

# TLIA Newsletter

## New Events Committee

### *Several couples step up to lead*

The TLIA Board is happy to announce new Events Committee leads. The following couples have stepped up to take on the management of the committee starting after the Progressive Dinner. In doing so, they will bring fresh ideas and vision to a new round of events for the community. They have agreed to lead for two years.

Please be sure to support this new committee (and the community) when they ask for and require help. Volunteers for specific events are always needed for operational or administrative tasks. Please do your part.

**Kelsi and Will Knight** have lived in Tower Lakes for 7 years. They have a four-year-old daughter, Olivia, a two-year-old son named Logan, and an old yet still very loud beagle named Roadie. Will is in the real estate business and coaches lacrosse at Barrington High School. Kelsi is in sales and works as a hand model on the side. Having grown up in Tower Lakes, Kelsi knew TL was the only place to raise a family and it was only a matter of time until she returned to her roots. Having enjoyed the benefits of the "resort style" living over the past years, Kelsi and Will decided it was their turn to step up and do their part to keep Tower Lakes the fun and special community it has always been. Their vision is to build on the wonderful work that past volunteers have done while bringing in new and exciting ideas to the legendary TL social activities.

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## TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

### YOUR NEW EVENTS COMMITTEE

Kelsi and Will Knight  
Bridget and Mike Lacson  
Caroline and Andrew Milne  
Carolyne and Mark Osterhues



The Milnes and the Knights

## Saying thank you to the Nashes and Steffens



A huge thank you to the Nashes and the Steffens for the last several years of managing the Events Committee. With their departure, we can credit the many improvements they made to the Events Committee, formerly known as the Social Committee.

They launched a new structure for handling events by acting as a steering committee to the individual event leads. This allowed fewer people to be committed long-term. Instead, individuals managed single events or parts of an event with a template-based playbook.

They provided social and financial support for over 20 events in the three years they lead the Events Committee. We owe them a huge thank you for their leadership and dedication.

They will be rotating off after the Progressive Dinner. When you see them there, give them a huge "thank you!"





## NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA

Isn't the anticipation of spring wonderful? It's such an optimistic time!

One of the great opportunities I have had in my life here in Tower Lakes has been to serve our community. As president, I have seen everyone's joy and excitement at our Fourth of July festivities, the great smiles of kids at Youth Committee events, amazing progress by the Lake Committee, and the hard work of volunteers on cleanup days. Those are the everyday happenings of our community and the embodiment of the joy of living in Tower Lakes.

Like a moth coming out of its cocoon, I have also witnessed the great work of your Board as they have morphed into a butterfly of restructured finances, methods, and processes, becoming more efficient in managing our resources. We have grown leaps and bounds in recent years.

As spring rolls around each year, we begin to look forward to the trees, flowers, the lake and our entire community emerging from winter and coming alive. But, we also stare directly into the reality of dues deadlines and outstanding balances on member accounts. This year is no different.

I know I have harped on this many, many times and I will continue to harp on it until that sunny day when we no longer need to. So this time I will keep it as short as I can because, just like you, I'm tired of hearing it!

As March 1st comes and goes, the Board, on your behalf, will be sending out 10 demand letters to severely delinquent accounts requesting payment of past due accounts. The Board reviewed these accounts at the February meeting and approved the program to move forward. So I thought I would give you a glimpse of how it works as we attempt to collect the \$18,907 of outstanding dues two year in arrears.

First: A letter, from me as president, requesting payment is sent to the owner. If no response is generated, we refer it to legal counsel. They (the lawyers) then send a demand letter. (This is where the Board no longer has contact with the home owner, only the lawyers) If payment is not made or a plan initiated to make payment, or no response is received, a final collection letter, from the lawyers, is served to the owner. If still no response, a forceable lawsuit is generated (this is the nuclear option) which has the ultimate potential of the resident being evicted from the property by the county sheriff until all back dues, legal fees and fines are paid in full. *Continued on p.3*



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## January 2017 TLIA Board Meeting Minutes

TLIA BOARD

**Board Members:** Steve Burgoon, Randall Cross, Tom Kubala, Linda Kuna, Mary Magro, Mike Mitchell, Kathy Pattengale, and John Yancey

**Apologies:** Randy Young

**Committee Representation:**

Pat Covek - Grounds Beautification & Tennis

Bob Nash - Events

**Member Representation:** None

**Guests:** None

**Call to Order @ 7:05 PM**

**Opening Remarks**

**Steve Burgoon**

TLIA will be seeking an extension to file its FY 2016 income taxes due to the delay in finalizing the books as of this date.

