

# TLIA Newsletter

## Illinois Lakes Management Association (ILMA) 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference

TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE

One of the many sub-committees on the TLIA Lake Committee is Intergovernmental Affairs. The role of that subcommittee is to actively seek and engage local and regional government agencies and public organizations that have resources, information, and activities helpful to our lake management efforts. **Rich Bahr, Tom Kubala, Andy Hay, Nick Adams, and Steve Burgoon** have been involved in these efforts over the past 7 years. **Rich has been actively involved with ILMA – the Illinois Lakes Management Association (ILMA).** Rich just finished his two year term as ILMA President handing over the gavel to another ILMA board member. This transition occurred at the ILMA 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference that was held in Bloomington, Illinois on March 22 and 23 at the Park Regency Hotel and Conference Center. Rich's leadership and involvement in ILMA over the past two years has continued the TLIA Lake Committee's objective of building "community capital" with Illinois EPA, Lake Country Stormwater Management and other local groups. Thank you Rich for leading this charge and bringing our Tower Lakes message to these partners.

One of the highlights of the entire Conference was a very professional and compelling



See Andy Hay's full presentation [here](#).

### presentation by Andy Hay on the "Tower Lakes Bioswale/Rain Garden Project."

This presentation was very well received by over 45 attendees including our main sponsor, Scott Tompkins from Illinois EPA. Andy received many positive comments from all at the

convention and Scott participated with some questions and comments to include "continue to look for other funding sources for projects because we never know how long the IEPA 319 program will be with us." Scott also referenced the importance of a direct reference of our project to the "Nine Lakes Watershed Plan", adopted by IEPA and Tower Lakes in 2014. It is gratifying that our work back into 2012 to 2014 has reaped benefits for us in 2017 and 2018. It was very helpful for Rich Bahr and Steve Burgoon to meet Scott Tompkins and thank him for his support of our Rain Garden project. This project has become a great Lake County example for proactively diverting and filtering non-point source stormwater flow into the ground rather than directly into our lakes.

**Rich Bahr and Steve Burgoon** were involved in a panel discussion with two other lakes regarding "Developing and Sustaining Homeowner Association (HOA) Lake Groups." This lively discussion covered lake committee structure, genesis, issues, challenges and more. The group was moderated by Keith Gray, the President of our new Lake Management Company (Integrated Lakes Management). Keith is also an ILMA board member and past lake management specialist for our lake.

**Andy, Rich, and Steve** also attending many other sessions during the conference covering a myriad of subjects to include other dredging methods, fish habitat, invasive aquatic plants, algae management and recovery. The Keynote Speech was delivered by Molly Flanagan from the Alliance for the Great Lakes. Molly spoke eloquently about "Threats and Opportunities threatening the Great Lakes." During her talk, Molly referenced many recent legislative votes that her group has successfully influenced to the Great Lakes benefit including continuance of funding that was to be rescinded in appropriation bills currently being decided in the US Congress. It is worth noting that another **TL resident, Joyce Solberg**, is a trustee on the AGL Board of Directors.

The Lake Committee has put Tower Lakes in every ILMA members' top of mind. We were by far the most active lake at the conference. The conference was fun and educational. Next year the conference will be close by: Crystal Lake on March 14 and 15, 2019. It would be fantastic to get more TLIA members to attend in 2019.

## Tower Lakes' Own Gets Statewide Recognition

At the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Illinois Lakes Management Association (ILMA) Steve Burgoon received the Frank Loftus Conservation Award for Lake Volunteer Stewardship Efforts. This award was established in 2002 by the Association in posthumous honor of Frank who was a tireless, lifelong conservation volunteer. One deserving person in Illinois receives this award each year.

*Contributed by Rich Bahr, past president of ILMA*



Steve Burgoon was nominated and unanimously approved by ILMA's board for his impressive lake protection resume. Steve, having twice served extensive terms on both the TLIA Lake Committee and its governing Board, was instrumental in two major projects to protect and repair Tower Lakes: a shoreline effort, many years ago and our more recent and ongoing Silt Removal project.

Steve has also dedicated untold hours to organizing and guiding efforts to connect our local lake communities. Working with representatives from Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and Barrington Area Conservation Trust (BACT) he was key to establishing local working groups: The Tower Lakes Drain Partnership (TLDP) which became the 4 Lakes group and now is part of the CMAP 9 Lakes Watershed Plan. These connections and planning were key to the grants we have received for the SRT and Rain garden projects.

