

# TLIA Newsletter

## MEET THE TLIA BOARD CANDIDATES

### 2018 Board Elections — a Full Slate of Candidates

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#### **Steve Burgoon** *Candidate for Vice President (1 position; 1 candidate)*

TLIA Members, I am running for a second term as Vice President of our great Homeowner's Association. We are at a very exciting time with significant transition in membership as we continue welcoming MANY new, and mostly young, families moving into our neighborhood. I remember 30 years ago when we moved in and the community was vibrant and active, yet simple and basic. We are in that same place. We need to keep our community fun and a place where volunteerism remains a critical value of the community. I would like to continue as VP to identify and on-board a new crew of leaders, to continue on our long term lake management plans, and to continue to work with the TLIA members on bylaw education and understanding. I would appreciate your vote.



#### **Jane Cook**

I have lived in Tower Lakes with my husband, Craig, since 1992 and have quietly enjoyed all the amenities this special place has to offer. Recently retired from a career in banking, I feel compelled, after having spent 48 years in the financial industry, to become an active participant in the Village by volunteering my expertise to the TLIA Board as a candidate for the position of Financial Secretary. I welcome the opportunity to devote my time and energy to serve and support this wonderful community.

As for my credentials for the position, I have a bachelor's and a master's degree in Finance and have spent my entire career in the field. Out of school, I worked in both a commercial and investment bank and have since gone on to work for pharmaceutical companies in the finance capacity. We live in an old neighborhood that requires a lot of up-keep, so I look forward to doing my part to ensure the funds are available for the many improvement opportunities.



#### **Fran Steffen**

I studied at Michigan State University and graduated from their College of Engineering. I have spent my corporate career at Hewlett Packard in various sales, marketing and management roles, primarily in their Semiconductor Products Group. Since 2000, I have focused specifically on the solid state lighting industry (LED technology) in HP's joint venture with Royal Dutch Philips, Lumileds Lighting, and its subsequent spin-offs.

Rick and I have been TLers for about 5 years now. It's been a delight that, in the renovation of our home (one of the oldest if not THE oldest home here), we were able to retain the best of its historic past yet also integrate the most modern of lighting technology wherever possible.

My business background in technology has helped me develop an analytical mind and problem solving skills which I believe would serve TLIA well in the role of Financial Secretary of our homeowners association. I am recently retired which also gives me the time to devote to this volunteer role to help our community.

#### **Tyler Sandberg**

I spent many July Fourth Celebrations in Tower Lakes before finally moving here 8 years ago. It is a great place for my three kids to grow up and we have enjoyed our time here. They are quickly becoming the fishermen I always wanted to be.



*Cont. reading about the candidates on p.2*



Save the Date: NOV. 19, 2017  
2017 TLIA Annual meeting



A special section detailing the Annual Meeting voting issues begins on page 15 of the newsletter. Please be informed on the issues and VOTE!

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### *Candidates for TLIA Member-at-Large (2 positions; 3 candidates)*



#### **Jack Breen**

Our family has lived here for 15 years. Over that time I have been a member of the PARC Committee and volunteered at many of the great events here. I strongly believe it's important for our community that each of us do our part whether just at our own property or by giving back when possible.

I'm ready to be more involved in the activities and solutions the TLIA oversees that help keep Tower Lakes a great place to live.

#### **Kevin Middleditch**

My name is Kevin Middleditch and I am hoping to serve the Village of Tower Lakes on the TLIA Board as a Member-At-Large. My wife, Elizabeth, and I were very fortunate when we moved to Tower Lakes from New Jersey in 2002 with our daughter Alexandra and son Stuart. There is no better place for a kid to grow up than Tower Lakes and it is due to the sense of community and family that is found here. Back then, Elizabeth and I knew nothing of Illinois but we but found ourselves drawn to Tower Lakes and soon discovered how unique it is. Apart from the natural beauty and sense of community pride, it is the people who live here that make Tower Lakes a very special place.

Over the years I have volunteered for numerous community events, had the opportunity of serving on the TLIA Social Committee and currently work with the Grounds Committee as a Park Steward. This has given me the opportunity to work with a number of truly extraordinary individuals while getting to understand the needs of our community. Professionally, I have worked for the same company for 30 years in a variety of leadership positions. Despite changes in my industry's environment, I have remained loyal to my employer, which is a characteristic that I value. I have also been fortunate in becoming involved in my children's activities as they were growing up. I have been a volunteer coach for both the Barrington Youth Baseball and Park District Basketball leagues as well as a chaperone on several BHS Marching Band trips. I have also served as a Committee Member with BSA Troop 21 and have had the rewarding experience of helping many scouts achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

While living here, I have seen our community improve and grow stronger with each passing year. If I am chosen to serve on the board, I will dedicate my energy to helping continue our progress. I look forward to serving on your behalf.



#### **John Yancey**

John Yancey has been a Tower Lakes resident for almost 20 years and has served on the TLIA board for the last 12 years. As Grounds Chairman, he initiated the parks program that was carried out by the Parks Committee to upgrade all our parks. Most recently, he has organized the Stewards of the Parks program to unite volunteers to help maintain our parks.

He also works with the Grounds and Parks Committees to organize a spring and fall volunteer Clean-up day to carry out needed cleanup and special grounds projects for TLIA. The Clean-up days and the outdoor lunches following the clean-up have become a long standing tradition in Tower Lakes.

Yancey also works closely with the TLIA Lake Committee on all projects associated with the shore line and the recent Tower Lakes Rain Garden initiative. He is a member of the Village Tree Commission and works closely with the village arborist and the Village on the management of our urban forest.

A dentist with practices in Johnsburg and West Chicago, John and his wife, Karen, have three children who have grown up in Tower Lakes.

