and there is potentially less collateral damage to the rest of Bays Park if the back hoe is working on frozen ground. Who knew that environmentalist preferred to work in the winter? It was certainly welcome news to me. After that though we will pause and wait until we are well into spring before moving to Phase Three, the planting and finishing.

The selection of plants for the garden will be a joint effort between the environmental partner and a group of community experts. I will be reaching out to some of you who have already expressed an interest in this part of the project shortly.

Thanks to everyone who has already attended the plan previews for the immediate neighbors, the open house held in Bays Park itself, and the presentation at the annual meetings. Since we got the approval in September until October we have already captured matching value of just over \$2,000. Thanks also to the Village and TLIA Boards, the sub committees, and to the Rain Garden steering team for their efforts so far. All of the various meetings continue to help to swell the value of the matching funds. Even reading this report has a contribution to our goal. We have a long way to go yet, but the project is certainly gaining momentum. If anyone in Tower Lakes somehow missed the chance to go over the plans

in detail, and would like to understand this project better, or simply has questions, please reach out to me (Andy Hay) directly on 847.736.9640. I would be happy to go over them with you.



Tower Lakes Garden Club
Holiday Party and
Centerpiece Project

Wednesday, December 7, 2016
6:00 p.m. at the home of
Mary Magro
230 Tomahawk Lane

Dinner will be catered by Zaza's.
Please bring an appetizer, Christmas
cookies, and/or wine.

Members \$10 Guests \$25
Please drop off cash or a check made out to
Jeanne Mitchell at her home (210 Warwick)
by Sunday, December 4 to reserve a spot.

Greens will be provided. Please bring your
own container and items to add your own
personal touches (e.g. birds, ornaments,
candles, branches). Extra materials will be
available for purchase the evening of the
event. Please bring gloves and pruners.

RSVP to:
towerlakesgardenclub@gmail.com



TLIA GROUND

Cleanup Day - October 15

Contributed by Mary Beth Adams



Before



Barsumian Park

Thanks to the volunteers at Barsumian Park who helped rebuild the garden wall. The team, led by Tom Spicer, completed about ¼ the wall. It truly was a labor of love and their efforts show. Barsumian Park is becoming a wonderful showpiece for the village due to the efforts of so many great volunteers!



After

Species Available:

- Tupelo 1.25" diameter.....\$72**
(average retail \$199)
- Sugar Maple 3" diameter\$115**
(average retail \$499)
- Pin Oak 72" high.....\$46**
(average retail \$179)
- Crimson Sunset Maple\$74**
1.75" diameter (average retail \$299)

Tree Purchasing Program

Contributed by Rick Steffen

Recently, our community has lost many trees due to various tree diseases as well as an aging population of trees. The Village, as well as TLIA, have been doing replanting this spring and fall on their respective properties. The reasons for planting trees are many and proven. It improves neighborhood aesthetics and beauty, cultivates nature and biodiversity, aids in storm water management, contributes to the health of our lake, encourages air cooling and purification, contributes to noise abatement and enhances property values.

Beginning Monday, October 31 through Friday, November 11 (or sooner if supplies run out), the Village of Tower Lakes and the Tree Commission will be providing a sharing purchase program to allow residents to purchase trees at substantially reduces prices. The selections are limited and trees will be sold on a first come-first served basis with one tree per household sign up. There will be 40 trees for sale (10 of each species). Please see details below.

Trees will be delivered to the resident's driveway in approximately two weeks (targeting the weekend of November 12 & 13). Planting will be the responsibility of the resident. The trees are offered with no warranty. Please sign up for the tree purchase at the village hall. Only checks will be accepted for purchase and should be made payable to Village of Tower Lakes.

If you would like to have someone plant the tree for you, Larry Sheetz (Sheetz Landscaping) at 847/382-6131 is reputable and is recommended by our arborist.

Tower Lakes is proud to be a Tree City U.S.A. community. Help keep our urban forest beautiful.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the Tree Commission members: Rick Steffen, Tom Spicer, Hugh Davis, John Yancey, Pat McKillen, Ken Stevens, Bill O'Mahoney (Village Arborist).

Village Notes: Autumn 2016



Septic Inspections

Since 2014, the village has an ordinance requiring residents to have their septic system inspected on a regular basis. Those living on streets beginning with A (Abbott Place) through L (Leon Drive) have already received two or more mailings requesting proof of inspection. Residents were given a 90-day time frame to comply. Residents who live on the streets listed above and have *not* submitted your inspection form, receipt of inspection, and \$25 check, should please comply immediately. Daily fines will be imposed if there is no response within 45 days of the Ordinance Violation letter.

New mailings were sent out on August 30 to residents living on streets beginning with M (Marian Court) through O (Oxford Road). Those living on these streets have until November 30 to provide proof of pumping/inspection and a \$25 check.

Thank you to the residents who have been proactive and compliant with this ordinance!

Leaf Burning

Attended burning on homeowner's property is allowed now **through December 15 between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm**. No burning of wet leaves. Please be considerate of your neighbors when burning. To protect our streets, burning leaves or brush on village right-of-ways or adjacent to roads is prohibited.



Pumpkin Collection

Prairieland is offering a Pumpkin Collection for composting this fall. Help keep organic waste out of landfills by composting your pumpkins, gourds, mums and cornstalks at Prairieland's drop-off site. Look for the container marked with a pumpkin!

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Big Night 7

Contributed by Jan Babr, TLCF



A host of Tower Lakers got all cleaned up and headed over to Makray Memorial Golf Course to enjoy the Tower Lakes Community Foundation's annual dinner dance, Big

Night 7: Masquerade! Everyone got into the spirit by wearing tuxes, capes, ball gowns and of course, a wide variety of masks: feathered, bejeweled, sequined, glittered, satin and so many more!

