

TLIA Newsletter

BIG TOPICS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

November 19, American Legion Hall, Wauconda at 4pm

The 2017 TLIA Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 4PM. The Association will gather at the American Legion Hall, 515 S. Main St., Wauconda. As with every year, the annual meeting is packed full of information, initiatives, and plans for the new fiscal year. It is a time for all the membership to gather and learn what the TLIA Board has accomplished in the past year and what they have planned for the year to come.

Meeting Agenda

Each of the standing committees are scheduled to present reports on last year's activities. In addition, the board members who manage budget items and committees will also present. The meeting should last about two hours if all goes well, including a Q/A session at the end.

Bylaw Revisions

Topping the agenda, along with the usual business items, is a package of bylaw amendments designed to streamline the association's business and a full slate of candidates for election to TLIA Board members. Those ballot issues were detailed in the October newsletter and are published once again in this newsletter (see p.14).

The bylaw amendments include name changes for committees, increasing board authority for check signing and capital appropriations, a correction to a ballot issue from last year that needs revision, and the most challenging amendment is the fourth one: changing the fiscal year to match the calendar year.

Fiscal Year Change

The Financial Committee endorsed this change a few months ago and presented it to the Board for approval and placement on the ballot. The Board wholeheartedly approved and adopted the change. The advantage is "clarity," according to the Financial Committee. The change will make it clear what year members are paying dues for and what year the money will be credited to. It simplifies both sides of the Association's P&L statement and increases the transparency the Board has been working toward for several years. The confusion of the fiscal year has been an issue for the membership and the Board has responded with the amendment to change.

2018 Budget

Additional notable items on the agenda for the meeting includes the FY18 budget. The FY18 budget was established by

the Board in September and was approved without a dues increase. The budget, once the amendment is approved, covers 14 months because the inclusion of two (2) months (November and December 2017) that serve as bridge months to the calendar year. The budget numbers for that bridge are pro-rated based on the 12 month year. The details are shown in the breakdown as a 12-month and 14-month construction. The most important thing to consider is that the budget was accomplished without a dues increase to FY18. The change,

from a strictly business and accounting perspective, will require the filing of two tax returns for the coming year. That will be accomplished through the new financial re-organization rules established in the last few months.

Candidates Elected

For the first time in a long time, several members are running for TLIA Board positions. It's a real election and there are choices to be made by the voters. The Nominations Committee did a great job of recruiting highly qualified candidates, all of whom will become assets on the Board and to the community.

Quorum Required

The largest hurdle always seems to be the reaching a quorum of the membership to attend the meeting. Please note that the meeting is scheduled for 4pm on November 19. The scheduled Bears game (noon) should be well over by the meeting start time, so all you Bears fans will be free to attend. The quorum is required to make the ballot official to revise the bylaws and seat new Board members. "A quorum is obtained by having 10% of membership households attend," said TLIA President Randy Young. That 10% equals at least one member from 36 households (in good standing) who register at the meeting. That seems like an easy number to reach; however, a few years ago a quorum was not reached and it stymied the Board workings for a year.

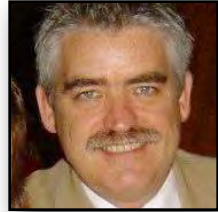
Remember that a proxy ballot, while important to the voting process, does not qualify as meeting attendance for the quorum. You may vote via proxy, but you must register in person for the meeting to reach a quorum.

And one last thing, the American Legion Hall will be open for the purchase of beverages! Looking forward to seeing you all in attendance.

TLIA Save the Date:
NOV. 19, 2017

**Attend the
2017 Annual
Meeting**

VOTE



NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA

The annual meeting is upon us this month. There are some very important issues to discuss and decisions to be made. Some of these you have heard me speak about in this forum, at board meetings, and in conversation with many of you as I sought out your opinions. Here are just a few of the agenda items.

Reorganization: During the last three years we have gone through a major reorganization in TLIA, re-shaping the committee structure being just one. In FY18 we are continuing to make changes, with an eye to optimizing effectiveness and community outreach. The plans will be laid out at the Annual Meeting.

Bylaws: We have proposed bylaw amendments, some seem trivial but some are major and deserve your review and thought. The Board has recommended approval on all of them and I hope you do as well.

