

TLIA Newsletter

2019 TLIA Board Elections

In a few short months, you'll have a chance to elect (or re-elect) members of your community, your neighbors, to the TLIA Board. This board is our membership representation that meets on a monthly basis. The decisions they make guide the community in the areas of our common grounds: parks, tennis courts, volleyball courts. They are also the central point for management of the lake.

TLIA is also the body that hosts many of the wonderful activities, produced by the Events Committee, the Youth Committee, including the Fourth of July celebration.

TLIA responsibility often gets confused with the responsibility of the Village. The Village Board guides the governmental decisions and regulations of the village: roads, water, permits, for example.

The TLIA elections is your chance to get involved and make an impact on your community, to make it the community you want it to be. Nominations are open between now and October 15. You can volunteer your time or nominate a friend. Janet Blake chairs the nominations committee and you can contact her at janet.blake@comcast.net.

It's easy to stand on the sidelines and criticize those who choose to lead. The challenging part is standing up to lead. So if you want to help lead the community and determine the direction it travels, get involved. Run for a board position.

This famous quote by Theodore Roosevelt sums it up best.

"The Man In The Arena" by Theodore Roosevelt Speech at the Sorbonne Paris, France April 23, 1910

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

Tree Down at the Beach



The bad weather in September took down the elm at the beach.



TLIA BOARD

The TLIA Board needs your help in filling the following positions open for election at the Annual General Meeting in January 2019.

- **President**
- **Treasurer**
- **Recording Secretary**
- **Two (2) Members-at-Large**

If you are interested in any of these positions, or have questions pertaining to their duties and requirements, please, contact Janet Blake, janet.blake@comcast.net no later than **October 15, 2018**.

Thank you for your consideration,
The Volunteer TLIA Nominations Committee

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The open positions are listed above and each term is two (2) years. If you have additional questions or need more detail, please contact the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Janet Blake at janet.blake@comcast.net.

REMINDER

The TLIA Annual Meeting will be in **January 2019**.
Date to be announced soon.
Please attend and let your voice be heard.

TLIA BOARD



NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA

Welcome to the new season. Now you might think I am talking about when the leaves turn and a crisp chill blows through the window, or the joy of October baseball. No, I am referring to the final months of the first new TLIA fiscal year. I think it's going to be a very exciting time this first year. You'll remember that last November we voted to modify our fiscal calendar to match the annual calendar year of January thru December.

That change is a welcome improvement to our association's fiscal management and reporting. It has made things easier and better organized, like our taxes, money management, budget planning, and the eventual forecasting of opportunities for years to come. I believe we have set up the association to be much more responsive and accountable to the membership in 2018 and I look forward to the improvement continuing as we move forward.

A very important part of this "new season" is the recruiting of new faces with new ideas for our membership. These are the people who will step up as leaders in our community. For every year of my stewardship of the organization, I have been preaching the value of volunteerism. It is the life blood of our community. In fact, it is the one topic I have written about the most in this column because I believe it is our best virtue and our highest value.

The Nominations Committee is hard at work searching for that next group of motivated people. The people who will guide TLIA into our future and the success our community demands. How many times have you heard me ask, "Are you one of those people?" Well, are you?

Change is inevitable, change is good, and new ideas are the oxygen of Tower Lakes. The committees are just rolling over and some great people have stepped up already. There are new faces on Events and Youth. Grounds is always looking for more than daily volunteers on cleanup days. The Nomination Committee is on the march to find those who really want to make a difference and lead as members of the TLIA Board. I cannot imagine a more exciting thing than a competitive election for every seat available! What spirit that would bring to Tower Lakes?

Take these last few weeks, prior to the deadline of October 20, and examine what you can do to make a difference. How you can be a part of shaping our community in 2019 and beyond. I have been at it for many years and I can tell you, it's truly a life fulfilling experience. To paraphrase a rather famous musical... "You gotta be in the room where it happens."



Email me and let me know your thoughts.



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

August 13, 2018

UNAPPROVED TLIA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TLIA BOARD

Board Members: Steve Burgoon, Tom Kubala, Kevin Middleditch, Mike Mitchell, Kathy Pattengale, Fran Steffen, John Yancey, and Randy Young

Apologies: Mary Magro

Committee Reps:

Pat Covek - Tennis & Grounds Beautification

Kelsi Knight and Julie Losinski – Events

Cass Young – Communications

Guests:

TLCF members Jan Bahr, Missy Sandberg, and Eric and Gwen Torstenson

Call to Order

Randy Young

Randy Young called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

President's Report

Randy Young

Randy yielded his regular report to Missy Sandberg who asked to spoke to the TLIA Board

Tower Lakes Community Foundation (TLCF)

Missy Sandberg

The Tower Lakes Community Foundation is focused on distributing funds where they are most needed and desired throughout the community. Since TLCF is a 501c-3 organization, the Foundation is not allowed to give monies directly to a private homeowner's association such as TLIA. However, they are allowed to give monies to other 501c-3 organizations, to the Village, or to the TL police. The Foundation is presently working to better coordinate their efforts with the Village and the Association. For example, the back-to-school event is being sponsored by the police through a grant from the Foundation.