**TLIA BOARD**

**TLIA Annual Meeting. November 19, 2017  
(Sunday) 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Wauconda American Legion Hall - 515 S. Main Street - Wauconda, IL 60084**

## NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA



Choices come and choices go; we make them everyday. And every year at this time, we have to review where we are and how far do we want to go to progress TLIA toward a better place. Over the last three years, we have improved our accounting and financial transparency, but not enough. We have moved our committee structure forward and made great strides in communication, the condition of the lake and executed incredible events. But there is always more to do.

The annual meeting is approaching, and as an association, we have several decision to make and changes to review for 2018. First, as always, is the make-up of our board. There is a real opportunity to choose between some very qualified candidates.

Each of the candidates have written, their own words, about their qualifications and desire to serve TLIA. This is a perfect method and forum to help you understand their commitment. Each one can and will add real value and wisdom to their role and I know our community will be better with their service.

***The ballot issues we are facing range from a no-brainer to one that will challenge our consideration and fiscal awareness.***

First, we as a board took the reins, as we are allowed to do, and made the decision to revise our bylaws to read as "gender neutral." This was the right thing to do in a modern day book of rules. In every instance, each reference to a job or position within TLIA will be referred to in a gender neutral way.

### **The other issues require membership approval.**

**Amendment #1** involves the naming of our committees to reflect their popular and common names allowing them to fit more accurately their roles in TLIA. We are asking for an official change of "Social" Committee to "Events" Committee; and "Public Relations" to "Communications." I see these as easy choices and look forward to your support and approval.

**Amendment #2 & #3** comes about as a reflection of our operating costs and need to move in a timely manner to take advantage of every opportunity of our seasonal spending and every potential for cost savings.

In #2, the board is asking to increase the capital spending restriction of \$5,000 on any single project to \$10,000 before we are required to seek membership approval. We believe it only makes sense that when we want to activate a project and have the opportunity to save time and money, that our membership trusts us to take all the advantages we can and not be required to wait for an annual meeting and a membership vote to make the best decision. A "yes" vote on this amendment will allow us to become more flexible and cost efficient in managing your money.

**Amendment #3** will allow the board to operate easier and more efficiently in paying bills by changing the rule on counter signature requirement on checks. We are requesting that a counter signature not be required on checks of less than \$500. Today, two signatures are required on every check starting at \$250. In today's economy and costs being what they are, it seems to make sense moving forward.

**Amendment #4** delves a bit deeper into our final stage of financial restructure. The board is proposing that we change our fiscal year from November 1 start to a January 1 start. This change has several advantages and no disadvantages (as we see it). First, it makes common sense and will present our year in the format we understand: January to December. Second, it will become obvious when our dues are to be paid and for what year they will apply. It eases our billing and collections and will make our accounting year and tax year match.

The transformation will require that our first year become a 14 month year: November 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018. The dues will reflect a higher amount but not a higher annual rate. Each invoice, which will be sent out January 1, 2018, will show an additional pro-rated two months, November and December 2017 and the annual January 1-December 31, 2018. You'll not be paying any more, just making the transition to a January to December year.

The sample ballot goes into detail and I urge you to read it and understand our rationale to vote for its approval.

**The final vote** is a repeat approval of the property transfer we approved last year. Due to technicalities in process, we must approve a transaction between the association and the village. Last year, we approved the same transaction between the association and the home owner. It is a forward looking transaction providing access to the lake on the north shore.

At the meeting, I will detail these proposals for you, along with our reasoning, and the steps that have lead to our proposals. For the moment, please read the sample ballot and ponder your decisions. The board has endorsed each of these for approval and we hope you will as well.

**I hope to see you all on November 19 for the meeting.**



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

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



**THE AUGUST 2017 TLIA BOARD MEETING MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED AS THERE WAS NOT A QUORUM TO APPROVE THEM. LOOK FOR THEM NEXT MONTH AND ONLINE**

**TLIA BOARD**

**Next Meeting:  
October 9, 2017  
7:00 pm**

**TLIA BOARD**

**Tower Lakes Village Hall**  
All recent meeting minutes are archived on the [TLIA.org](http://www.tlia.org) website.

# Wings Over Tower Lakes

Contributed by Jen Grey

To give an aerial view of the lake, Tim Paczynski shot photos with Theo Matlin, his best friend, now a Member and Lineman at Stick & Rudder Flying Club in Waukegan. They stepped up to book the Cessna 172 (Lycoming IO-360 engine). Theo is working on hours needed to become a Commercial Airline Pilot, while Tim is majoring in Film Studies at the University of Quebec. It was quite an adventure. They had to fly IS really low, fast and sidewise in an effort to get great pictures before the thunderstorm storm set in that night - at speeds up to 170 mph with the tailwind! Tim pointed out, "We made 2 passes around Tower Lakes to get overviews and details of the lily pad and algae growth. Flying around the clouds was a challenge! And seeing all the houses, my house, the beach, all from a new angles was kinda cool! Tower Lakes is really beautiful from up there! There were a lotta weeds, and not always where you'd most expect them. Obviously we gotta get rid of some... but save enough for the fish to survive! Eco ethics is important to our community! I'm all for that!" The lads worked fast and efficiently to beat the storm, all pro bono. In fact, they had to land at the airstrip in Madison (where they got dinner afterwards), to let the storm pass before returning home.

The photos will be used by the Lake Committee to help identify areas that need to be treated and we thank Tim and Theo for their efforts.



Aerial photos courtesy of Tim Paczynski



## ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

MONDAY - FRIDAY

7:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Cuba Township Office

28000 W. Cuba Road

Barrington, IL 60010



See [cubaroads.com](http://cubaroads.com) for a list of items which can be recycled.

