

# TLIA Newsletter

## LET'S KEEP TL ROADS SAFE



REDUCE  
SPEED

### *Check your speed*

*Contributed by Shaun Kildare*

Tower Lakes is lucky in its geography and road layout that few people from outside the community have a reason or need to use our roads. It is this aspect, among countless others, which draws many families, like my own, to the area. I am proud to say that I live in a community where my kids can play outside and, as many of you have seen, allow my kids to ride their toy jeep with me around the neighborhood. However, the recent rash of incidents of speeding in the community has raised concern and this column is a result of that concern.

Speeding is inherently dangerous for at least two reasons. First, the energy of collision is related to the square of the speed. To put that simply, a crash at 25 miles per hour (mph) has more than one and a half times the impact energy than a crash at 20 mph. Second, speeding reduces the available time to react to hazards. At 20 mph, your car is traveling 29 feet every second. In the one-and-a-half seconds that it takes the average person to react, your car will cover nearly 44 feet (about three car lengths); and that is if you are paying attention and not distracted.

The national figures are shocking with just over 10,100 people dying in 2016 in speeding related crashes. That is the equivalent of 27 people a day! This accounts for twenty-seven percent of all traffic fatalities that year. In Illinois alone 418 people died in speeding related crashes. So the conclusion that it doesn't happen here is a fallacy.

**This community comes together so well to support each other...let us keep it that way.**

In the end, we all have places to go and have been running late for work, running late because of the kids, or for whichever reason. Before you decide to give the car a little extra get up and go, please consider that an extra 5 mph could be the difference between life and death in a crash. And for those of you with younger drivers in the house, please talk with them about speeding. Research has shown that younger drivers tend to engage in risky behaviors, like speeding, and that the habit can increase over time as they become more comfortable being behind the wheel.

**REMINDER: We have many little people that sometimes forget to look for cars before they cross the street to play with their friends. Let's avoid any tragedy for our TL drivers and children!**

*For those of you interested in advocacy for road safety, the Illinois Legislature is considering a bill to further increase speed limits in the state, and there are numerous bills to repeal or weaken the use of automated enforcement systems (red light and speed cameras). If you want to help make sure that speed limits stay reasonable and that effective countermeasures like automated enforcement remain in the toolkit for saving lives, please contact your State senator or representative and let them know that you do not support higher speeds and that sensibly implemented automated enforcement programs should be used to help support enforcement efforts and curb dangerous behaviors including speeding and red light funning. If you would like additional information before calling, please do get in touch.*



## NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA



The board has been busy during this first part of our new fiscal year, focused on many things, but mostly motivated towards a more transparent leadership. There are two items that I believe will help in this goal. Both are geared towards more open communication and clear documentation of our practices.

### 2017 Annual Report

We have been working on an annual report that will contain much of the information you need about TLIA, including a message from the board, committee descriptions, and most importantly detailed and transparent financial reports. You'll read our year-end profit/loss statement, view the forecasted 2018 budget and a see a reconciled 2017 balance sheet. These documents will provide each of our members a complete view of our year and our finances. This is something we have wanted to implement since I took office three years ago. It is not only the logical expansion of our financial re-structuring, but the right thing to do for our membership.

We plan to publish by the end of this month. It will be upload to [tlia.org](http://tlia.org) with a limited number of printed copies available at the Village Hall or by request. Be an active member, read it and get to know your association. Be that person!

### Document Storage

The next big push towards a goal of transparency is the formal collection, catalog, and storage of important TLIA records, including board minutes, financial records, committee reports, and other documents that are important to our community. This project has been a budgeted and approved initiative for the last two years, but it has never truly been accomplished. Now is the time!

The maintenance of our membership records is a requirement of our bylaws and the State of Illinois. Unfortunately, we have been very lax in the management of this responsibility. That is going to change.

To make this happen, we need you! I know we have a librarians in the neighborhood that can help us determine best ways to catalog the documents. I'm sure there are database experts out there who can help us decide the best method or software to use. And I trust there several people willing to gather and coordinate our data. Be a TLIA forensic adventurer. I have faith that this will stir up some interest to maintain our great community legacy. ***I hope you will give me a call or email to say, "I'm in!"***

It won't take much of your time but you'll become an important influencer on the future of TLIA. It's our history and you can help preserve it.