**Business Items for January**

**Review and Approve December Board Meeting Minutes** **Steve Burgoon**

Motion to approve: Mary Magro

Second: Linda Kuna

All in favor

**Joint Financial Report**

**Linda Kuna and Mary Magro**

Mary Magro, Linda Kuna, and Steve Burgoon met to review the combined income and expenses report. The report reflects actual expenditures and income for each month as well as updated year-to-date expenses. More than \$45,000 dues payments have recently been collected. *See financial report on page 11.*

**Committee reports**

**Beach**

**Mary Magro**

Lifeguard policies will be placed on the March TLIA Board Meeting Agenda.

**Communications**

The committee sent out numerous email blasts, created posters, and updated the website this month. *Continued on page 10*

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## Next Meetings:

TLIA BOARD

**March 13, 2017 - 7:00 pm**

**April 10, 2017 - 7:00 pm**

**Village Hall**

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

# Rain Garden Update

## Another busy month

Contributed by Andy Hay



Since the last update, we have been able to clarify the outstanding items required by Lake County in order to finalize the Wetland Development Plan (WDP) for Bays Park. The modified drawings have been provided by Encap and the remaining details will be provided by Nancy Schumm and myself. The complete package will be resubmitted on Feb 17. Hopefully, this will be all we need to gain their approval for our WDP and permission to start work. Ironically, we have had one of the driest starts to the year on record -- an ideal time to start construction. We are, nevertheless, at the mercy of the weather. Fingers crossed. If it remains dry, we may get moving before the ground thaws out and you will see a hole in the ground. If not, we will have to wait until late April/early May to start construction. The signage, acknowledging the generous support of the IL EPA grant, has been purchased and will be installed before the construction begins. We will also be working on some smaller signs acknowledging the support of Lake County in this project.

### Rain Gardens Decrease Pollutants in our Water

Last month, we highlighted the role of rain gardens in managing floodwater from heavy storms. This month, I wanted to focus on their role in removing pollutants. Each year, tons of pollutants, including petrochemicals and heavy metals from the main road, run off our driveways and roofs. In addition, fertilizers, treatment chemicals from our lawns, metals, and other toxins (washed from the atmosphere by rain), enter our lake. By taking the runoff waters from the east side and trapping them in the two major rain gardens, pollutant load can be reduced dramatically. Studies show removal of pollutants (even up to 90%) can be achieved through rain gardens. This is known as Best Management Practice (BMP) for our runoffs.

#### The effectiveness of a rain garden in removing pollutants

Pollutant	Source of pollutant	% Removed by rain garden
Copper	Roof shingles, oil, grease, soil	43-97%
Lead	Roof shingles, oil, grease, soil	70-95%
Zinc	Roof shingles, oil, grease, soil	64-95%
Phosphorus	Detergents, fertilizers, pet waste	65-87%
Total nitrogen	Fertilizer, pet waste, organic matter	49-67%
Calcium	Fertilizer, pet waste, organic matter	27%

Source: U.S. EPA on National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System storm water program

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**URGENT**

## A Note From the TLIA Financial Secretary

**March 1 was the deadline to pay your TLIA dues and avoid the \$100 penalty.** If

you missed the deadline, you **must** contact the TLIA Financial Secretary, Linda Kuna, to set up a plan for payment. She can be reached at [dues@tlia.org](mailto:dues@tlia.org) or 847-217-3399.

*If you've already paid your dues or have requested a payment plan, rest easy and enjoy your membership-in-good-standing.  
Thank you!*

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## NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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I'm betting that not many of you we aware that delinquent TLIA dues could lead to eviction! The Board doesn't like it; I like it less, but that's the only course of action we have and it is the law.

I just wanted you to know that this is the process and the potential. Your Board is doing its best to make it right for those of us who pay their obligations on time, allowing everyone to enjoy the benefits that TLIA provides.

Thanks for reading and for your support of the Board...I wish you all a nice spring!



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## Village of Tower Lakes Update

*from President Dave Parro*

I have 2 topics to discuss this month.

