

TLIA Newsletter

Keeping Fido and the Neighborhood Safe

Dog Walking Etiquette: 5 easy "rules"

Our community has had a few unpleasant instances with dogs. This article is lifted from earthbath.com to remind our neighborhood about good dog/neighborhood behavior.

Though the "unspoken rules" of dog walking are as common sense to many of us dog owners and dog walkers as knowing what to do with our bottles and cans (recycle please!), or used Kleenex/ other trash (garbage!), there are, of course, some people who may be ignorant of or actively choose not to follow the etiquette of dog walking. If one were to ask a "Miss Manners" of the dog world what the "rules" entail, here are five simple tips on dog walking etiquette that will make your neighborhood much more pleasant, for you, your neighbors (some of whom may not be as accepting of dogs and their "lovably quirky" behavior as the typical dog-lover), other dogs, and, of course, your dog:

1) No trespassing! When walking your pet around a residential neighborhood, it is universally accepted as rude if you allow your dog to walk on people's front lawns, into their gardens, snack on their landscaping, or urinate on their mail boxes, garbage cans, or lawn decorations. Best to keep him to the sidewalk, street, and encourage him to eliminate on the strip of grass that's between the sidewalk and street.

2) Pick up the Poo! Obviously, dog walkers should be prepared, under all circumstances, with a plastic bag (or several) for picking up doggy doo... and simply toting them isn't enough: don't "forget" to use it! I've seen dog walkers make an elaborate show of getting their bag out when another person or car passes by, and then stuffing it away, still empty, as soon as the other person is gone (for shame)! Even if your dog was kind enough not to "go" on a lawn, but instead used the street, sidewalk, city planter, or grass strip between the sidewalk and street, it's unacceptable to leave the "poo to stew" (or another more colorfully descriptive rhyming phrase... use your imagination)!

3) Your dog might be friendly. But other people might not be. Does your dog want to say hello to everyone that passes, are inspired to jog alongside runners, or chase down roller bladers and bicyclists? Not everyone may be as much of a dog lover as you are, and even if they are, they may be otherwise occupied (trying to beat their personal best time on their daily run won't happen if they are waylaid by your well-meaning social butterfly of a dog!).

If a passerby is interested in your dog, you'll know it. Best to assume that no one is as interested in your dog as you are (or as your dog is in them), and act accordingly. Some people are afraid

Leashes Provide Safety

Dog Control is in Village Ordinance

Contributed by Chief Sinacore, Tower Lakes Police Department

I would like to remind residents about the need to keep their furry friends on a leash when they take them outside.

Under Tower Lakes Village Ordinance, owners must have physical control of their dogs at all times.

It's not just the ordinance I'm concerned about. With mating season for coyotes in full swing, local animal control officers say people need to be keeping an even stronger eye on pets like cats and small dogs and to make sure they stay on a leash when outside.

It's all about safety with leashes, not only for other people but the dog as well. By keeping your dog on a leash, you protect your fellow residents but you also keep your dog from getting into a potentially dangerous situation. The "Oh, he's friendly" claim is not only irrelevant but also a myth. No dog owner can accurately predict 100% of the time how her dog will react when greeting another dog. Even a well-intentioned and loving dog could cause harm to themselves or someone else when

running or walking loose.

On online forums for communities in the county there's been a spike in recent weeks in reports of missing pets and of possible attacks by the predatory canines. Coyotes are known to prey on cats and smaller breeds of dogs.

of dogs, don't care for dogs (I know, who ARE these people?!) or simply may not be in the mood to be sniffed, licked, or (worst of all) jumped on. Your objective on a walk should be: keep walking, calmly and purposefully, and not to let your dog run your walk!

4) Other dogs might not be friendly either. Rule #3 also applies to other dogs. Don't assume that other dog walkers (or dogs) are as interested in socializing their dogs as you (or your dogs) might be. Not all dogs are as happy-go-lucky, social, or calm around other dogs as your perfect Polly is... and I'm sure you wouldn't want to change that behavior by being the recipient of an aggressive snap or bite from an unsociable dog. On the converse side of things, if your dog is a "barker," most people prefer to err on the side of caution and stay away. Best to ask the other owner, particularly if you are going through a puppy socialization stage:



Photo courtesy of Marlies Hansen



NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT,
TLIA

Well, it's that time of year again... when we say "spring is just around the corner." But to the TLIA board "that time of year" refers not to spring, but to our dues season.