*Tower Lakes Garden Club Meeting  
"Preserving the Harvest"*

*Presented by guest speaker Diane Klein*

*Learn about preserving jams, jellies, & preserves.*

*Wednesday, October 18, 7:00 pm*

*at the home of Susie Dehnert*

*27035 Robin Road*

*Please bring an appetizer, dessert, or wine.*

*RSVP to [towerlakesgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:towerlakesgardenclub@gmail.com)*



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**LEAF BURNING  
ALLOWED  
OCTOBER 1 -  
DECEMBER 15**

**BRUSH PICKUP  
WEEK OF OCTOBER 17  
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6**

**Only minor trimming and  
storm cleanup. No stumps,  
root balls or logs larger than  
8" in diameter.**

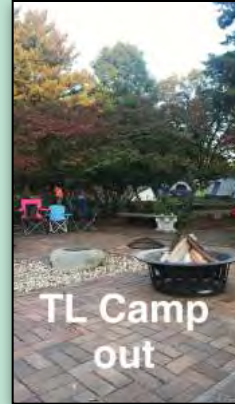
**FREE  
FIREWOOD  
PICKUP**

**OCTOBER 20, 2017 -  
MARCH 16, 2018  
7:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

**Only available to Cuba  
Township residents**

**See [cubaroads.com](http://cubaroads.com)  
for more details and  
exact dates.**

# TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE



**Campout coordinated by:**  
**Paula Ermilio, Carla  
 Arzate, Elizabeth Kruse,  
 Lisa Vraniak, Amy  
 Regan, Carrie  
 Thompson, Jackie Aprati**



## Tower Lakes Play Date

*Playing in Style!*

*Contributed by Shaun Kildare*

The newly formed Tower Lakes Play Group had its first play date at The Treehouse in Lake Zurich in September. We would like to thank the Banaszaks, Todd-Middleditches, and Clarks for coming out. The kids all seemed to have a great time (especially on the slide)! We look forward to next month's get together. A new survey to find a good October date and location should be distributed soon.

For those interested in the playgroup, please email me at [shaunkildare@hotmail.com](mailto:shaunkildare@hotmail.com). We plan to meet at least once a month on a M/W/F in the mornings around 10 to noon. (This is based on a survey of respondents).



## Getting to know your neighbor....

### Anne Hay

## Volunteering gives sense of purpose, self-worth

*Re-printed with permission from the Daily Herald*

In mid-July, Anne Hay walked into a muddy, mosquito-filled preserve in Barrington Hills to meet a potential Eagle Scout. The two discussed the restoration of an old fence that runs along the corridor of the property. The Scout, keen on the project, left to figure out pricing and planning. Both wisely decided that the project would need to wait until the fall when the bugs died down.

In the next few days, Hay will meet or talk with two other Boy Scouts and one Girl Scout about their various outdoor projects. She is the Eagle Scout coordinator for the Barrington Area Conservation Trust.

The role consists of introducing Scouts to projects and offering help and advice along the way. When the project is finished, she reviews it and signs off.

By the time the project is reaching the end, Hay said, she "is very invested in the kids and what they're doing. I enjoy seeing the results of all their hard work."

Read the full story at [dailyherald.com](http://dailyherald.com).



# IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BOAT OWNERS....

## **DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15**

All boats must be removed from the boat landings and brought home for winter storage so the Grounds Committee can clean each landing.

## **DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1**

All boats remaining at a boat landing will be auctioned off or scrapped at TLIA discretion so we can keep the area clean in preparation for next year.

Contact [memberservices@tlia.org](mailto:memberservices@tlia.org) for questions or concerns.

**TLIA**

# Welcome Tower Lakes Neighbors

Contributed by Mary Beth Adams

**Yuval and Lori Trachtenberg**  
25284 Edward Lane



The Trachtenberg Family moved to Tower Lakes from Schaumburg with their three children, Michael age 8, Noah age 6, and Maya age 21 months, along with Lori's parents, Ben and Deb. Yuval is Vice President of an academic tutoring company that helps high school students prepare for college entrance exams and acquire scholarships. Lori is a stay at home mom. The family loves to travel, walk, visit parks and play sports. Welcome all!

## Tower Lakes kids raise over \$120 selling lemonade for Hurricane Harvey Relief

From left - Annie Aprati, Anthony Ermilio, Lily Bruni, Andrew Dominiak, Joey Aprati & Luca Bruni.






Looking for a Red Cross certified babysitter so you can enjoy an evening out?


**Call Emily at 847-452-7242**

### Let's Connect...



We've had a lot of new folks who have moved in to Tower Lakes this summer. For those who are new or who need to update any contact information, here's how:

- Update your info for the directory with this simple form: [Fill out this simple form](#)
- Download the app [here](#) from your iPhone or Android phone
  - one-time password to access app is: **duckisland**
  - Recent New Feature: The Youth Committee just added a great list of TL babysitters with full contact info that can be accessed in *Handy Numbers* section.



### When it comes to your to-do list, put your future first.

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# TREE ON PLAY ISLAND COMES DOWN



This summer our community lost an old friend, the American Elm tree on Play Island by the beach. For over 60 years, this graceful tree has provided shade and beauty to this island, but even with yearly preventative care and its isolated location, it could not escape Dutch elm disease.

Since its introduction to US in the 1950's, Dutch elm disease has devastated the American Elm populations of urban forests and wood lots across North America. The disease is transmitted by a beetle, which carries a fungus that attacks the tree's vascular system rendering the tree unable to use water and nutrients and the tree dies quickly.

In September, we removed the old tree and the stump, creating a large void on the island and for our community. Plans are in the works to plant another tree in the spring to replace it.

## TLIA GROUNDS AND PARKS UPDATE

*Contributed by:*

**John Yancey, TLIA Grounds and Parks**  
**Rick Steffen, Village Tree Commission**



The stately Burr Oak on Rest Island is another tree of great value to our community, which is provided yearly preventative care. TLIA Grounds and the Village provide tree care to all the

mature oak trees in our parks and village right away on a regular basis.