The first involves next month's **local election on April 4**. Three Trustees on our Village Board have terms expiring at the end of April; Rick Steffen, Tom Bolger and Mike Rolfs. All three of these good neighbors are high level corporate leaders who have brought their considerable management and technical skills to the volunteer job of running our government and making our neighborhoods better and more desirable. They each have decades of family involvement in Tower Lakes, are friends of most of us reading this and we all (especially me) owe abundant thanks to them

for selflessly donating their time to doing the jobs that needed doing to keep things running, while not expecting any pay for doing so. Rick has been with the VB for 2 years and is handling everything environmental; from garbage & recycling to mosquito control to septic systems to tree management. He is running for re-election. Tom is our longest serving Trustee and has led a variety of essential activities, currently overseeing the Police Dept. As you read in last month's newsletter, Tom is getting busier, moving from CEO to Owner at his firm. Nevertheless, he is willing to run for re-election and we consider ourselves fortunate for that. Mike Rolfs has decided not to seek re-election after serving us so well from 2008-2017. Mike has led the Building Planning & Zoning Committee through a period of significant code improvements which will serve to help preserve our community's charming and valuable character in the decades ahead. On behalf of the entire Village Board I

would like to raise a round of applause and thanks to Mike (and his wife Carol, our former Treasurer) for the many years of volunteer work they have dedicated to our Village government. I would like to let you know that there is a candidate to fill Mike's considerable shoes. Longtime resident, community volunteer and former TLIA President, David Burnidge has stepped forward to run for the soon to be vacant Trustee spot. So, there will be 3 well-qualified candidates running for 3 seats, but the unusual wrinkle is that this time none of their names will be on the official ballot. Due to a combination of the late timing of decisions to run and/or a dropped ball re communication on my part, each of these 3 candidates missed the December deadline to get their names printed and so are running write-in campaigns. The way this works is that write-in candidates have to register by Feb 2 with the County Clerk, which they all have done, and only then can write-in votes be counted for them. So, if you choose to vote in the April 4 local elections, and I encourage all registered voters to do so, you may write in 1, 2, 3 (or none) of the following names for Tower Lakes Village Trustee: Richard (or Rick) Steffen, Thomas (or Tom) Bolger, David (or Dave) Burnidge. No other unregistered write-ins can be counted by the county clerk. Also, to be valid, a write-in vote must be accompanied by blacking in the adjacent corresponding box. If anyone else is interested in running in the future for a seat on the Board, or in being appointed to one of our working Boards or Commissions, please contact me with your interest and qualifications and I will give you all the help I can to find a place to contribute.

The second topic is a status update on the water infrastructure project. Lots of hard work is going on constantly but it's not readily apparent at this point and most folks don't have time to attend all the Village Board meetings, so I think it's a good idea to use this newsletter to summarize where things stand. As a reminder, the proposal approved by referendum was to create a special tax district, borrow up to \$3.7 mm to be paid off over 20 years, and use the proceeds to replace the remaining elderly, undersized and failing water mains, add an iron removal facility, and add a 2nd line under Rt 59 to improve flow. The flat tax will be comparable to the one that was in place prior to 2014. The detailed design work sufficient for bidding has been completed, including some expensive changes required by the Illinois EPA staff who has jurisdiction over our plans. The IEPA has issued a construction permit for most of the mains, and we hope to soon have the same for the iron removal plant and the Rt 59 loop. Construction permits are a critical prerequisite before we can go out for bids. An environmental impact study has been completed and a required public



Rick Steffen



Tom Bolger



Dave Burnidge



**Early Voting: March 20 - April 1**  
**Election Day: April 4**

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# How to Vote for the Village of Tower Lakes Trustee

## WHERE:

**Lake Barrington Village Hall**  
23860 N Old Barrington Rd  
Barrington, IL 6001  
(at corner, off Kelsey Rd)

## WHEN:

**Early voting**  
March 20 – April 1 (Monday – Friday)  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

## Election Day

April 4 6:00 am – 7:00 pm



## HOW:

1. Give staff your name and they will look up the correct precinct & give you a ballot.
2. Where it says, "Village of Tower Lakes Trustee (vote for 3)," there will be no names. If you wish to vote for one or more of the 3 declared write in candidates, clearly print their names on the lines provided: **Tom Bolger, Dave Burnidge, Rick Steffen.**
3. **ALSO**, black in the oval adjacent to each line you have written the name on.

