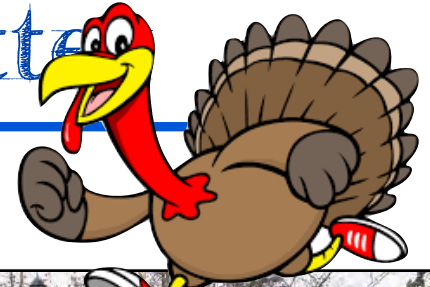


TLIA Newsletter



Turkey Trot Thrives Again

Runners work up Thanksgiving appetite

Tower Lakes rallied once again on Thanksgiving morning in support a very worthy hometown cause: our Tower Lakes Police Department. The second annual Tower Lakes Turkey Trot brought out over two hundred people to run, trot, and walk the village. The event was a huge success in both raising funds for police protective vests and energizing TL residents. Bill Hare, a longtime resident, spearheaded the drive to support the department's need for protective vests, which are required purchases of the police officers themselves. "TLPD makes the extra effort for us," says Hare. TLPD watch over residents' homes with regular visits and conduct walk arounds while homeowners are away. Hare added, "It's only right that we help them out."



"We are very grateful to the Tower Lakes residents for donating money to this cause. Each officer is required to purchase his own vest

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**Congratulations first place trotters:
Stuart Middleditch & Chris Burgoon**

Photos courtesy of Pati Schaefer and Randy Young

**Police Vest Fund
Donations
as of 11/24/16:**

\$3,400+

You can continue to donate to the fund until 12/31/16



NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA



I love December and the holiday season. It reminds me of my youth and the wide-eyed glee of opening presents. I remember that just once I carefully opened the corners of my wrapped gifts just to get a sneak peak! Imagine that...just once... Well, let me be that kid this year and open the corner of the wrapping to tell you what our gift to the membership is this year. As president of TLIA I get that privilege! Are you ready? For 2017 it's a **better financial organization**. It won't come all at once or wrapped in a big red bow each time, but this is the first gift and you will see many more throughout the year.

Many of you will remember that at the annual meeting in November, along with last month's newsletter, I spoke of the 2016 audit and the recommendations found in the audit report. One important recommendation was for a more efficient and accurate financial reporting system. I noted that two years ago we incorporated QuickBooks for expenses. Last year we included revenue; this year we are taking the next logical step and adding a QuickBooks expert to train our financial team on improved fiscal practices. QuickBooks is a comprehensive program and it requires time and training to use it to its full potential.

At the next TLIA Board meeting, we will officially form a new Financial Committee consisting of the President, Vice President, Financial Secretary and Treasurer. This team will meet each month prior to the regular Board meeting as part of our plan for better organization. The committee's charge will be to confirm our financial status and prepare accurate reports reflecting our current financial status for the month. These results will be reported back to the Board each month and then to the membership through the published minutes.

We have already begun with our training sessions and we are working hard to better organize the QuickBooks program. Linda, Mary and myself have met with our expert and learned several things that will improve our financial reporting back to you, our membership. The new invoices you have, or will very shortly receive, are evidence of this hard work.

Why, you may ask, is this a gift to you? Well, it's our money, over \$400,000 of it each year! We want to manage it right, distribute it correctly, budget it accurately, and report back to you responsibly. That is our job and our fiscal responsibility. We, like you, are volunteers. We, like you, are not experts at this either, so it only makes sense that we take on this project and learn more about how we can be better at this job you elected us to do. It will also make us better at passing it along to the next group of (as I labeled them in the annual meeting) "get it done" type of people who take our places in the coming years. It's quite an undertaking and it will be a lengthy process but the knowledge we obtain will be invaluable to our Association, the Board, and our future. **Con't**

We pledged at the annual meeting to improve our processes. This is the first to be acted upon, and in my mind, one of the most important. As the year progresses, you will hear about more improvements to our Board processes.

So, as I said, the Board's first gift to TLIA is better financial reporting and an improvement in our financial management for the membership. Because we are members too, it is an example of both giving and receiving, the very best of Christmas!

I want to wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season. Thank you for your support in 2016. A special thank you and holiday toast to all the hard working TLIA volunteers and the TLIA Board for their hard work this past year and in the year to come.

I hope to see you all on the 11th for Santa's visit to Rest Island and the TLIA tree lighting.

READ MORE

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

The October 2016 TLIA Board Meeting Minutes have not yet been approved. We will publish once approved by the Board.

