

TLIA Newsletter

TL Rain Garden Report What a difference a week made!!

Hi Neighbors:

Contributed by Andy Hay

I am writing this at the end of a fantastic week of activity. On Monday the ENCAP (our environmental engineering company partner) trucks rolled in with backhoe and bobcat and set to dig a hole in the ground. Within the first day, the excavation for the rain garden project was mostly done, and a huge pile of clay and earth stood off to the side. Of course, there was the inevitable discoveries



along the way. Six feet down, and not marked on any current plans was an old water supply, badly corroded and weeping. This was quickly identified as “no longer in use” and we were able to cap it off. Thanks to Trustee Kierig for his speedy response and for pulling his boots on and getting down into the muddy hole! We also found an old ceramic drain completely blocked and collapsed. Right next to it, was the plastic drain which was used to carry the stormwater from the catch basins down to the tennis court drain. This was in great shape and was exactly what we needed to find in order to capture and divert the runoff into the garden. We also discovered a sand seam about five feet down, which is excellent and has been used to help facilitate the garden drainage.



During the second day, all of the engineering took place: tying into the stormwater drain, constructing the drainage beds from stone, building the risers and the overflows. We were also able to tie into the rain gutters and drains from the neighboring property. Everything came together -- at least as well as planned.

Days three and four were spent introducing fine quality soil into the clay mix and blending the new beds, stabilizing the banks and building the new contours of the park. By the end of day four it was beginning to look like a garden. On day five, the final landscaping took place and we were able to blend the berms into the neighbor's land, spread topsoil, seed the surrounding areas and lay the seed stabilization blankets across all the new landscaping.



All done in one week of activity! It is worth pointing out that Lake County Engineers inspected the site a total of three times: once during pre-construction, once to review the erosion control measures (the black silt fencing) and once again on Thursday, April 20 to check on the construction. All three reports showed zero deficiencies, which is highly unusual, and we received congratulations from Lake County, who have been huge supporters

of this project.

So there it is. Tower Lakes has its first community rain garden constructed. There is still much to do. We will be planting probably late in May or early June, and then the garden will start to receive professional maintenance (watering and weeding), which is required to ensure the native plants take hold and thrive, and the invasive species are not allowed back into this inviting space. During this time,

we will be conducting some education and fun activities for kids.



TLIA RAIN GARDEN PROJECT

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NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA

Around this time each year, as school winds down, I tend to reflect back to my youth. I'm sure many of you do too. Do you remember your favorite day in school? Was it the day you got that smiley-face sticker on your homework? Was it when you were crowned #1 in the spelling bee? For me, it was always the last day of school!

The last day, for me, meant I cleaned out my locker, looked forward to baseball, the pool, and just hanging out in the sunshine. Those great lazy days when my mom kicked me out of the house in the morning, and I spent the day running around the neighborhood.

Many neighborhoods aren't like that anymore, except Tower Lakes. Our community has many great activities for your kids, all summer long, thanks to a fantastic Youth Committee. This group of dedicated women have planned a great line-up of family-friendly activities throughout the year. Just take a look around this month's newsletter and you will read about them: Tot Soccer, The End of School Party, Lacrosse Camp, Summer Story Time, Movie Night, T-Ball, and finally, a Back to School Party. And I haven't even mentioned the beach or youth tennis and all the activities planned there.

No matter what your age or interest, TLIA has plans for our young people this summer.

Really, just read about it in this newsletter, sign up for activities, show up, play! The details are on page 7 and the Youth Committee has provided a variety of entertaining, inexpensive activities, right in our own neighborhood. Next time you see a member of the Youth Committee or attend an event, say "Thank you for providing such wonderful entertainment for my kids."

What a great summer '17 it's going to be! I wish I was 12 again!



Email me and let me know your thoughts.
CLICK HERE

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



There was not a quorum at the April board meeting to approve the March minutes. Thus, they will be printed next month.

TLIA BOARD



Village Notes and Information

Spring Brush Pick-up

The Village will conduct a village-wide free brush and branch pick-up the week of Monday, May 8. Make sure your debris is out stacked for pick up by end of the day Sunday, May 7 or you may miss your area's pick-up. Please stack branches with the butt end at the street. Do not include weeds or other soft materials or any non-natural garbage as this may cause your entire load to be skipped due to landfill regulations.