After a cocktail hour, where we could admire each other's masks, gather neighborhood news, and use the photo booth for some fun group shots, TLCF president Mike Rigali welcomed everyone and talked about some of the community events and projects that we have helped out with this year. After a delicious buffet dinner, it was then time to present this year's Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award to long-time resident, **Gordon Iversen**.

Steve Burgoon told the group of Gordon's efforts to make our community better for all residents particularly through his work with our parks and grounds. He was instrumental in the development of Barsumian Park and continues to help maintain it. As president of TLIA he reached out to the residents of Fenview and Country Club Estates, which eventually led to the Family Pass program we have today. It is because of these efforts and others, that a park was named in his honor on the East Side. If you should see Gordon and his wife, Sandy, be sure to extend your thanks for a job well done. After that, Tower Lakes' resident emcee, funny man, and legal alien, Andrew Milne, took over the reins for the night to hold the always exciting, Live Auction! **Con't on page 9**



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The race/stroll will start at 9:00 am on November 24 from the TL Village Hall.

The Benefit: All race and t-shirt donations will benefit the Tower Lakes Police Vest Fund.

The Course: [Click here](#) to see the map.

Sign up and Order Turkey Trot Shirts: To enter the race and order shirts, please fill out the following form. Sign up deadline if Friday, November 11

so we can order shirts. [Click here](#) for sign up form.

Donation:

Race: \$15 per adult

All t-shirts: \$20

Kids 16 & under trot for free

All donations will go to the police vest fund.

Volunteers: Volunteers are what makes the race safe for all. I will probably need a few volunteers to stand at certain corners during the race. Contact me below if you will [volunteer for a corner](#).

Contact Randall Cross at 312.972.9988 or memberservices@tlia.org



For more information

[Click here](#)

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TL Auto Magnets for Sale

The popular *Tower Lakes* auto magnets are available for purchase. Perfect holiday presents for your spouse or to replace the one you may have lost in the car wash.

\$4 each

2 for \$7

3 for \$10

Contact Fran Steffen if interested.



2016 Chili Cook off Results

Judges' Choice (tie)

"Sweet Meat"

by Diane Thompson



"Uncle Ed's Classic Chili"

by Carol Kopp



People's Choice

"Sweet Potato, Mango and Black Bean Chili"

by Gloria Nash



Most Creative

"World War C"

by Andy Ohlrich



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BN7 con't

This was no small task as we had an avid group of Cubs' fans huddled around a TV in the corner of the hall! But, as always, Andrew, a cricket player, stepped up to the plate and helped raise a nice sum of money for the Foundation by coaxing, sweet talking and persuading the crowd to bid on such items as, a Mexican vacation home, a Colorado ski resort, in home dinner for 10 with wine pairings and a TL themed handmade sterling silver charm bracelet from Cowgirl Pearls.

Instead of a Silent Auction we offered a Chance raffle with lots of fun items and a new Heads & Tails game where guests competed for a signed Duncan Keith Blackhawk jersey by grabbing their heads or their butts in anticipation of a coin toss! And then on to dancing the night away with DJ Damian Gardner of Chicago DJs.

Of course, none of this happens by itself, and so, we thank the BN7 Planning Committee of Jan Bahr, Mary Kate Harazin, Brooke Rowley, Missy Sandburg, Gwen Torstensen and Karen Yancey for providing Tower Lakers an opportunity to socialize, fraternize and put a few bucks out to help out in this oh, so special place of Tower Lakes.



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Notes From The Neighborhood cont'd from p.2

The best part of this is that I have the privilege of sitting at the head of this table, surround by the Conscientious, the Creators, and the Get-it-Done type of people. Your Board is willing to try any good idea, go out on that limb, ready to be wrong for all the right reasons and then be right for the best reasons.

In my presentation to the meeting, I thought of reviewing the past year by telling them of the tennis courts, our grounds, flowers on the islands, the bridge path construction on the west side, the boat landing, lake improvement, silt removal, our communications, the beach, the events you've all attended, and our wonderful youth programs. But you've been there, attended that, and see it all.

At the meeting I took a little different approach and talked more about 2017 and a few proposals for change.

I believe it's time for a new dawning over Tower Lakes. We all know that change doesn't come easy, but as I look into next year, I see a very formative time for TLIA.

So, think about this number; \$425,709.25. That is the amount of our money we have entrusted to the Lake Committee over the last five years. We entrusted them to improve our lake. They have fulfilled that trust with their care and management of our most valuable asset.

Looking forward, they continue that contract of trust by requesting the 2017 Lake Maintenance Special Assessment, \$200 per year, per household, for a total of 5 years to continue their efforts with our lake.

Continued at tlia.org [CLICK HERE](#)

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**SAVE THESE
2017
DATES**

- January 28 Scotch Doubles Bowling
- April 22 Progressive Dinner
- July 1,2,3,4 Fourth of July Celebration
- Date tbd A Day at the Races-Arlington Park
- Oct 14 Chili Cook Off
- Sept 16 Music in the Park

TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

Youth Committee is excited to host Santa and carriage ride for all Tower Lakes families!

Santa & Carriage Rides

Sunday, December 11, 2016

Time: 3:00 - 4:45 pm

Place: Beach parking lot and Rest Island



Please direct all questions/comments to:
youth@tlia.org

Lasting Impressions Trunk-or-Treat



Ground Beautification presents

The Tower Lakes' Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 11 - 4:45 pm

Rest Island

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donations to
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Bethel United Methodist Church.

Drop box for donations will be on island

See below for details

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the details.

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