TLIA Grounds and Parks and the Village Tree Commission work closely together to manage and maintain our beautiful urban forest in Tower Lakes.

To get more involved or for more information concerning tree care on your own property or in the community, residents are welcomed to contact The Village Tree Commission or TLIA Grounds and Parks. Note the links below provided by the Morton Arboretum with valuable information on the care of trees.

**For more information on dutch elm disease, visit these sites:**

**From Morton Arboretum -**

<http://www.mortonarb.org/trees-plants/tree-and-plant-advice/help-diseases/dutch-elm-disease>

**From US Forest Service -** <https://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/ded/>

[https://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/howtos/ht\\_ded/ht\\_ded.htm](https://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/howtos/ht_ded/ht_ded.htm)

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[https://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/howtos/ht\\_ded/cycle\\_lg.htm](https://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/howtos/ht_ded/cycle_lg.htm)

**For more information on the care of oak trees, visit these sites:**

**From US Forest Service -**

<https://www.na.fs.fed.us/pubs/howtos/HowToRecognizeCommonDiseasesOaks.pdf>

[https://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/pest\\_al/sodeast/sodeast.htm](https://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/pest_al/sodeast/sodeast.htm)

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<https://www.na.fs.fed.us/nanews/nastories/News-Release-Oak-Disease-ID-FINAL-042215.pdf>

[https://www.na.fs.fed.us/pubs/palerts/bur\\_oak\\_blight/bob\\_print.pdf](https://www.na.fs.fed.us/pubs/palerts/bur_oak_blight/bob_print.pdf)

TLIA FALL  
CLEANUP DAY

November

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Saturday

MEET AT BEACH  
PARKING LOT  
8:00 am

TLIA GROUNDS

TLIA GROUNDS

# Halloween Safety

*Contributed by Tower Lakes Police Chief Sinacore*

## CHILD SUPERVISION

- Do not allow a child to go Trick or Treating alone.
- Be sure older children TAKE A FRIEND and an ADULT accompanies young children.
- Be certain to accompany young children to the door of every house they approach.
- Be certain that parents are familiar with every house and all people from which the children receive treats.
- Children should be cautioned that they should NOT enter any home without prior permission from their parents.
- Children should be cautioned not to approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless they know the owner and are accompanied by a parent.

## COSTUMES

- Make sure that all children carry a glow stick or wear reflective clothing.
- When using facial masks, make sure that children can see and breathe properly and easily.
- All costumes and masks should be clearly marked as flame resistant.

## SAFETY

- Children should be warned to NEVER approach any house that is not well lit and does not have a porch outside light on.
- Children should be cautioned to remember any suspicious incidents and report them to their parents and/or the proper official.
- Children should be cautioned to run away from people who try to trick them with special treats.
- Children should be instructed to scream and make a scene if anyone tries to grab them or force them, in any way, to go with them.

## TREATS

- Parents should inspect all treats and dispose of anything that seems to have been tampered with, has been opened, or is not wrapped.

**HAVE A FUN AND  
SAFE  
HALLOWEEN!**



## Halloween Pizza Party

Soccer Field

Tuesday, October 31

4:00 - 5:00 pm - pizza party

5:00 - 7:30 pm - TL trick-or-treating

### New this Year!

#### Costume Contest:

Gift cards will be awarded to the scariest costume, funniest costume, most creative costume, and the best family costume.

#### Pumpkin Carving Contest:

Click [here](#) to enter the pumpkin contest. Winner will be announced at the Pizza Party!

### 3rd Annual

#### "TRUNK or TREAT"

For those of you that don't get many trick-or-treaters on your doorstep, we welcome you to join us at the Soccer Field and hand out candy from your car trunk!

Don't be a Jack-o-Lantern!  
Come to the Party!

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE



A good alternative to Trick or Treating is for parents to organize parties at home, in schools, or in community centers.

## Your Special Neighbor: Gems of Nature Just Around the Corner

Contributed by Patty Barten

Did you know that Tower Lakes is bordered by three special conservation areas which are designated as Illinois Nature Preserves? Wagner Fen and Tower Lakes Fen, on the south west, and Farm Trails North, on the west, are three of the 29 total Nature Preserves in Lake County.

The designation of Illinois Nature Preserve is granted in recognition of the presence of the variety of rare native plants, importance as a high quality natural area, and habitat of endangered and threatened species. A fen is a type of wetland in which water percolates through sediments in the surrounding land and feeds the wetland with mineral-rich groundwater. Fens are usually alkaline and support specialized flora. These three Preserves are important for water quality and recharging the aquifers that support Tower Lakes residents.



Photo courtesy of Donna Bolzman



Photo courtesy of Stephen Barten, DVM

Farm Trails North, 20 acres, is owned and maintained by Citizens for Conservation (CFC). Wagner Fen, 90 acres, is owned and maintained by CFC and Lake County Forest Preserve District (LCFPD). Tower Lakes Fen, 10 acres, is owned by TLIA.

Preserves and their ecosystems need the help of people to remain healthy. Controlling invasive plants through maintenance and restoration of natural plant communities is important for nature to thrive and deliver its value to local residents. Local CFC and LCFPD volunteers work to remove invasive plants and insects to support native plants. These volunteer efforts are important in helping the land support beneficial plants, birds, and animals as well as filter water.

As example, a survey of Wagner Fen made in the late 2000's found more than a hundred native species, including orchids, rose pagonia, slender bog arrow grass, ferns, and rare bedstraw. There are native yellow and pink loosestrife plants (*Lysimachia quadrifolia* and *Lytbrum alatum*), closed gentian, many varieties of aster, as well as the more common wet-area plants. The false asphodel, grass pink, beaked spike rush, and bog bedstraw are designated state-threatened species.