Our Community is lucky to have Steve's leadership and spirit of volunteerism. Please congratulate him on this prestigious award the next time you see him.

## NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA



I have been writing these columns for just over three years now and what a great privilege it's been — the ability to reach out to the community I love. Sometimes I've been outlandish in my rants about money, volunteerism, or the nature of TLIA and sometimes just playful words of joy and neighborly comment. I hope that maybe, just maybe, I've inspired a few of you, perhaps motivated a few, or at the least, been somewhat entertaining each month. I may have even angered some along the way. After all, isn't that what a column is supposed to do?

Any one of these results is good. After all, if you can't speak your mind or express thoughts and ideas, along with reaction to it, where would we be as a society?

It's not easy, you know, trying to get out 350-400 words (and sometimes as many as 700) about our community each month. It's really a challenge. There are so many factors to consider, like, should I write about the people, the actions of the Board, maybe a rant about the in-action or difficulty of making progress on bylaws, finances, or volunteerism? Any of those topics are fine points of discussion, debate, and always controversial. Maybe this month should just be a fluff piece on our community spirit. See where I'm coming from?

So, here I am typing my 233rd word and the light bulb atop my head begins to glow! How about you? Yes you. Do you have something on your mind? Something to say, maybe shout? An insight that needs a forum? What value do you place in the printed word? A metaphorical soap box to shout from. Here is a your chance to speak your mind and I offer you a place to say it.

Next month this column space is yours. Express yourself, hop on that soap box and shout it out. You say it, I'll publish it! Take the risk of speaking out. I did.

Express opinions, thoughts, ideas; use critical thinking. Write of things that motivate, encourage, and move our community; express how you disagree with and want to change, or look to the future and be creative in your approach. After all, we are all joined in our common goal of a fruitful life in TL. Express your thoughts and be bold. Take this opportunity to move your reader to action.

Now, there are a few rules. Please don't call out anyone individually, don't embarrass anyone (especially yourself). Think about what you say and how you say it. Know the printed word is a whole lot different than just saying it or thinking it. No profanity, steer clear of politics, religion libel and slander. I reserve the right to apply proper grammar, spelling and punctuation, but I will not edit it for tone or message. Feel free to remain anonymous but make that clear, otherwise I shall credit the author.

The opportunity is yours and it is here for the taking. Can you feel the creative juices rising? Is that a writer's itch at your fingertips? Go ahead slip that metaphorical blank sheet of paper into your new fangled typewriter machine and get after it. It's only 350-400 words. Easy, right? I'm at 546th word right now, a bit over budget. But I'm entitled and so should you be. So write!

OK, I'm done, but I hope you're not. My email link is just below. Use it. Click on it and send in your "Notes from the Neighborhood." I'm reading, listening, and publishing...

**This should be fun!**

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



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

### March 12, 2018. Regular Meeting. TLIA BOARD MEETING NOTES ONLY A QUORUM WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE - NO OFFICIAL BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED

**Board Members:** Randy Young, Mary Magro, Kevin Middleditch, John Yancey. **Apologies:** Steve Burgoon, Kathy Pattengale, Fran Steffen, Tom Kubala, Mike Mitchell. **Guests:** None. **Committee Reps:** Andy Hay, Rain Garden; Cassandra Young, Communications;

#### 1. Call to Order

Randy Young

1. This is not an official meeting as a quorum was not present. These notes are for reference to the discussion only. No official business was conducted.

#### 2. Presidents Report

Randy Young

1. Board member update: Kathy Pattengale is recovering from recent surgery and doing well.

#### 3. Approval of February Minutes

1. Tabled until April

#### 4. Committee Reports

##### 1. Beach

Mary Magro

1. Many of the last year's guards will be returning, waiting for the balance of applications to come in with interviews to follow. Letters and offers should be out by April 15. Beach to open Saturday before Memorial Day.

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To see complete Board minutes online

**Next Meeting:**  
**May 8, 2018 - 7:00 pm**  
**June 11, 2018 - 7:00 pm**  
**Tower Lakes Village Hall**

**TLIA BOARD**

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

# Rain Garden Update

Contributed by Andy Hay

TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE

Happy Spring Everyone!

