

TLIA Newsletter

A Very Busy Month...TL Rain Garden Update

Meetings...Meetings...Meetings!

Contributed by Andy Hay

What a busy month we have had! Just before the holidays, we had selected our preferred contractor, [Encap](#) Inc., and were making great progress towards starting the project. Since then, in just a few short weeks we have:

- Submitted our choice of contractor and a contract to IL EPA for approval. At the time of writing this, we should have that all done and signed by the end of January.
- Met with the Encap to discuss details of start times and gain a better understanding of how we can involve the community.
- On Jan 24 we will meet with Lake County Storm Water Management to answer their questions and hopefully obtain their approval of our Wetland Development Plan.
- Obtained the permit from the Village of Tower Lakes.
- Ordered the signs which acknowledge the support of IL EPA and Lake County for this project.
- Submitted our first quarterly report to IL EPA with all of the progress details and our first matching amount for a credit of over \$17,000.

By the time you read this, I expect the signed contract to be in effect and even have dates to start construction.

Thanks to your participation, we have been able to stay ahead of our goals to raise matching funding and thus minimize the impact to the Village and TLIA budgets. All in all, the project is becoming a reality.



One of the most frequent questions I get asked as I talk about these projects revolves around how we will obtain a positive benefit to reducing the buildup of flood water around the tennis courts. While the primary goal of the project is to reduce non-point source pollution reaching our lake, it is certainly true that much of the benefit from the Rain Gardens, especially the one in Bays Park, is also in the way that we can capture the storm water that runs down from the area between 59 and Warwick, between East Tower and the back of the Old School House and direct it into the Rain Garden at Bays Park. Here, the garden is designed to capture and retain up to 16 inches of water per hour. History shows we only see rain that is heavier than that on average between 25 and 50 years, although it often seems like it is more frequent!

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NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA

I was looking back at my high school year book the other day and rediscovered what the editor wrote as a farewell charge to the departing seniors of 1970.

“Before us is a harsh world, a world at war and in constant turmoil. With our education, we can change it to a much better world where all men can live free and in peace; our expression of life.”

Those words were said to a graduating class of confused teenagers. The words reflected a spirit of cautious optimism coming at the end of a tumultuous decade. If we look around today, it seems that not much has changed and those words ring as true today as they did back then.

There’s been a new found movement of speaking up and stepping up all across America. Maybe the best thing to come out of 2016 is the realization that it’s time to become part of the solution, not part of the problem! We can be one of those communities. We can grab this new found activism for good right here in Tower Lakes.

This is a year of change for TLIA and it cries out for a commitment from our families, to our families, and to each other. Community service, then as now, is an obligation, especially if you continue to receive benefit from the hard work of those who do serve.

I did my rallying, protesting, demonstrating, and stepped up to change our world and I continue that effort every day along with other volunteers within TLIA. It’s our duty to overcome the challenges of creating a better community. How about you? Are you ready to do the same?

This is why I am reaching out to everyone, especially the younger generation of Tower Lakers who are motivated by that same desire to create an “expression of their life” in Tower Lakes. It is the young optimists among us, the newest members of our community and especially those who are multi-generational legacy families of Tower Lakes. You who know the value of our community and you who have an obligation to lead your generation to make TLIA something special in this new year.

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Email me and let me know your thoughts. **CLICK HERE**



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December 2016 TLIA Board Meeting Minutes

TLIA BOARD

Board Members Attending:

Randy Young, Steve Burgoon, Mary Magro, Linda Kuna, John Yancey, Randall Cross, Mike Mitchell, Tom Kubala
 Regrets: Kathy Pattengale

Guests: Cassandra Young-Communications., Andy Hay-Rain Garden/Plan Commission, Pat Covek-Grounds, Rick Steffen, Events-Jack Johnson, Tennis

Call to Order

Randy Young

Randy welcome everyone to the new TLIA year, especially Tom Kubala to his first meeting as a member of the TLIA Board.

President's Report

Randy Young

Easement Agreement - TLIA has signed an easement granting the Village permission to construct the rain gardens on TLIA property. The easement was recorded with Lake County on Nov. 30, 2016

Formation of Finance Committee - A proposal was presented to the Board to approve the formation of a new Finance Committee consisting of President, V.P., Financial Secretary, and Treasurer. Details are in addendum #1 to the minutes. The proposal was approved.

