

# TLIA Newsletter

## NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA



The only constant, in an organization, is change and change is good. Throughout my tenure as a member of the board and as its President it has been change that has driven us to be at our best. Over the last few years, I believe our changes have been almost all for the good; of course, the time has not gone by without its challenges but mostly good. Here are

just a few of the changes we have been witness to...

- Our committee structure has changed; it is more efficient and inclusive of more membership and great ideas.
- Our board has changed to include some of the best people I have ever been associated with and more advisors to guide us along our way.
- Our grounds are better. Over 150 trees planed in the last two years. The parks are managed by the stewards and they have never been better.
- The lake swings either way depending on the year and climate. It's a challenge but the best part is the quality of the people and improvement we have see in the Lake Committee membership.
- Our communications has changed. We now deliver our information electronically. Our newsletter is the best in content, design, and relevant information and it is consistently delivered on time.
- We have 2 new bridges for access to the islands and the recreational areas.
- We have improved our beach with new tables, benches and shade areas. And there is more to come.
- Our activities have never been more inclusive or more fun. Ask anyone and then thank the Events Committee members.
- We have a showcase stage for activities on Rest Island.
- We have two beautiful new tennis courts.
- Our most recent goal is just halfway finished — our rain gardens. Not only are they beautiful but functional as well.

I believe our biggest change is the reorganization of the board and its financial management including the change to our fiscal year. Our money management has improved and we are in a position to use Quickbooks as a true management tool. This implementation will allow the Board to redefine how dues are managed, budgets are created, and most importantly, the way we learn and use that knowledge will help keep your dues as low as they can be. Best practices has been our hallmark over the last four years and it is working. Now that we have formed a functioning Finance Committee, we are applying improved procedures and policies to guide our fiscal management for years to come while building a process of association management that is consistent, not only state law but on par with best homeowners' associations anywhere.

I could go on but I would rather focus on the WE part of this list. The WE is our TLIA Board. We have worked hard and done a fantastic job for you, the membership. You can and should be proud of each and

*A special note: I requested that for this edition of the newsletter that I receive the privilege of moving my column to the front page. I have a special message to my fellow board members and the membership as a whole. I ask your indulgence for this one month so that you may have the opportunity to read this first. Thank you...Randy*

every one who has given of themselves, their time and their hard work to make this happen. I am so proud of the work we have done. In just a few words here is how I see my fellow TLIA Board Members...

**Tom Kubala:** He faces a challenge head on and with grace, always getting the job done.

**Kathy Pattengale:** Patient adviser, hard worker who applies persistence with attention to detail.

**Fran Steffen:** Champion of our revenue recovery.

**Mike Mitchell:** A calm and reassuring voice of reason that you can count on.

**Mary Magro:** The consistent contributor and watcher of the money.

**John Yancey:** Beautiful fall foliage, spring blooms, and summer green. Need we say more?

**Kevin Middleditch:** Another reasoned voice, measured thinker, and the promise of things to come.

**Steve Burgoon:** A spirited soul striving to include everyone in the process of improvement.

In my ten years on the TLIA Board I have seen the people who do what it takes and when it needs to happen. I have seen them change with the times while improving everything they touch. Each and every one of them has my full support and ultimate confidence in their dedication and the jobs they do. It has been a pleasure serving with all of these fine people and I am proud to have worked side by side with each of them.

Change is a constant and change is good. Almost all of the goals I set when taking on the job of president have been accomplished, not all but most and that is fine. In the spirit of having done what I can, it is time for one more change. I have chosen not to seek election to another term as your TLIA President. I will leave it to the next generation of leaders to set their goals, and make them a reality. Just like I did. I have complete confidence in their ability to do just that! It has been my pleasure working with this Board and all the wonderful volunteers I have worked with for the past ten years.

So now it is time to say THANK YOU to each of you, the people who have allowed me to be a part of the process of making Tower Lakes a better place to live, a better place to raise our families and a wonderful community to enjoy the good life. I could not have asked for more nor would I have expected less.



Email me and let me know your thoughts.