Finances: Moving us to a better financial position has been my mantra throughout my tenure as President. Our finances were not where they needed to be and today they are better, but not good enough. We have made great improvements but times have changed and we are no longer a "kitchen table" financial organization. We must improve and move with the times. Look for this as a major topic at the meeting.

Fiscal Year: Wouldn't it be nice to have the year we pay our dues match the year it says on the calendar? I think so and so does the Board. We have an amendment that does just that. I urge you to review the proposed amendment to change the fiscal year to a calendar year, see its logic, and vote for approval.

Voting: It starts right now. Your ballots should have been delivered or will be in your mail box very soon. It is simple and so very important. Each household (in good standing) gets two votes on each candidate or issue. The ballot can be mailed or dropped in the collection box at the Village Hall. Easy!

Attendance: Please attend. The discussion will be enlightening, the information useful, and the actions taken will effect us all. Voting by proxy does not count as a quorum; we need you in your seat to count!

That's all for the moment. I want to save the brimstone for the meeting! Please attend and be a part of the solution, not part of the problem!

See you there!



Email me and let me know your thoughts. [CLICK HERE](#)

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



APPROVED

TLIA Board Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2017

TLIA BOARD

Call to order: 7:25 p.m.

Present:

Board Members: Linda Kuna, Mary Magro, Mike Mitchell, Kathy Pattengale, John Yancey, and Randy Young

Apologies: Steve Burgoon, Randall Cross and Tom Kubala

Committee Representation:

Janet Blake – Nominating Committee

Cass Young – Communications

Pat Covek – Grounds Beautification & Tennis

Jack Johnson – Parks and Tennis Courts

Member Representation: Lee Johnson

President's Report

Randy Young

Randy Young yielded the floor until the Old and New Business sections of the agenda.

Review and Approve July Board Meeting Minutes

Kathy Pattengale

This was tabled until next month due to lack of a quorum.

Committee reports

Beach

Mary Magro

There were frequent beach closings during August due to the presence of goose droppings. The committee is considering using a different fence around the islands and procuring a cutout of a coyote to attempt to scare geese away from the beach area. There is a Twitter account that is currently used for beach closing alerts. Additional options are being considering for communicating about beach closings such as displaying a green/red flag to designate whether or not the beach is open.

Next year the flags at the beach will be replaced, and one of the carpets on the rafts will be power washed/replaced.

Communications

Cass Young

The committee sent out 18 email blasts in August with high open rates. They created posters advertising various events and hosted a community shredding party. The committee was over their limit for email sends in late August and was required to pay 0.05 per send. Patty Barten and Shaun Kildare will be joining the committee this fall.

READ THE FULL MINUTES [CLICK HERE](#)

Next Meetings:

November 14, 2017 - 7:00 pm

Tower Lakes Village Hall

TLIA BOARD

TLIA Annual Meeting

November 19, 4pm

American Legion Hall - 515 S. Main St.

Wauconda, IL 60084

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

The Village Voice

Contributed by Dave Parro

Village President

Hello Neighbors!

I would like to give a huge thank-you on behalf of our entire community to Eagle Scout candidate Nicholas Foster, as well as his fellow Scouts, family and project advisor Anne Hay, for the beautiful walking path extension in our Barclay's Woods

Preserve. Barclay's Woods Preserve is public open space jointly owned by the Village of Tower Lakes and Cuba Township and located in Tower Lakes, adjacent to the Country Club Estates subdivision. Thanks to Nick's efforts, the previous trail has been restored and a beautiful mulched extension has been added through the old growth Oak forest. The loop trail is now about 1/3 of a mile. I encourage everyone in Tower Lakes to go have a look and try it out. Take Pebble Creek Drive to the end, park in one of the four spaces and "do the loop". Of course, be respectful of the neighbors and the protected flora and fauna by staying on the path. We plan to further expand the trails in future years, with the help of our Scout troops and the Barrington Area Conservation Trust, which oversees the protection of this treasure.