I'll look forward to your call or email.

Email me [CLICK HERE](#)

[Read all the president's columns at TLIA.org](#)



THE DECEMBER 11, 2017  
TLIA BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TLIA Board Meeting December 11, 2017

TLIA BOARD

### Board Members:

Steve Burgoon, Tom Kubala, Mary Magro, Kevin Middleditch, Mike Mitchell, Kathy Pattengale, Fran Steffen, John Yancey, and Randy Young

### Apologies: None

**Committee Reps:** Pat Covek - Tennis & Grounds Beautification

### Guests: None

### Call to Order

Randy Young

### President's Report

Randy Young

Randy Young welcomed newly elected Board members Kevin Middleditch and Fran Steffen.

### Approval of November Minutes

Motion to approve: Mary Magro

Second: Mike Mitchell

All in favor

### Committees

#### Beach

Mary Magro

No Report

#### Communications

Cassandra Young

The committee published the newsletter, sent out various email blasts, created posters publicizing events, and updated the website this month. Amanda Brown & Kristi Nash have joined the committee. The expanded committee will meet sometime in January.

***Board minutes continued on page 8.***

All TLIA Board Minutes are posted on [tlia.org](http://tlia.org)

**To see prior Board minutes,  
click button.**

[Click here](#)

### Next Meeting:

TLIA BOARD

February 20, 2018

7:00 pm

**Tower Lakes Village Hall**

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

Are you a new or returning guard interested in being a Tower Lakes lifeguard this summer?

**TLIA BEACH**



Send an email to: [Beach@TLIA.org](mailto:Beach@TLIA.org) to request an application.

# Think Spring!!!

Join us for the 2nd Annual  
Chicago Cubs vs Milwaukee Brewers  
at Miller Stadium

Date: Sunday, April 8

## Schedule of Events:

- Bus Arrives in TL @8 am
- Bus Leaves TL @8:30 am
- Tailgate at Miller Stadium 10 am - 12:30 pm
- Game Starts @1:10 pm
- Arrive back in TL ~6pm

## Cost:

Approximately \$100 per person (Loge Infield Ticket, Transportation, Bus Driver Tip, Parking and Party Favor!)

**RSVP:** by [February 21](#) for TLEC to finalize numbers and pricing. We are limited to 55 people on one bus. If the number is over 55 we will create a wait list and/or see if we can get a second bus added to the group.



**TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE**

# WANTED

Public Enemy No.1

## TL Cops & Robbers

St. Valentine's  
Day Massacre

## Laser Tag & Speakeasy

Saturday  
2/10/18



Break in at  
9:00 pm

Escape at  
11:30 pm

ADULTS ONLY PLEASE

**\$35** per person  
No later than  
2/2/18

[TLIA.org](http://TLIA.org) for details and sign-up

**TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE**



The Communications Committee is holding a discussion and brainstorming session on how best to store our homeowner's associations records and documents.

**If you are interested in attending and contributing your ideas, email [communications@tlia.org](mailto:communications@tlia.org).**

**TLIA COMMUNICATIONS**

# Conservation Corner

Contributed by Patty Barten

## Want to learn and help nature?

Here are some great upcoming opportunities to get involved and learn from experts.

### **Birds, Butterflies, Bees, and Plants – Become a Citizen Scientist. Saturday, February 17**

Learn about supporting native birds, butterflies, bees and plants from the experts that monitor them locally. Join in and become a “citizen scientist.” Panelists will share local information and results from: Cornell’s Bird Feeder Watch Project; Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum’s IL Butterfly Monitoring Network; Bee Spotter and Bumble Bee Watch organizations; and the relationship between plant flowering and bird migration with climate conditions as monitored by McHenry County’s Phenology Project.

*Barrington Village Hall, 200 S. Hough Street (free parking behind building)*

*9:30 coffee, conversation, displays, informational handouts and 10:00 - 11:15 program.*

**RSVP:** *communityed@citizensforconservation.org or 847-382-SAVE (7283)*

[Click here](#)



### **Help the migration path - Monarch butterfly waystation kits available for purchase starting February**

The monarch butterfly population has dropped more than 80% across North America over the last two decades. Monarch waystation gardens are places that provide resources necessary for monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration to/from Mexico. Residents can provide waystation gardens much like small rain gardens. By planting milkweeds and nectar plants for adult monarchs and pollinators, you help maintain the monarch migration and sustain the pollinators whose services help maintain our ecosystems.