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

**Meet the Candidates for the 2019 TLIA Board election on page 2 of the newsletter.**

# MEET THE 2019 TLIA BOARD CANDIDATES

## Running for President: Steve Burgoon



TLIA Members, I am running for election as the President of our wonderful Homeowner's Association. As a resident and member since 1987 (minus 5 years in Corning, NY) I have come to know and understand Tower Lakes as a fantastic place to raise a family and to enjoy it as an active and caring community. I remember 30 years ago when we moved in (Before Kids) and the community was vibrant and active. Tower Lakes is very much today like 30 years ago with many newcomers of varied demographics. So many people have heard why they should live in TL and now they have moved here. I have been involved with TLIA in various roles since 1988 including Grounds Chairman, Long Range Planning, and Member-At large, Lake Committee Secretary, and Vice President. Over the last eight years I have worked (with others on the team) collaboratively with our neighbor lakes to understand and develop our Nine Lakes Watershed Plan and I am the current volunteer coordinator for the Nine Lakes Watershed Partnership. We have some important areas to tackle with the #1 Priority of continued development and deployment of our lake maintenance and management plans.

In addition we need to continue working collaboratively with the Village of Tower Lakes (VOTL) on storm water and lake projects to improve water quality and overall lake appearance and lake health. Yes there are other priorities, but the lake has become more severely impacted by the recent history of a warmer and wetter climate and this is not predicted to abate in the near future. I also intend to continue inviting more members to get involved on committees and volunteerism in general as it is the lifeblood of the community. I would be honored to have your vote of confidence and support as TLIA President.

## Running for Treasurer: Mary Magro

My name is Mary Magro. I moved from Long Island in June 1989 with my parents, Carol and Len Kuskowski. I married the boy across the street and have been raising our three children in Tower Lakes since 2003. I have been involved with each of my children's schools as PTO Treasurer and President for more than 10 years. I have volunteered in Tower Lakes with Lake Clean-up, Garden Planting, Tennis Court Rebuild, Beach, Events Committee plus more. I love being a part of the Tower Lakes Community and feel that being Treasurer lets me give back to a wonderful place that my family loves so much. I have a business admin (accounting) degree and was a Financial Analyst for Cancer Treatment Centers of America before I became a stay-at-home mom to raise my incredible children.



## Running for Recording Secretary: Kristi Nash



Kristi Nash has lived in Tower Lakes for 14 years when she and her husband, Bob, moved here from Arlington Heights. She has been an active member of the Social Committee twice (now known as the Events Committee). She consistently volunteers for many of the events and is currently a member of the Communications Committee. Kristi currently works at Shire Pharmaceuticals as a Program/Project Manager in IT.

## Running for Member at Large: Mike Mitchell

My wife Jeanne and I have lived in Tower Lakes for 21 years. We have raised our two boys here Jack and David. I have been a TLIA board member for the past four years and have appreciated the opportunity to server our community. Over the years I've been involved with Social Committee, Men's Day, TL Soccer Fields and have coached several youth sports. We can't think of a better community to raise a family, build friendships, grow and support one another than Tower Lakes.



## Running for Member at Large: Mark Handley



I moved to Tower Lakes in 1988 with my wife Jayne and raised two boys here for 17 years. During that time I served on the Social Committee and Plan Commission. We moved back to Tower Lakes last year after living in the Barrington area.

I'm retired having worked in various sales, marketing, strategic planning and information technology roles in corporate and education environments. My retirement years have been spent volunteering to rebuild flood- and fire-damaged homes in New Orleans, Colorado Springs, South Carolina and Gatlinburg.

The role of member-at-large is to listen and translate TLIA members' needs into a voice on the board. I'll use my business, IT, education and volunteer experience to help TLIA meet its goals.

## Running for Member at Large: Mitch Coulter

Three years ago, my wife Beth and our two sons, Burton and Beckett moved to Tower Lakes. Seeing first hand what a wonderful place Tower Lakes truly is, we promptly had another boy, Bogart. A wise old man once told me that his three boys grew up in Tower Lakes living a Huck Finn life--fishing, swimming, climbing trees and generally raising a ruckus. I'm working to temper the "raising a ruckus" part, but I want to do what I can to facilitate that same feeling for all of our children, to give them a place to be kids and enjoy life in nature.