There is a limit on the size of the piles that will be collected. Each house is allowed a total of 10 feet in length by 4 feet in height. Please respect this limit as it allows us to continue the service in a cost effective manner. If you exceed the amount of brush allowed for this pick-up, you risk the chance of none of your debris being removed. Please follow the guidelines.

Septic Inspections

The village has had an ordinance in place since 2014 requiring all residents to have their septic system inspected on a regular basis. The most current round of mailings was sent out on March 30 to residents living on streets beginning with P (Paddock Lane) through R (Rolling Green Drive). Residents have until June 30 to comply.

Leaf Burning

Attended burning on homeowner's property is allowed April 1 - May 31 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. No burning of wet leaves. Please be considerate of neighbors when burning. To protect our streets, burning leaves or brush on Village right-of-ways or adjacent to roads is prohibited.

Vehicle Stickers

Vehicle Sticker Application Forms for 2017/2018 will be mailed out mid May. Please remember to take care of purchasing stickers as soon as possible so you don't receive late notices. Doubled fees and/or fines will be implemented if not purchased and displayed on vehicles by July 1.

Next Meeting:

May 8, 2017 - 7:00 pm

June 12, 2017 - 7:00 pm

Village Hall

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

TLIA BOARD



LINDY LEWIS PARK IMPROVEMENTS



Improvements to the Lindy Lewis Park continue. A natural planting seed blanket has been placed on the east side, from the street to the lake, to encourage native plants and grass to grow.



TREE CITY USA®

Arbor Day in TL

Contributed by: Rick Steffen

On Friday April 28, Tower Lakes celebrated Arbor Day. As part of the commemoration, a Serviceberry tree was planted on the east shore of Toy Island. During the planting ceremony, Village President Dave Parro read a

proclamation detailing the value trees make to our community from both a financial and esthetic standpoint. Tower Lakes has been recognized as a Tree City U.S.A. community for 23 consecutive years.

Recently, the Village Tree Ordinance was enhanced to increase the protection of valuable, heritage trees within our community. In attendance at the ceremony was Village of Tower Lakes President Parro, Randy Young T.L.I.A. President, Trustee Rick Steffen, Tree Commissioners Tom Spicer and Ken Stevens as well as ecology concerned residents Rich and Jan Bahr and Fran Steffen. For additional information on the village tree ordinance, please consult the village website. To learn more about the village tree program or to become involved, please contact Rick Steffen @847/922-0776

PROPER MULCHING HELPS TREES



Do not volcano mulch; trees suffocate. Mulch should NOT touch the tree. It's better to spread wide than deep. Width should be 3-4 feet. Depth should be 3-4 inches.

Tower Lakes Garden Club Meeting

Wednesday, May 17, 2017
7:00 p.m.
at the home of Suzie Boe
412 Raleigh Place



Speaker Kim Hartmann from Countryside Flower Shop & Nursery presenting "New Garden Trends"

Please bring an appetizer, dessert, or wine.
RSVP to: towerlakesgardenclub@gmail.com

Welcome New Neighbors

Contributed by Mary Beth Adams

Derek and Ellen Wichmann
25924 N. Rt. 59



Welcome our newest Tower Lakers, Derek and Ellen Wichmann. They moved here from Carpentersville. Ellen is from Elgin and Derek is from Nebraska where they met at the University. Derek is a financial advisor for Edward Jones and Ellen works at Abbott Labs in public affairs for the global division. They are very active and love to sail on Lake Michigan, run marathons, play basketball, and meet new people. They can't wait to meet other new families in the village this summer.

Happy Mother's Day
Tower Lakes Moms!



Our very own neighbor and photographer AnnMarie Gilmore, owner of Cianne Mitchell Photography, is offering a special TL Motherhood Event. Step aside from always being the one taking the pictures and have memorable photos taken of you and your child(ren) by a professional!!

**Sign-up TODAY
for a spot on MAY 7**

All TL residents should click on the TL Mini Event - there are two different mini session events in the store at this time. TL residents receive a 40% discount. A deposit will be required at the time of booking.

Men - this would make a nice Mother's Day gift for that special lady in your life!

[Click here](#)

to sign up for your mini session.

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

Fishing Tower Lakes
KEEP THE LAKE HEALTHY
Catch and release for all species except CARP!
TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE
CATCH & RELEASE

TLIA MEMBER SERVICES

2017 Beach Tags & Boat Stickers

TLIA Members and those who participate in the Recreational Family Pass Program (RFPP) can come to the beach parking lot to get their Beach Tags and Boat Stickers (if needed) on the days listed below.