Next Meeting:

TLIA BOARD

December 12, 2016

7:00 pm

Village Hall

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

A Tower Laker Reminds us of the Importance of our Environment

Sarah Voska participates in UN Climate Change Conference in Marrakech.

This is her report back to you

Contributed by Sarah Voska



One of my favorite memories of North Barrington School was when the Nature Lady would come in. We would go out to the middle of our pod, and Mrs. Yancey would talk to us about the trees, and the birds and the flowers. I remember the whole class went outside to watch firefighters set ablaze the small prairie conservation area. She told us that we needed to protect the environment; that we need to take actions for conservation and preservation of natural ecosystems.



Flash forward nearly 15 years to where I currently am, flying over the Mediterranean headed home from a week in Marrakesh at the COP 22 United Nations climate talks. I spent the week attending seminars, discussing policy with other youth delegates from environmental organizations from Brazil, China, France and Nepal. I listened to the President of Chile talk about gender equality and human rights, and to Secretary of State John Kerry give a message of hope for the next 4 years. Last year, the COP 22 conference ended with the creation of the “Paris Agreement,” a legally binding agreement to limit global



average temperature increases to “well below 2 degrees Celsius” compared to pre-industrial levels, with a goal to keep it below 1.5 degrees. Reports by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change suggests that beyond 1.5 degrees, many island nations will be swimming. It should be noted that we have already experienced a .8 degree increase. The agreement was based on Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) - a statement by each country of what sort of emissions reductions and clean energy goals they could commit to work on between 2020-2050. Every 5 years, a global stocktake would occur to take inventory of greenhouse gas emissions and each country would have the opportunity to increase their participation with higher goals. On November 4th, the Paris Agreement was ratified by 55 countries representing over 55% of carbon emissions. In the past 2 weeks, that number has risen to 111 countries that have ratified the agreement.



At this year’s conference, the actual negotiations were shadowed by the US elections. The whole world gasped as a climate-change denier was voted into one of the most powerful positions on the planet. At a conference convened to take action on climate change, one can imagine the dismay that would ensue- regardless of political orientation. For a day or two, the convention attendees were in a bit of a daze, unsure how to proceed. But we snapped out quickly, because we knew we needed to take action regardless of who was in office. In his First Hundred Days plan, the President-elect said that he would “cancel the Paris agreement”. The conference hosts responded with the Marrakesh Action Proclamation, a statement proclaiming the utmost importance of each and every country participating actively in the fight against climate change, and the need for world leaders to step up. Environmental organizations across the US have seen an increase in donations and volunteers since the election. More than 22 countries have come together to launch the 2050 Pathways Platform, a space for countries to present their action plans to achieve 0 net emissions in the next 34 years. Over 100 US corporations signed a petition demanding that the US remain part of the Paris Agreement, stating the economic benefits of de-carbonization. And activists around the country pledged to work hard on the state and local level to encourage policy that would work to protect the environment.

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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 RAIN GARDENS

December Update

Contributed by
Andy Hay, Project Manager

As winter approaches, we are marching forward on the Rain Garden Project. In the last edition, I mentioned we were going to proceed with a Request for Proposal (RFP) so that we can appoint an environmental company as our partner and start work on Bays Park while the ground is frozen. Thanks to some great support from the village attorney, Jim Bateman, the village clerk, Chris Burgoon, and our consultant, Nancy Schumm, we were able to finish the RFP on Nov 7 and we issued it to five companies who have either already done similar, albeit smaller projects, in the village or who were well known to perform good work on rain garden and bio-swale projects within Lake County.

Since then, in order to comply with the regulations, we have placed an advert for the RFP in the Lake County News Sun and have received inquiries from several other potential partners. This makes us confident that we will have several viable bids when the bid process closes.

Here is the latest timetable of events

- Dec 16, 10am: RFP closes and all bids must be received.
- Dec 16, 11am: Bids read out loud in the Village Hall.
- Over the Dec 17 and 18 weekend, the steering committee of the project will review the bids, and using a scoring system, will determine a shortlist. The will be meeting during the afternoon of Dec 18 to discuss this live.
- On Dec 19 we will present the short list and overview of the bids to the Village Board and invite TLIA Board to attend.
- On the 20 and 21 at 7pm, the contractors selected will be invited to present their bids and take questions in a series of short presentations.

All of these meetings are in the Village Hall and all are open to the public. Please join us if you wish. Hopefully after that we will have a winning bid and will proceed with the contract process. The goal is still to appoint a partner mid-January and start work in February.