**PRINT THIS \*\*\* CUT IT OUT \*\*\* BRING IT WITH YOU!**

### *DAVE PARRO continued from p.4*

hearing on that will be held at the March 20 meeting of the Village Board. We also need, but are making progress on, permits from IDOT, LCDOT and Army Corps of Engineers for the cross 59 piece. If all goes well we may be able to start the bidding process this spring. By completing the detailed design we also have been able to get a sharper cost estimate which has come in around 5 million plus or minus a few hundred thousand, depending on whose opinion you use for the amount of contingency reserve to add. If the lowest bidder is on the low end of the estimated spectrum, we may be able to do all the proposed parts of the project. If it is on the highest (\$5 mm) end, we would have to decide how to eliminate major items from the scope to keep project costs within the approved \$3.7 mm max. We will not exceed that. The current thinking is that we are likely to be able to qualify for a low interest (below 2%) loan from the IEPA which has loan funds available for water upgrade projects like this. That would be a rare opportunity to leverage, one that is unlikely to be available again, saving substantially vs market loan rates or vs selling bonds. Construction could optimistically start as early as this fall, or might be spring of '18 if permits and bureaucracies are slower than expected. In any event, we will be planning our 2017 road resurfacing to avoid the water main replacement zones, so we don't waste money paving where it may soon be torn up. The limited term real estate tax to members of the special taxing district (i.e. homes served by city water) would not start until after the project is permitted, bidding is concluded, financing is complete and ready to start construction. By the way, the Board has voted to remove from the taxing district all homes in the Village which are currently on private wells, even those who will have adjacency to the system. Those who choose to connect in the future would be added to the tax role at the time of connection. For more details, please come to the March 20 public hearing or to any other regular Village Board meeting or drop an email to me ([dparro@towerlakes-il.gov](mailto:dparro@towerlakes-il.gov)) or Trustee Paul Kierig, chairman of the Utilities committee, ([pkierig@towerlakes-il.gov](mailto:pkierig@towerlakes-il.gov)) if you have any questions or concerns as we move forward.

*Dave Parro*

## Keep Geese Away!

With the early ice-out situation on the lakes, the geese will be arriving early too. We need everyone's help to minimize the overpopulation, and subsequent pollution of the water and beach! TLIA has once again secured a permit from the DNR, which allows the Lake Committee representatives to oil the eggs to mitigate hatching. Please keep your eyes out for geese starting to pair up, and let us know of any initial nesting activity by sending a quick note to [geese@tlia.org](mailto:geese@tlia.org). We need all eyes on the team to help prevent the continued increase of the goose population and to support our lakes. **Keep our lakes, and our people, healthy!**



**Need Help? Here are Tower Lakes' Favs**



Spring is right around the corner and so is spring-cleaning. If you need an additional hand, why not look to your neighbor's recommendations? They've put their suggestions on carpenters, plumbers, roofers, and the like, on a [website](#). You can add or update this Google document at any time. Best of all, the site lists references from your neighbors. They've been there; done that. So why wait to tackle your spring cleaning projects?

**Proper Disposal of Waste**

And when you're done with your project, make sure you dispose of your household chemical waste in a proper manner. **SWALCO's facility in Gurnee (1311 N. Estes Street)** has year-round drop off the *second Saturday of each month* and the *fourth Monday of each month*. **Appointments are required.** The following materials are accepted:

- Aerosol products
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- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Furniture stripper and varnishes
- Gasoline and kerosene
- Household batteries (lithium and rechargeable only)
- Household cleaners
- Oil-based paints and paint removers
- Prescription and over-the-counter medicines and supplements (people and pets)



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**Bridget and Mike Lacson** moved into Tower Lakes on the west side in February 2004. Mike is in software sales. Bridget has run Tower Lakes' Youth Tennis for the past four years. She also volunteers at the local food pantry. They have two children, Nick and Marin, who keep them very busy.

**Caroline and Andrew Milne** are no strangers to Tower Lakes either. They are volunteering for a second tour on this committee. Their first tour was 2011 - 2013 when they were part of the Social Committee. Caroline was also a member of the Youth Committee (2014-2016). They are both high school teachers; Caroline teaches biology at Barrington H.S. and Andrew teaches Health at New Trier H.S. They will bring their incredible energy and creativity to the events.