I am also pleased to (finally!) report some other good news. On Sept. 18, I was informed by the Illinois EPA Director that they have approved a \$3.7 million loan at 1.76% annual interest rate and given us the green light to award the contracts to the low bidders on both sections of the water supply system project. This allows a huge savings in interest and other costs vs selling conventional bonds in the a disbursement to repay our outlay for design, legal and project management due to Trustee Paul Kierig for countless unpaid hours over 2 years to help organize our paid teams and navigate the bureaucratic maze to get us to this point. Ground breaking could occur

The next spring at the well house on Paddock Lane and will be a noticeable improvement for everyone on the system. The replacement of virtually all the remaining undersized and decaying metal water mains, some dating to the early part of the last century, will be done mostly on the East side between the lake and Rt 59, plus some spots in North Lake and the West side. State of the art 6 & 8" pvc mains will replace what once was an array of heavily corroded 1", 2" & 4" iron mains. As was done in 2012, water mains in some backyards will be moved to the street and some affected homeowners will receive free new service lines as a result. Upon completion, we expect to have less discoloration, fewer outages, fewer homes affected by each outage and lower maintenance costs. Robinson Engineering will be supervising the work and contacting the directly impacted homeowners in the construction zone. We will not be implementing the proposed second line under Rt 59 at this time in order not to exceed the borrowing limit approved by referendum. However this loop has been fully designed, permitted and access easements obtained so that it can readily be constructed as a separate project when funding is available.

Those of us who have homes on the water system will see a \$601 line item on our 2018 real estate tax bill. A Lower amount for years 2-20 will be determined shortly. This is very similar in size and concept to the special flat tax that was in place from the late 1990's until a couple years ago, which enabled our current well and tank to be built. The approximately 10% of Tower Lakes homes not connected to the water system will not see this tax. By the way, we will offer an extremely reduced connection rate for any of the handful of private well homes who are adjacent to the service area and who wish to join the water system during the construction phase. This is a one time opportunity which could save thousands. Please contact Trustee Paul Kierig if interested.

One last item that may be of interest: Backyard Chickens. Raising poultry for fresh eggs is a surprisingly hot national urban trend. Here in Tower Lakes we have at least 2 homes doing this and a couple more have enquired about starting. Our current zoning laws do not directly address this with much clarity. We have received some noise complaints already and have heard other concerns, including public health, but also recognize there is a growing demand. Other Chicago suburbs have responded to this phenomenon in a spectrum of ways; from Des Plaines, which recently put in a total ban, to Wauconda which has allowed them with a series of restrictions. In late summer I asked our Plan Commission to do a study and recommend report findings on this topic. Their work, including a comparison of what neighbor communities have done, is complete. This is expected to continue to be discussed at the November Village Board meeting, and there may be a new law to follow. In the meantime, your input is very welcome.



TLIA

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



A special section detailing the Annual Meeting voting issues begins on page 14 of the newsletter. Please be informed on the issues and VOTE!

Tower Lakes Community Foundation

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1975?

Big Night 8:

Prom Night...Revisited

Friday, February 23

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Avanté Banquets

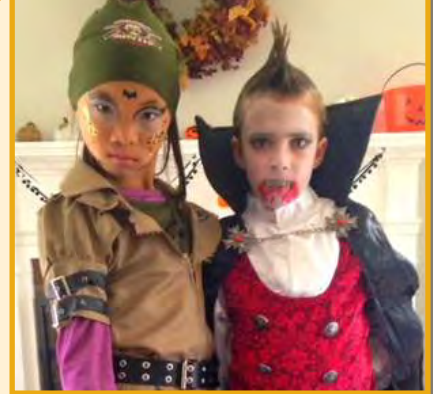
in Fox River Grove



Save the Date!

Visit our website: www.tower-lakes.org

HALLOWEEN



Checkout the great photo spread on page 12

TLIA FALL CLEANUP DAY

November

4

Saturday

MEET AT BEACH PARKING LOT 8:00 am

TLIA GROUNDS

The Grounds and Lake Committees invite all TLIA members and Village residents to join in on the upcoming fall volunteer project / cleanup day.

Saturday, November 4

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meet at the beach parking lot

Work will be centered on clearing the vegetation on the shoreline at the boat landings. Other projects will take place at selected parks and on the islands.

Please bring eyewear, gloves and lawn tools to clear the shoreline. Lunch will be provided at 12:00 noon at the tennis court parking lot.

**Let's get a strong turnout!
Pass the word among family and friends.**

For more information call:
John Yancey or Steve Burgoon.