Over the past year I've been serving on the lake committee and Beth and I are starting up on youth committee this year. I plan to continue serving the this amazing place we call home in any way I can.



September 10, 2018

**APPROVED TLIA BOARD MEETING MINUTES****TLIA BOARD**

**Board Members:** Steve Burgoon, Tom Kubala, Mary Magro, Kathy Pattengale, Fran Steffen, and John Yancey

**Apologies:** Kevin Middleditch, Mike Mitchell, and Randy Young

**Committee Reps:** Pat Covek - Tennis & Grounds Beautification  
Kelsi Knight and Glenn Losinski - Event, Cass Young - Communications  
Whitney Bruni - Youth, Janet Blake - Nominating  
Guests: Lee Johnson

**Call to Order** Steve Burgoon  
Steve Burgoon called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**President's Report** Steve Burgoon

Vice President Steve Burgoon will chair tonight's meeting, as President Randy Young is out of town on business.

**Approval of August TLIA Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the August Minutes was deferred until next month as there wasn't a quorum of those who had been present at the August Board Meeting.

**Committees****Beach**

Mary Magro

The Beach had another successful year. The lifeguards did a great job watching the children, teaching swim lessons and working with the swim team. There were 15 guards this year, which worked out as each guard was able to find a substitute when they could not make their shift. The older guards mentored the younger guards, and we look forward to them returning next year. The committee will survey the guards for their recommendations for improvements to the beach and committee for next year. This information has proven valuable in past years.

**Communications**

Cassandra Young

The Communications Committee sent out 11 email blasts this month and created posters about the Concert on the Lake. They met as a committee in August and reaffirmed their mission statement, which was shared at tonight's Board Meeting:

*The Communications Committee provides consistent, high quality and relevant communication to benefit all residents and provides communication support on behalf of all TLLA committees -- and when requested -- on behalf of the Village, the Foundation, and the Police Department by placing messaging in our communication vehicles.*

Communications is hosting a free shredding party at the Village Hall on Saturday, September 29, from 10:00 am until noon.

**Events**

Kelsi Knight &amp; Glenn Losinski

Events Committee members Melissa and Bobby Covek and Glenn and Julie Losinski have been working on creating a budget. Plans are underway for the Chili cookoff on October 13, which will include a storyteller and music.

The free music event featuring Pat McKillen at the gazebo was a great success. The concert was enjoyed by 65+ people, including people at the gazebo and in kayaks moored below it. Residents were even able to enjoy the concert from the beach.

[Read entire minutes here](#)

**REMINDER**

The TLIA Annual Meeting will  
be

**January 13, 2019**

**11:00 am**

**American Legion Hall**

**515 S Main St, Wauconda, IL 60084**

**TLIA BOARD**

Tower Lakes Buck

*photo courtesy of TL Police Officer Tom Lester*

**Next Meeting:****TLIA BOARD**

**November 12, 2018 - 7:00 pm**

**December 10, 2018 - 7:00 pm**

**Tower Lakes Village Hall**

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

# Tower Lakes Raingarden Project Phases II and III – Wagner Pk. a.k.a. East Boat Landing

### Major Goals

- To reduce "Non Point Source Pollution" runoff into Tower Lakes
- To create raingardens and bioswales that detain stormwater, reduce the load on the stormwater drains, allow infiltration into the natural soil and rock hydrology
- To populate them with native plants whose deep root systems will process and remove toxins and organic material from the stormwater and improve the quality of the water which eventually runs into the lake

- Reduce non-point source pollution
- Educate community on impact of rain gardens
- Reduce volume entering storm water drains

The next phases of the raingarden project are due to start over winter 2018 and extend into spring of 2019. If you would like to learn more about them, or about any aspects of these important projects, please join me at an open house session on Sunday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> between 11am and 1pm in the Village Hall or call 847 736 9640. Andy Hay, Project Manager.