The Osterhueses

**Mark and Carolyne Osterhues** - Mark and I have lived in Tower Lakes since 1998. Over the years, we have admired the Social Committee from afar and have been inspired to volunteer. It's kind of our thing. With every newsletter and plea from Randy Young for people to step up, Mark and I decided it was our time. Especially with a stellar group of people like the Knights, Lacsons, and Milnes, we just couldn't resist. We are looking forward to bringing amazing events to Tower Lakes and making it the community where memories are made for 2017! Socially Yours! Mark and Carolyne Osterhues



The Lacsons

## TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

## Cubs-Brewers Road Trip - April 8

The **Road Trip** to see the **Cubs** whip the **Brewers** in Milwaukee is sold out. **Contact Caroline Milne (at [events@tlia.org](mailto:events@tlia.org)) if you are interested in getting your name on the wait list.**

**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)



## TLIA Progressive Dinner goes Tapas in 2017!

TLEC is trying a new concept for Progressive Dinner this year! To change it up just a little bit, instead of having a sit-down formal dinner, everyone will be assigned to multiple hors d'oeuvres houses, one following the other. Each hors d'oeuvres house can offer a substantial array, so that everyone is well fed, but not stuffed, in a casual atmosphere to maximize mingling. Then we still finish with a single dessert house where everyone gets together!

Why give something new a try? Past feedback has included that the logistics of prepping for a formal dinner mean some of the hosts skip the appetizer house or need to leave early to stage their dinner preparation. Often, they give up on going to the dessert house as well. The cost of these fancy dinners can also be prohibitive and it is getting difficult to get enough homes to host. Often, the actual dinners get started later than expected, as the dinner hosts have to wait until everyone arrives to get started, which blows the schedule up further. In this alternative model, the 2nd hors d'oeuvres house can start serving as soon as people arrive, and continue throughout the time period. Those people with special food needs should have an easier time being accommodated without the challenge of a limited menu as well.

So let's try something new in 2017. We'll survey everyone after and if the majority wants to go back to the traditional format, there was no harm, no foul in a one-year alternative. So get your recipe books out, and get ready for a night of fun and friendship. We have a dessert house lined up, but we will be looking for 25+ hors d'oeuvres homes. Further details with cost and registration details to come soon. Watch for eblasts!

**April 22, 2017**

**6:00 pm**  
**Heavy hors**  
**d'oeuvres**  
**House 1**

**7:45 pm**  
**Heavy hors**  
**d'oeuvres**  
**House 2**

**10:00 pm - 1:30 am**  
**Dessert House**

**Feel free to contact our Event Leads, Marty Thompson ([marty.thompson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marty.thompson@sbcglobal.net)) or Heidi Davey ([hdavey@d211.org](mailto:hdavey@d211.org)), with any immediate questions.**

# Welcome New Neighbors

TLIA COMMUNICATIONS

**Justin and Stacey Libra**  
**114 Rose Terrace**

*Contributed by Mary Beth Adams*

South Hills has already welcomed our newest residents, Justin and Stacey Libra. They moved here from Chicago and are loving the beauty of Tower Lakes. Both are landscape architects. Justin works for a residential design building firm focusing on the North Shore and Barrington areas. Stacey works for Applied Ecological Services doing restoration design work. They both enjoy hiking, kayaking, biking, ice skating, and of course, gardening! We know they will enjoy transforming their property for all to enjoy!



**Brad and Samantha Ruda**  
**226 W. Tower**

Brad and Samantha Ruda have moved to the west side of the Village across from Barsumian Park. They moved here from Evanston, looking for more of a "country-feel". They think they have found it here! Brad has been an English teacher at Lake Forest High School for 17 years. Sam is completing her Masters Degree in Mental Health Counseling at Northwestern University. Their son, Max is 6 1/2 and just started at North Barrington School, "majoring" in art, drama, drawing and writing stories. Ivy is 15 months old with lots of energy and will entertain everyone with songs. The family loves to camp, hike and kayak and they can't wait to get out on our lake this summer.

**Laura Dominiak**  
**315 Devonshire**

Laura moved here recently from Hawthorne Woods with her 6-year-old son, Andrew. Laura is a trial presentation technologist who does multimedia presentations for courtroom trials. She has traveled a great deal and worked overseas. She loves to cook and to be outside working on her property and enjoying the neighborhood. Andrew attends St. Matthews School and loves to swim, bike, build with Legos and construct with building tools. She calls her new home in Tower Lakes her "Forever Home" where she plans to stay to raise her son in this beautiful community.