As I write this, we are seeing the first signs of new growth coming through in the Rain Garden in Bays Park. I am very excited to watch how it will develop this year. My gardening friends tell me that it will take three years to be fully established but I am impatient to see the expansion in 2018. In the meantime, our environmental engineering partners at ENCAP are continuing to maintain the garden and we will be replacing any plants that didn't survive either last year's floods or winter.

Moving on to the next phases, we are deep into "Permits." The two major ones we need for the work at Wagner Park (aka East Boat Landing) to proceed are: The Army Corp of Engineers and the Lake County Wetland Development Plan. The Army Corp now is ready to be issued but they won't proceed without the Lake County Wetland Development Plan. In March, we received our review of the plan and there are, as expected, some questions from the Engineering Department. We have a hearing scheduled in April to answer these, which should lead to a successful outcome during May. In reality, there is no rush for these since we have no intention of doing anything at the Boat Landing during the busy times of summer and fall. Our current timelines are to perform the heavy construction over the winter when the ground is dormant, and the park is not being used much. Then we can plant in spring and we are targeting a grand opening July 4, 2019. As planned, this is a three-year project and we are right on track for that.

As part of our commitment to education, we were also invited to present the Tower Lakes Rain Garden Project at the 2018 Illinois Lake Management Association meeting in Bloomington in March. Several Tower Lakers made the trip and the information was well received by the other communities present with some great questions. After the meeting, several other townships have asked for advice or to see if they can visit and see what we have done. It is reassuring to feel that we are helping others make a difference to water quality and storm water management in their communities too.

The ongoing reporting to IL EPA is on track and your continued support through meetings and educational opportunities is helping to build up our bank of volunteer credits.

## With a Little "Touch of Pixie Dust," TLIA Receives a Video Projection System!

TLIA is the beneficiary of a generous donation to the association by Jacquie Skurla. Jacquie is the owner and operator of the travel agency "*A Touch\* of Pixie Dust Travel.*" Her gift is a beautiful, high quality video projection system.

The system includes a CaiWei Digital LED-HD Video 3200 lumen Projector, a Yard Master 135" projection screen, and a projection stand. TLIA President Randy Young added to the donation with a pair of powered PA speakers to complete the package.

This system will aid the Association for such things as Youth Committee "Family Movie Nights" held during the summer at the soccer field and many other committee events and meetings. The screen is big enough and bright enough to accommodate the usual crowds at that outdoor event. It will also be a great asset to the Events Committee during the July celebration. TLIA will also find it useful at both the monthly meetings and the TLIA annual meeting.

The projector is capable of receiving several video formats direct from a computer, phone, or online source and is easy to operate. The standard screen is a bit large for indoor use at 135" but because of a special application that Jacquie made with the projector manufacturer, the association will be receiving a 72" screen, free of charge. That screen is more suitable for indoor use and will be added to the package. It comes complete with all the cables and peripheral gear, including an instruction book for set up and operation. If anyone renting or using the gear needs one, a tutorial will be offered.

The complete package will be managed by the Association and available to all the TLIA committees. Additionally, members-in-good-standing will be able to rent it, on occasion, for their personal use. The Youth Committee will be the beneficiary of the \$50 rental charge for the gear. All the rental money will go into the Youth Committee budget for projects and events to benefit TLIA Youth.



# Memorial Day TLIA “Fun Run for the Parks”

**Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day)**

*Contributed by John Yancey*

***Proceeds to benefit TLIA Parks and Grounds***



TLIA Parks and Grounds Committee and the Stewards of the Parks invite you to join in on the fun on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28 for the first Fun Run for the Parks. This year’s proceeds will help defer costs of a number of improvements in all our parks, such as new picnic tables, umbrellas and the new elm tree on Play Island (the beach).

The Fun Run will start at the Soccer Field and end on Rest Island where a short Memorial Day service will be held, and refreshments served.

Two routes will be offered to participants: an east side short loop for small kids and families with strollers, and the full course which will include east, west and the North Lake loop. An email blast will be sent out prior to the Fun Run date detailing the routes. The route will include multiple quick stops at each of our parks where runners will need to complete fun activities and/or specific tasks before continuing. Participants will be greeted by Park Stewards at each park and instructed on how to complete the activity before continuing to the next park.

Medals and prizes will be awarded to the first three runners from each category and for the family group; and ONLY if all can show proof of all tasks completed at each park.

The course route will finish on Rest Island. The Tower Lakes police will be very involved and will monitor the course and make safe all major road crossings. They will also help at the finish line in honoring all that have served our country in a short Memorial Day service where Taps will be played.

