

TLIA Newsletter

Update on Homeowners' Dues

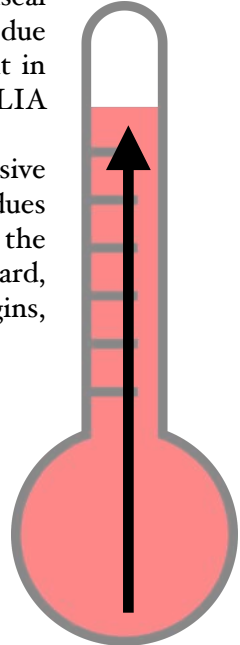
Great Collection Progress in FY18

Contributed by TLIA Board



The 2018 TLIA dues collection is an ongoing process and it continues into the second half of TLIA's fiscal year. Dues payment plans continue to be a viable option for those members seeking to catch up on past due obligations. Of the member homeowners established on payment plans, less than ten remain at this point in time. Most of the payment plans have now paid their 2018 dues in full, according to Fran Steffen, TLIA Financial Secretary, thank you!

"As a last resort, the TLIA Board has had to vote to proceed with legal action against an unresponsive property owner for non-payment of dues," said Randy Young, TLIA Board President. This homeowner's dues were in excess of 3 years in arrears and as the homeowner has been completely non-responsive to TLIA, the Board felt they had no choice but to move forward with the legal systems collection process. Moving forward, the homeowner will be dealing with the Association's legal representatives because once legal action begins, TLIA can no longer deal with the property owner directly.



PAID DUES GROWTH 2018

SUMMARY OF DUES COLLECTION PROGRESS

ITEM	1-NOV-17	1-MAY-18	1-SEP-18
FY17 & Prior years Dues situation			
A/R Outstanding	\$17,715	\$5,220	\$1,934
# homeowners still owing	15	7	3
# committed to payment plan	3	5	1
FY18 (includes FY17 & Prior)			
A/R Outstanding		\$42,885	\$8,086
\$'s in Arrears and NOT committed to payment plans		\$13,898	\$4,498
# of unresponsive homeowners responsible for Arrears \$'s -		15	4

Shared Purchase Tree Program

"Oaktober" 2018

Contributed by Rick Steffen



Once again this year the Village of Tower Lakes and the Tree Commission are sponsoring a shared purchase program to supply trees to our residents, starting after Labor Day. Under this program a limited number of trees have been purchased by the village and offered to residents at half the cost of the tree. Trees can be purchased by check only at the village office. One tree per household on a first come basis. Trees will



be delivered to the resident's driveway by tree commission members on Saturday morning, October 5. Planting and care is the responsibility of the resident and there is no warranty offered. Following is the list of available trees and their price to residents of Tower Lakes. Please help continue Tower Lakes recognition as a Tree City USA and beautify your property at the same time.

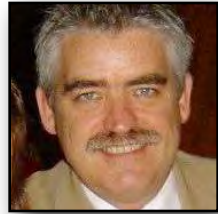
Check out the tree availability chart →

Shared Purchase Tree Program

AVAILABLE TREE CHART

Tupelo (10 gal. container)	\$50	QTY. 5
White Oak (10 gal. container)	\$65	QTY. 5
Swamp White Oak (10 gal. container)	\$40	QTY. 5
Burr Oak (10 gal. container)	\$65	QTY. 5
Northern Red Oak (10 gal. container)	\$65	QTY. 5
Black Oak (10 gal. container)	\$65	QTY. 5
Shagbark Hickory (10 gal. container)	\$50	QTY. 5
Chinkapin Oak (3 gal. container)	\$10	QTY. 10

Planting a tree is a great family activity. As we lose many trees in the village to disease and pests, it is important we replace them for those that follow us. We were given a beautiful setting in Tower Lakes by those who preceded us.



NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA

In an earlier era, the U.S. Marine Corps recruiting slogan was "We are looking for a few good men." Well today is a new era and very soon, TLIA will be looking for a "few good people" to establish a new era of service to our community.

"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants," said Thomas Jefferson. Now, I don't imagine revolt in the streets of Tower Lakes. But I do foresee a like-minded movement of individuals who will rise above the norm to take the helm of our association along the path of a new future. As we pass the half year point of our fiscal year and gaze forward into the next year, we will be looking to the next generation for new leaders. Those special people who are willing to do what it takes to bring TLIA to the next level. That opportunity is before you with the January 2019 elections.