Going forward the intent is to tie many future events to the watershed study regarding the health of the lake in order to give related grants for specific projects (e.g. fish shocking).

The Foundation will hold a fundraiser in the community every other year.

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Next Meeting:

TLIA BOARD

Special Note

The October meeting date has been changed to

Oct. 18, 2018 - 7:00 pm

Tower Lakes Village Hall

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



- Communications Committee**
- Mary Beth Adams
 - Patty Barten
 - Amanda Brown
 - Shaun Kildare
 - Kristi Nash
 - Kathy Pattengale
 - Cass Young
 - Randy Young

2nd Annual TL Shredding Party

Many thanks to the TLIA Communications Committee. This was the second annual Shredding Party success. Over 50 carloads of documents were managed in the two hours of available shredding time. Honorable mention to Dave Pollack (of Rose Terrace) for his generous tip to Dean, the ShredX representative, and his donation to TLIA Communications for the party. He brought six (6) car loads of documents!

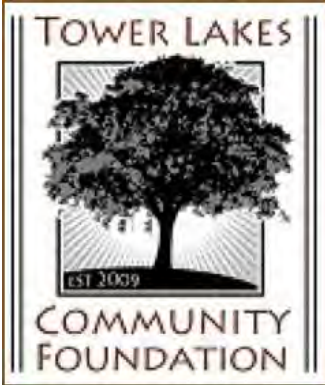


Memorial Fund for Tower Lakes Resident: Connor Mannina

Mark Shircel and Mary Lenling announce to the Tower Lakes community that a memorial fund has been established in honor of Tower Lakes resident Connor Mannina, son of Victor and Angie Mannina. Connor (25) passed away in August after a tragic motorcycle accident. The fund will go towards planting a memorial tree and placing a plaque in his name as Connor was a steward of the environment. Any leftover funds will be used to re-stock the lake with fish to help keep the population healthy. Connor was an avid fisherman who launched the NCAA Fishing Club at the Savannah School of Art and Design in Georgia, where he is an alumnus. Donations can be made out to "Mark Shircel" or "Mary Lenling" and sent to 25515 Warwick Lane.



You can also plant a tree, bush or flowers in Connor's memory.



What has “*The Foundation*” been up to?

The Tower Lakes Community Foundation (TLCF) is your local registered 501c(3) founded 9 years ago by community residents to serve ALL of the neighborhoods of Tower Lakes. Our mission: “to maintain and improve the quality of life in the Village of Tower Lakes.”¹¹

So, what have we done to help fulfill our mission?

We have awarded grants to the community including, but not limited to, the following activities...

- helped with the purchase of Barclay's Woods to preserve this natural filtration area for our lakes
- holding donated funds for a Community Center Feasibility Study
- helped fund the Tower Lakes Beautification Committee for Trees
- helped with funding for the 2014 Community New Year's Eve party
- working to ensure the health of our watershed through carp removal, fish shocking, fish restocking and shoreline improvement
- collection and distribution of funds for the TL Police Safety vests
- the 2018 TL Police Back-to-School Party with Bus Safety
- (new) the installation of two(2) water spigots at the Gazebo and beach and a water fountain near the beach parking lot

And of course, we have worked to bring the community together for some “*fun(d) raising*” through our Big Night Dinners and Auctions #1-8!

Again, if you would like to know more about TLCF and how we work, or you would like to see about how grant process works, please, visit our website at www.tower-lakes.org

¹¹ Article I of the By-Laws of The Tower Lakes Community Foundation.

Tower Lakes Foundation Board

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TLIA BOARD

Present TLPD request for events at soccer field.

Randy Young proposed that the TLIA Board approve Chief Sinacore's request for the police sponsored back-to-school event to be held at the soccer field. He also recommended waiving the requirement for a \$500 deposit, insurance certificate, and hold harmless clause. Randy Young will serve as the Board sponsor on this event. Any future event requests will be considered on an individual basis. The Board was unanimous in support of this event given these parameters.