The entrance fee will be \$40/family, \$20/individual runners. Kids under 12 are free. Fun Run T-shirts can be ordered when you register prior to the event for \$20 each. All registration will be online at the TLIA website. Watch for an email with instructions on registration, T-Shirts, and routes.

So... Get in shape! Challenge your neighbors and friends families! And come out and join us to celebrate our parks and honor those who have served.

### **There will be three categories in the race:**

1. Individual runners 12 -18 years old;
2. Individual runners 19 + years; and
3. Families (11 and under) participants should be entered in the family category and accompanied by a parent or older sibling).



**For more information or to  
volunteer to help,  
please email or call**

**[John Yancey or Mike Mitchell](#)**



**TLIA GROUND**S

**Register**

*The importance and  
history of Memorial Day  
- 8 things you may not  
know about the holiday.*

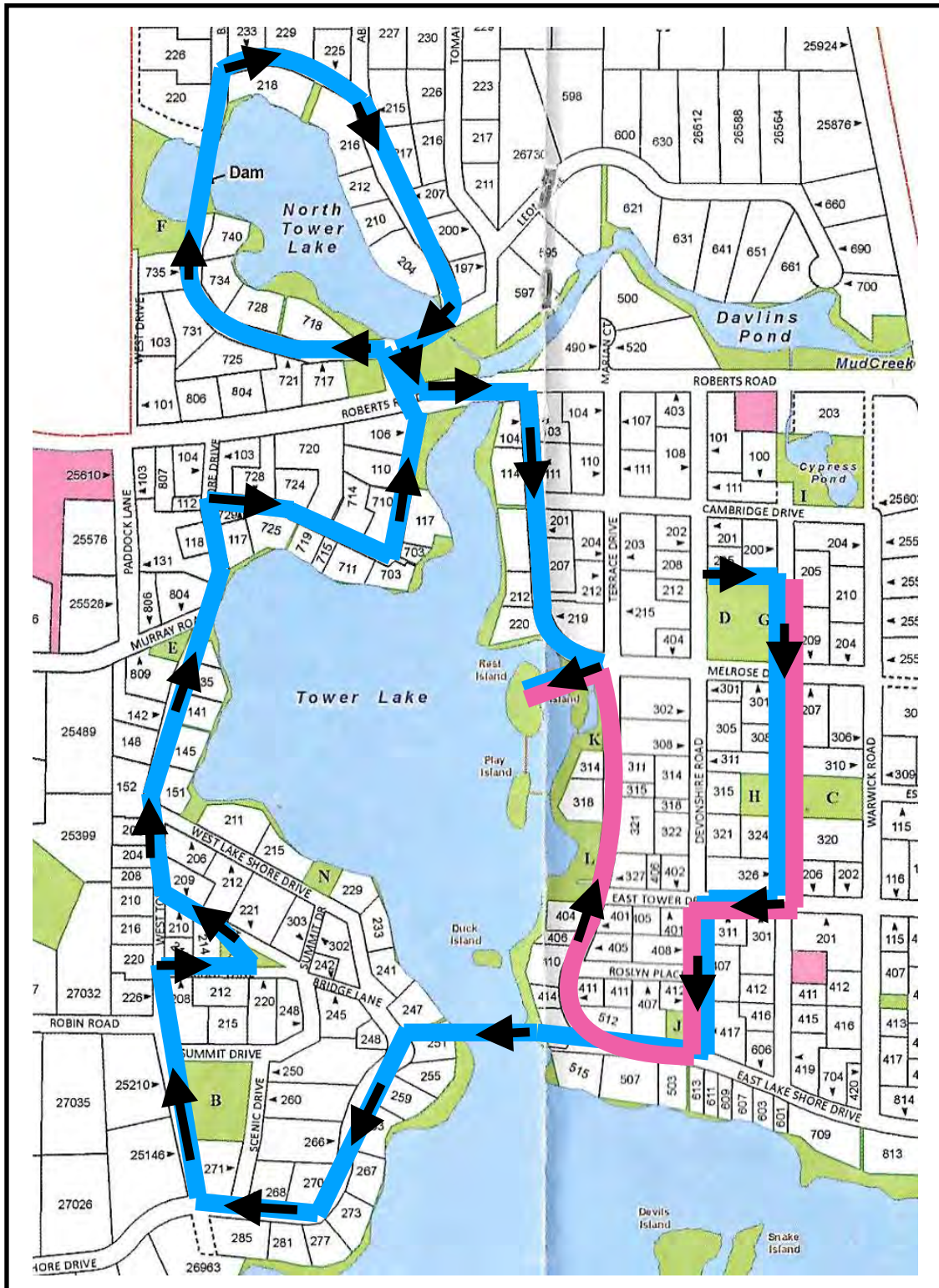
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# Fun Run for the Parks Route Map