Water percolates through the sediments from surrounding subdivisions, and Wagner Fen filters it before it runs into the Fox River. Unfortunately, it has been invaded by many of the non-native plants that have become all too common in our area. Years ago CFC released loosestrife beetles to attack the purple loosestrife. While the beetles did not totally eliminate this invasive, they have kept it under control.

Many CFC workdays have been spent cutting and herbiciding buckthorn, but there is still much to be done. LCFPD has also made a major effort to clear buckthorn and giant reed Phragmites.

Some Tower Lakes residents remember the day a decade ago when a nearby resident started a fire that accidentally burned much of the fen. The dried cattails provided fuel for a wildfire that darkened the sky and brought out firefighters from many companies. The fire was beneficial to the fen plants such as the meadow rue flower, which was abundant that summer. CFC would like to have controlled burns at Wagner Fen, but the effort required to avoid a repeat of the wildfire is too great to do them regularly.

Wagner Fen has plants few of us have seen elsewhere in the wild, such as turtlehead and Kalm's lobelia. Even without seeing these rarities, one can appreciate the fen's functions filtering and cleaning water before it enters the Fox River. Just as important is its provision of superior habitat for rare plants and wildlife.



Photo courtesy of Shutterstock



Photo courtesy of Donna Bolzman



Photo courtesy of Stephen Barten, DVM

Citizens for  
Conservation

To learn more or volunteer,  
contact Citizens for Conservation

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Barrington, Illinois 60010  
Phone/fax: (847) 382-SAVE  
eMail: [cfc@citizensforconservation.org](mailto:cfc@citizensforconservation.org)

Adapted from and for more information:

**Citizens for Conservation:**

[www.citizensforconservation.org/](http://www.citizensforconservation.org/)

**Lake Co. Forest Preserve Dist.:**

[www.lcfdpd.org/](http://www.lcfdpd.org/)

**Farm Trails North Info:**

[www.dnr.illinois.gov/INPC/Pages/Area2LakeFarmTrailsNorth.aspx](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/INPC/Pages/Area2LakeFarmTrailsNorth.aspx)

**Wagner Fen Info:**

[www.dnr.illinois.gov/INPC/Pages/Area2LakeWagnerFen.aspx](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/INPC/Pages/Area2LakeWagnerFen.aspx)

# Rain Garden Update

Contributed by Andy Hay

Hi neighbors:

During the summer we have been watching and occasionally watering the rain garden. After the record breaking rains of June and July we did lose a few of the plants. Some of the coneflowers in particular, succumbed to being flooded so many times and effectively drowned. I know some of the plants in our personal rain garden suffered a similar fate. ENCAP, our environmental engineering partner, will be out in the fall to replace them, and at the same time will be re-grading some of the park which is still too rough to safely play on, and altering the slope of the ground below the spillway to sand volleyball court. After that we will be essentially mowing the plants down, and then During the summer, even though the plants butterflies, hummingbirds, bees and other earlier than expected.

During the summer also we have been busy claim for reimbursement with IL EPA, which back. This was a milestone, and a very fortunately for us, the State of Illinois finally to do "business as normal." I was both check for almost \$40,000 back from the construction costs completely. We also Lake County Grant, which was awarded for heard that it has been approved for payment read this, a second claim will have been the costs of the plants. If successful, that will have paid less than \$5,000 over the last two supported of course, by all of the volunteer of you have so generously given your time to. short summary of the year's events, during the year that meeting (the educational the rain garden presentation. Lastly we have Schumm to construct another Lake County their support again as we move towards phase



direct any future overflow away from the ready for the winter preparation which is the garden will be dormant until spring. are immature, we have seen monarch birds and insects in the garden, which is

with paperwork. We filed the second quarter included our first time claiming actual money complex process. During the same time, set a budget and the agencies were released delighted and relieved when we received a EPA, which allows us to cover our finalized our report back to close out the \$10,000 back in Jan of 2016, I have just and has gone to processing. By the time you submitted to IL EPA, which will cover all of mean that the Village and TLIA each will years, total budget. A great investment, hours and attendance at meetings that many With that in mind I will be presenting a TLIA annual meeting on November 19. Last update) alone contributed almost \$500 for been working with our consultant Nancy grant request. Hopefully we can count on 2 and 3 of the project in 2018.

One more thing, I notice as I walk around the village some more homes that have received their Certified Eco-Friendly Landscape sign. Congrats to those who are stepping up and taking strides to move their gardens in this direction, proving that native plants and environmentally friendly landscapes can be attractive to the wildlife and beautiful to look at.

**If you want to learn more check out <http://www.bactrust.org/> or ask any of the neighbors who have the signs in their gardens. Thanks everyone for your ongoing support, and hope to see you all on November 19 at the annual meeting.**

## Drug Awareness

### Starts at Home

Last month, the Tower Lakes Police Department hosted a seminar on drug awareness. Chief Sam Sinacore and TLPD employees, Commander Francis Marrocco (retired FBI) and Social Services Specialist Kathy Deka presented types and properties of opioids. Many times, drug addiction starts with pain medication after a sports injury. From there, it's a slippery slope to meth and heroine, which is the biggest problem in high schools today because of the cost and availability. Education, in the schools and homes, on the dangers and effects of drugs is a must to prevent and curb drug usage.