In conjunction with the new Finance Committee, a formal Motion was presented by VP Burgoon to approve the engagement of Brandt Accounting to serve the Board as a consultant for training and review of our QuickBooks accounting.

I move the following,

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Next Meeting:

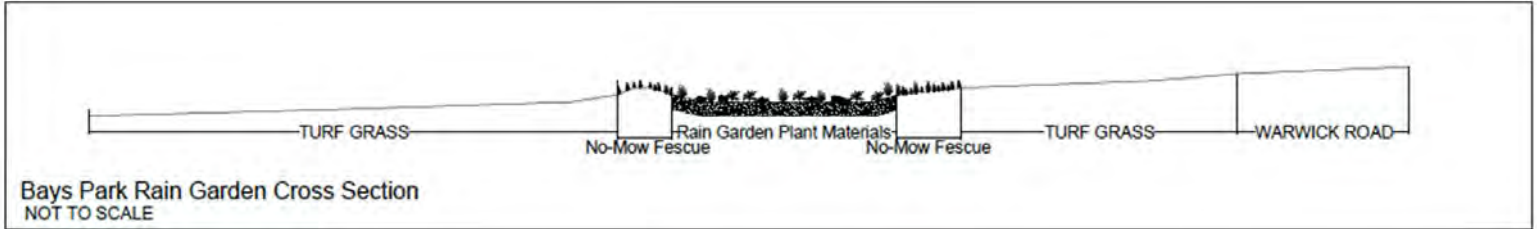
TLIA BOARD

February 21, 2017 - 7:00 pm
Village Hall

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

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Once trapped in the substructure of the garden, some of the water will naturally drain down, percolating through the sub-strata and eventually finding its way into the aquifer below. Most of it though is consumed by the roots of the native plants and is used in their metabolism. Only in times of really heavy or prolonged rainfall will the garden be overwhelmed and then the excess is channeled through overflow pipes or an apron and does makes its way down towards the tennis courts.



So we believe this will be a very effective way to capture and detain much of the run off on the East Side, reduce significantly the burden on the overworked drain on Oxford, and reduce the risk of the dramatic floods we have seen in the past.

Once spring is here, we will be able to announce some dates for community education and involvement in these projects, including kids’ workshops as well as combined events with potentially Eco Day and other TLEC occasions.

Thanks for all your support and encouragement. Stay tuned for more news next month.

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Space	Sq. Inch	Cost per issue
A. 2 x 3.5"	business card	\$25.00
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D. 4 x 4 Block mailer cover	16"	\$85.00
E. Classified	25 words	\$10.00

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BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION!

We are still looking for new partners to join us to lead in all areas of TLIA:

- The Events Committee; are you part of that solution?
- We’re moving forward on the lake; can you be a partner there?
- How about the rain gardens; will your hands get dirty?
- I bet you are looking forward to the 4th of July; plenty of room there to be part of the team!

So as the song said back then, “the beat goes on.” Only the best and the brightest hear that beat and I know you are out there waiting to step up. Just give me a call or drop me an email. Together we will create a new team that is the solution to lead us all into a great future for Tower Lakes.

Can we live up to those words from 1970 and step up to “our expression of life” or better yet, “your expression of a new life” right here in TL? (And next time you see me, ask me who the editor was who charged his classmates with making it a better world!)

Police Vest Fund Exceeds Expectations

Tower Lakes residents come through with overwhelming support

Contributed by Bill Hare, Fund Drive Chairperson



The 2016 Police Vest Fund is now over. A very BIG thank you to a community that really cares.

With the tremendous support of the 2nd Annual Turkey Trot leaders and participants and the Village of Tower Lakes 50th anniversary yearbook sales, along with the many individual resident contributions, a total of **\$8,521**

was raised.

A special thank you to the Tower Lakes Community Foundation for their support to collect funds and work with Chief Sinacore to make the vest purchases. A big thank you to the Village Officials for their support to make the drive a success. And finally, to the Tower Lakes Improvement Association for support and communications to our community about the drive.