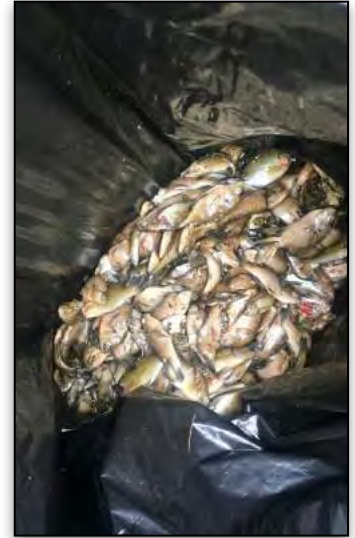
TLIA GROUNDS

TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE

Let's Hear it for the Unsung Heroes...

Contributed by Missy Sandberg

There are many unsung heroes in the neighborhood who go about their lives, helping out our community every day without notice, without recognition, without fanfare. They are the kind of people that we, as a community, rely on to do the jobs that sometimes, other just don't recognize. So here, we'd like to recognize them and thank them: Jerry Metzl and Eric Torstenson. Last month, Jerry and Eric took it upon themselves to clean out the area behind the dam where hundreds of small panfish died because of the high water overflow (which is not an abnormal event for our lake or a "fish kill"). There are also thousands of additional pan fish in the lake, so nothing to worry about. Jerry and Eric did it without asking, without solicitation. They did it because it needed to be done. This is one type of selfless contribution that gets made everyday and makes our community what it truly is: a great place to live and raise a family. Thank you to Jerry and Eric and the other unsung heroes who just get it done. Thanks also to Gabe & Bryon Galovich and Zach & Quinn Rowley who helped net out hundreds of live panfish over the course of several weeks, also contributing to the clean up efforts.



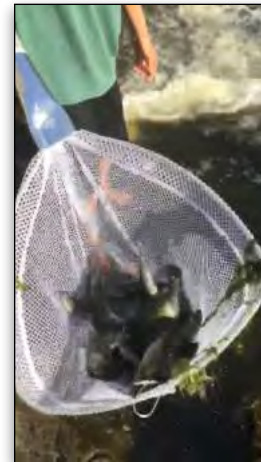
...Including the Next Generation of Heroes

Contributed by Zach Rowley

TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE

Due to the substantial rainfall this July, thousands of small sunfish and catfish were swept down the dam and became trapped in pools of water at the

base of the dam. Fortunately, it was nothing our young stewards of the lake couldn't handle. Thanks to Zach and Quinn Rowley, Ethan Miyake, Sandberg boys, Ermilio boys, Torstenson boys, and of course the Galovich boys, thousands of fish were saved. The boys jumped into action by using nets and buckets to relocate the fish safely back into the lake.



Tennis Courts Get a Makeover

The tennis courts got another makeover. Take a look at the beautiful evergreens at the west side of the courts; green emerald, hydrangea border the south side. These greens will not only add to the aesthetic look of the area, but will become a wind barrier for tennis players and sound barrier to the neighbors on the west and south sides. Evergreens will grow 8-10 feet to become a hedge.

The Tennis Committee would like to thank the following: Carriage Landscaping for the planting;

Hugh Davis for getting a great deal on the plants; Ray Boe and Kathy Covek for several hours cleaning the courts and setting up the watering system.



TLIA TENNIS COMMITTEE

Volunteers needed on Lake Committee

Contributed by Tom Kubala

The Lake Committee is looking for volunteers to help with, and/or lead, the animal control subcommittee. This is an important role as it helps manage the goose population and keeps an eye out for beaver activity so they can be removed from the lake. Volunteers should expect to go out in the spring looking for geese as they begin to pair up and begin the mating season. Activity would include getting in and out of a boat along the various shorelines looking for nests and then following our DNR permit protocol for oiling the eggs. The more we get, the fewer geese we will have around the lake and the subsequent mess they cause. For the beavers, the lead will work with a wildlife specialist to trap and remove them from the lake. The specialist does the trapping; you would need to communicate with him. Beavers cause serious damage to our shoreline trees and in some cases we have lost trees due to their activity.

Both animals need to be managed to maintain and improve our lake and community in general.

If interested, please contact Tom Kubala at 847-867-4979. This is a very important role and any help is appreciated. Join in! It's a great way to get around and see the natural side of our great community!

TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE

Photos with Santa & Horse Drawn Carriage Rides

Sunday, December 10, 2017

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Toy Island - Weather Permitting

Dress warmly and bring your brightest smiles for a perfect winter backdrop picture with Santa on Toy Island!

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

CUBA TOWNSHIP SERVICES

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

**BRUSH PICKUP
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
for more details and exact dates.

RETIRED FLAGS

Can be dropped off at the Cuba Township office. The local VFW post and American Legion will collect the flags and dispose of them at periodic sanctioned ceremonies.

USED EYEGLASSES

Can be dropped off at the Cuba Township office. They will be collected by the Lions Club and given to health care professionals for distribution to the needy.

TL Leadership – Volunteerism and Respect for Nature Covering State to Local Levels

Part 1: Protecting our water — Tower Lakers working at state and regional levels

A Special Three Part Series contributed by Patty Barten

There are many things that contribute to the wonderful character of Tower Lakes. Two core characteristics of residents are: respect for nature and understanding the value of volunteerism. This summer I gained a new level of appreciation on just how many Tower Lakers hold leadership and volunteer roles across a wide number of conservation focused organizations. We cover our own community all the way to leadership roles in state-wide organizations.

Many volunteers are within TLIA and the Village, but others reach out into the larger Barrington community, region and even IL state-wide levels. These TL residents are protecting Tower Lakes’ nature and ecosystem through their leadership, volunteering, and representation in decisions impacting areas literally up- and down-stream from Tower Lakes.

It can seem like a complicated land of organizational “alphabet acronyms”. (ILLMA, FREP, LCWM, F/SCWP, and others. See below) But TL volunteers have learned how to participate and manage between these key organizations to directly benefit our community through expedited permitting, accessing grant funds, and gaining collaborative support of neighboring communities.

As example, for several years some members of TLIA Lake Committee have participated in studies and collaborative planning for the watershed area, lakes and Fox River around us. These are critical for our aquifers and sharing best management practices for our lake. Rich Bahr now serves as president of the IL Lake Management Association (ILLMA). Steve Burgoon has been instrumental in regional efforts pulling together the 9 Lakes Watershed Plan and serves on that formal partnership board. With support from Tower Lakers like Nick Adams and Tom Kubala, representation reaches further into other related conservation and planning groups. (See the list below.)

Be sure to thank these volunteers for their state and regional leadership, dedicated efforts and protection of our Tower Lakes community.

Next month: Part 2 will highlight more regional and Barrington area conservation volunteers and leaders.

GROUP/ORG	AREA OF FOCUS	VOLUNTEERS
9 Lakes Watershed & Tower Lakes Drain Partnership	Leader: Coalition of municipalities and HOAs focused on 9 area lakes. Outreach and education focus, improvements and roadmap for each lake. Developed 200 site-specific best management practice projects. Includes coordination with:	Steve Burgoon, Nick Adams, Tom Kubala
Regional Area Level		
- Fox River Ecosystem Partnership (FREP) - Fox River Watershed designated as high-quality ecological resource-rich area. ID'd critical factors, areas of concern, and recommendations for action to keep high-quality.		
- Lake County Stormwater Management Commission - 80 jurisdictions working to improve water quality; reduce flood damage; and restore and enhance the natural drainage systems. Issues standards, flood mitigation projects and best practices.		
- Flint/Spring Creek Water Partnership - Implementing land use and water management practices to protect and improve the quality of the water in two key local resources.		
State Wide Level		
IL Lakes Management Association (ILLMA)	Coalition of private citizens, professional organizations, and association groups sharing information and best practices for comprehensive management of lake ecosystems.	Rich Bahr – President of ILLMA

This is Part 1 of a 3-part special deep-dive into the volunteerism, conservation programs, and the management of our local ecosystems. Over the next few months watch for the continuing story.

Part 2: Investing in the Future – Education, Regional, and Barrington Conservation levels

Part 3: Making a difference where you live – Neighbors volunteering for Tower Lakes Ecosystems

Feedback...



Your feedback is important to us. If you have comments, ideas or want to contribute a story, please let us know...