Approval of July TLIA Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve: Mike Mitchell

Second: Fran Steffen

All in favor

Committees

Beach

No report

Communications

The Communications Committee sent out 10 email blasts and created posters for the Youth Back-to-School Carnival and Family Campout this month. The committee will also be hosting a shredding party on September 29 from 10:00 am to noon in the Village Hall parking lot.

Mary Magro

Cassandra Young

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October 15-21 is National Teen Driver Safety Week - Are your teens safe drivers?

Provided by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Shaun Kildare

As motor vehicle crashes remain the number one cause of teen fatalities, The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has marked this week, October 15-21, National Teen Driver Safety Week to urge parents and teens to take the essential steps to prevent accidents behind the wheel. Throughout the week, NHTSA and its many highway safety partners across the country will be encouraging you to get the facts and start the conversations- this week and every week - to talk with your teens and help keep them safe behind the wheel. NHTSA's 5 to Drive Campaign encourages safe driving behaviors in teen drivers. Let your young driver know that obeying the rules is a prerequisite for the privilege of driving.



National Teen Driver Safety Week may only last for seven days but reminding teens about safety should happen year-round. Take this opportunity to talk with them at the breakfast table, leave notes by their keys, and set aside time to take your teen on practice driving sessions. It can be a great way to spend time together and to allow your teen to improve some basic driving skills. Keeping the conversation going will ensure that our roads and teen drivers stay safe.

You can find more information at <https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/teen-driving>.

JUST IN TIME FOR FALL.....



Mums planted at Murray Park (basketball park) thanks to Grounds Beautification!

A new working water spigot at the Gazebo thanks to a grant from the Foundation.

Working on water at tennis courts and at the butterfly garden.



TLIA GROUND BEAUTIFICATION

Tree and Shrub Limb/Branch Pickup

Contributed by Rick Steffen

As you walk or drive through the village, noticeable in certain spots, are piles of tree limbs and shrub branches piled along our roadways. As most residents are aware the Village provides a twice a year pickup of these items. It is usually coordinated with the spring and fall cleanup days sponsored by TLIA. Also, in emergency situations the village works with Cuba Township to remove downed tree limbs which affect our roadways. In addition, our waste hauler Prairieland Disposal will pick these piles up with the following requirements:

- Tree and shrub limbs must be bundled with biodegradable string or twine. Wire, plastic or tape is unacceptable.
- Bundles may not exceed 5' in length, 2' in diameter and weigh less than 45 pounds. No branch can be larger than 3" diameter.
- You must subscribe to the yard waste program or purchase a sticker for each bundle. Stickers are available for purchase through Prairieland.
- Please help keep our right of ways clear of this type and other debris. It detracts from the beauty of our community and can cause hazardous traffic situations. The right-of-way normally extends approximately 4' from edge of roadway but varies based on plat of survey. Village ordinance prohibits the placing of debris in the right of way.

For further information please contact the Village Hall or Prairieland Disposal at 847-381-9300 or visit their website at www.prairielanddisposal.com

For more information, see Village Code: 7-1-5 and 7-1-7 <http://www.towerlakes-il.gov/wp-content/uploads/pdf/TTL-7-Chapter-1-Refuse-and-Recycling-Control.pdf>

This year the village sponsored free fall brush pick up is scheduled for Monday, October 8. Please have any debris roadside by 8:00 am that day. This is the Monday following the TLIA fall cleanup planned for Saturday,



TLIA FALL
CLEANUP DAY

October

6

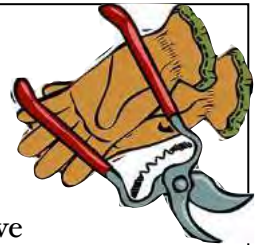
Saturday

MEET AT BEACH
PARKING LOT
8:00 am

TLIA GROUNDS

Join the Cleanup Crew - October 6

Our emphasis this fall will be boat landings in South Hills and on the east side. Also general park cleanup and pruning. If weather permits, we will stain the gazebo.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BOAT OWNERS....

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1

All boats must be removed from the boat landings and brought home for winter storage so the Grounds Committee can clean each landing.

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1

All boats remaining at a boat landing will be auctioned off or scrapped at TLIA discretion so we can keep the area clean in preparation for next year.