In the meantime, the permits and easements are being put in place and we have completed our first quarterly report to IL EPA. As you can see, there are a lot of moving parts to this project right now.

Changing gears, thanks to everyone who attended the annual meeting in November. After the meeting, I had several people ask me about the project in Minnesota that demonstrated how effective Rain Gardens can be at retaining run off and their potential to reduce run off. At Bays Park, we are optimistic that we can collect and retain much of the run off that normally finds its way down to the tennis court area and overloads the storm water drains often causing flooding. If you would like to know more, check out the "Burnsville MN" project report by [clicking here](#).

This is a well-referenced paper that showed a 93% reduction in storm water runoff after they installed rain gardens in the village.

In Tower Lakes, on the east side, much of the run off finds its way to Bays Park so we are hopeful we can achieve something similar and reduce the burden on the storm water system at the tennis courts.

Thanks again to everyone who has attended the various meetings and presentations on this project, and thanks also to Lake County SWMC for all of their support.

If anyone wants to learn more about this project please call or text me on 847 736 9640.

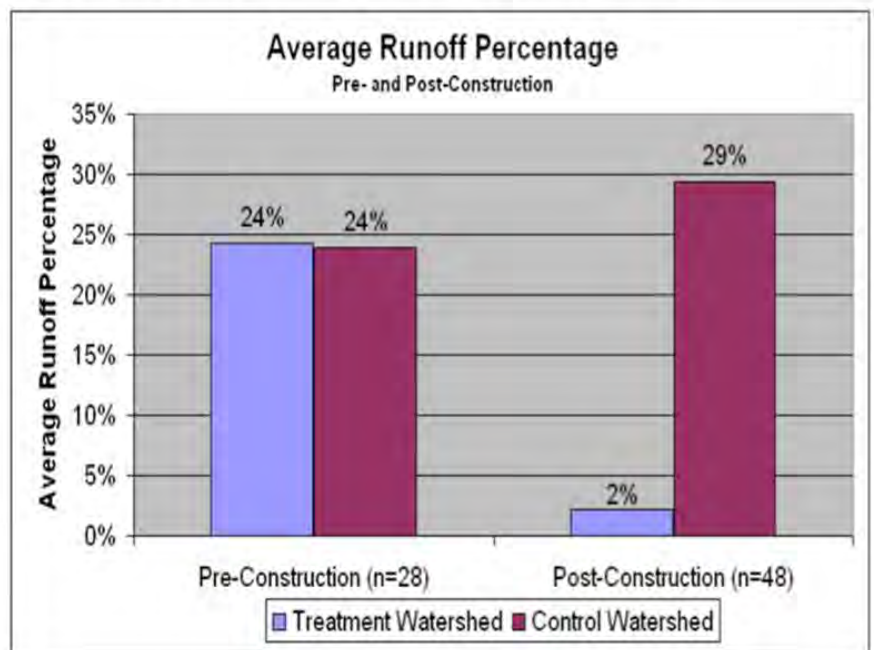
Post-construction (2004-2005)

48 rainfall events = 18.97 inches total

Control Watershed (7.5 acres) = 151,897 cu. ft. runoff (5.58")

Treatment Watershed (5.5 acres) = 7,861 cu. ft. runoff (0.41")

Figure 7 Runoff Volume Reduction Associated with Rainwater Gardens



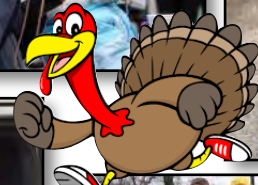
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at a cost of up to \$700 each. And the vests need to be replaced every five years. These donations will help fray the expense for the department," said Chief Sinacore, Tower Lake Police Department.

Hare rallied the residents to pledge and worked with Eric Lunt (Tower Lakes Community Foundation), who managed the online donations. Hare also teamed up with resident Randall Cross who organized the event. Cross plotted the course, managed the volunteers and built the registration website. A very special thank you to the Bolger family for making and placing all the route signs, the Galvan family for making the t-shirts, Pati Schaefer for taking pictures and all the volunteers on street corners who ensured participant safety. And thank you to the Burgoon and Young families for providing refreshments.

As of November 24, denotations exceeded \$3,400. The fund drive continues through the end of the year and all donations are tax deductible through TLCF.

(See Police vest story on page 7 and contribution card on p.9.)