## A heart-warming story for cold-blooded hearts



Just when you think there is too much anger in the country, a feel-good story comes along to capture cold-blooded hearts. An escaped alligator found in 60-degree water of the Waukegan Harbor is being nursed back to health at Wildlife Discovery Center, a nature center in Lake Forest, and is being treated by our own resident reptilian veterinarian, Dr. Steve Barten of Vernon Hills Animal Hospital. The alligator's plight and rescue went viral, engaging over 1.1 million viewers worldwide on the City of Waukegan's Facebook Page. Over 23,000 comments, overwhelmingly positive, expressed concern for the gator and praised the rescuers. The alligator is almost 4-feet in length and is thin at 16.3 pounds. He had a rubber band around his mouth when a kayaker rescued him.



Dr. Steve examined the gator, named "David" after his rescuer, and found him to be thin but otherwise in reasonably good health. His blood panel showed a moderate infection and some mild liver issues, so "David" is receiving antibiotic injections and liver enhancing supplements. Dr. Steve determined that the alligator is a male. Radiographs showed no fishing hooks or weights had been ingested. Now that he is out of the freezing lake water and receiving supplemental heat, he passed some pieces of plastic – not visible on radiographs – that likely came from an aquarium filtration system. Since then, he has been eating and also bellowing, a sure sign that he's feeling better. Had he not been rescued when he was, David soon would have perished due to the cold temperatures of Lake Michigan.

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**4th ANNUAL  
FAMILY FRIENDLY  
TURKEY TROT  
THANKSGIVING  
MORNING**

**November 22 - 9am**

**Village Hall**



**TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE**

**The Benefit:**

All proceeds will go to a special project TBD within Tower Lakes.

**The Course:** Click [here](#).

**Sign-up & Order Turkey Trot Shirts:** To enter the race and order shirts, please [CLICK HERE](#).

**Sign-up Deadline:** 11/13 so we can order the shirts

**Cost:** \$15 per adult; kids 16 & under trot for free

**All T-Shirts:** \$20

**Volunteers:** Volunteers are what makes the race safe for all. We will need a few volunteers to stand at certain corners during the race. See course link above for the corners. Email [randall.cross@gmail.com](mailto:randall.cross@gmail.com) if you will [volunteer for a corner](#) or help at the starting/finish line.

**And...what can  
you do to help  
“The Foundation?”**



We hope that you have been reading our informational articles in the Newsletter and that you know a little bit more about TLCF than you did before. So, what are some ways you can help us fulfill our mission? Firstly, we are in the process of actively looking for volunteers to replace outgoing Board members. If interested in a position or you would like more information, please, contact us through our website [www.tower-lakes.org](http://www.tower-lakes.org) or contact one of the Board members personally. They are listed below. But, it also takes money, and these are some ideas for helping us grow our capital funds.

- Consider adding the Tower Lakes Community Foundation to your will, to help continue your legacy. “I Will. Will You?”
- Make a memorial contribution in a loved one’s name, in lieu of flowers, or ask that others do so, too.
- Looking for Holiday gift for the person that has everything?
- Make a direct donation...maybe before the end of the year?

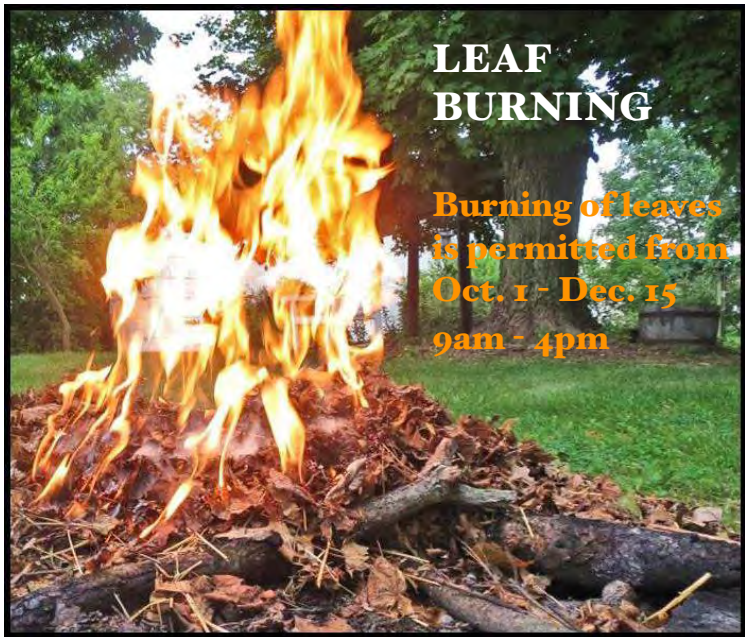
In fact, watch the mail for our end of the year Holiday campaign!