Pink line = Tikes, trikes & strollers

Blue line = 5K fun run route

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW A PRINTABLE MAP](#)



# Tower Lakes Gets Butterfly Way-Station

*Monarchs need our help and we need monarchs!*

*Contributed by Steve Burgoon*



TLIA is the lucky recipient of a monarch way-station kit. The Barrington Area Conservations Trust (BACT) received grant funding this spring to provide 12 monarch way-stations in the greater Barrington Area in calendar year 2018. This is adding to the 36 monarch way-stations planted in 2017 in the Barrington area for a new total of 48 monarch gardens. This is a fantastic opportunity for our community to provide stepping stone habitats for these wonderful pollinators in peril!

The Grounds and Grounds Beautification Committees will select the location – requiring 6 hours of sunlight per day and at least 100 square feet of area, in a location easily accessible to passersby, especially, our younger folks. The area will be prepared in early May

then planted in late May. All the materials are provided by the BACT grant to include 50 gallon and quart sized plants (milkweed and other plants that flower in spring, summer and fall), leaf and hardwood mulch, Root Rally stimulator, a Monarch Way-station Sign, pamphlets and Monarch Watch registration certificate. The way-station will need watering over this summer as it gets established and annual maintenance for weed control.

To the left is a newly planted way-station..... and a way-station in year two..... a great addition to our parks!!

**We hope you enjoy it.**



## Monarch fun facts

- A monarch caterpillar gains about 2,700 times its original weight, with a large caterpillar devouring an entire milkweed leaf in less than four minutes!
- The wings of a monarch are orange—a color that warns predators that the butterfly will taste bad or may be toxic. Milkweed leaves contain toxins that monarchs accumulate in their bodies.
- Monarch butterflies fly 2,000 miles or more to the cool moist fir forests in central Mexico.
- Each fall, migrating monarchs are 3-4 generations removed from those that made the journey in the spring—yet they still navigate to a specific area of Mexico without a map!
- The first 3 generations of monarch butterflies live 6-8 weeks. Yet, the 4th generation — known as the “Super Generation” — lives about 8-9 months, migrating south, overwintering in Mexico and starting to fly the journey north in spring.



# TLIA SPRING CLEANUP DAY



MEET AT BEACH PARKING LOT  
8:00 am

TLIA GROUNDS

- Please meet at the beach parking lot at 8:00 am.
- Work will focus on park projects and maintenance.
- Lunch will be provided at the tennis courts at 12:00 noon.
- Please bring protective hand and eyewear.

**Come out with the family and lend a hand.**

For more information, please call John Yancey or Mike Mitchell.  
[grounds@tlia.org](mailto:grounds@tlia.org)



**Leaf Burning Allowed**  
April 1 - May 31 (9 am - 4pm)



**Brush pick up is May 7**  
Branches should be stacked butt end at the street; no weeds or soft material.  
Limit is 10' x 4' per household.

## Citizens for Conservation's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual NATIVE PLANT, SHRUB & TREE SALE

May 5 & 6  
9 am - 3pm

Good Shepard Hospital



Click  
[HERE](#)

for details

# Dues 2018: Update

TLIA BOARD

Overall a great start to 2018 but room for improvement

*Contributed by: TLIA Board*

Over the last three years, TLIA has been working hard at re-organizing its financial operations, including a concentrated effort over those three years at eliminating delinquent dues and seriously past due homeowner accounts.

At the beginning of FY18, TLIA issued dues invoices totaling \$277,105. At that time there was \$17,715 in outstanding past due obligations by 18 homeowners in arrears. All dating back at least 90 days and some back as far as 2015.

Because of TLIA's diligence, that arrears balance (prior to FY18) has been reduced to \$5,220. Part of that reduction was the result of \$1,622 written off due to foreclosures, but \$10,873 has been through collection. That arrears list has also been reduced to only 7 homeowners, and the continuing good news is 5 of those seven have committed to payment plans, leaving only 2 that have not stepped up to their community responsibility.