*For more information, site growing requirements and kit order forms for the Spring Monarch Garden Kits.*

[Click here](#)



Photo courtesy of Steve Barten

### **Restore and Explore area preserves, Barrington Greenway Initiative (BGI) Workday. Saturday, February 10**

Work side by side with fellow citizens and professional conservationists from 6 area collaborating conservation groups. Learn about native plants, animals, diversity of habitats and the globally rare treasures of our area. Have fun and help nature by cutting and burning buckthorn and invasive brush.

*Meet at Spring Creek (Spring Lake Nature Preserve),*

*Saturday, 9am – 11am,*

*February 10, 348 Donlea Road.*

[Click here](#)



TOWER LAKES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

says

**"THANKS A BUNCH"**

to the amazing **Randall Cross** and all of the volunteers and runners who helped raise more than **\$2000** to help fund community projects.

*"Because this is the place you call home."*



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**TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE**

**2018 Dates**

Mar 31 - Easter Egg Hunt

May 29 -End of School Party

Jun 15 - Movie Night

Aug 13 - Back to School Bash

Sep 15 - Family Campout

Oct 31 - Halloween

Dec TBD - Santa/Carriage Rides

Additional events and activities to come, stay tuned!



**All Ages Welcome!**



**JUMP!**

**TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Come out and jump with us at

**Rockin' Jump**

**Ultimate Trampoline Park**

950 Busch Pkwy, Buffalo Grove

**Saturday,**

**March 3 - 4:00-6:00 pm**

**\$15**

per child for a 2-hour jump (reduced from \$22)

**A Benefit for TL Youth**

**\$5 of each ticket sold goes back to TL Youth Committee**

*No excuse not to get out and skate on the glass!*



# Helen Cantieri

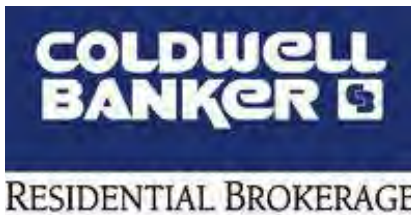
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“Like my fellow realtor, Cathy Schmidt, I will donate \$250 to TL Youth Committee for every home I sell in Tower Lakes.”



**If you're buying or selling, you've got to call Helen!**

## Lake Committee Update - Charity Goose Harvest Program

Contributed by Tom Kubala

Over the past several years, the Lake Committee has been working several different methods to manage the Canada Goose population in the community. These initiatives include the annual egg oiling program, the installation of the gander disbanders in the lake and the wire barriers that are installed around the beach area, including the rafts and docks. Despite these efforts, our goose population has increased and the mess associated with the geese is one of the main complaints identified in the recent community survey. We have also had beach closures due to high bacteria counts, which are likely due to excess goose fecal matter.

We have learned of the Charity Canada Goose Harvesting program from our networking with the ILMA (Illinois Lakes Management Association) team and are applying for a permit through the IL DNR and USDA - Wildlife Division. If we are to be awarded this permit by the IL DNR, representatives from the USDA will come to the community during molting season (usually in mid-late June), when the geese can not fly, to harvest as many of them as possible. They will be herded into an area along the shoreline, collected up in cages and carried away to a food processing plant, where the processed bird will be donated to a local food bank. The expectation of this project will be to reset the goose population this year, minimizing the number of geese in the community. Next year we would return to our original management practices, namely the egg oiling efforts. We will continue with the gander disbanders and wire barriers around the beach area this year and in subsequent years.

To facilitate communication about this program, we have invited Craig Pullins from the USDA - Wildlife Division to attend the **March 5 Lake Committee at 7pm in the Village Office**. If you have questions, please plan to attend this meeting to have them addressed and learn about the program. We look forward to seeing you at the March 5 meeting. If you are planning to attend, please give me a call at 847-867-4979 to let me know. The intent is simply to get an idea of the number of potential attendees to make sure there is enough room. The meeting is open to all TLIA members.



TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE

## Support TLIA Parks & Grounds

Save the date:

**Monday, May 28**

(Memorial Day Weekend)

*TLIA family fun run/walk for the parks.  
Come out with the family and get moving!*

*Look for the details in the March newsletter.*

TLIA GROUNDS

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Kelsi Knight

The committee is planning a variety of events such as: a beer tasting event, a laser tag event, a Cubs vs Brewers game, and the annual Progressive Dinner. The Progressive Dinner will be held in May this year in hopes of utilizing more outdoor space for the dessert house. New Events lead volunteers will be invited to meet with the current group of leads in order to get an overview of 4th of July planning.

**Grounds General**

John Yancey

TLIA has granted the property owner of 110 South Hills the right to use TLIA property where their existing driveway encroaches on our property. The intent is to help a long-time resident close on the sale of their house and to focus on maintaining the aesthetics of the property. The new owner will be spending \$3,000 to upgrade the landscape at the site. TLIA will delineate the boundaries of its property to ensure that all property boundaries on the site are clearly marked.

The tree that was taken down at the beach will be replaced. Temporary shade umbrellas are being considered for use while the new tree grows to maturity.

The bridge to Play Island has been torn down and will be reconstructed. Reconstruction of the bridge is scheduled to begin in the spring.

The path to the boat landing on North Lake Shore Drive will be improved, and landscaping will be installed in the spring. This work could be done as part of Spring Cleanup Day.

TLIA's "Run for the Parks," similar to the "Turkey Trot," will be held in early spring. Proceeds from this event will be used to fund projects such as reconstruction of the bridge or tree replacement. Mike Mitchell will be in charge of this new event.

A large paddleboat remains unclaimed. Tom Kubala will take on the responsibility for this situation.

**Grounds Beautification**

Pat Covek

Thanks to Steve Burgoon for filling in for Randy Young at the tree dedication function. The turnoff keys for water at the tennis courts, soccer field, Barsumian Park and Rest Island have been misplaced. John Yancey and Pat Covek will contact the water company and/or village regarding this.

Several hydrangeas and a dogwood tree were recently planted in our remembrance garden. Two pines need to be removed from Rest Island in the near future. The fountain will be moved on Rest Island. There is no potable water source on the island at this point.

**Lake**

John Yancey

The quality of the lake water is excellent due to the recent colder weather. The Lake Committee is continuing to research the most effective methods of treatment prior to the 2018 season. They will determine whether they should add a preservative treatment in the spring or treat the lake during the growth period, where the chemicals attack the plant itself. The decision will be based on expected results and impact on the lake combined with cost management. Final plans will be completed by March.

The silt remediation in Kelsey Woods has been delayed, as Lake County DOT is requiring construction of an asphalt apron and culvert prior to work being done on site by TLIA. A permit has been filed.

The committee is finalizing the DNR permit application for goose harvesting as a way of managing the goose population. The expectation is that harvesting will reset the goose population and that goose egg oiling will be done in subsequent years. Additional harvesting will be done again on an as needed basis in the future.

A beaver was recently removed from the lake.

**Member Services**

Kevin Middleditch

Kevin Middleditch will be contacting Randall Cross regarding member services.

**Rain Garden**

Andy Hay

Steve Burgoon provided an update on the status of the Rain Garden project.

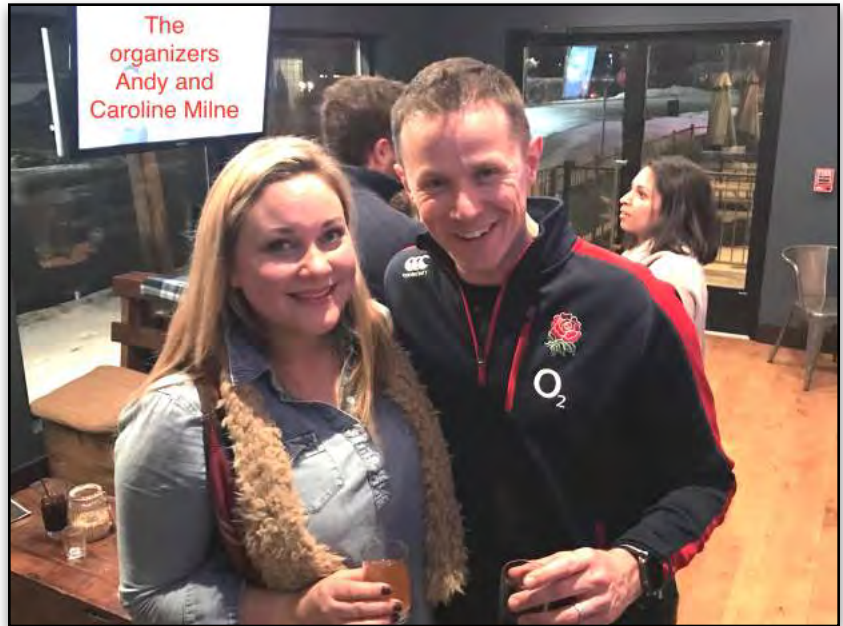
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**Tower Lakes Village Hall**