**Look for more seminars from the TLPD in the future.**



**Chili Cook Off  
&  
Tasting Event  
Saturday, October 14  
(Rest Island)**

**Registration 5:30pm – 6:00pm  
Chili tasting 6:00pm – 10:00pm  
Magician/Juggler 6:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Prizes to be awarded for:  
Best Name - Best Carne - Best Vegetarian - People's Choice**

# Shredding Party - Sept. 16

*"It was so freeing to get rid of all those old bills."* TL resident

## TLIA COMMUNICATIONS



# Music in the Park - Sept. 16



*Contributed by: Mary Beth Adams*

You couldn't ask for a more perfect night under the stars at Barsumian Park listening to great music and dining with friends. Special thanks to Bob Nash and his group, The Hix, who rocked the park. Also, thank you to the Barrington High School Orchestral Trio who played during breaks. A special thanks to the Soto family for the use of their electricity.

The Handley Family won a Za Za's gift certificate for the most creative table display at the event. Congratulations!



Music in the Park was coordinated by: Mary Beth and Nick Adams, Janet and David Blake, Kristi and Bob Nash.

Thank you!



## Carp Beware! Young anglers making a difference

*Contributed by Eric Torstenson*

On the behalf of our lake and as a community that cherishes the lake, a debt of gratitude is owed to a certain few young gentlemen in our community -- particularly to Bryan & Gabe Galovich. Upon their vigilant efforts this summer and angling prowess they have bettered Tower Lake's ecosystem - free of charge!

Twins Bryan and Gabe, who at just 10 years of age, took it upon themselves in June to set out on a mission to aid in culling one of Tower Lakes' most historical invasive species, the "common carp."

Equipped with only their fishing poles, hooks baited with either blueberries, grapes, mulberries or corn, and their nets, the dynamic duo set out to achieve their mission goal, "to catch as many carp as we can!!!" They used their proficiency in angling, along with perseverance and sheer muscle at times, to catch and remove over **60** common carp from Tower Lake!! Some of which were 30 pounds, too heavy or long for their net, but not for their determination.

Along with Zac & Quinn Rowley, Anthony & Vince Ermilio and a couple other young anglers, an additional 20 common carp were deducted. Ensuing, a grand total of **80** common carp were taken out of the lake this summer!

These residents all demonstrated how fishing for carp is an extremely viable option! The initial investment cost of a rod and line/reel are minimal. Common food items are bait, time is what one wants, fishing can be done from shore or watercraft -

with friends, family or solo. The pictures of Bryan, Gabe, Quinn, Anthony and Vince show how FUN the reward can be in helping reduce carp numbers in our lake!

So please, if you happen to see these young residents, thank them for being stewards of Tower Lake. Hopefully their actions serve as role models, for our residents to continue in helping diminish common carp from our lake's ecosystem.

Thank you, Steve Galovich, for being a very supportive father and helping your boys with disposing of the carp in the proper manner that our committee advocates. Which is -

**\*\*\*Double bagging them and putting them in your garbage cans\*\*\***

(Next year Steve might have to look into a dumpster if his boys try to trump their outstanding achievement of 2017!!)



### Common carp, as many residents know, can be very detrimental to shallow lakes because:

1. As bottom feeders, they "root" along the bottom of a lake searching for food - releasing phosphorus from the lake floor, which in turn increases algae abundance.
2. Uprooting of lake vegetation occurs as carp suck in mud and other matter, to filter out the nutrients, spitting the refuse out
3. Turbidity (muddiness) of water from carp increases, which in turn reduces the ability of other fish species to see their prey.
4. The amount of sunlight received by plants also decreases due to turbidity, reducing their growth or not enabling new growth.
5. Common carp can quickly crowd out other fish, due to being prodigious reproducers, coupled with their fry (minnows at their smallest stage) can grow up to eight inches in the first year.

Information courtesy of [nps.gov](http://nps.gov)

# First Day of School! 2017



# Are your kids safe? Car-seat safety tips

Contributed by Shaun Kildare

School is officially back in session. Please make sure the little ones are in the correct car seat, the seats are installed correctly, and the child is buckled in snugly and securely. Fifty-nine percent of all car seats have at least one misuse which reduces the protection offered by the seat in the case of a crash. This is not because parents don't care, but mostly because, simply put, the process is confusing. I took a week long course to get certified to install seats and it still takes several tries to get it right sometimes depending on the seat and vehicle. We all want the best for our children, but the numbers indicate why we must do better. In 2015 (latest year for which data is available) 3 children were killed and nearly 500 were injured in traffic crashes every day. When used properly, child seats reduce fatal injury by 71% for infants and 54% for toddlers, and using a booster seat

with a seatbelt instead of just a belt can reduce the risk of injury by 59%.

The Federal agency in charge of vehicle safety, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), their website at [www.safercar.gov/parents](http://www.safercar.gov/parents) has a lot of useful information. If you are having questions about your car seat installation, many police stations and local hospitals have a certified technician who can help. For quick reference, here is a handy chart from NHTSA, and the following is the address of a car seat selector by age, weight, and height. <https://www.safercar.gov/cpsApp/crs/index.htm>.



Note: Child car seats have expiration dates to help ensure you are using a safe seat. Check the manufacturer for details.

And remember, as the temperature starts to drop, take off your child's jacket or coat before buckling them in so that the straps are close to your child's body and can do their job in the event of a crash. Consider putting blankets in the car the children can use over the buckles / belts.

## 2017 Annual Meeting - Special Section

Sunday, November 19, 2017 4:00 PM

American Legion Hall - 515 S. Main St. - Wauconda, IL 60084

The TLIA Board requests your presence at the 2017 TLIA Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 4:00 PM. At the meeting, you will hear a recap of activities and accomplishments of the Association from the past year. The Board and committees will also present plans to move TLIA forward into 2018.

A QUORUM IS MANDATED BY THE STATE TO CERTIFY THE  
ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS.