FY18 continues to be a work in progress and collection of current dues is ongoing, despite the March 31 deadline, a full month later this year. An accommodation the Board provided to allow for the additional 2 months of dues related to the fiscal year change. The accounts receivable for FY18 is currently \$42,885.

Many households reached out to the association, prior to the March 31 deadline, to ask for a receive a payment plans for their 2018 dues. Taking those honorable commitments into account, \$13,889 remains in arrears from 15 homeowners that have not paid or set up FY18 payment plans by the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Each of those homeowners has been assessed the additional \$100 late fees for FY18.

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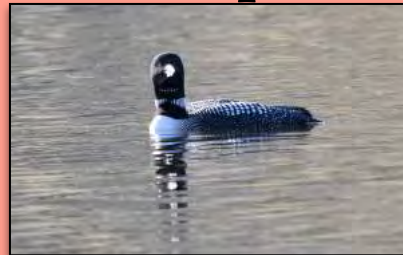
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## The Loon's annual stop over in Tower Lakes

*Photos courtesy of Colin Regan*

**LISTEN TO THE LOONS CRY**

Click here



**Do you have a graduate that you'd like to honor?**

**Send us a photo and 50 words by June 15**  
[communications@tlia.org](mailto:communications@tlia.org)

**Send a personalized message to your graduate in the July issue.**

**Messages are \$10 each for 2" x 3.5" space (business card size).**

**No more than 25 words.**

**Send information to**

**[communications@tlia.org](mailto:communications@tlia.org)**

**by June 15.**

TLIA COMMUNICATIONS

# April 8 - Miller Park Cubs win!



TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE



Photos courtesy of Kristi Nash

## TL Arbor Day Celebration ~. Saturday, April 28

Celebrate Arbor Day



Plant A Tree



Milne Boys cleaning up on Earth Day '18



Photos by:  
Fran Steffen  
Prof. Jen Grey (aka JEN ZEN)  
Andrew Milne

TLIA GROUNDS



## TLIA Swim Lessons

Swim lessons will be offered this summer for nine weeks, beginning Monday, June 4 - Thursday, Aug 2. Lessons will meet twice a week, either M/W or T/TH, between 12pm-4pm. Swim lessons are offered to children ages 3 and up.

Lessons are for eight weeks (no lessons the week of July 2nd).

Cost is: \$80 per child, yet a \$5 discount can be applied for early registration!

Early registration must be received by May 20, \$75 per child.

Registration between May 21-May 27, \$80 per child.

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



Questions? Contact Mary Kay Bolger at [bolger651@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bolger651@sbcglobal.net)

REGISTER NOW

### Beach Tags/Boat Sticker Distribution

For members in good standing

*(meaning annual dues are paid or you are on a payment plan)*

TLIA MEMBER SERVICES

**Sunday, May 6 & Saturday, May 12**  
**10 am - noon at the beach**

**Beach tags** allow you to use all the TLIA parks, facilities and lake. You must have the tag whenever using these areas.

**Boat stickers** identify your boat in case it's lost or damaged. New boat stickers are distributed every even year (2018, 2020, etc.).

Questions? Contact [Kevin Middleditch](mailto:Kevin.Middleditch@tlia.org)



***Beach opens***

***May 26-28***

***for the weekend***

**Official opening is**

***June 2***

**Welcome back**  
**Friday Fundays!**

TLIA BEACH

### LUMBER GRASS - CUSTOMIZED LAWN SERVICE

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    Events Committee  
Tower Lakes Police Department  
Village of Tower Lakes  
The Voska Family  
The Yancey Family  
Zazas



# Holi Party!



It is that time of year again to get out your white shirts, get good and messy, and take part in one of Hinduism's great festivals...Holi! This year we are reviving the barbeque we did last year down at the soccer field, and we once again welcome all of our neighbors to stop by and take part.

Holi is a celebration of spring marking the passing of winter and the triumph of good over evil. Technically this year it was back on March 2...but that is waaay too cold here in Chicagoland, so we are doing this June 2. It is also a festival to celebrate burying the hatchet and letting go of old disputes. The festival is marked by a large bonfire the night before, followed by a citywide colored powder and water gun fight and ends with the sharing of a meal with friends and family.