# Beer Tasting Memories

Jan. 20

*Photos courtesy of Cheryl Marshall*



TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

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**Silt Removal Team (SRT) Report**

Steve Burgoon

This topic was discussed in the Lake Committee report.

**Tennis**

Pat Covek

The courts have been cleaned up and the nets taken down and stored. The courts will be locked up until spring. The committee is researching the cost of striping the courts for pickle ball.

**Youth**

Jaclyn Aprati

The Youth Committee completed their final events of 2017: Carriage Rides, Visit with Santa, and Kids Shop & Wrap. Kids Shop & Wrap raised \$275, in line with the goal that all committees will become more self-funding in the future. Many thanks to Tom Bolger, Ann Marie Gilmore, Pati Shaefer, and Shaun Kildare for helping to make these events so successful. Stay tuned for information about 2018 events!

**Financial Report**

Tower Lakes Community Foundation  
*presents*  
**Big Night 8:  
Prom Night...Revisited**  
**Friday, February 23**  
**Avanté Banquets**  
**in Fox River Grove**



If you don't receive an invitation soon, please, visit our website for more information & to reserve your spot.

[www.tower-lakes.org](http://www.tower-lakes.org)

Tower Lakes Improvement Association Budget vs. Actuals: Nov-Dec 2017 Budget P&L November 2017 - December 2017					
	Dec	Nov-Dec	Budget	Total over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>					
Collection of past due accounts		100.00		100.00	
Dues Income				0.00	
Regular Dues	1,783.00	1,783.00	20,583.00	-18,800.00	8.66%
Senior Dues	467.00	467.00	7,533.00	-7,066.00	6.20%
Vacant Lot			125.00	-125.00	0.00%
<b>Total Dues Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,241.00</b>	<b>-\$ 25,991.00</b>	<b>7.97%</b>
Late Fees Charged	200.00	200.00		200.00	
Services	331.00	331.00		331.00	
SILT Lake Special Assessment	1,016.00	1,016.00	12,000.00	-10,984.00	8.47%
Unapplied Cash Payment Income			4,816.00	4,816.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,797.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,713.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,241.00</b>	<b>-\$ 31,528.00</b>	<b>21.65%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 3,797.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,713.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,241.00</b>	<b>-\$ 31,528.00</b>	<b>21.65%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Administration	265.00	637.10	500.00	137.10	127.42%
Beach/Lifeguards		138.33		138.33	
Community Relations		791.08	650.00	141.08	121.70%
Grounds Beautification	1,774.91	1,774.91	1,500.00	274.91	118.33%
Grounds General	52.46	118.50	1,000.00	-881.50	11.85%
Grounds Maintenance	1,030.00	1,030.00		1,030.00	
Insurance			2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.00%
Lake	714.30	714.30	2,673.00	-1,958.70	26.72%
Lawn Maintenance			2,400.00	-2,400.00	0.00%
Legal & Professional			1,565.00	-1,565.00	0.00%
Park Maintenance			1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.00%
Records & Archives			268.00	-268.00	0.00%
Silt Removal Project	9,123.35	9,573.35	12,000.00	-2,426.65	79.78%
Taxes	2,311.60	2,311.60	1,500.00	811.60	154.11%
Tennis - Youth			500.00	-500.00	0.00%
Tennis Committee	240.17	240.17	500.00	-259.83	48.03%
Tree Removal and Maintenance			2,990.00	-2,990.00	0.00%
Website/Email			500.00	-500.00	0.00%
Youth Committee			1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 15,511.79</b>	<b>\$ 17,329.34</b>	<b>\$ 33,046.00</b>	<b>-\$ 15,716.66</b>	<b>52.44%</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>-\$ 11,714.79</b>	<b>-\$ 8,616.34</b>	<b>\$ 7,195.00</b>	<b>-\$ 15,811.34</b>	<b>-119.75%</b>
<b>Other Income</b>					
Interest Income	8.05	15.84		15.84	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 8.05</b>	<b>\$ 15.84</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 15.84</b>	
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 8.05</b>	<b>\$ 15.84</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 15.84</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$ 11,706.74</b>	<b>-\$ 8,600.50</b>	<b>\$ 7,195.00</b>	<b>-\$ 15,795.50</b>	<b>-119.53%</b>