It will take vision, fortitude, and a willingness to break some established molds. I see it as an awareness of home and community, an awareness of the future with so many goals yet to be attained. View this as a calling to fulfill your potential, and a calling for our best to step up and take their best shot.

In my years of service to our community, I have believed that we must always move forward with a vision for the future. Whether it is planning for a modern infrastructure, lake and park improvement, restructuring our finances, streamlining our procedures, or better services for our membership. This vision is embedded within us to benefit our children and grandchildren. It is for them that we work so hard to make this community a better place. Isn't it all worth your time to take this opportunity to mold our community into YOUR vision?

I am asking those of you out there who are hoping to be involved, want to be involved, or interested in being involved to bring your ideas, your time, and your spirit to the next election. Join the process. Join a committee, form a committee, or better yet... run for a board position (there are 5 slots on the ballot) so it is wide open for you! Bring on the ideas and be a part of the solution.

The Nominations Committee is led by Janet Blake and she would love to hear from you. Janet can be reached via nominations@tlia.org. As we approach the fall, she will be putting together a slate of candidates for TLIA Board positions. Drop her a line and express your interest.

Will it be you? Are you one of our next leaders? To quote another Marine slogan, "Are you one of the few?" The Board needs your ideas; the Association wants your energy; and your community looks for your commitment. I know you are out there, and so does all of TLIA.



Email me and let me know your thoughts.



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

July 9, 2018

APPROVED TLIA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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 Jack Johnson - Parks; Kelsi Knight and Caroline Milne - Events Carla Azate and Paula Ermilio - Youth Cass Young - Communications

Guests: Jean Brandt, outside CPA Bill Hare, TLIA member Chris Lajiness, TLIA member

Call to Order Randy Young called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

President's Report - Randy Young

We just finished one of the very best July celebrations I've witnessed in my 16 plus years here in Tower Lakes. I want to pass along my congratulations to the Events Committee and all the volunteers for a job well done. I know the entire Board agrees and says Thank You!

I also want to take a moment to comment on last month's meeting. While I was unable to attend, I understand that it got somewhat contentious and opinionated during the committee reporting segment.

Let me remind everyone that the purpose of committee reports is to inform the Board of their committee decisions, activities, and financials. Additionally, it is the committee's responsibility to inform the Board, prior to the meeting, of any proposals or actions that impact the wider operations of the Association. I have consistently asked that these reports be detailed and in writing prior to the Board meeting. I believe some of our committees have become lax in these reporting standards.

Having this detail and information ahead of time is the only way the board can make decisions from an informed and prepared position.

At the meetings, everyone has an equal opportunity to present reports, proposals and motions to the Board and it is my job, as Chair, to manage the agenda and maintain the decorum of the meeting, which I intend to do.

My admonition to our membership and committees is that... it is their job to report, propose, and advise. It is the job of the Board... not the public... to discuss and debate the issues presented... and then approve or disapprove the proposals, motions and policies.

As I have said before, and practiced consistently, decorum will be maintained... and our attention will be given to those recognized to speak ... while each of us, with respect, awaits their turn to speak.

To see the [TLIA Minutes Archive](#) [CLICK HERE](#)

See full [JULY minutes](#) [CLICK HERE](#).

Next Meeting:

TLIA BOARD

September 10, 2018 - 7:00 pm
Tower Lakes Village Hall

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

COMING EVENTS

TOWER LAKES
 & the TLIA Events Committee present
 A CONCERT ON THE WATER



**PACK A COOLER
 PADDLE OUT*
 PAT MCKILLEN LIVE!**

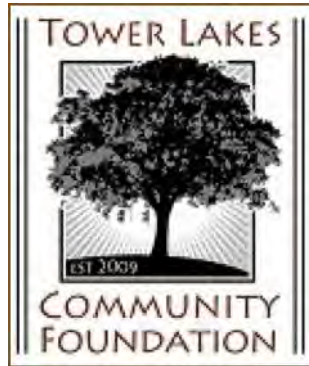


**SUNDAY
 SEPTEMBER
 9th
 5:30 - 7PM**

performing from the ...
**WEST LAKE
 GAZEBO**

*No boat? No problem. Some sidestage / obstructed viewing available at the gazebo ... or join a friend on the water!