All green boat stickers are still valid.

Saturday - May 20, 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Saturday - May 27, 8:30 am - 10:00 am



[Click here](#)

Click here for beach rules

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I want to thank the immediate neighbors who tolerated the trucks, and the noise for the duration of the week, and especially say "Thank You" to Jeff Patronik and to Scott and Jennie Steib, the two immediate neighbors, who were incredibly helpful and allowed us to use and tie into their land to really make this project a success.

Please check it out. I would ask that you not walk on the soil beds as they are soft still and not stable. Also take care not to disrupt the seed blankets until the grass takes.

Best regards, Andy



TLIA BOARD

DID YOU KNOW: The TLIA Board meets at 7pm, the second Monday of each month. Join us for the next meeting.



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TLIA YOUTH TENNIS

It's tennis time once again in Tower Lakes! Summer is right around the corner and we are looking forward to a fabulous tennis season. Bring out your kiddos to learn the basics, expand their skills, and have a blast with friends and neighbors.

This is a great way to meet some new friends and gain skills at the same time. Classes open to those entering kindergarten through 8th grade.

June 5- July 27

Mon/ Wed:

K, 2nd, 4th, 6th graders

Tues/ Thur:

1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, & 8th graders

Cost

\$70 K-1st graders (45 min)

\$80 2nd-8th graders (60 min)

Deadline is May 15

Class time and day tbd upon enrollment.

Contact **Bridget Lacson** with any questions.

Sheansbm@yahoo.com

312-927-2114



TLIA Membership Services 2017 Survey

TLIA Survey - Be Heard!

Your opinion and voice are very important in helping influence TLIA priorities. The online survey will only take 10 minutes to complete. The last

TLIA survey was done in 2000, so the 2017 survey will be a great tool to check-in with Tower Lakes residents and better understand your TLIA recreational usage habits and preferences.



To sweeten the pot, three (3) lucky winners will receive \$40 in free 4th of July tickets.*

[Click Here To Take The Survey](#)

Questions?

Reach out to

Randall Cross - rcross@tlia.org

[312.972.9988](tel:312.972.9988)

****Must be member in good standing to win
One entry per household please***

TLIA MEMBER SERVICES

Holi Comes To Tower Lakes

Contributed by Surbhi and Shaun Kildare

Holi is a Hindu celebration at the beginning of spring. It is referred to as the "festival of colors" or the "festival of love." The celebration marks the passing of winter, the triumph of good over evil, and is recognized as a time to put old disputes behind you.

The Holi celebration begins the night before, with a large bonfire signifying the destruction of evil. The following morning there is a large celebration in which brightly colored powders are thrown at and smeared on each other (think of a color run without a finish line). Waterguns and balloons are often added into the mix. In India, there are often parades of people going through town with music and showering the

crowd with powder and water. Everyone is fair game and there is no limit with respect to rich or poor, child or elderly, friend or stranger. The day is ended with the sharing of a meal with friends and family.

Our family has celebrated this holiday and brought it to our neighbors when we first moved to Illinois, and now we would like to bring it to Tower Lakes. On **Saturday, May 13, we will be having a bring-your-own picnic at Hussissian Park (Soccer Field).** The color / water fight will start at approximately 1 PM but feel free to come anytime to have some fun! We will set up our small tent, 2 tables and several chairs, as

well as our barbeque. Everyone is encouraged to come down and celebrate with us. Bring what you would like to eat and drink (and maybe a little extra to share). Attire is anything you don't mind getting very dirty and possibly stained. Traditionally, white shirts are worn to show off the colors. I have been prepping colors (dye cornstarch) and should have 100 pounds ready for the party. We hope to see you there.



Upcoming Events in Tower Lakes

Tot Soccer - Soccer Field

Ages: 2 - 4 years old

Dates: Saturday April 29, May 6, 13, 27

Time: 9:30-10 am

End of School Party - Aram Park

Wednesday, May 31 - 5:00 p.m. - All Ages!

Purchase food from Martin's Taco Truck- come hungry!