First, I have to tell you that I met a new resident at the Big Night last weekend. He (Mike) called me out saying that when he reads my column "you have a habit of running off on too many angry rants!" I responded that sometimes it's my job to do just that but I would endeavor to improve.

So, Mike, let me tell you the good news this time of year. Because of the change to a calendar fiscal year and our 2018 invoices going out in January, it has been a good year, so far, for dues. A big "Thank You" to everyone for voting that amendment into the bylaws and then following through with your payments. Additionally, thanks go out to the many responsible members who have contacted TLIA and requested a payment plan for 2018. The vast majority of our membership is in "good standing" with the approaching March 31 deadline. I truly appreciate our membership who is responsible, reliable, and aware of the value of TLIA.

The good news continues with the past due receivables report as of February. With the approaching payment deadline, our outstanding dues (more than 1 year in arrears) is at an all time low of \$7,875 with the fewest number of people on the delinquent list in a long time. Not to mention the low percentage of outstanding dues to revenues!

I must give credit to our Financial Committee who has worked so hard to make this a reality. The simple fact is that our financial re-org plan is working. I especially want to call out Financial Secretary, Fran Steffen. She has taken on her role of not only processing the invoices but the difficult job of collections with gusto. She manages to carry a velvet hammer while being charming to those who have pushed aside their obligations for too long. The results, as mentioned above, have been outstanding. Well done, Fran!

However, I also have to say (Hold on Mike! Here comes a bit of a rant), we need to collect the outstanding \$7,850 and it is never easy. Please review the newsletter story this month outlining the dues collection process. The board and I believe it is our duty to be clear on the process and procedures of collection. Everyone should know and understand the process we are required to follow.

So there you have it, Mike. Did I do better with a little less rant and a happier tone? I hope so. As always, I love to hear from all of you about anything TLIA related. I promise an answer and a smile.



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



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January 16, 2018

TLIA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members: Tom Kubala, Mary Magro, Kevin Middleditch, Mike Mitchell, Kathy Pattengale, Fran

Steffen, John Yancey, and Randy Young Apologies: Steve Burgoon

Committee Reps:

Pat Covek - Tennis & Grounds Beautification Kelsi Knight - Events
Jaclyn Aprati and Carrie Thompson - Youth Cass Young - Communications

Guests: None

Call to Order

Randy Young called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm
President's Report

All of the Bylaws changes approved at the Annual Meeting have been added to the existing Bylaws.

Approval of December Minutes

Motion to approve: Tom Kubala. Second: Fran Steffen
All in favor

Beach Mary Magro

Applications for summer lifeguards will be sent out.

Communications Cassandra Young

The committee sent out 12 email blasts, created posters to publicize various TLIA events, and updated the website this month.

Events Kelsi Knight

Christmas lighting judging is complete. Upcoming events include a beer tasting event, laser tag, and a Cubs vs. Brewers game in Milwaukee.

Current committee members will meet with new members to facilitate the planning of 4th of July events. The Progressive Dinner is scheduled for May 19.

Grounds General John Yancey

John Yancey shared updates about Play Island and the rehabilitation of the bridge to Toy Island. The spring cleanup day will focus on the rehabilitation of the North Channel boat landing and park cleanup. The South Hills boat landing revocable license to trespass will allow us access to the boat landing. A Memorial Day Fun Run/Walk will be held on Memorial Day. Tree planting and an educational program is being planned in conjunction with the Village. Rick Steffen put in bids for a joint lawn care service in tandem with the Village.

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To see all Board minutes, click button.

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Next Meeting:

March 12, 2018 - 7:00 pm

April 9, 2018 - 7:00 pm

Tower Lakes Village Hall

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TLIA BOARD

Dogs: Cont'd from p.1

"Is your dog friendly? Is it ok if we let our dogs say hi to each other?" and gauge their response, and the dog's response/behavior when you let the two meet. Make sure you have a tight hold of your leash, and also check to make sure the other dog walker seems in control of his/her dog as well to prevent any unfortunate unpredictable encounters.