Thank you for taking the time to learn a little more about the newest of the Tower Lakes volunteer organizations, working to

“maintain and improve the quality of life in the Village of Tower Lakes.”

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Missy Sandberg, President | Mary Kate Harazin, VP |
| Jan Bahr, Secretary       | Jane Cook, Treasurer  |
| John Gillett              | Kathleen Leitner      |
| Gwen Torstensen           | Mike Lanning          |
| Brooke Rowley             |                       |

**Bring the family and join your fellow neighbors for the TLIA 5K Turkey Trot/Run/Walk/Stroll on the streets of our very own Tower Lakes.**



**LEAF  
BURNING**

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

**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.



# THE VILLAGE VOICE

Hello Neighbors!

As I mentioned in the July TL News, the Village government has concluded our study on garden fences and passed a change to our fence ordinance that now permits garden fences. There are some restrictions, which closely follow the Plan Commission's recommendations and public input. The majority of the Village Board feel that this is a good compromise between esthetics and the trending demand for more home-raised produce. Restrictions include 6 ft max height from ground, 400 sq ft max enclosure, 10 ft set back from ROW and made of see-through materials including wire mesh or netting, but not containing chain link fencing, snow fencing, metal or wood picket or stockade fencing.

Fenced dog/chilid runs up to 200 sq ft continue to be allowed in rear yards as long as they are attached to the house and follow setback and screening requirements. Swimming pools may have fence enclosures but we also passed a new ordinance that allows for in-ground pools to dispense with a fence enclosure if they have a pool cover which meets ASTM F-1346-91. This may help eliminate some fences and is in alignment with several other municipalities, unincorporated Lake County and with the latest insurance guidance. Perimeter fences around yards and decorative fence segments more than 30 ft in length are still not allowed.

We are winding down construction activities on our \$3.7mm water works project. Multiple miles of new 8" mains and new house service lines are in the ground and in operation. The iron filtration equipment is installed and will be placed in operation mid-November following final testing and cleaning. Road patching is complete and landscape restoration should be complete by the time you read this, although we are holding some payments back until spring so we have a final chance to address any settling issues. If you have property damage from the construction process that you think still needs to be addressed, please don't wait till spring. Report it now to our on-site manager Ryan Christensen of Robinson Engineering @ 847-404-5949. Thanks for your impressive collective patience in this disruptive summer of construction, including torn up streets and water pressure & color fluctuations. I, for one, am very much looking forward to many years of smoother operations and better water. There are many to thank for this improvement but special kudos go to Trustee Paul Kierig who worked hundreds of unpaid hours to get us first through the financing & legal process wherein we saved tens of thousands by getting a 1% loan instead of issuing bonds, and then through the design, bidding and construction of one of Tower Lakes' largest ever projects. Thanks to those who turned out for our Oct 13 open house at the filtration plant. Some newer residents have asked me why all this work was necessary and what benefits will they see. A big topic to deal with in one article, but I'll give you the short highlights version:

Some history recap is the place to start. Through most of the last century, our water system was built, owned and operated by a mom & pop company in Island Lake. There were some very shallow 60 ft wells and 4", 2" even 1.5" cast iron water mains built in the 1920's, 30's and on up to the 80's in bits & pieces as subdivisions and homes were added. By the mid 1990's the little company was beset with challenges to keep up with EPA regulations, leaks in the aged system, etc. and was ready to go under. To protect our property values, citizens approved the Village government to jump in, purchase the system for a token amount and do a bond issue to pay for some crucial improvements. These included a new deep well on Paddock, a pressure tank which serves the same function as those tall mushroom tanks you see in other towns, with pumps and generators to run the pumps and keep up pressure even in power failures, a modern chlorination system, and several new mains in about 1/3 of the town. We paid off those bonds over 18 years with a special tax. We spent \$1mm to replace several thousand more feet of small leaky mains in 2012, as well as a continuous stream of smaller upgrade projects. This is being paid for via water bills without a tax increase, as is the build up of a mandated capital reserve fund to replace pumps and other equipment as they reach the end of their life expectancy.