Lighting of the TLIA Tree
 TLIA GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION
 Refreshments & Songs
Sunday, December 11
4:45 pm
Rest Island
 Charitable donations to families in need, sponsored by
 ★ Safe Families
 ★ FISH Food Pantry
 ★ Bethel United Methodist Church.
 Drop box for donations will be on the island

Holiday Home Decorating Contest
 Categories
 ★ Most Creative
 ★ Children's Fantasy
 ★ Most Elegant

Grand Prize
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Judging begins
 Dec 11 at dusk

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Lake Committee December Report

Contributed by Tom Kubala

On behalf of the Silt Removal Team (SRT) and the entire Lake Committee, we want to say thank you very much to the community for the positive vote on the next 5-year SA for silt removal and lake maintenance. The team has generated some very positive results over the past 5-year SA and with this vote, we are positioned very well to maintain that momentum. The SRT will be meeting in early January to develop the details of the specific work plan for the upcoming period. Much of that will be focused on continued silt removal, utilizing the already permitted area in Kelsey Woods. More details will be published as the plans come together.

In addition to the silt removal projects, the Lake Committee has its ongoing responsibilities to the lake's management. We have a very active team in place, but are always looking for new people to be involved. Some of the major activities the committee will be involved in during the upcoming year are:

Lake/Aquatic Plant management.

The ongoing treatment of the lake to manage the overall growth of vegetation, ensuring water quality for the users of the lake, swimmers, boaters and the fish population. We will be reviewing bids from companies that provide this service and making a decision on the 2017 provider well before the season starts.

Fish Management.

We monitor the overall fish population and manage the restocking process, as it is needed.

Animal Control.

While we all love the wildlife that shares both the shoreline area and the lake itself, sometimes there are situations that need to be managed. Deer or other animals can get stuck in the ice, or we may have beavers that damage trees along the shore. These

TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE



Photo courtesy of Rick Steffen

situations, along with the

ongoing management of the geese population, needs continual attention.

VLMP - Volunteer Lake Management Program.

Sponsored by Lake County, volunteers go out into the lake to do periodic testing of key data points, like water temperature, dissolved oxygen levels & Secchi reading to determine water clarity. This information is used to help manage the treatment process. The more you know about the characteristics of the water that is being treated, the better the results in maintaining an overall healthy lake.

Shoreline Maintenance. Any work to the TLIA shoreline area near lakefront homes needs to be reviewed by the Lake Committee and the TLIA board before it is implemented. In 2016 there were several projects that followed this process prior to work being conducted. We need to be prepared to handle any requests that may come our way in 2017.

As you can see, there are many things that go into the ongoing management of our most important asset, the lake. While we welcome help and support in all areas of the lake committee, we can especially use more hands in the area of animal/geese population control and the VLMP work. Please contact Tom Kubala at lake@tlia.org or 847-867-4979 to address any questions and to volunteer.

We need your help!

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FRI. Fish Fry

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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.



Police Fund Drive to continue through December 31, 2016

Contributed by Bill Hare

Residents still have time to donate to this year's Tower Lakes Police Vest Fund.

Please consider a donation to support our police officers that protect our property while we are absent from our homes.

The purpose of the Police Vest Fund is to provide financial assistance for officers to acquire protective vests. A tax deductible suggested amount of \$100 or even \$50, to the Tower Lakes Community Foundation. The TLCF is a non-for-profit 501(C)(3) organization, which will collect the funds and provide for the purchase of vest and other police needs. Checks should be made out to "Tower Lakes Community Foundation" and please indicate in the memo field of the check "Police Vest Fund." A donation letter will be sent to all contributors. If you remember, the Foundation is the same organization that was used for the successful fund drive for the remodeled tennis courts. Let's make those donations now to Tower Lakes Community Foundation, P.O. Box 6061, Wauconda, IL 60084, and show support for the Tower Lakes Officers that protect our property.

As a reminder, this year's Turkey Trot proceeds will be donated to the Police Vest Fund Drive.

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.



You can make your donation, just click the button or see the donation form on page 9. Print, fill out and send to the Tower Lake Foundation. **Mark your check for "Police Vest Fund"**

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Welcome to the Neighborhood...

Tom and Caroline (Momon) Luecke

152 W. LSD

Tom and Caroline have recently moved into their new home on the west side. They moved here from Roscoe Village in Chicago. Tom is originally from Akron, Ohio. He works for a tech company based in San Jose. Caroline is from Savannah, Georgia and has been in Chicago for the past fifteen years. She works at the PepsiCo Research & Development company in Barrington. Both Tom and Caroline enjoy the outdoors, including kayaking, biking and walking. They are world travelers, so stop by and share your journeys with them!