5) Best to keep the leash on. Really. Even though is in his ability to walk calmly by your side off-leash and be unpredictable, depending upon the unexpected (and across the street, a tempting squirrel running up a tree, chasing a ball), and the worst thing that could happen while you have the utmost confidence in your dog's off-leash ability, leash laws in the area(s) you will be walking. You don't want to

As holds true for all parents, pet parents hold a significant time you and your pet hit the streets, you both are acting as "ambassador" for dogs, dog owners, and responsible behavior all around. As dog lovers would all agree, the presence of all of the sweet, funny, quirky, silly, wise, protective, placid, loving dogs in our lives all contribute to enriching our neighborhoods and parks, when they listen to Miss Manners, of course. **Now... who wants to go for a walk?!!**



you might feel very confident in how "good" your dog obey all of your verbal commands, his behavior could exciting) nature of a given stimulus (e.g., a darting cat another exciting looking dog, a rushing car, a kid walking a dog is, of course, to lose your dog. Even if make sure that you acquaint yourself with your city's get a ticket, or worse.

amount of responsibility in their hands, and every

Jan Board Minutes cont.**Grounds Beautification**

The committee is working a on list of annual providers in addition to the perennial and shrub contacts that provide us with wholesale prices. Plans for 2018 include finishing landscaping the memory garden, replanting areas on Rest Island, planning an educational program to be held on Rest Island in July, and general ongoing beautification of Tower Lakes. Pat Covek requested that Grounds Beautification be listed as a standing committee rather than a subcommittee of Grounds. Randy Young officially designated Grounds Beautification as a standing committee and appointed Pat Covek as the lead.

Pat Covek**Lake Committee**

Lake County DOT has requested additions to the certificate of insurance that our contractor submitted for the proposed work at the Kelsey Road access point. The committee is following up with both our contractor and the DOT as needed, hoping to avoid any issue with the DOT planned repaving work on Kelsey Road and the silt pumping schedule for later this summer. The paving of the apron is scheduled for April.

Tom Kubala

The committee is finalizing the application for the goose harvesting permit and will be scheduling an initial review session with Craig from USDA Wildlife division before submitting to Roy at IL DNR. Craig has offered to look it over first to help facilitate approval. A public informational/educational meeting about charity goose harvesting will be held at the March Lake Committee Meeting. Eggs will not need to be oiled this year, but oiling will resume in 2019. The intent of this cycle is to reset the goose population. The committee will be scheduling a planning meeting with ILM to discuss treatment plans for the lake this year with the goal of reducing aquatic plant growth.

Member Services**Kevin Middleditch**

Kevin Middleditch has been in communication with Randall Cross and will be using the survey data to help develop programs. Two areas that stood out on the survey were walking and working from home. Kevin will also ask residents about any concerns, such as excessive speed. He will put together a calendar for the distribution of beach and boat passes and will be looking into putting the directory online in printable form rather than publishing another printed book at this point. He is also planning to create and post an online map of trails for residents in the future.

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TLIA SPRING
CLEANUP DAY

May
5
Saturday

MEET AT BEACH
PARKING LOT
8:00 am

TLIA GROUNDS

Mary Beth Adams
Patty Barten
Amanda Brown
Shaun Kildare
Kristi Nash
Kathy Pattengale
Cassandra Young
Randy Young

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

Communications@tlia.org

TLIA COMMUNICATIONS

Board meeting minutes cont'd from p.3**Rain Garden****Andy Hay**

TLIA received final confirmation from Lake County on the \$12,000 grant for the East boat landing and the \$19,500 reimbursement from the Illinois EPA. An Army Corp Permit Review number for the East Boat

Landing has been issued. Andy Hay has put in a proposal to present at the ILMA conference in March, which would be a Big opportunity for quality matching funds.

Silt Removal Team (SRT) Report Steve Burgoon No report.

Tennis**Pat Covek**

The nets are down and are stored at Bob Covek's home. The courts will be power-washed and cleaned this spring and will open sometime in April or May, depending on the weather. Youth and Adult Tennis Programs will be starting up in June 2018. Both tennis and pickleball lessons will be on the schedule. Kathy Covek is researching the cost of striping the second court for pickleball and will present an estimate to the Board. Bridget Lacon is looking into options for purchasing a storage locker.