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Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Jordan & Margaret Weiner 1 Whitetail Trail

Contributed by Mary Beth Adams



The Weiner Family has lived in the area for five years, so they know many of their neighbors and are involved with many activities with other families. Jordan is the president of a construction company that makes lightweight cellular concrete for unique construction applications nationwide. Margaret works at home and had worked for thirteen years for a not-for-profit urban land trust doing preservation at parks and gardens throughout the Chicago area. They have three young children. Peyton is 7 and loves gymnastics and playing soccer, Isabella is 9 and plays soccer and travel hockey, Bailey is 5 and enjoys gymnastics and soccer. The family loves to travel, camp, fish, and attend live concerts. You will certainly see them and many Tower Lakes events!

Ilona Solymossy 420 Warwick

We are happy to welcome another Solymossy to Tower Lakes. The Solymossy family has lived here for years and now daughter Ilona has moved here after living in the Bucktown area and other parts of the city for 11 years. She is a 5th grade teacher at Rose Elementary School in South Barrington and coaches 5th grade girls' basketball. She also works with a theatre group in Palatine called "Special Gifts Theatre" which highlights the talents of people with special needs. In the summers she travels with other educators sponsored by a group called "Ingage Unlimited" which provides professional development and leadership training to educators in impoverished communities in countries such as Guatemala, Honduras, the Dominican Republic and parts of South Africa. Stop and talk with her about her travels and fascinating experiences!

**OCTOBER 13
REST ISLAND**



SCHEDULE

5:30 - 6:00 pm
Registration

6:00 - 10:00 pm
Chili Tasting

6:30 - 7:30 pm
Elizawitch
tells spooky stories



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TLIA Board Minutes cont'd from p.4**Events Caroline Milne & Kelsi Knight**

The Events Committee shared its detailed profit/loss data report for the Fourth of July. Their total expenses were \$24,698.44, showing an overall loss of \$3,015.82.

Music in the Park will be held at the gazebo on September 8. Pat McKillen has volunteered to perform at this event free of charge. The Chili Cookoff will be held on October 13.

Grounds General John Yancey

Fall Cleanup will zero in on rehabilitation of the South Hills boat landings. A large downed tree will be removed by a tree service prior to cleanup day, and old timbers and invasive species will be removed from the shoreline. The other South Hills boat landing will need some professional help with planting and seeding. New TLIA timbers marking the path will be installed. The East side boat landing will also be cleaned up, and any unclaimed boats will be removed. All boats need to be removed for all boat landings by October 1. In addition to the work at the boat landings, bare spots on Rest Island will be seeded. Park Stewards will coordinate cleanup and maintenance of their respective parks. The stairs to the gazebo park will be completed, and more professional stewardship of this park will be performed in the spring. The area below the gazebo is continually wet and could be turned into a rain garden at some point.

The Village Tree Commission will distribute trees on October 6 and will publicize the sale to residents in advance. Trees will be planted on TLIA property, residential property, and at silt removal sites.

Grounds Beautification Pat Covek

Watering has been an issue due to the lack of rain. It has also been difficult to consistently get volunteers, so the committee is looking to employ additional professional help next year and will create a maintenance plan to present to the Board.

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The
**TENNIS/
PICKLEBALL**
courts will close on
November 1 for the
season. They will be
power washed during the
break and open again in
April 2019.

**Thank you for a wonderful
season! See you next year!**

Halloween Pizza Party



Soccer Field - 10.31.18

4:30 - 5:30 pm

- Pizza Party
- Trunk-or-Treat

For those of you that don't get many trick-or-treaters on your doorstep, we welcome you to join us at the Soccer Field and hand out candy from your car trunk!

5:30 - 8:00 pm

- Neighborhood Trick-or-Treating

**Tower Lakes
Haunted
House is
back!!**



**Pumpkin Carving
Contest Winner
Announced**

*Open to all ages;
submissions due to
youth@tlia.org by Oct. 29;
prizes awarded!*

*Don't be a ghost!
Come to the party!*

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

Family Campout September 15



Photos courtesy of Lisa Vraniak



2019 YOUTH COMMITTEE

- Carla Arzate
- Whitney Bruni
- Beth Coulter - new
- Meg Koszulinski - new
- Audra Powers - new
- Kimberly Saunders - new
- Tanya Van Black



Getting to Know Your Neighbor... Julie Kendrick

There's a mystery brewing in a small village on a lake, and Meg Smyth is on the case. She's a retired Chicago investigative reporter who inherited her grandparents' cottage and settled down to write an advice column...until murder came to the town of Bramble! Sound familiar?