This year, like last, we will be celebrating this with a BYO-barbeque. Bring what you want to grill and drink, and maybe a little extra to share. We will provide the

barbeque and the colored powder! This is a very BYO event, bring what you need for the bbq including chairs, tables, utensils, etc.

This is a messy event. Holi is celebrated with a colored powder fight and a water gun fight. The powder is food dyed cornstarch. Participants are encouraged to wear white shirts (the powder shows up much better); other clothing should be anything you don't mind getting extra messy and possibly stained.

If you plan to attend please RSVP at [CLICK HERE](#)



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## Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Contributed by Mary Beth Adams

### Melissa and Bobby Covek 26564 Leon Drive



New members of the Covek Family have moved into Tower Lakes! Melissa and Bobby (son of Bob & Kathy Covek) are excited to be official Tower Lakers. Bobby's grandmother, Pat Covek, has already recruited him to help out with the tennis courts. Bobby and Melissa are moving to Tower Lakes from their Wrigleyville condo in Chicago. Melissa is an Actuary at Blue Cross/Blue Shield while Bobby works for Carmel Catholic High School as a school counselor. Last summer, they had their wedding at Brookfield Zoo and then traveled to wild Africa for a safari honeymoon. They hope to start a family soon, but for now, have four fur babies. Their sister, Barbara Covek, has promised to help them with their two Miniature Australian Shepherds, Beckett and Aria and two Maine Coon Cats, Finnegan and Millie. In their spare time they enjoy traveling, cooking, trivia, movies, poker, active outdoor living and board game nights.

## Hosting an event of your own?

The Tower Lakes Events Committee has chairs, tables and other helpful items available for party rentals.

For pricing, contact Bridget Lacson at 312.927.2114 or [events@tlia.org](mailto:events@tlia.org)

### Graduation season is fast approaching!

### Reserve your party-related needs

TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

**MAY 19**  
**Tapas**  
PROGRESSIVE DINNER  
TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

**Time:**  
Tapas House #1-6:00p  
Tapas House #2-8:00p  
Dessert House-10:00p

**Cost:**

<i>before May 4</i>	<i>after May 4</i>
\$20/single	\$25/single
\$40/couple	\$50/couple

[Details at TLIA.ORG](http://tlia.org)

Join your friends and neighbors for the 2018 Progressive Dinner featuring a Tapas format. Tapas are small plates served in a more casual setting. This is always a highlight of Tower Lakes Events.

Parties each receive an itinerary and visit two houses featuring tapas of all kinds. You will meet a diverse group of neighbors at each house and then join the group at the Dessert House for remainder of the evening.

Here are the details for Saturday, May 19:

Time: Tapas House 1 - 6:00 p.m.  
Tapas House 2 - 8:00 p.m.  
Dessert House - 10:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.

Cost: \$20/single \$40/couple before May 4  
\$25/\$50 after May 4

Checks should be made out to TLIA and drop off at the Lacsons' home: 25466 Wren Road

Tapas Hosts: Please provide substantial but informal appetizers to serve.

Tapas Guests: Please bring 2 bottles of wine to each tapas home: one to share and one to appreciate their host.

\*Additional information/itineraries will be shared to hosts and guests the week prior to the event.



Saturday ~ May 19

**SIGN UP NOW!**

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# Tower Lakes Youth Tennis

- Tennis lessons will begin June 11 and run through August 2
- Classes are Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs running from 9am-1pm
- Kindergarten and 1st grade - \$70 for 45 min lesson
- 2nd grade through 8th grade - \$80 for 60 min lesson

Class times and days may change based on enrollment. Grade is based on what your child's grade level will be in the fall of 2018. I will try to accommodate all requests.

- Any questions? Please contact Bridget Lacson at [sheansbm@yahoo.com](mailto:sheansbm@yahoo.com) or 312-927-2114.
- Any Tower Lakes teen interested in coaching lessons needs to send resume to Bridget Lacson at [sheansbm@yahoo.com](mailto:sheansbm@yahoo.com) no later than April 15.

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TLIA YOUTH TENNIS



## Planned lesson schedule is:

Kindergarten M/W 9-9:45 am  
 1st grade M/W 9:45-10:30 am  
 3rd grade M/W 10:30-11:30 am  
 5th grade M/W 11:30-12:30 pm  
 2nd grade T/TH 9-10 am  
 4th grade T/TH 10-11 am  
 6th grade T/TH 11-12 noon  
 7th-8th grade T/TH noon-1 pm

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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."