Youth**Jaclyn Aprati**

Members have expressed positive feedback of the Carriage Rides & Santa visit event. The committee is looking at sponsorship opportunities and/or using other vendors as cost-saving measures for the carriage rides. The trampoline event will be held as a fundraiser, and a service project is also in the works. The committee made \$275 at the shop & wrap. The committee will be meeting to plan 2018 events, begin reaching out to needed vendors, and finalize and publicize dates for 2018.

Financial Report**Mary Magro & Fran Steffen**

Fran Steffen and Mary Magro shared the financial reports for the close of FY17 (two months, Nov. and Dec. 2017) showing the balance as of December 31. The Finance Committee will be moving the money from committees into the TLIA general account. Research is being

For the full minutes, visit tlia.org



In our continuing effort to be connected and be open and available to the membership, listed here are the contact emails for each of the 2018 TLIA Board members and the committees. Do not hesitate to reach out to any of the Board Members or committees for information, concerns, and ideas. We are here to serve you!

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President	Randy Young	president@tlia.org	Beach	beach@tlia.org
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	John Yancey	grounds@tlia.org	Lake	lake@tlia.org
	Kevin Middleditch	memberservices@tlia.org	Tennis	tennis@tlia.org
	Mike Mitchell	mmitchell@tlia.org	Youth	youth@tlia.org

TLIA Dues Reminder

TLIA dues are due March 31. Payments received after March 31, 2018 that are not covered by a payment plan, agreed upon with the TLIA financial secretary, are subject to a \$100 late fee.

Please mail your payment to:

PO Box 405

Barrington, IL 60010

or hand-deliver to:

TLIA mailbox at the Village Hall

Payments are due **March 31**. If you need to create a payment plan, please contact our financial secretary, Fran Steffen, at dues@tlia.org.



The Easter Bunny is Coming to TL!

Please join us for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and visit with the Easter Bunny! Don't forget to bring your baskets and cameras!

Saturday, March 31, 2018

10:00 am (promptly)

0-3 yrs old - Toy Island

4-7 yrs old - Play Island

8+ yrs old - Rest Island

Tower Lakes Families: If you have children that will be participating in the Easter Egg Hunt, please help out the Easter Bunny by dropping off a dozen pre-filled eggs per child at the home of Jackie Aprati, 108 East Tower Drive, from Wednesday, March 7 - Wednesday, March 28.

Questions? Email youth@tlia.org

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

Are you a new or returning guard?



interested in being a Tower Lakes lifeguard this summer?

Send an email to: Beach@TLIA.org

to request an application.

TLIA BEACH

Tower Lakes Garden Club Awakening of Spring

Wednesday, March 21, 2018
7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall

Lynn Pries of Montale Gardens Plant Nursery will share information about shrubs and perennials.
Please RSVP to towerlakesgardenclub@gmail.com.

TLIA GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION

Save the Date!

TL Family Day at the Ballpark

Schaumburg Boomers Baseball Game ~ Saturday, July 21, 6:00 pm

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE



Work Allows Volunteer to See Natural World With New Eyes

By Sarah Voska Reprinted with permission from **Daily Herald**



Sarah Voska of Tower Lakes talks about what it's like to be a volunteer with Citizens for Conservation:

Q: How would you describe CFC?

A: CFC is the most knowledgeable group of citizen environmentalists in the Chicagoland area. They dedicate their heart and soul to the preservation and restoration of open spaces in the Barrington area and to protecting biodiversity and water quality along the Flint Creek watershed.

Q: What inspires you?

A: I am so inspired by the selfless dedication of CFC's volunteers and members. I have never seen a greater willingness to help, to pour time and effort into projects that produce future results they may not see the fruits of. The restoration will take another 20 years or more, but the impact of each volunteer who came to plant a sedge or kill some buckthorn will endure.

Q: What have you learned about yourself from volunteering?

A: I became much more aware of my surroundings and the ecology in my own backyard -- it was so exciting to finally be able to distinguish one plant from another!

Now, I feel as if I am seeing the world with new eyes, finally realizing the diversity of plants in my community and how they shape our environment. It has completely changed how I engage with the natural world.

[Read the full story here.](#)

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Jump, Run, Play Contributed by Shaun Kildare

TL Play Group

The TL Play Group traveled north this month to the Jump Zone in Volo. The trampolines were quite a hit this week, and at least one brave soul hit the high-bar over the foam pit. We would like to thank the Perez and Brookbank families for coming out.