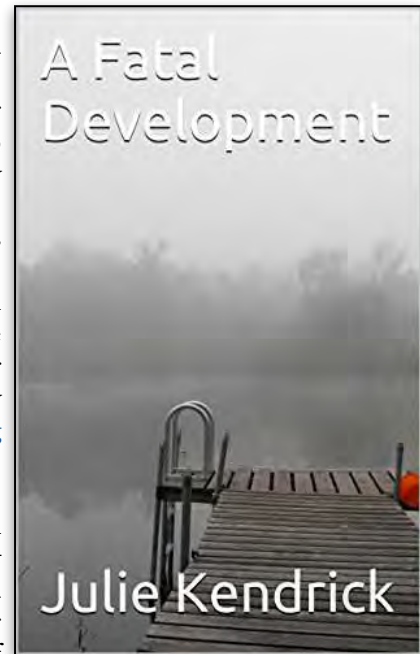
Meet Julie Kendrick, a Tower Lakes resident who wrote this popular murder mystery called *A Fatal Development*. In 1978, Julie and her husband moved to Tower Lakes where they raised two sons. After some changes in her life, Julie moved to Wauconda for several years and then moved back to Tower Lakes in 2000. Today, she lives in a 75-year-old converted cottage on the east side.

Julie graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with a degree in English and history, and entered the publishing business proofreading tax law—which didn't light up her life. She had always dreamed of writing a novel and that dream seemed...well, a bit more interesting than pouring over government regulations.

So, she joined the Barrington Writers Workshop where she brushed up on fiction writing. Her dream took shape one day when the Daily Herald contacted the workshop and asked if anyone was interested in writing for their new Barrington edition. Julie jumped at the opportunity. Thus started Julie's part-time career at the Herald, writing the Tower Lakes neighbor column twice a week at first, and eventually working as a full-time features writer. A few years later, she left newspaper journalism, and became managing editor of the Journal of the IEST, a scientific publication of the Institute of Environmental Sciences and Technology.

After she retired, she turned to her first love: fiction writing. Working on her first novel, off and on for about four years, she independently published her cozy mystery novel, *A Fatal Development*. The cover photo is of Tower Lake, as seen from her back yard. The book has received 4- and 5-star reviews on Amazon.com. *A Fatal Development* is a gripping, addictive read with twists and turns to the last page. Available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon, this gem would make a wonderful holiday or birthday gift for that avid reader in your life.

Aside from her writing, Julie fills her time (almost 50 years' worth!) singing with the Melodeers Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a women's a-cappella singing organization with over 600 choruses worldwide. The 125-voice Melodeers rehearse each week in Glenview, and have earned an unprecedented seven gold medals as International Champion Chorus. The Melodeers have performed in the Chicago area at such venues as Cubs games and Ravinia, and at various other locations such as Las Vegas, Denver, and New Orleans. They also produce an annual concert. They will go for their eighth international championship next year in New Orleans. See melodeers.org for more information.



Julie is busy working on her second novel, *A Grave Matter*, which picks up where *A Fatal Development* left off, using the same lead characters and setting (except for those who were killed or carted off to jail in the first book!). It is scheduled for publication this fall.

Feel free to tap into her book at your next book club. You might just solve the mystery.

BOOK REVIEW:

Last fall, my book club read Julie Kendrick's book, "A Fatal Development," and I invited Julie to join us for our meeting. We not only enjoyed the book, but it was so delightful to have Julie there for the discussion. We learned about her background as a writer, her process in creating her novels and which of the characters/events in the book were inspired by Tower Lakes. Julie shared some insight with us about the publishing industry and how even small, independent writers can sell books on Amazon. Julie's quick wit and great sense of humor really shine through in her novel.

—Christine Messerschmidt



TLIA COMMUNICATIONS



CONCERT ON THE LAKE with Pat McKillen



Photo courtesy of Andrew Milne

See the video
created by
Phil Bruni



TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE



LEAF BURNING

Burning of leaves
is permitted from
Oct. 1 - Dec. 15
9am - 4pm

TLIA Board Minutes cont'd from p.8 Lake Committee. Tom Kubala

TLIA BOARD

Tom Kubala shared the dam operation and maintenance report that Nick Adams had procured certifying that the dam has been operated and maintained properly. The Board discussed the possibility of putting a barrier around the tall concrete shoulders of the dam in order to keep children/teens off of them.

Tom Kubala also shared a detailed update on lake treatment efforts. Extensive ongoing treatment efforts have been done both on plants and algae in various areas using a variety of methods. Both on-surface and underwater vegetation have been treated. A lot of material has been removed from the lake, but plants and algae have also continued to grow. Re-treatment has occurred at ILM's expense on the West side around Murray park. Manual removal efforts will continue at North Lake. The lilies are starting to die off. Residents can pull lilies out once they are dying off, and a dumpster will be available for their disposal.

Read the complete minutes at TLIA.org

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