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



## Calling all young Tower Lakes Entrepreneurs!

The Tower Lakes Events Committee is providing you with an opportunity to meet new prospective clients or families to use your services. Services could include babysitting, fishing lessons, light yard work or mowing, etc. We will be holding an auction on May 19 where you donate a themed experience for up to 3 hours. You will not be paid this time, but hopefully it will lead to future opportunities with the family that bids on your experience and they will use your service again. We will notify you and the winner after the auction on 5/19 and at that time you can arrange a date for the redemption. Pick a theme and fill out this form by Monday, May 14.

*\*Note: You can submit multiple experiences.*

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Join us for a Family Outing!  
A day at the  
Schaumburg Boomers Game!

**Saturday, July 21**

- \*Food at 5:00 pm  
(all you can eat buffet included)
- \*Game starts at 6:00 pm
- \*Fireworks after the game



Our group will have the  
entire

**Left Field Party Deck.**

All are welcome, so invite your family and friends! Bring your baseball team!

\$25 per person (ages 3 and up)

Please RSVP by May 4

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TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

School's Out  
for Summer!  
It's Party Time!!

**ARAM PARK**  
**Wednesday, May 30**  
**3:30 PM**

Summer

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

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Adults,  
BYOB &  
a snack to share

**Kids:**  
**Vote for the**  
**movie for**  
**Family Movie**  
**Night**

# July Celebration '18



## Tuesday ~ July 3

Noon - 4:00 pm	Tents, tables, chairs, electrical set-up	Rest island
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Adult Soccer Game	Soccer Field
7:00 - 9:30 pm	TL Karaoke	Rest Island

## Wednesday ~ July 4

9:00 - 9:30 am	Parade	Village Hall to Rest Island
10:00 am	Tents Open	Rest Island
10:00 am to 7:30 pm	- Tickets, Clothing, Grill open	
10:00 am to 11:00 pm	- Snacks, Bar open	
9:45 - 10:00 am	Flag Raising & Speeches	Rest Island
10:00 - 11:00 am	Animal Show	Rest Island
11:00 - 12:00 pm	Pie ~ Donut Eating Contest	Rest Island
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Sail Boat Races	Beach
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Bingo	Rest Island
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Face Painting	Rest Island
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Tug-o-War	Beach
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Kayak ~ Canoe Races	Play Island ~ Lake
7:00 - 10:00 pm	Band	Rest Island Stage

## Thursday ~ July 5

5:30 - 8:00 pm	Family Game Night TLYC Bingo & Potluck	Rest Island
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## Friday ~ July 6

11:30 am	Food Tent Opens	
11:30 am to 7:30 pm	- Tickets & Grill open	
11:30 am to 11 pm	- Snacks & Bar open	
3:00 - 5:00 pm	Dunk Tank	
7:00 - 10:00 pm	Band	Rest Island Stage

## Saturday ~ July 7

8:00 - 9:00 am	Yoga on the Beach	Beach
8:00 - 10:00 am	Fishing Derby	Rest Island
9:30am	Tents Open	Rest Island
9:30 am to 7:30 pm	- Tickets, Clothing, Grill open	
9:30 am to 11:00 pm	- Snacks, Bar open	
9:30 - 11:00 am	Pony Rides & Face Painting	Rest Island
11:00 - 12:00 pm	Basketball Shootout	Murray Park
1:00 - 1:30 pm	Sand Castle Judging	Beach
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Swim Races	Beach
2:00 - 7:00 pm	Volleyball & Tennis	Tennis & Volleyball courts
7:00 - 10:00 pm	Band	Rest Island Stage

## Sunday ~ July 8

8:00 - 9:00 am	Yoga on the Beach	Beach
8:00 - 10:00 am	Fishing Derby	Rest Island
10:00am	Tents Open	Rest Island
10:00 am to 1:00 pm	- Tickets, Bar, Clothing open	
11:00 am to 1:00 pm	- Snacks & Grill open	
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Pancake Breakfast	Rest Island
10:00 - 11:30 am	TL Youth Got Talent	Rest Island
Noon - 1:30 pm	Home Run Derby	Soccer Field
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Cart Races	Soccer Field

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**Stay tuned for the SignUp Genius. Thanks to all in advance for their dedication in to making this time so wonderful for the community.**

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