Email us at

Communications@tlia.org

TLIA FALL
CLEANUP DAY

November

4

Saturday

MEET AT BEACH
PARKING LOT
8:00 am

TLIA GROUNDS

The “Sweet Voice” of the Doctor Next Door

DR. SURBHI PANCHAL-KILDARE

A doctor’s stock-in-trade is their bedside manner and voice. It can be a source of dread or the sound of warmth, soothing comfort, and assurance. For Surbhi, which in Hindi, means “Sweet Voice,” it is the warm sound of assurance. It has the tenor of medical authority with just the right amount of comfort. Dr. Surbhi Panchal-Kildare is an orthopedic surgeon in Barrington and a Tower Lakes resident. While you may not hear her voice during surgery, rest assured, she’s got a calm, steady expression that makes you feel better.

Surbhi and her husband, Shaun Kildare, moved into Tower Lakes in August 2016. You may know them from the many events they’ve attended or from the Holi Festival of Colors event they hosted last summer on the soccer field.



They met in college, at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, where Surbhi studied engineering. After graduation, unbeknownst to either of them, they both moved to the Washington D.C. area – Surbhi for medical school (University of Maryland) and her residency at Union Memorial Hospital, and Shaun, for graduate school. They got re-acquainted on the east coast, married and made their way back to the Midwest where Surbhi was born, settling in Cary for three years. After researching several communities, they established their home in Tower Lakes because of the great community feel and exceptional school system.

Their children, Kiran (4) and Samira (1-1/2) also have Indian names. Kiran means “Ray of Light,” and Samira means “Cool Breeze on a Hot Day.” “I wanted my kids to have traditional Indian names, even though my husband is Irish Catholic,” said Surbhi. “We have a mixed marriage, and I felt it important for my children to maintain some of their Indian identity.”

For her self, Surbhi likes to tap into her creative side, when she has time: hip hop dancing, photography, painting, and fusion cooking. She also likes most sports, including baseball. But baseball can be

dangerous. In fact, a Tower Lakes resident recently broke his thumb while catching a ball at a baseball game and Surbhi was able to provide him medical attention at her practice the next day. Lake Cook Orthopedic Associates / Illinois Bone and Joint Institute, based in Barrington, offers an immediate care clinic with same-day care for orthopedic problems (fractures, sprains, strains, work and sports injuries). The clinic, OrthoAccess, offers walk-in or call ahead same day appointments, with no need to visit the ER first. It’s a great benefit for an active community such as ours and especially for children who play sports on weekends and evenings.

So if you haven’t met Surbhi at her medical practice, you may want to introduce yourself at the next Tower Lakes function. In the meantime, rest assured, there’s a doctor right next door.



ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

MONDAY - FRIDAY
7:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Cuba Township Office
28000 W. Cuba Road
Barrington, IL 60010



See cubaroads.com for a list of items which can be recycled.

OrthoAccess hours are
Monday-Thursday Noon - 8 PM
Friday Noon - 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM - 1 PM

[Click here](#)

The office is right around the corner at Canlan Sportsplex, 28156 W. Northpointe Pkwy, Suite 225, Lake Barrington (near Onion Pub). If you have any questions, just look up Surbhi Kildare in the TL directory. In the meantime, stay safe!

Welcome Tower Lakes Neighbors

Contributed by Mary Beth Adams

Paul and Laura Kirk

27013 Fenview Drive

The Kirk Family has moved to Fenview from Hoffman Estates. Paul is the Principal at Roslyn Road School in Barrington and Laura is the Associate Principal at Warren Township High School in Gurnee. Emily is a freshman at BHS who enjoys theatre. Twins Jacob and Megan are in 7th grade at Prairie Middle School and also enjoy theatre and basketball. Paul is a runner, so be sure to wave when you see him run by!

Mark and Moira Hagy

259 W. Lake Shore Drive

Another young family has moved to the west side from Chicago! Welcome Mark and Moira to their beautiful home on the lake. Moira is originally from Mundelein and Mark is from LaGrange. Mark is a broker for Assurance Agency and Moira is a 401 consultant for the same company. They have a 22 month-old daughter Layla who has a lot of energy and loves to visit our parks and the beach. The family loves the outdoors to fish, boat and garden. They love music and watching football. Go Bears!