Brought to you by THE TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE and PAT MCKILLEN MUSIC.



JUST WHAT IS TLCF?

Here's your answer...

Perhaps you have seen our float in the July 4th parade or attended one of our BIG NIGHT extravaganzas but what do you really know about our organization? Maybe you are a Tower Lakes newcomer and have never even heard of us. So, in an effort to enlighten the community on the dealings of "The Foundation" or TLCF, we plan on placing a

series of short articles in the Newsletter to let you know who we are, what we've been up to and how you can help.

Who are we? We are a registered, community 501c(3), established in 2009 by a group of Tower Lakes lovin' neighbors, serving all of our neighborhoods, from Country Club Estates to Fenview, North Lake to South Hills, the East, West and North sides and all neighbors 'betwixt and between!' Our mission is "to maintain and improve the quality of life in the Village of Tower Lakes."¹

Since, we are a small community, with no commercial tax base, it can be a fiscal challenge for the Village and TLIA to just maintain the lakes, parks and all other public spaces, not to mention any improvements that may be needed. TLCF can help by working together with the appropriate governing body and issuing grants that are funded by means of donations from the community. We can also help to fund larger projects which would be near impossible to complete without a major fundraising effort.

If you would like to know more about TLCF and how we work, please, visit our website at www.tower-lakes.org

The Tower Lakes Foundation Board

¹ Article I of the By-Laws of The Tower Lakes Community Foundation.

Family Campout
 TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

Barsumian Park Sept. 15

Bring your tent, a Flashlight & Ghost Stories! Anytime after 5pm



**Tennis and Pickleball
 Round Robin**

**Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018
 3-5pm
 Tennis Courts**

- Hot dogs, hamburgers,
- beer and water provided
- Bring a dish to pass
- Bring your own beverage if you prefer something else

TLIA TENNIS COMMITTEE

LAKE COMMITTEE REPORT

Contributed by Tom Kubala, Lake Committee Chairman

The Lake Committee continues the ongoing effort to manage the vegetation growth in our lakes. As previously discussed, the weather conditions in the early part of summer have had an impact on our efforts. The unusually rainy May and June, often times with hot, calm days following days of significant rainfall, were great for growth to happen. Our approach has been developed around three categories:

Algae. Early on, the lakes were treated with an algaecide to manage the algae growth. This was met with success in the main lake, but with limited success in North Lake and in some areas of the main lake. In fact, we have seen unusually high growth in North Lake and have reached out to our contacts at Lake County to solicit input on how to best manage this. While we continue that effort, we have manually removed three dumpsters full of algae (two from North Lake and one from the main lake). Not only does this help with the appearance of the lakes, it also takes out a significant amount of nutrients, which helps the overall health of the lake.

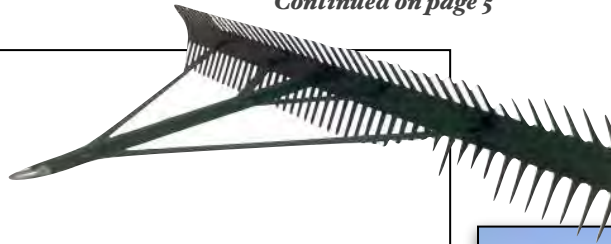
Underwater plants, including curly leaf pondweed, coontail and bladderwort. Over 40 acres have been treated this year. The areas were identified in collaboration with ILM (our service provider) to manage the amount of decaying matter in the lake, so the dissolved oxygen (DO) levels stayed at a healthy level. DO is important for the fish population. While the areas treated are generally free of growth, it is nearly impossible to have zero growth. We also acknowledge there are nearly 40 acres of the lakes untreated, that have growth. Moving forward, our plan is to continue to work with our service provider on the acreage for treatment, balancing the needs for aesthetics, with the goals of the community for use of the lake, such as boating, swimming, fishing, etc. The budget also needs to be factored into this effort.