Summer Lacrosse Camp - Soccer Field

June 5-8

Ages 6 and up

Summer Storytime - Rest Island

10:30 a.m., Fridays this Summer

June 9 & 23; July 7 & 21; August 4 & 18

Family Movie Night - Soccer Field

Friday June 16, 2016

7:30 pm

Kindergarten T-ball - Soccer Field

June 17, 24, July 8, 15, 22

Back to School Party - Soccer Field

Tuesday August 16, 2017

Family Campout - Barsumian

Saturday September 9, 2017

Rain date: Sept 23, 2017

Trick-or-Treat - Soccer Field

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Santa & Carriage Rides - Rest Island

Saturday, December 10 - Tentative Date

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

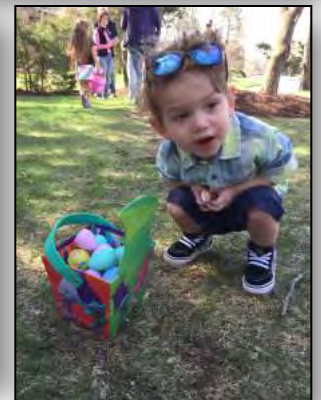
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TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

Easter Egg Hunt 2017



Photos courtesy of Jen Grey and Fran Steffen



Cubs, Buds & Grub

TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

Date: 4-8-17

Seats
on the
sold
out
bus:

55

Final Score:

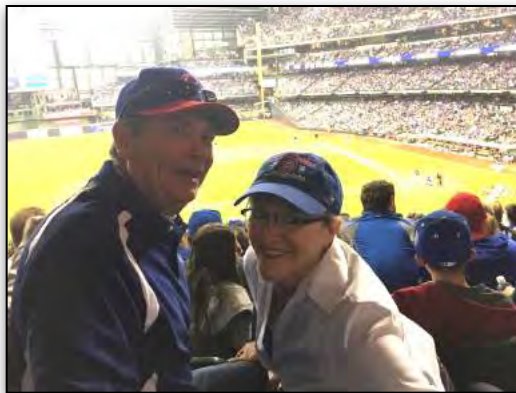
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Miles to
Miller Park:

69.4



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Caroline Milne,
Marilyn Parro,
Fran Steffen
Jacquie Skurla



Tapas *LASTING IMPRESSIONS* *April 22, 2017*



TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE



Tapas

The Summer Celebration is Right Around the Corner

July 4th Shell Schedule

Contributed by Andy Milne

It's a 4-day celebration this year, Saturday, July 1 – Tuesday, July 4. While the theme for this year's event will be announced next month, we are calling for t-shirt designers within the community to submit a logo/design to the Events Committee to be considered for this year's apparel. Submit your designs digitally to events@tlia.org by MAY 20.

The sign-up genius form will be released shortly, but in the meantime we are looking for our resident experts to lead the activities/areas in which they have developed a reputation for being 'legends'. Are you our Grill lead? Food lead? Bar lead? TL's Got Talent lead? Cart race lead? Home Run Derby lead? Face Painting Lead? These are just a few of the lead positions we are looking for to run tents/events. If you would like to have your name thrown in the hat to lead for this, or another event, please reach out to the Events Committee so that we can put you in charge.

All the classics return – Live music, food, drink, bingo, pony rides, sand castle competition, boat races, tug-o-war.

TL Magnets

We have new TL magnets in stock and they're going fast!. Reach out to Caroline & Andy Milne from the Events Committee if you need to purchase some new ones. **1 x \$4 - 2 x \$7 - 3 x \$10**

Tent Hire

Looking to host an event and in need of chairs and large tent? The Events Committee are in charge of renting these items out to the community. For more details, contact Bridget & Mike Lacson.



TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

Save the date for these specific events, just a sample, of what to expect:

Saturday, July 1 - Adult Social

Sunday, July 2 - Bingo

Monday, July 3 - Pony rides

Tuesday, July 4 - Parade

TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE

Help Control the Goose Population

The geese are here! Every resident's help is needed to minimize their overpopulation and subsequent pollution of the water and beach. TLIA has again secured a permit from the DNR, which allows Lake Committee representatives to oil the eggs to mitigate hatching. So please, keep your eyes out for geese starting to pair up as once they pair it's a short while for them to establish a nest. You'll know they have a nest in place when you start seeing only one of the pair most of the time - that means the female is sitting in the nest nearby - and only leaves it once a day to feed. We then have 25-30 days to find that nest and oil the eggs. Let us know of any suspicious activity, send a note to geese@tlia.org. We need all eyes in the TL community to help prevent the continued increase of the non-native goose population that contaminates our lakes, yards and beach.



Help keep our lakes and our people healthy!