**Christopher and Joanna Ciupke**  
**117 W. Lake Shore Drive**

Christopher and Joanna are our new neighbors, but they are familiar with our Village. Christopher grew up in Fenview, played on the varsity baseball team for Barrington High School before attending college in Valparaiso. He is currently an investment/portfolio manager for Roberts, Glore & Co. Joanna is originally from the Fox Lake area. They enjoy taking road trips and all kinds of travel, along with fishing and other outdoor activities. They are just getting settled, but can't wait to enjoy their new home and neighbors.



**EASTER EGG  
 HUNT  
 APRIL 15**

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

**LIFEGUARD**

**Lifeguards Needed!**  
**Work in the neighborhood**



If you are interested in lifeguarding this summer, please send an email with your name and contact information to:  
[beach@tlia.com](mailto:beach@tlia.com).

*We look forward to a great year at the beach!*

TLIA BEACH

**Rain Garden continued**

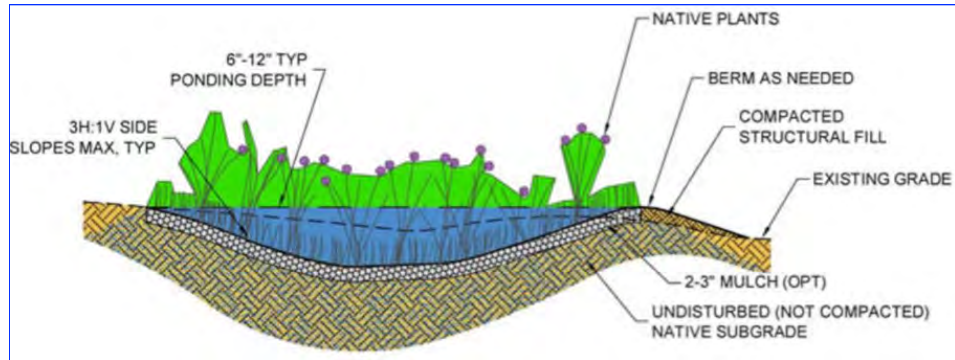
This works by holding back the waters and allowing the deep-rooted native plants to metabolize and retain the pollutants; thus allowing only filtered, pure water to enter the lake and our drinking water supply. Rain gardens use the chemical, biological, and physical properties of soils, plants, and microbes to remove pollutants from storm water through four processes:

1. Settling
2. Chemical reactions in the soil
3. Plant uptake
4. Biological degradation in root zones

Plants placed in rain gardens should be able to withstand short periods of inundation (up to 48 hours), as well as drought conditions. Our plant selection team will soon be working with our contractor (Encap) and I will be featuring more on plants choices in future updates.

The success of this filtration depends on the percentage of the total runoff, through rain gardens and bioswales, prior to reaching Tower Lake. That is where you come in. We can only treat a small percentage of the total runoff. However, if every one of us were to strategically place small rain gardens where the water runs off our properties, we could treat so much more. Please consider this spring as your time to plant your own rain garden and implement your own "BMP". Barrington Area Conservation Trust (BACT) offers a great service (free to members and \$50 to non-members) whereby they will walk your property and give advice on where to place native plants, rain gardens and bioswales. Please visit their Conservation@Home website <http://www.bactrust.org/conservationhome/> for more details and consider getting your home certified.

Your ongoing support for this project is very much appreciated by TLIA, the Village of Tower Lakes, and the environment in which we live.



**Tower Lakes Garden Club Meeting**  
 Wednesday, March 15, 2017  
 7:00 p.m. @ Kathy Covek's home, 25559 Warwick Rd

Hugh Davis from Willoway Gardens will give a presentation: "Waking Up Your Garden!"

New members & guests are always welcome! Join the Garden Club or renew your annual membership for \$25 at the meeting. Guests \$5.

Please bring an appetizer, dessert or wine.  
 Please RSVP to [towerlakesgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:towerlakesgardenclub@gmail.com) by Monday, March 13.