**PLEASE ATTEND THE MEETING.**

**YOUR PROXY VOTE DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD A MEETING QUORUM.**

TOPICS ON THE AGENDA:

Ballot Issues for Members:

- Presentation of 2018 budget and dues
- Election of 2018 Board of Governors
- Bylaw Amendments
- Property Transfer Ballot Issue
- TLIA committee reports and plans

LAKE - COMMUNICATIONS - EVENTS - TENNIS - GROUNDS  
GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION - YOUTH - BEACH - MEMBER SERVICES

**\*\*\*SAMPLE\*\*\* TLIA Proxy Ballot**  
 Tower Lakes Improvement Association Annual Meeting  
 Sunday, November 19, 2017

Voter #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voter #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tower Lakes, IL 60010  
 Email address \_\_\_\_\_

*The above mentioned Property Owner, being a Member-in-Good-Standing of the Tower Lakes Improvement Association (hereafter known as the "Association"), does hereby constitute and appoint Randy Young, President of the Board of Directors and the current Board of Directors with full power of substitution to attend the Special Meeting of the homeowners of the Association on November 19, 2017 including any adjournments thereof, in the name, place and stead of the undersigned; to represent and to vote, as designated below, all of the votes of the named member at the 2017 TLIA Annual Meeting.*

**Voter 1                  Voter 2**

Office	Candidate	Voter 1		Voter 2	
		YES	NO	YES	NO
<b>Vice President</b>	Steve Burgoon				
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Vote for 1				
	Jane Cook				
	Tyler Sandberg				
	Fran Steffen				
<b>Member-at-Large</b>	Vote for 2				
	Jack Breen				
	Kevin Middleditch				
	John Yancey				

Voting by proxy does not count in the quorum for the meeting. You must be present at the meeting to be counted in the required quorum.

**Voter 1                  Voter 2**

Ballot Issues - <i>Please review the attached Bylaw Amendments.</i>	Voter 1		Voter 2	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
Amendment #1 - Committee Name Changes				
Amendment #2 - Capital Spending Limit				
Amendment #3 - Check Signing Authority Limit				
Amendment #4 - Fiscal Year Change				
Voting proposition #5 - Property Transfer				

## **Ballot Information for TLIA Annual Meeting**

### **The 2017 TLIA Board Candidates for Election**

*You can read their bios and information on page 1 & 2 of the Newsletter*

**Steve Burgoon** – Vice President

**Jane Cook** - Financial Secretary - **Tyler Sandberg** - Financial Secretary. - **Fran Steffen** - Financial Secretary

**Jack Breen** - Member-at-Large - **Kevin Middleditch** - Member-at-Large - **John Yancey** - Member-at-Large

## **VOTING ISSUES FOR 2017 - AMENDMENTS TO THE TLIA BYLAWS**

### **Amendment #1: Committee Name Changes**

#### **Rationale:**

Over the last few years, TLIA Committees have gone through a series of changes and modernization. In doing so they have changed their names to better reflect their purpose, scope, and activities. In order to properly reflect these common changes, the TLIA Board supports the concept of amending the bylaws to better represent the committees' commonly used names.

Change portion is ~~strikethrough~~ - the recommended amendment is *red*.

**Request:** The Board of Directors of TLIA requests membership approval to amend the bylaws of the Association;

#### **Article VIII**

Section 8: ~~Public Relations~~ *Communications* Committee. It shall keep the Board of Governors and the membership of the Association informed of matters pertaining to the public interest. This committee shall be responsible for welcoming new members of the Association and acquainting them with the Rules, Regulations and Government of the Community. It shall be responsible for the monthly publication of the "Tower Lakes Improvement Association Newsletter" and an annual resident directory. One member of this Committee shall be appointed "Communications Officer" and will be responsible for all forms of external communication. The Chairman shall submit a written report covering the year's activities to the Annual Meeting.

Section 9: ~~Social~~ *Events* Committee. The function of the ~~Social~~ *Events* Committee shall be to organize and direct a varied program of community social activities for both adults and children and including, but not limited to, dances, dinner parties, bridge marathons, Fourth of July celebrations and children's parties. The Chairman shall submit a written report covering the year's activities to the Annual Meeting.

### **Amendment #2: TLIA Board Capital Spending Limit**

#### **Rationale:**

The times and economic conditions have changed over the years, and the Association has been limited by the current spending limit in the bylaws. The current spending limit of the Board is \$5,000 on any one project or capital improvement. If a project or activity requires a higher appropriation, the Board must seek membership approval at the Annual Meeting. The \$5,000 spending limit has become too onerous in today's economic environment, and the Board seeks to raise that limit to \$10,000 before they must seek membership approval.

Approval of a higher limit will allow more flexibility and faster action in addressing Association needs. It will create a more efficient operating environment and allow immediate action to address immediate needs.

Change portion is ~~strikethrough~~ - the recommended amendment is *red*.

#### **Request:**

The Board of Directors of TLIA requests membership approval to amend the bylaws of the Association to read;

#### **Article XII**

**Sec: 2 sub(b) 2b:** Expenditures from the Capital Fund shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Governors; provided however, that expenditures for any one project from the Capital Fund for additions, improvements and alterations to the community Areas which exceed ~~\$5,000~~ *\$10,000* shall require approval of a majority of the Association Members voting at a meeting of the Association wherein the written notice of such meeting shall have set forth the amount and purpose of the proposed expenditure.

### **Amendment #3: Check Signing Authority Limit**

#### **Rationale:**

The current bylaws require a co-signature for all checks over \$250. In today's economic environment we find ourselves writing more and more checks requiring co-signatures. This requires extra time in check preparation, and because of people's schedules, it could cause a delay in check delivery. An increase in this limit will be an organizational improvement and an efficient change in our bill paying process.

Change portion is ~~strikethrough~~ - the recommended amendment is *red*.