Don't Be a Turkey Behind the Wheel

Contributed by Shaun Kildare

November is here and the holidays are upon us. While plans for how to tackle the bird this year are probably at the forefront, we ask you to think ahead about your holiday travel plans. Over the past 5 years, on-average, nearly 430 people are killed in crashes over the four-day Thanksgiving Holiday. More than 35 percent of those killed will be in crashes involving a drunk driver. Many others will result from drowsy and distracted driving. For those of you with returning college students, it is important to remember that traffic crashes are the leading cause of deaths and injury for young people. Also, please consider that the Wednesday before Thanksgiving has become known for partying, so keep an eye out and load up that ride-share account. At a time when a large portion of the public will hit the roads, let's all make sure we get there and back safely. Plan ahead to get some rest, put the phone down, and lay off the booze if you're driving...you only have to tolerate the in-laws for one day.



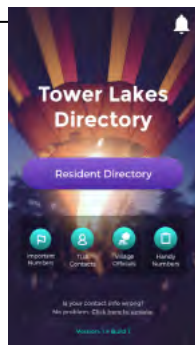
Let's Connect...

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 the *Handy Numbers* section.



TLIA MEMBER SERVICES

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Important Dates and Procedures for Boat Landing Removals

October 15 - All boats must be removed from the boat landings. This includes all boats on the racks and boats around the lake on TLIA property.

Any boats remaining after 10/15, we will attempt to contact any resident with a valid boat sticker.

November 1 - All boats still at a boat landing, on the boat racks or on TLIA property will be removed, auctioned or scrapped. If the boats are locked, the locks will be cut.

Thank you for your help in this effort. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Randall Cross at randall.cross@gmail.com



TLIA MEMBER SERVICES

Bigtime fun at the Tower Lakes Play Date

Monkeying Around!

Contributed by Shaun Kildare

The Tower Lakes Play Group took advantage of the unbelievably warm weather and had its second play date outdoors at the Wauconda Park District in October. It was so nice, even the moms and dads put in a little playtime on the jungle gyms. We would like to thank the Saunders, Todd-Middleditch, Banaszak, and Panchal families for coming out. We look forward to next month's get together and hope the weather will stay as warm. A new survey to pick a November date and location should be out shortly.



For those interested in the play group, please email me at shaunkildare@hotmail.com. We plan to meet at least once a month on a M/W/F in the mornings around 10:00 am - noon. (This is based on a survey of respondents).



3rd Annual TLIA Family Friendly *Turkey Trot!*

Thanksgiving Morning @ 9:00 a.m.
Bring the family down and join your fellow neighbors
for the *TLIA 5K Turkey Trot/Run/Walk/Stroll*
on the streets of our very own Tower Lakes.

The race/stroll will start at
9:00 am on November 23
from the TL Village Hall.

The Benefit:

TLCF (Tower Lakes Community Foundation)

The Course: [Click here to see the map](#)

Signup & Order Turkey Trot Shirts:

To enter the race and order shirts, please fill out the following form.

Signup Deadline: Friday, November 11, so we can order shirts: [Signup Form](#)

Donation:

Race: \$15 per adult

All T-Shirts: \$20

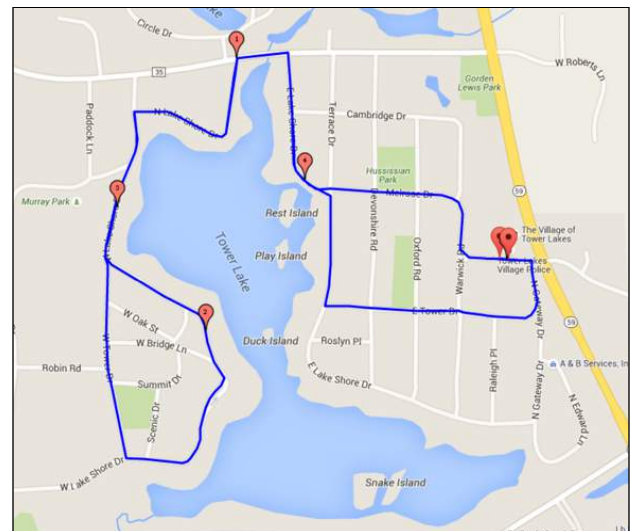
Kids 16 & under trot for free

All Donations will go to TLCF.

Volunteers:

Volunteers are what make the race safe for all. I will probably need a few volunteers to stand at certain corners during the race. Contact me below if you will [volunteer for a corner](#).