For those interested in the play group, please email me at shaunkildare@hotmail.com. We try 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, but could change with enough responses).



Support TLIA Parks and Grounds

Save the date: Monday, May 28
(Memorial Day Weekend)

TLIA GROUNDS

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

Look for details soon.



**How's
your
head
for
trivia?**



TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Pub Quiz Returns!

3/10/18 ~ 7-11pm

**McGonigal's Pub
Barrington**

RSVP Please ~ see TLIA Newsletter or email for link

You can still sign up for this fun event. Don't have a team of 4?

No worries.

We will pair you up with others.

Sign up [here](#).

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

**Family
Event!
Bring
the
kids!!!**

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

RSVP: by [here](#) 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.

**There's still
room on the
bus!**



TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE



Cops vs. Gangstas Feb. 10



Photos courtesy of: Kristi Nash



TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

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PROM NIGHT... (Revisited) at Big Night 8!

Contributed by Jan Bahr



Citizen of the Year, Jerry Metz!

If you were unable to attend last month's *Tower Lakes Community Foundation's Big Night 8: Prom...Revisited* at the new Avanté Banquet Hall in Fox River Grove, you truly missed a Big Night! A "gaggle" (tee-hee) of Tower Lakers gathered together to honor **TLCF's Citizen of the Year, Jerry Metz!**, and to raise some money to help fund some projects here, in "the place we call home."

Prom attired attendees enjoyed cocktail hour as they placed their bids at the silent auction tables, purchased raffle tickets for some pretty good Blackhawks tickets and had their photos taken at the balloon arch Photo Op.

Once they took their seats, TLCF's president, Missy Sandberg offered some opening comments, as she recounted the many ways that Tower Lakes, "the place we call home," plays such an important part in our lives, the lives of our children and even those of our grandkids.

Missy, as president, also had the somewhat unusual distinction of presenting Jerry, who happens to be her dad, with his award while the rest of us enjoyed dinner. Now, if you're thinking favoritism on the Board's part, then, as Missy said, "You don't know Jerry." She mentioned in her heartfelt remarks, "You may in fact, not

know Jerry, but you know his work." Because, if you have used the beach in the last **37 YEARS**, you have benefitted from the fruits of Jerry's labor as he has spent an estimated total of 780 hours picking up goose poop on the beach, as well as power washing the rafts and hanging fish line to keep those critters off the island year after year for -- did I mention -- **37 YEARS!** He is the true spirit of volunteerism that helps make Tower Lakes special. Thanks, Jerry.

After dinner, Tower Lakes' own emcee extraordinaire, Andrew Milne, took the mic to get the Live Auction underway. As usual, Andrew charmed many into reaching deep into their pockets and walk away with some wonderful treasures so, generously donated by our neighbors. For another

year, a group of Tower Lakers will enjoy a week in a luxury vacation home in Mexico, thanks to the Gilletts, and a couple of "Swifties" will head down to Soldier Field this summer to see Taylor Swift in concert. A truly nice addition this year was some "crowd funded" packages put together by four



TL neighborhoods. There was the East Lake's *Chicago Getaway*, the West Lake's *Weekend in Lake Geneva*, North Lake's *Home and Garden Package* and the

combined Fenview/Country Club Estates/South Hills' *Family Photo Shoot and Shopping Spree!* And then...the dancing! Chicago DJ's, Damien Gardner once again kept the floor packed with an oldies and current hits play list! The honor of being crowned Prom King and Queen went to the winners of the ever popular, always fun to watch dance contest, Rocky Ermilio and Kelsi Knight!

As we all know, none of this happens by itself, and so, we thank firstly our teen volunteers, who helped check guests in, sell raffle tickets and take a photo or 2, Jessica Lunt, Olivia Gray, Caroline Wyndham, and Ingrid Riepe. Kudos to our benevolent Brit, Andrew Milne, and to our very photogenic photographer, Chris Burgoon. (By the date of publication, Chris will have posted more photos to Dropbox.) And of course, the BN8

Planning Committee of Jan Bahr, Mary Kate Harazin, Brooke Rowley, Missy Sandberg, Gwen Torstenson and Karen Yancey for providing Tower Lakers an opportunity to eat, drink, socialize and show their always delightfully surprising generosity for this remarkable community of Tower Lakes, "the place we call home." IO





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