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One Solution: Water Rakes

Contributed by Fran Steffen

As we fight through this incredibly difficult high weed and lily growth lake year, the Lake Committee has been asked if there are alternative means that lake side homeowners can personally use to help remove the growth near their shorelines. There are many rakes and cutters on the market, the following is an example of a water weed cutter that can be readily found on www.Amazon.com. (search under water rake). We are told that a weed cutter used with a water rake to clean up the cuttings have been of help to some residents to clean out the area directly in front of their homes. The weed material will need to be removed from the water, dried out and then bagged up in lawn leaf bags for PrairieLand to take away.



TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE



The lake gets a haircut

Lake Committee Report cont.

Lilies. With their underwater, actually under the bottom surface of lake, root systems, they provide an additional treatment challenge. Treatment has been applied to 22 acres of lilies, to the surface pad. Chemical is absorbed into the plant, getting into the stem and root system. A surfactant is added to the chemical to help the treatment stick to the pad, while it is absorbed. Based on last year's tests in Dalvin's Pond, the expectation is that this systemic method of treatment will kill off the pods and we will not see lilies back where they browned out and disappeared into the lake. We can also expect lily growth next year in the untreated areas. Again, we will look at acreage that needs to be treated, the budget requirements and amounts of decaying matter in the lake, to manage the amount of treatment applied.

As this season winds down, we are beginning the planning process for next year. We will be conducting a year-end recap with ILM, discussing things that went well and things that did not go as expected. While we believe there is room for improvement in the management of the vegetation, things could be a lot worse if nothing were being done. Plans and budgets for 2019 will be developed, considering the acreage amounts for further treatment, both underwater plants and lilies, along with managing algae. For many reasons, shallow mud bottom lake, heavy rains, hot weather, relatively large watershed, our lakes have a lot of vegetation growth and we are working diligently to manage it to an acceptable level. In addition to communicating with ILM, we continue to network with the state (ILMA), Lake County, and local area lakes, through the Tower Lakes Drain Partnership, to learn more about best practices and how they may apply to our needs.

The Silt Removal Team (SRT) is actively working on the plans for this year's silt pumping efforts, which should be happening in October and will focus on the SW section of the lake, by the dam. This was previously identified as a key location, based on the silt depths in the area. The permitted area in Kelsey Woods is being prepped for placement of the silt bags. Additionally, a longer term SRT has been established to look at longer term needs of the lakes. Our lakes continue to age, and we need to be prepared to address the needs as we move into the future.

We are also taking a look at the current fish population, which is generally quite healthy, to determine what further stocking requirements are needed to maintain that healthy population.

This update covers the current status of Lake Committee activities. More to come as we continue our efforts and put together our future plans. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Tom Kubala 847-867-4979, chairman of the Lake Committee.



Bays Park Raingarden in Bloom



Devil's Island Hide Away Uncovered

Surprise missing item discovered!

TLIA GROUNDS

It appears that a local teen hide-away and party spot has been uncovered on Devil's Island located in the southeast portion of the main lake. The island, densely overgrown with brush and trees, has for many years been a popular gathering (party) spot and camping location for local kids. This recent discovery has taken that idea to an all together different level.

The photos to the right (taken by a TL resident) show the camp/party site as a disaster area of trash, soda and beer cans, red cups, clothing, blankets, sleeping bags, as well as tents and a boat.

The TLIA sticker on the boat identified it as the lifeguards emergency boat belonging to the TLIA Beach Committee. It went missing from the beach a few years ago. The Board (with your membership dues) replaced it with one in current use.

Tower Lakes Police Chief Sam Sinacore had the island inspected and determined there was no obvious evidence of criminal activity (except the boat) or evidence leading to the identity of people using the location; therefore no further police action was warranted. He is well aware of the idea that "kids will be kids," but was surprised at the mess and total disregard exhibited toward TLIA property.

TLIA President Randy Young said, "I am very disappointed in the lack of respect for our property. I understand recreational use of the islands but it saddens me to see the reckless use, the mess, and damage. It's uncalled for and it ruins the idea of any kind of consideration for potential future use."

The TLIA Grounds Committee will be organizing a volunteer clean-up for the island. The boat will be recovered and returned to the association; the mess cleaned-up and the items left behind will be trashed.



If you would like to aid in the clean-up please contact John Yancey via grounds@tlia.org. The community will be notified of the exact day and time via email as soon as it is determined.