**TLIA SPRING CLEANUP DAY**

**May 6 Saturday**

**MEET AT BEACH PARKING LOT 8:00 am**

**TLIA GROUNDS**

**Board minutes continued from page 2****Events**

The Scotch Doubles bowling event is January 28. Heidi Davey and Marty Thompson have volunteered as leads for the Progressive Dinner, which will be held on April 22, 2017. An email blast was recently sent out about the Cubs/Brewers bus trip to Miller Park in April. The committee is seeking event leads for next year, ideally by the end of March. John Yancey, Rick Steffen, Bob Nash, Tom Kubala, and Steve Burgoon will serve as a Nominating Committee and will meet to actively solicit volunteers. Another subcommittee is considering both rental and purchase options for a stage on Rest Island.

**Bob Nash****Grounds General**

Iverson Park was cleaned and benches were stained in late fall. A weed prevention blanket and native seed will be spread at Lindy Lewis Gazebo Park in the spring. Construction of a utility shed is planned in as part of rehabilitation of the East side boat landing. Spring tree planting and community education will be done in conjunction with the Village Tree Commission. The committee continues to monitor the ash borer problem and to work with residents whose property is adjacent to affected TLIA urban forest areas. The last of the aging and dangerous willows trees on the shoreline will be removed this winter when the ice is solid. The next *Stewards of the Parks* meeting is Tuesday, January 24 at the Village Hall.

**John Yancey****Grounds/Beautification**

TLIA members donated charitable gifts to several organizations as part of the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Plants will be ordered for the spring. Brass tags and plaques have been placed in remembrance of former residents in the past, and trees can also be planted and dedicated to individuals through the Grounds Beautification Committee.

**Pat Covek****Lake**

The Silt Removal Team met on Jan 5 to develop plans for the next phase of silt removal and additional lake maintenance. They will take 2017 off from pumping to allow funds to accumulate, resulting in a more cost effective program with US Aqua Vac (USAV). While continuing to work with USAV, the committee continues to seek out potential new technology. A short-term, cost-effective remediation plan will be put in place for the three existing silt bags. This will be done in collaboration with the Village TREE Commission, as they have expressed interest in doing some planting at part of the remediation plan. In addition, the committee continues to look at other methods of aquatic plant harvesting and will work on further understand the pros and cons of mechanical, manual and any other potential methods of harvesting and decreasing the silt build up process. The entire Lake Committee will be meeting on Feb 6 to discuss the 2017 lake management contractor, animal control, fish management, the SRT plan and any other pertinent topics. Colin Reagan and Will Knight are joining the Lake Committee, and the committee welcomes anyone else who would be interested in joining their efforts.

**Tom Kubala****Member Services**

The Board is reviewing a draft of an updated Google Forms TLIA Survey. An incentive drawing could be used encourage people to fill out the survey.

**Randall Cross****Rain Garden**

Encap has been selected as out contractor partner. The contract has been completed and sent to Illinois EPA to approve the vendor choice and contract terms. A permit has been applied for the Bays Park project. A meeting is scheduled with Lake County on January 24 to discuss the wetland development permit. It is still possible that excavation will occur when the ground is frozen, which would minimize tree impact and collateral damage to the ground. At this point, Encap has expressed some concerns about storing the soil to be enriched and returning it to the ground when it dries. Dave Parro is expected to sign the contract on behalf of the Village on January 16.

**Andy Hay****Tennis**

The Tennis Committee will get a locker to store equipment if no other option is available. They are working with the pros to plan this season and will try to include pickleball lessons this year.

**Pat Covek****Youth**

No report

**Old Business**

The TLIA Board Meeting date has been changed to Tuesday, February 21, 2017

**New Business**

The Barrington Area Conservation Trust (BACT) has applied for Monarch butterfly way station kits grant. Tower Lakes could receive at least one free monarch butterfly way station if the grant is awarded. Various potential locations for the way station were discussed. It was noted that way stations should be placed so children could become involved and that this initiative could be promoted at events such as EcoDay. After installation, the way station would be placed under the auspices of the Grounds Beautification Committee.

**Public Comments**

Adjourn: 8:20 p.m.

Motion: Mike Mitchell


 The logo for the Tower Lakes Improvement Association Board, featuring the text "TLIA BOARD" in white serif font on a blue rectangular background.

# TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE

## Unusual winter brings “eyes on the lake”

*Contributed by Tom Kubala*

With our recent warm spell, the ice is out of the lake much earlier than usual. At least at the time of this writing, it is out. With the unusual winter, who knows, there may be some ice back when this is being read! That said, wanted to let everyone know that the Lake Committee is already working on plans for the management of algae and other growth in the lake. Rich Rollins, owner of Rollins Aquatic, our lake management contractor has already been out during the February record-breaking temperatures. We toured the lakes to get a first hand view of things.

North Lake had a very early ice out and a surprising amount of algae was present. It is probable that with the warm winter and lack of snow, a lot of sunlight made its way through the ice and the result was the algae growing underneath. When the lake opened up, the algae simply took off. With the water temperature already at 52 degrees, it is also very favorable for this type of algae.

Davlins Pond also has noticeable algae, along with some noticeable coontail appearing. Even with a piece of ice still near the shore on the south end of the pond.

The Main Lake has a few spotty areas, but nowhere near what was seen in North Lake and Davlins.

Based on all of the above said, there is a tentative schedule to treat the lakes to get ahead of the process, should it be needed. Much of the algae, and other growth, we are seeing will probably be killed off by the forecasted colder temperatures, and the fact that it is still winter. The Lake Committee has "eyes on the lakes" so we are aware of what is happening and an open communication line with Rollins. If treatments are necessary, they will be made. If they are not, we will not make them, avoiding unnecessary treatments.

**Any questions, please contact me, or any member of the Lake Committee.**

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# TLIA COMMUNICATIONS

## TLIA Financial

Tower Lakes Improvement Association  
Budget vs. Actuals: Budget - FY17 P&L  
November 2016 - October 2017

	January	Total			% of Budget
		Actual	Budget	over Budget	
<b>Income</b>					
Collection of past due accounts	61.39	61.39		61.39	
Dues Income	50,471.21	69,183.31	169,650.00	-100,466.69	40.78%
Late Fees Charged	15.04	263.86		263.86	
Services	375.00	1,341.14		1,341.14	
Silt Removal Deposit	21,638.17	30,248.11		30,248.11	
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	1,400.00	1,400.00		1,400.00	
Uncategorized Income		1,800.00		1,800.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 74,160.81</b>	<b>\$ 104,297.81</b>	<b>\$ 169,650.00</b>	<b>-\$ 65,352.19</b>	<b>61.48%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 74,160.81</b>	<b>\$ 104,297.81</b>	<b>\$ 169,650.00</b>	<b>-\$ 65,352.19</b>	<b>61.48%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Administration	239.31	368.61	3,000.00	-2,631.39	12.29%
Beach/Lifeguards	130.25	130.25	27,840.00	-27,709.75	0.47%
Capital	560.00	747.50		747.50	
Community Relations	1,015.54	2,369.54	3,000.00	-630.46	78.98%
Grounds Beautification		1,452.51	6,500.00	-5,047.49	22.35%
Grounds General	88.81	289.89	6,000.00	-5,710.11	4.83%
Grounds Maintenance		180.00	10,140.00	-9,960.00	1.78%
Insurance		2,204.00	15,000.00	-12,796.00	14.89%
Lake	300.00	300.00	25,127.50	-24,827.50	1.19%
Lawn Maintenance	4,480.00	4,480.00	18,000.00	-13,520.00	24.89%
Legal			2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.00%
Park Maintenance		257.40	1,000.00	-742.60	25.74%
Records & Archives			1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00%
Social Committee			1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00%
Tennis Committee		375.31	2,010.00	-1,634.69	18.67%
Tennis Courts		250.00		250.00	
Tree Removal and Maintenance	900.00	6,700.00	13,750.00	-7,050.00	48.73%
Website		1,000.00		-1,000.00	0.00%
Youth Committee			1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 7,713.91</b>	<b>\$ 20,105.01</b>	<b>\$ 137,667.50</b>	<b>-\$ 117,762.49</b>	<b>14.58%</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 66,446.90</b>	<b>\$ 84,192.80</b>	<b>\$ 31,782.50</b>	<b>\$ 52,410.30</b>	<b>264.90%</b>
<b>Other Income</b>					
Interest Income			0.04	0.04	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 0.04</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.04</b>		
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 0.04</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.04</b>		
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>\$ 84,192.84</b>	<b>\$ 31,782.50</b>	<b>\$ 52,410.34</b>	<b>264.90%</b>
<b>Capital Account Balance</b>			<b>\$ 64,235.45</b>		

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