Wolf Huegelmeyer

420 Raleigh Place

Wolf has moved into his new home on Raleigh Place and is working hard to restore it to its original beauty. He is originally from Connecticut and is moving to Tower Lakes from Lake Zurich. He loves the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing, boating and riding motorcycles. He is looking forward to meeting his new neighbors and finding time to enjoy the nature that surrounds him in this community.

2016 Tree Program Distributes Trees to Residents



On Saturday, November 12, members of the Tower Lakes Tree Commission delivered 40 trees to residents who participated in the Village Tree Purchase Sharing Program. Under this program, residents were able to purchase a tree with the cost shared 50/50 with the village. Tree Commission members Tom Spicer, Ken Stevens, Pat McKillen, Hugh Davis, Hugh's son (Hugh Jr.), and board sponsor Rick Steffen delivered the trees to residents driveways. Four different species of trees were offered to encourage a diverse tree population within the village. It's hoped that funding for a similar program will again be offered in the spring, so stay tuned.

Tower Lakes is a designated Tree City, USA. Trees within the village provide benefits to us all. Trees shade and cool our homes, reduce soil erosion, clean the air and help protect our lakes, rivers and streams. We need to care for the trees we have and plant more to improve our community and our environment.

For additional information or to become involved with the Tree Commission please contact one of the members or inquire at the village office.

*Contributed by Rick Steffen
Village Tree Commission*

Holiday Decoration Contest



Judging begins
Dec 11 at dusk

Categories
Most Creative

Children's Fantasy
Most Elegant

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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
- Sept 16 Music in the Park
- Oct 14 Chili Cook Off

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Sarah Voska: UN Climate Change Conference - Cont'c from p.3

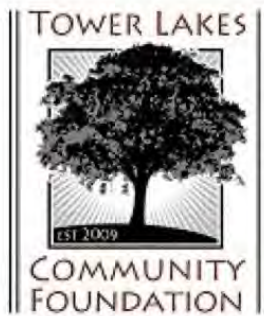
More than once this past week, I asked myself in dismay "How did I end up here?" I couldn't believe what an incredible opportunity I had to be participating in such an important conference. They say "it takes a village," and Tower Lakes is no exception. While I of course credit my parents, the opportunities that came from my upbringing in TL have been extraordinary. Tower Lakes gave me my first glimpses into environmental activism, whether standing out behind the elementary school, volunteering with the Lake Committee in high school as they worked on the original silt removal project 5 years ago, or lending a hand during lake clean-up. Tower Laker take pride in being a "Tree City" and in caring for and engaging with the natural world.

In a press conference that I gave with my organization, Care About Climate, and our partners in China, China Youth Climate Action Network, my friend Kongrui said, "We want our countries to be active [in the negotiations] because they have a moral obligation to act now." As a community, we need to step up and do our part to protect the environment and reduce emissions starting today. Our community is blessed with so many resources- We can do so much more than just turn off the lights, take shorter showers and eat less meat. We need to encourage our companies, workplaces and schools to incorporate environmentalism into their decision making process. Mr. Dehnert's company is an example of this: last year, they retrofitted one of their plants to reduce energy consumption and operate more efficiently. Mr. Dehnert is just one example of Tower Laker stepping up to protect the values that we respect as a community. By taking actions as citizens, consumers, and corporate policy/decision makers, we can support the efforts towards a cleaner, safer, healthier planet.

For more information on the conference, or on how to get involved with environmental activism, check out my interview with [Living60010](#) or reach out to me! I'd love to talk. :-)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE [CLICK HERE](#)

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Name on card _____

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You may also give online at www.tower-lakes.org/make-donations

Getting to Know Your Neighbor..

Carolyn Osterhues

There is a great need for defenders of the voiceless, the children at risk, now more than ever. Tower Lakes has such an advocate. Meet Carolyn Osterhues.

Carolyn grew up in the city, one of nine in a big, Catholic, loving family, which took in kids in distress: her brothers' friends and many neighborhood children. It was during these formative years that Carolyn realized her deep compassion for others and found her purpose: to help others in need. After graduating from Marquette University, with degrees in French and marketing, she decided to fulfill the MU mantra to "Be the Difference" and volunteered a year with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Carolyn was placed in Minneapolis to work at an inner-city daycare that served under resourced families. After moving back to Chicago, she worked in business for a few years. But it wasn't satisfying her deeper, raw desire for serving others.