With the current project we are replacing almost all of the still-remaining elderly lines with state of the art 8" plastic mains that will last far longer. We continue to discover that some of what we inherited in the 1990's was very non-ideal, including substandard materials, lack of shutoff valves, pipes corroded to paper thin, pipes coated with iron oxide deposits to the point of being almost closed, pipes as small as 1.5" that should have been 8" by today's standards, houses linked to each other, missing records on the location of many underground service shutoffs, etc. Besides the essential updating of all this infrastructure, we expect lower leak repair costs and less disruptive maintenance due to the move of mains from backyards to street-side & the addition of new flush points and isolation valves (remember that boil order where we couldn't confine the pressure loss to one neighborhood?).

We are also adding an iron removal system (about 1/3 of the total project cost). Nature gives us iron in solution in the water we draw from the aquifer and many towns on the same aquifer don't remove the iron. By itself a few ppm of iron is not harmful or unhealthy. However, it oxidizes in the system and the iron oxides form particles that fall out of solution and become a nuisance in several ways. Taste and smell are not common issues at our levels of iron. But the particles accumulate in pipes and when deposits are disturbed they can manifest as brown or orange water in localized areas and can stain white laundry loads, which nearly all of us have noted. Water heaters needed to be flushed more often to get rid of iron oxide sediment, as did the mains themselves via periodic hydrant flushing. But flushing is only partly effective. Mains get coated with this iron oxide and grow constricted. The level of corrosive chlorine that needed to be added to kill bacteria had to be increased because the iron consumes some of it. Having no iron pipes and almost no iron in the water will undoubtedly be a value enhancer for all homes on the water system. I might even buy some white shirts.

**Contributed by Dave Parro  
Village of Tower Lakes President**



# Welcome to the Neighborhood!

*Contributed by Mary Beth Adams*

**Jennifer McCormick**  
215 W. Lake Shore Drive

The McCormick family has moved to Tower Lakes from Lake Barrington where they lived for 10 years. Jennifer is vice president of operations for the Morton Salt Company in Chicago. She loves to run, swim, bike, paddleboard, water ski, jet ski, snowshoe and ski. After finishing an ironman triathlon in Madison, Wisconsin two years ago, she just completed a second ironman triathlon in Montreal, Canada this past August. Even with her busy schedule, she has volunteered at Willow Creek Church and The Sparrows Nest in Palatine. Son Brandon is 20 and a junior at Purdue University. Twenty-two-year-old daughter Samantha loves animals and works at a local animal daycare in Barrington. Five-month-old dog Tripper will greet you at the door. Welcome the McCormick Family!



**Greg and Ellen Sandkam**  
404 Melrose

Greg and Ellen have some wonderful stories about Tower Lakes. Greg lived here from 1954 to the summer of 1962 and moved when he was eleven years-old. He has so many fond memories of growing up here and playing with friends in parts of the Village when it wasn't developed. He remembers an abandoned boat house on Rest Island that jutted out onto the lake and skating on a pond where the soccer field is now. Interesting that he has moved into a home on the soccer field! Greg went on to work for 25 years in the professional photo business in Chicago and then decided to earn his teaching certificate in order to teach middle school social studies. Ellen was born in the Edgebrook area and worked for a publishing company for 33 years before retiring. She now volunteers at the *House of Hope* in Lake Zurich. She added that she has stayed connected and has been socializing with a wonderful group of girlfriends for 60 years! Besides having fun with their five grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren when they visit, they are enjoying spending time in their new home cooking, gardening, reading, listening to music and great movies when they are not hiking and enjoying the nature surrounding them in Tower Lakes.