Contact Randall Cross at
312.972.9988 or
randall.cross@gmail.com



HALLOWEEN 2017

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

Moments to Remember



Winner: Pumpkin Carving Contest: Olivia Knight



Funniest- Cade Harazin (Green Pea)



Scariest Costume Annika Riepe - the Werewolf



Most Creative Costume: Janelle and River Wexler (Ghostbusters)



Runners Up: The Milne Boys & The Kildare Family



Family/Group The Young "LEGO" Family



Best Spook House EVER! Thank you, Shaun Kildare!!



The Party Girls

Photos by: Jaelyn Aprati Lisa Vraniak Carrie Thompson



2017 Tower Lakes Men's Day

Contributed by Steve Burgoon

Wow what a day. Men's Day 2017 – the 31st – was a resounding success!! We had men from 20 years old to 82 years old as part of the full day of events. This was our LARGEST turnout EVER!! Lots of guys were extending relationships and many new people meeting new friends from around Tower Lakes. 83 golfers had a great early morning round of golf in a "Captain and Crew" format. Despite potentially rainy weather we survived just a small spit of rain at the end of our round. The event organizers called an audible and moved lunch from Tower Lakes Bays Park/Tennis Courts to Sideouts. Following brats, burgers, and salads, the men in attendance enjoyed a few hours of Bowling, Golden Tee and darts. At 5:00 PM the group moved on to happy hour, a fantastic steak dinner and awards. We capped the evening with a viewing of our World Champion Chicago Cubs. We understand no one got lost or hurt..... A great day and a great Tower Lakes Tradition!!



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Awards for the day:

Winning Foursomes:

(tie at 10 strokes under par):

Tom Bolger - Eric Laumann - Pat McKillen - Mike Rigali

Brett Aprati - Rocky Ermilio - Steve Kruse - Mark Laumann

Long Drive: Charlie Spicer

Straight Drive: Jeff Dehnert

Long Putt: Jack Sanders

Closest to Pin: Rick Steffen

Closest to Pin: Leon Kelley

50/50 Winner: Pat McKillen



Thank you committee –

Mike Rigali, Brett Aprati, Rocky Ermilio and Steve Burgoon



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Beverages

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Prizes/Raffle

ZaZa's Tavola -- Daryl Voska

Pentair -- Dave Mackey

Chroma -- Tom Bolger

International House of Wine and Cheese – Tom Jiaris

2017 Annual Meeting - Special Section

The 2017 TLIA Board Candidates for Election

MEET THE CANDIDATES

The TLIA Nominations Committee has presented a full slate of candidates for election to the 2018 TLIA Board. Each person seeking your vote has prepared a short statement of their qualifications for the membership to review prior to the election. Below, in their own words, are their statements.



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.

Candidates for Financial Secretary (1 position; 3 candidates)



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.



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.

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.

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 Johnsbury and West Chicago, John and his wife, Karen, have three children who have grown up in Tower Lakes.

TLIA BOARD

Ballot Information for 2017 TLIA Annual Meeting

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:

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 ***SAMPLE*****

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.

Office	Candidate	Voter 1		Voter 2	
		YES	NO	YES	NO
Vice President	Steve Burgoon				
Financial Secretary	Vote for 1				
	Jane Cook				
	Tyler Sandberg				
	Fran Steffen				
Member-at-Large	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.

Ballot Issues - Please review the attached Bylaw Amendments.	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				

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.

Amended portion is ~~strikethrough~~ - the recommended amendment is *in bold italic*

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~~ **Events** Committee. The function of the ~~Social Events~~ **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.

Amended portion is ~~strikethrough~~ - the recommended amendment is *in bold italic*

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.

Amended portion is ~~strikethrough~~ - the recommended amendment is *in bold italic*

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.*

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.

Amended portion is ~~strikethrough~~ - the recommended amendment is ***in bold italic***.

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.

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 14, 2017

TLIA

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Barrington, IL 60011-0405

or

you may hand deliver to:

TOWER LAKES VILLAGE HALL - DROP BOX AT FRONT DOOR

NO LATER THAN

November 17, 2017

TLIA Annual Meeting - November 19, 2017 (Sunday)

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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

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Interested in being a part of TLIA Communications? Contact us for more information.

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



A special section detailing the Annual Meeting voting issues begins on page 14 of the newsletter. Please be informed on the issues and **VOTE!**