In 1997, she married her husband, Mark. After years of trying to start a family, they decided to foster. It started with one child and then another and another. Eleven foster children (yes, eleven!) have been through their house. Each child has made a lasting and unforgettable imprint on their lives. "It's amazing how these angels touch you with their strength," she said. She (and Mark) have cared for them all with understanding, compassion and love. The process can be rigorous and involves having the water tested, bedrooms measured, getting fingerprinted and providing multiple references to DCFS.

And what better place to nurture these kids but Tower Lakes? Carolyn recalls, "Mark grew up in Kildeer. While we went house hunting, he was excited to show off this community. It was winter and as we drove through the neighborhood. There were kids sledding and skating on the lake. It was like a winter wonderland scene. We walked into this house, with a fire burning in the fireplace and the heated floors, and just knew it was for us." So they set down stakes and built a home where they could foster children in need.

It hasn't been easy and she hasn't been alone. "The support we get from the TL community is humbling. We honestly couldn't do it without our friends and neighbors that help out by delivering clothes, meals and even donating a swing set." Carolyn and Mark have been blessed to have four out of the eleven become their children: Kyle (18), Colby (16), Emily (11), and Lamar (7). "My children have grown and developed in so many wonderful ways. When I hear compliments about them, I know that's due, in part, to the safety and security they feel here, in Tower Lakes," she says.

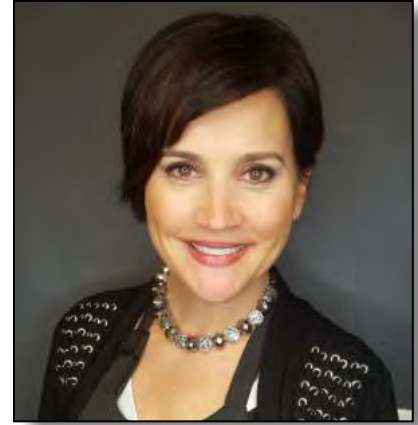


staying connected.

"It takes a village. We all need to do our part and there are so many ways to be involved. Sometimes, all it takes is one small gesture. One of my favorite sayings is from Gandhi, 'In a gentle way, you can shake the world,'" said Carolyn.

Safe Families

Christmas is a time to help others. We have led blessed and generous lives. Consider giving back to those in need who might go without presents this holiday season. Adopt a family or individual child and donate a gift so they might have a bright Christmas. If you are interested in participating, contact Cass Young. Deadline is to drop off gift is December 15.



For Carolyn's part, her sanctuary is work, coloring hair. She works part-time at Salon V'Co in Lake Zurich. What little spare time she has, she spends reading and enjoys being a part of a TL book club. She also has fun doing art, baking and gardening with her kids. "I love road trips too, thanks to my dad! He always took us off the highway and onto the country roads. Over the last year, we went sight seeing in Washington, D.C. and the Smokey Mountains," said Carolyn.

She and Mark have stopped taking in foster children after 15 years. Carolyn still feels the need to help, so she volunteers with an organization called Safe Families. Founded in Chicago in 2003, Safe Families is a volunteer agency that gives hope and support to families in distress. There are chapters in over 70 cities. Carolyn assists in hosting children, providing transportation, being on the volunteer board for Safe Families: Willow Creek, and mentoring biological parents. It's her way of

Consider getting involved with Safe Families.

You can make a lasting impression on a child and possibly changing the trajectory of their life. You can also donate any extra or unused items from your home: furniture, bikes, clothes...

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**SANTA &
HORSE DRAWN
CARRIAGE
RIDES**



3:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Rest Island -
Weather Permitting

Dress warmly and bring your brightest smiles for a perfect winter backdrop picture with Santa on Rest Island! Tower Lakes' own photographer AnnMarie Gilmore will take the pictures and supply you with the information to print out as many as you'd like! Bring a sweet treat to share!

Snuggle up on Horse Drawn Carriage Rides! Sip on some hot cocoa while you enjoy the winter surroundings of the Tower Lakes scenery! See you at the beach parking lot where your chariot will be waiting.

Questions: youth@tlia.org

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Contact us whenever you need to!

Grounds Beautification

presents

**The Tower Lakes' Tree
Lighting Ceremony**

December 11 - 4:45 pm
Rest Island

Charitable donations to families in need, sponsored by:

- **Safe Families**
- **FISH Food Pantry**
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