## Resident Wins National Award

Many people are good at their job...But have you ever received an award of excellence for your work? I think only a few of us can claim that accomplishment and now Anne Gavic-Ott has joined that elite group. She was recently awarded the L. Kent Smith Award of Excellence for her contributions to the field of cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation. It's an award that is given out annually to recognize one practitioner nationally for outstanding clinical contributions to the field of cardiac rehabilitation. Anne received her award on September 12 in Louisville, Kentucky at the annual AACVPR (American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation) Meeting, which hosts several thousand members.

Anne graduated from University of Wisconsin - Lacrosse with a degree in exercise physiology. She then went on for her MPH at Roosevelt University and is currently working at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights where she manages the Cardio and Pulmonary Center. Anne's focus is on patients with chronic cardiac and pulmonary diseases. She plans their exercise routine and educates and counsels them as they work toward better health. This award honors Anne's career and long commitment to her patients and the practice of a heart healthy life.

Anne moved to Tower Lakes 15 years ago, from Cary, with her husband, Mel Ott. Her interests include all outdoor activities, including snow skiing, hiking, biking, kayaking, and camping.



# HALLOWEEN 2018



Photos courtesy of Pati Schafer



Congratulations!!!  
The Kildare Family  
winning pumpkin carving contest



TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE



### Winning Entries

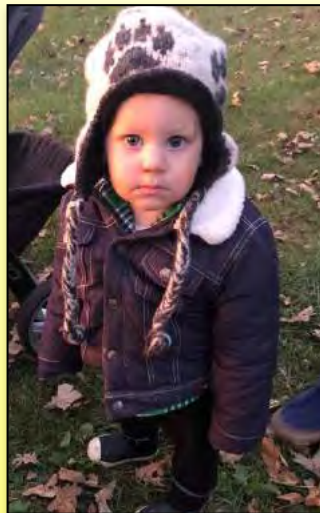
Winner: Best Vegetarian  
**ANN REITH**  
Vegetarian Pumpkin Chili

Winner: Best Carne  
**KAREN AND JOHN YANCEY**  
Chili Today, Hot Tamale

Winner: Best Name  
**CORY SESKO**  
Cumin Get It

Winner: People's Choice  
**CARYN CABOTE NOLAN**  
Grandma Millie's Venison Chili

Honorable Mention:  
People's Choice  
**NATHAN JANITZ**  
Hammer Down Chili



Thank you to all the great volunteers who helped with this event, including those who brought 32 chilis and a wonderful array of corn bread and dessert. Special thanks to the Steffens, Chrissie Mena for donating the beautiful flowers which decorated the event, and Eliza-witch for her spooky stories.



*Photos courtesy of  
Pati Schafer,  
Marlies Hansen and  
Elizabeth Todd-Middleditch*

**TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE**

**Official TLIA Proxy Ballot**  
Tower Lakes Improvement Association Annual Meeting  
JANUARY 13, 2019

Registered TLIA Ballot  
2ND SCOT COUNTY  
12 16 18 80 1953

Voter #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Voter #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tower Lakes, IL 60010  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

The above mentioned Property Owner, being a Member-in-Good Standing of the Tower Lakes Improvement Association (hereinafter known as the "Association"), does hereby constitute and appoint Randy Buehler President by the Board of Directors and the current Board of Directors with full power of substitution to attend the Special Meeting of the Members of the Association on THIS including any adjournments thereof, in the name, place and stead of the undersigned, to represent and to vote as designated below all of the votes of the named member at the 2019 TLIA Annual Meeting.

Office	Candidate	Voter 1		Voter 2	
		YES	NO	YES	NO
President	Steve Burgoon				
Treasurer	Mary Magro				
Recording Secretary	Kristi Nash				
Member-at-Large	Mike Mitchel				
<b>VOTE FOR 2</b>	Mark Handley				
	Mitch Coulter				

Voting by proxy does not count in the quorum for the meeting. You must be present at the meeting to be counted in the required quorum.