TL Swim Lessons

Swim lessons will be offered this summer for eight weeks, beginning Monday, June 5 thru Thursday, Aug 3. (No lessons week of July 3.) Lessons will meet twice a week on either M/W or T/Th between noon and 4pm. Lessons are offered for children ages 3 and up.



\$75

per child

Early registration
must be received
by May 20 to
receive discount

\$80

per child

Registration
between May 21-
May 27

Registration must be received 10 days prior to the first class for scheduling.

Please drop off or mail your check to:

Paula Voska

630 Leon Dr.

Tower Lakes, IL 60010

Classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Your check will guarantee your spot.

Make checks payable to **TLIA**.

Questions or Concerns?

Paula Voska
H: 847.526.2376
C: 847.921.2376

Contact
Email:
beach@tlia.org

Mary Magro
H: 847.469.8760
C: 815.545.7710



**American
Red Cross**

All lifeguards providing instruction have received Red Cross training and certifications. Lessons that are canceled due to poor weather or beach conditions will not be rescheduled. Lessons will be canceled if the temperature is below 69 degrees at lesson time.

TLIA BEACH

TLIA SPRING CLEANUP DAY

May
6
Saturday

MEET AT BEACH PARKING LOT
8:00 am

TLIA GROUNDS

Farmer's Market at The Market Place

The Village of Lake Barrington is sponsoring a weekly farmer's market at the Market Place (Route 59 and Kelsey Road). The kick-off celebration starts Tuesday, June 6 (3 - 7 PM). Each Tuesday thereafter through October 17 (with the exception of July 4), vendors will feature locally grown fresh produce, baked goods, meat, eggs, fresh fish, salsas, sauces, oils, cheese, candy and local honey; as well as hot dogs and other delectables. Special days will also be highlighted during the season for non-traditional market vendors as well as special events for the entire family.



Ample parking is steps away in the adjacent Market Place parking lot, with visitors encouraged to visit the local shops or perhaps dine at ZaZa's Tavola Italian.

A number of vendors have committed to the Lake Barrington Farmer's Market this year and others are invited to apply.

Details are available on a dedicated Facebook page; through the Lake Barrington Village Hall; or by contacting either Market Manager, Bob DePalma at 224-523-1302 or Market Coordinator, John Schaller at 847-254-7290.

Do you have a 2017 graduate in your family?



Each July, The Tower Lakes News presents a special section featuring the graduates of Tower Lakes. All ages, grades, and degrees are welcome to announce their success!

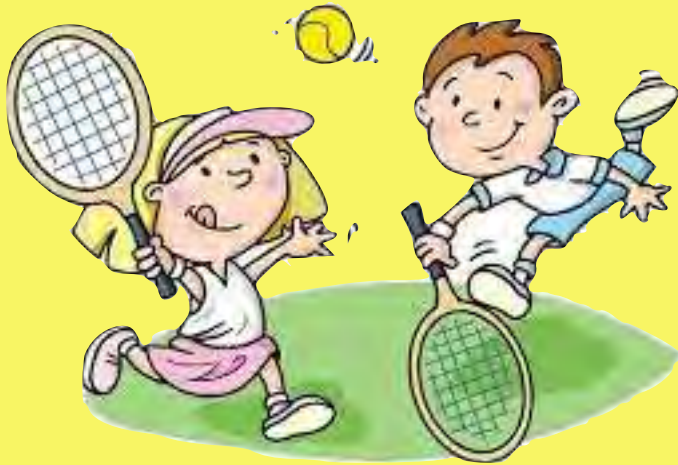
Please let us know about your 2017 grad! Write up a little notice and tell us their name, age, school, grade, degree, and a little something special about them. Maybe what's next or where they are going to school next year. We will feature them in the July 2017 special edition. Be sure to include a photo!

Send in your story and photo in time for our publication deadline

Click here

June 15, 2017
communications@tlia.org

Click here



ADULT SUMMER TENNIS LESSONS

Starting June 9
\$165/8 lessons

Friday mornings - 7:30 am - 10:30 am
Instructor: John Sisto

Saturday mornings - 8:00 am - 10:00 am
Instructor: John Sisto

Monday nights - 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Instructor: Chris Kabambam, if enough interest

Please call Pat Covek
if you are interested—
847-526-5089

TLIA TENNIS COMMITTEE

The Grounds Beautification
Committee is looking for helpers
to plant flowers,
shrubs, and plants
at all



entrances. **If
interested,
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at 847.526.5089**

TLIA GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION

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