TLIA FALL
CLEANUP DAY

October

6

Saturday

MEET AT BEACH
PARKING LOT

8:00 am

TLIA GROUNDS

BOAT LANDING CLEAN-UP

Each year, according to TLIA Bylaws, the boat landings around the lake are required to be vacated by residents owning the boats, kayaks, and canoes. It is especially important this year at the east side landing in preparation of the second rain garden construction scheduled over the winter.

Please have all water craft out of the landings and off the racks at all areas by October 1. The fall clean-up around the lake is scheduled for October 6.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Steven and Christine Ballek
401 E. Lake Shore Drive

Steve and Chris Ballek moved in during the July 4th activities and have already met so many of their neighbors. They moved here from the Countryside Lake area of Mundelein. Christine has worked in the landscaping design field and now works for the Trader Joe's in Arlington Heights. Steve is a tool and die maker for Material Testing Technology in Wheeling. They have three adult children who live or attend college out of state. When they are not enjoying all of their home improvements, they love to be outdoors, gardening, hiking, kayaking and traveling to many of our beautiful National Parks.

Jin Gong & Lu Zhang
118 Rose Terrace

We welcome another new family to South Hills! Jin, Lu and their two children moved here recently from Wilmette. Jin is a data analyst for NPD Group. Lu is a stay-at-home mom. Daughter Mia is 7 years old and will attend Barbara Rose School in the Chinese Immersion Program. Austin is 4-1/2 years old and attends preschool at St. Anne's. They love spending time as a family reading and hiking in different areas. They have been spotted walking all around Tower Lakes getting to know the village. Be sure to stop them and say hello and welcome them to Tower Lakes!!

Contributed by Mary Beth Adams



More summer improvement projects

Lindy Lewis Gazebo (on the west side) gets new steps headed to the gazebo and flower beds around park.

Tower Lakes Garden Club Event



REMINDER

The TLIA Annual Meeting will be in
January 2019, not November.

Mark your calendar and please attend.

Let your voice be heard.

Details to follow.

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Back to School Bash

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Photos courtesy of Lisa Vraniak



Team Tower Lakes Oath

I am a proud citizen of the community that we call Tower Lakes,
 The people of Tower Lakes look out for each other no matter what it takes,
 I will help my friends and neighbors,
 I won't bully or be mean,
 I will report suspicious activity,
 Because I know we are a team!



School safety tips

from the Tower Lakes Police Department

Tips on dealing with bullying

1. Don't stay quiet! Once a bully realizes you won't tell, s/he will continue to bully.
2. Tell the bully to leave you alone and try to get away from him/her.
3. Tell a teacher and tell your parents. You have a right to be happy at school.
4. If you know someone else who is being bullied, tell a teacher or your parents.
5. **PARENTS** – listen to your kids and don't just tell them to ignore it or "deal with it." Your child has the absolute right to feel safe at school. It doesn't make them tougher to deal with it on their own. It stresses them and creates destructive behavior at school and at home.



Tower Lakes Police Department is here to help

1. If you hear any friends talking about harming anyone at school, report it right away.
2. If you see anyone carrying any type of weapon, report it right away.
3. Try to have "bus stop buddies" who walk with you to and from the bus stops.
4. **PARENTS** - try to arrange a schedule with other parents so that each bus stop has a parent present.



Thank you to Tower Lakes' Officers Mark Paglini and Ben Walton for a great day!

It's a Shredding Party!

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Sept. 29 - Saturday - 10am - noon

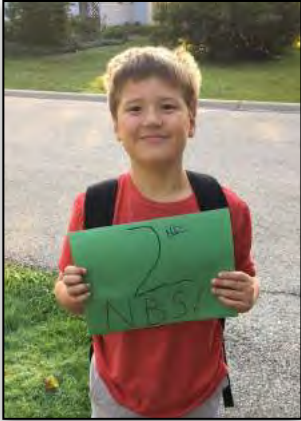
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TLIA COMMUNICATIONS



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL 2018-2019 TOWER LAKERS



Summer Swim Meet 2018

TLIA BEACH



organized
by
Corinne
and
Connor
Vondrak




OCTOBER 13
SAVE THE DATE
2018
TOWER LAKES
CHILI COOKOFF
TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE



Mystery Reader **Elaine Moffitt** concludes Story Time for the season.

Thank you to all who participated and we look forward to seeing you next year!



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