Thank You

On behalf of the Tower Lakes Police Department, I want to express my appreciation for your generosity in support of the Tower Lakes Police Departments Bulletproof Vest Fund. Your personal commitment was incredibly helpful and allowed us

to reach our goal.

Your support played a key role in our success in allowing us to purchase and outfit every officer on the department with a new Kevlar bulletproof vest.

There is no way to fully express our gratitude for your loyalty. The Tower Lakes Police Department is continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of donors like you who answer the call to give, in order to make sure our officers stay safe.

Very big thanks for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Chief Samuel P. Sinacore



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NEW EVENTS LEADERS NEEDED (NO...REQUIRED)

TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE



After 3 years, and the building of a digital playbook of data and instructions for each event, the Events committee (Nashes and Steffens) will be rotating off after the Progressive Dinner this year. They will mentor and stay active with the new committee as advisors for the 4th of July festivities, but it is time for the fun to be shared again. Now that TLEC actually acts as a steering committee to the individual event leads, and the digital playbooks are well defined, the team can make decisions faster and it is a lot of fun again. Remember in the new format, you don't need to be a couple; individuals are welcome as well. Please step forward and identify your interest soon. It does work best when you can shadow the seasoned team a bit before taking over fully. **Contact:** events@tlia.org

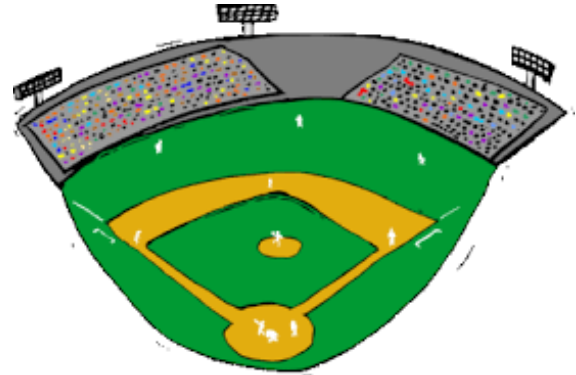
Cubs-Brewers Road Trip - April 8

Another great event brought to you by the Events Committee

The **Road Trip to see the Cubs** whip the Brewers in Milwaukee is **FULL!** However, you can still get your name on the waiting list. Tickets are transferable. **Contact Caroline Milne (at cramilne@gmail.com) if you want to be on the waitlist.**

Here are the details:

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 8
TIME: DEPART TL SOCCER FIELD 1:30PM
TAILGATE @ MILLER PARK: 3:00 - 5:00PM
GAME TIME: 6:10 PM
 (Rain or Shine since Miller Park has a ROOF!)
COST: \$90*
 (\$30 Charter Bus &
 \$60 Loge Infield Seats)



Progressive Dinner - April 22

The Events Committee is looking for leads for the Progressive Dinner, scheduled on April 22. Responsibilities include coordinating logistics, communicating to the attendees, securing appetizer, dinner hosts and a dessert house and other minor details needed for a successful event. **If interested, please contact Fran or Rick Steffen, or Kristi or Bob Nash at events@tlia.org**

TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

Welcome New Neighbors

Contributed by Mary Beth Adams



Mark these dates for Youth Committee activities

April 15 - Easter Egg Hunt



May 31 - (tentative) -
End of School Bash



June 16 - Family Movie Night

August 16 - Back to School Bash

September 9 - Family Camp Out;
Rain Date - Sept. 16



October 31 - Halloween



December 3 (tentative) -
Carriage Rides & Santa Visit



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Your local 8th grade neighbor from Tower Lakes, Morgan Crowther, is a certified babysitter and excels in math skills. She looks forward to hearing from you!



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New TLIA Archive Committee forming *Be part of the solution*



The TLIA Board is looking for volunteers with library, IT or programming experience to help us build a digital storage system to preserve our communications, reports, and budgets in a digital way, instead of storing them in residents'

basements, garages, etc.

If interested, please contact TLIA Board President, Randy Young.



Lasting Impressions

Scotch Doubles Bowling - January 28



TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE



SAVE THESE DATES

April 22
Progressive Dinner

July 1, 2, 3, 4
4th of July Celebration

Date TBD
A Day at the Races
(Arlington Park)

September 16
Music in the Park

October 14
Chili Cook Off 2017

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