Ballot Issues - Please review the attached Bylaw Amendments.	Voter 1		Voter 2	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
Article VIII-Sec. 8: Communications Committee				

THIS BALLOT MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN January 8, 2019  
TLIA  
P.O. Box 405  
Wauconda, IL 60084  
or you may hand deliver to:  
TOWER LAKES VILLAGE HALL - DROP BOX AT FRONT DOOR  
NO LATER THAN - January 10, 2019  
You may also bring it to the meeting or vote at meeting using a provided ballot

# The TLIA Annual Meeting will be January 13, 2019

11:00 am

American Legion Hall — 515 S Main St. — Wauconda, IL 60084

## IMPORTANT ANNUAL MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER

**November 2018:** Newsletter - announce date, time, and candidate roster

**December 13, 2018:** via U.S. Mail - Notice of FY 19 Budget, Official Notice of Meeting

**January 3, 2019** - Proxy Ballots to homeowners due back to TLIA by 1/10/19



### Kids Shop & Wrap

Back this year! Kids Shop & Wrap - a perfect opportunity for kids to shop for their parents or family members on their own!

Donated gifts are needed for the Kids Shop & Wrap event that will be during the Santa & Carriage Rides event at Village Hall.

Please bring your donated items to the **Van Black house - 142 West Lake Shore Drive by Wednesday, December 5.**

Here are some ideas for you: Books, scarves, golf balls, ornaments, picture frames, gift cards, Christmas trinkets...get creative!

More details to come about the Santa/Carriage Rides & Shop & Wrap.

Questions: [youth@tlia.org](mailto:youth@tlia.org)



### Photos with Santa & Horse Drawn Carriage Rides

**Sunday - December 9, 2018**

**3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Village Hall**

Dress warmly and bring your brightest smiles for a perfect winter backdrop picture with Santa outside the Village Hall! Tower Lakes' own photographer AnnMarie Gilmore will take the pictures and supply you with the information to print out as many as you'd like!

Snuggle up on Horse Drawn Carriage Rides! Sip on some hot cocoa while you enjoy the winter surroundings of the Tower Lakes scenery! We'll see you at the Village Hall parking lot where your chariot will be awaiting.

Back this year, "Kids Shop & Wrap." Santa's elves have been working hard to create gifts so your child can do some Christmas shopping on their own. All items sell for \$5.00 and include wrapping. So, raid your piggy banks and come with cash to get your Christmas shopping done!

Inside Village Hall, enjoy fresh baked cookies and write a letter to Santa! Bring a sweet treat to share!



Thanks to all those who made it out on September 28 for the 32nd Tower Lakes Men's Day. It was a great day with almost 80 golfers at LBS and 50 guys for dinner at Sideouts.

## TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

A special thanks to the following people for their generous monetary donations as well as items and prize donations towards the event. As mentioned at dinner, this helps keep the cost of the event consistent for everyone.

**Eric Torstenson**  
**Andy Ohlrich**  
**Shaun Kildare**  
**Steve Burgoon**  
**Tom Fitzgibbons**  
**Rob Harazin**  
**Daryl Voska**  
**Rich Baggett**  
**Dave Mackey**  
**Joe Mehringer**  
**Sil Aprati**

Also congratulations to **Mitch Coulter**, **Jordan Weiner**, and **Bryan Olson** for a big win coming in at -11 for the round.

**John Kainz** and **John Boban** took top prize in the Bean Bag tournament and **Jordan Weiner** also picked up a big win in the Poker Tournament at Sideouts.



### *A heart-warming story for cold-blooded hearts - Cont. from page 4*

Most people assume that the alligator was released by an owner who no longer wanted him, but the rubber band around his mouth is something required for safety when alligators are used in animal shows to the public. Another theory is that he escaped into the lake during such a show. The Department of Natural Resources is looking into people who hold permits to keep alligators in Lake County to ensure that none of theirs escaped. There also was a rumor that a disgruntled ex-girlfriend fingered her former boyfriend for having an unlicensed alligator and recommended that he be investigated.

Regardless, "David" has found a permanent home with an experienced reptile keeper who has excellent holding facilities in Rob Carmichael, curator of Wildlife Discovery Center. David's prognosis is looking good, thanks to collaboration between Carmichael and our own Dr. Steve.

#### Images Courtesy of Steve Barten:

1. Dr. Steve Barten and David, the rescued alligator.
2. Rob Carmichael of Wildlife Discovery Center in Lake Forest, and David, the rescued alligator.
3. and 4. Radiographs of David, the rescued alligator.



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