You can [CLICK HERE](#) or on the document and review TLIA's: P/L- Budget Report - Balance Sheet as of 1/31/18

# How's your head for Trivia?



## TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

**The Pub Quiz Returns!**  
**3/10/18 ~ 7-11pm**

# McGonigal's

**[Click the head to sign up!](#)**

# BARCLAY WOODS CLEANUP DAY

On Sunday, January 21, over 20 people joined in to begin the cleanup and removal of invasive species from the Barclay Woods Nature Preserve. This event was a joint effort sponsored by Barrington Area Conservation Trust (B.A.C.T), Tower Lakes Improvement association (T.L.I.A.), and the Village of Tower Lakes. This project was the first of many to restore this beautiful property to its natural condition. Once threatened with development, this now protected area features beautiful mature oaks, meandering streams and now an idyllic pathway built by Eagle Scouts that circles the perimeter of the property.



This pathway makes for a relaxing walk while enjoying nature's beauty regardless of season. During the work day, areas of invasive and harmful buckthorn were cleared and piled ready for burning. This approximately 18 acre property was rescued from development in October of 2013 due to the efforts of several individuals, Cuba Township, Barrington Area Conservation Trust, Citizens for Conservation and The village of Tower Lakes. It is located at the end of Pebble Creek Drive in Tower Lakes. Please look for future announcements for opportunities to help in the restoration effort.



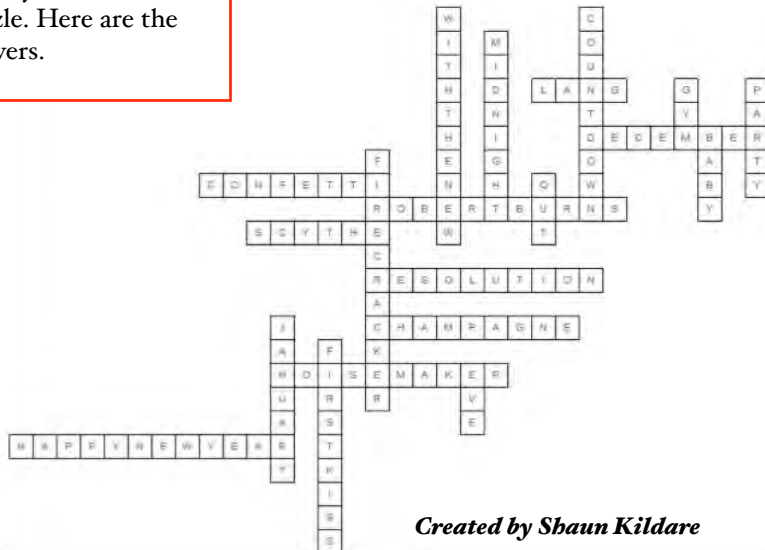
Photos courtesy of Steve Burgoon

**For additional information or to become involved in this project, please contact Rick Steffen 847/922-0776 (Tower Lakes Grounds), or B.A.C.T. 847/387-3149.**



Hope you enjoyed January's crossword puzzle. Here are the answers.

Happy New Year!



Created by Shaun Kildare



*Your Tower Lakes Home Town Agent*

**Serving the Tower Lakes Area since 1993!**

TLIA Youth Committee  
receives a \$250 donation  
for every home I sell in  
Tower Lakes

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- Amanda Brown
- Shaun Kildare
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- Cassandra Young
- Randy Young

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

**TLIA COMMUNICATIONS**

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