**Request:**

The Board of Directors of TLIA requests membership approval to amend the bylaws of the Association;

**Article XIII FINANCES**

**Section 1:** Authorization to prepare checks shall be made by signature of committee chairman or officer and counter-signed by an officer not authorizing the check. No money of the Association shall be paid out except by check *or any other Board authorized electronic funds transfer*. Checks for amounts greater than ~~\$250.00~~ *\$500.00* shall be signed by any two of the following: Treasurer, President, Vice President, and one member at large designated by the Board as an authorized signature. *If authorized payments are to be made by electronic funds transfer, an memo of approval signed by one of the above noted Board members must authorize the payment and be noted in the associations books.*

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**Amendment #4: Fiscal Year Change**

**Rationale:**

The Association currently operates on a fiscal year calendar of November 1 - October 31, crossing over the calendar year. As a part of its financial reorganization, the Board seeks approval to shift the fiscal year to match the calendar year. This has several advantages for the membership and the Board.

- It eliminates confusion over billing and due dates for the membership
- It is easier to understand and creates common billing dates to match calendar years
- It eliminates any confusion encountered by members over billing years and periods of membership
- It will ease fiscal confusion and facilitate clear dues collection time periods
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**Method of change:**

FY 18 begins Nov. 1 2017 and ends Dec. 31, 2018. This adds 2 months to FY18

I. The Association will

- A. Invoice a fourteen (14) months for FY18 based on the current dues structure of \$700 per year
  1. twelve (12) months at \$700 dues and lake SA
  2. The additional two (2) months pro rated
    - a) Regular Dues: \$83.00
    - b) Lake SA: \$33
    - c) Total for the two months \$117
    - d) Senior Dues: \$67.00
    - e) Lake SA: \$33
    - f) Senior total for the two months \$100

This is not a dues increase but rather a prorated dues amount for the additional months to complete the year.

Change portion is ~~strikethrough~~ the recommended amendment is *red*.

**Request:**

The Board of Directors of TLIA requests membership approval to amend the following sections of the bylaws of the Association pertaining to fiscal year and annual meetings;

**Article IX MEETINGS**

**Section 2:** An Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held within the first ~~two (2)~~ *Three (3)* weeks of ~~November~~ *January*. Written notice of each meeting of the Association shall be sent to each member by the Secretary not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. The date of such meeting may be advanced or postponed by the Board of Governors for a period not to exceed two (2) weeks. If a regular Annual Meeting shall be rescheduled, then notice of such rescheduled meeting shall be sent to each Member not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting

**Article XII ASSESSMENTS, DUES AND SERICE CHARGES**

**Sec. 2:** Annual dues on residential parcels for each Fiscal year shall be assessed in a uniform amount for all residential parcels. Annual dues on each vacant parcel shall be assessed in a uniform amount equal to one half the amount fixed as the assessment on each residential parcel. Annual dues on each parcel, wherein at least one (1) of the owners is a resident in the property and *is turning 65 or* over 65 years of age ~~on November 1st of~~ *during the* current Tower Lakes Improvement Association *fiscal* year, shall be assessed at eighty percent (80%) of the amount fixed as the assessment on each residential parcel. If required by the Board, proof of age must be provided in the form of government identification or a suitable attestation.

**Sec. 3:** The fiscal year shall end on ~~October 31st~~. *December 31*. The annual assessment shall be *invoiced to the homeowner of record on January 1 and* due ~~December 1~~ *April 1* and if not paid by ~~March 1~~ *April 1* a \$100 late charge will automatically be imposed. The lien for assessments as herein provided, and any fees, fines, interest, late charges or penalties levied in connection with unpaid assessments, shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage (or equivalent security interest) on any Lot, provided that such subordination shall apply only to assessments provided for herein which have become due and payable prior the time a sale or transfer of such property by foreclosure the lien of the first mortgage against such Lot has occurred any other transfer in lieu of foreclosure as so certified by the transferor. Such sale or transfer shall not relieve such property and the transferee from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due, nor from the lien of any such subsequent assessment.

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**Voting Proposition #5**  
**Property Transfer at 703 N. Lake Shore Drive**

**Rationale:**

At the 2016 meeting the membership voted in favor of the following action:

*Currently there is a TLIA boat landing adjacent to the property located at 703. N. Lake Shore Drive. The access to this landing currently bisects the homeowners' property. This land swap, as detailed in the prepared deeds, provides for a swap of TLIA property with the homeowners' property to allow for a clear delineated access right-of-way to the TLIA boat landing. The new access right-of-way will lie adjacent to the new north property line of 703 N. Lake Shore Drive and between the two properties, 703 and 117 North Lake Shore Drive. The property deeds have been prepared and presented by counsel approved by the homeowner and the TLIA Board. It is an equal area of land being swapped and there are no monies to be exchanged.*

As it turned out, the property was controlled by the Village of Tower Lakes which caused the swap to TLIA to become invalid. The Village plans to vacate (donate) their strip of land to TLIA. This will enable the land swap previously negotiated between the homeowner and the TLIA to then take place as previously envisioned. The Board recommends approval of this request.

**Request:**

The Board of Directors of TLIA, per the bylaws Article VII Sec. 5(f) requests membership approval to accept the donation of the property (a 6 foot strip of land adjacent to 117 North Lake Shore Dr) from the Village of Tower Lakes, once the the Village of Tower Lakes has acquired the title to a 6 foot strip of land adjacent to 117 North Lake Shore Dr from the homeowner.

**ALL BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN**

***November 13, 2017***

TLIA

P.O. Box 405

Barrington, IL 60011-0405

or

**you may hand deliver to:**

**TOWER LAKES VILLAGE HALL - DROP BOX AT FRONT DOOR**

NO LATER THAN

***November 15, 2017***

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# Chili Cook Off & Tasting Event

Saturday, October 14 (Rest Island)

