

TLIA 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.

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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.



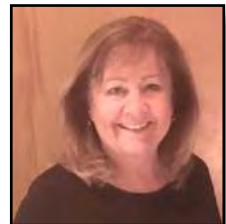
NEW ENTRY - Running for Treasurer: Tom Kuna

My wife Linda and I have lived in Tower Lakes for over 25 years. My career has been entirely in Finance and Administration. I was a CFO for a machinery manufacturer in my last position until I retired in 2015. I served on the TLIA Board as Finance Secretary in the mid 1990's. We served on the Social Committee from 2010-2012. I believe it is the right time for me to make another contribution to this wonderful community by devoting my energy to the position of Treasurer. With my financial background and prior service on the Board, I believe I am well suited to bring a fresh, new perspective to the position.



Running for Recording Secretary: Kristi Nash

Kristi Nash has lived in Tower Lakes for 14 years since 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, Jack and David, here. I have been a TLIA board member for the past four years and have appreciated the opportunity to serve our community. Over the years I've been involved with the 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.



REMINDER

The TLIA Annual Meeting will be in **January 13, 2019**

NEW TIME 12:00 noon

American Legion Hall

515 S Main St. - Wauconda, IL 60084

TLIA BOARD

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NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RANDY YOUNG, PRESIDENT, TLIA

In my November column, I spoke of the benefits of change and then let you all know of my biggest change -- stepping down from the role of TLIA Board President. As I said

in that column, it was not a decision made lightly. No change should be looked at as simple or easy. Over these last few years, I believe the biggest change for our association -- and the one I am most proud of -- is the improvements in our financial position and management. Let me tell you... that one was neither simple nor easy!

I want to thank the entire TLIA Board for making some tough decisions in this area. Firstly, we took the bold step of openly discussing our financial issues and becoming transparent in our reporting by publishing financial reports in our minutes, newsletter, and online. We also faced our responsibility in the area of delinquent dues. Many of you might not be aware of the challenges we faced in reaching out to members (your neighbors) to ask (kindly, at first) and (when necessary) make the required demand of their dues payments. Again, not easy. But we did it and today, as noted in this newsletter, we have only two severely delinquent accounts and only a few remaining on payment plans which should be completed by year's end.

Over these last few years, we have fully incorporated QuickBooks into our finances on both sides of the ledger: revenue and expenses. On the expenses side, we re-organized our accounting into a centralized system by eliminating individual committee accounts. We have also benefitted from better

reporting resulting in a clearer view of where our money is being spent. Our data entry has improved along with expense reporting and invoice approvals.

On the revenue side, we have managed to move closer to becoming 100% membership dues compliant, better than we have ever been (at least as far as I can remember). Better reporting, dues tracking, and improved communications with the membership all led to our dues compliance. These last few years have been a great proving ground for how to reform our organization and enhance fiscal responsibility. And we did it.

None of these changes were simple nor easy, but we made them for the health of our association. That's why we have not had a dues increase for five years! Holding our dues at the same rate was neither simple nor easy either. But it was the result of everyone on your Board facing tests and making the tough decisions to change how we operate. And this was accomplished during challenging financial times. Ultimately, I'm happy to say that today we are financially stronger than we have ever been.

Our path has been set. I hope these improvements will be a permanent factor in our standard operating procedures for years to come.

In this case, change is good, but never simple nor easy. I am proud to venture into the holiday season, the end of our fiscal year, and the closing month of my tenure in office leaving TLIA more fiscally sound than it has ever been. Happy Holidays to us all and to all a good night.

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



Email me and let me know your thoughts.

October 2018

APPROVED TLIA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

Apologies: Steve Burgoon

Committee Reps:

Pat Covek - Tennis & Grounds Beautification

Cass Young - Communications

Jan Bahr, Janet Black and Lee Johnson - Nominating Committee

Tanya Van Black and Meg Koszulinski - Youth Committee -

Andy Hay - Rain Garden project manager

Guests: Val and Mike Gleason

Call to Order

Randy Young

Randy Young called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

President's Report

Randy Young

President Young discussed accomplishments of the Board with the help of the membership over the past year. He shared that he will not seek reelection for president of the Association. He will provide the Association with archives from his time in office.

Approval of August and September TLIA Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the August TLIA Board Meeting Minutes: Tom Kubala

Second: John Yancey

All in favor

The September Board Meeting Minutes will be approved at the November meeting.

Special Use Permit

Val and Mike

Gleason

Valerie Gleason and her son Mike submitted a request for a Special Use Permit for use of Rest Island for Mike's wedding and reception, which will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2019. Randy Young will communicate with TLIA committees not to schedule any activities on Rest Island on that date. The Gleason family will alert wedding guests about parking restrictions such as parking on the same side of the street. The Gleason's will also contact the police about the possibility of allowing guests to park at the Village Hall. The Board unanimously approved this Special Use Permit request. Fran Steffen will serve as TLIA Board sponsor of this event

Beach

Mary Magro

No report.

Communications

Cassandra Young

The Communications Committee sent out 11 email blasts and created three posters this month. They held a free shredding event that was well received by community members. A steady stream of over 50 cars came to the Village Hall to get personal documents shredded over the course of two hours. The committee has received a donation from a TLIA member who attended the shredding event and has secured advertising revenue for the December newsletter.

Read the entire board minutes [here](#).

*** OFFICIAL NOTICE & PROXY BALLOT ***



2019 PROXY BALLOT

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 (hereafter known as the "Association"), does hereby constitute and appoint Randy Young, President of the Board of Directors and the current Board of Directors with full power of substitution to attend the Special Meeting of the homeowners of the Association on TBD 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 TLIA Annual Meeting.

Office	Candidate	Voter 1		Voter 2	
		YES	NO	YES	NO
President	Steve Burgoon				
Treasurer (Vote for 1)	Tom Kuna				
	Mary Magro				
Recording Secretary	Kristi Nash				
Members-at-Large (Vote for 2)	Mitch Coulter				
	Mark Handley				
	Mike Mitchell				

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

THIS BALLOT MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN *January 8, 2019*

TLIA
P.O. Box 405
Barrington, IL 60011-0405

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 VILLAGE VOICE

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



Most of you have heard that we had a major fire on Nov 15. The Dvorak home at 137 South Hills Drive went up in flames around 9 pm and is a near total loss. Robert Dvorak and his daughter Debra Dale, who lived with him part time, and all of their 4 dogs escaped with fairly minor injuries. She was credited by firefighters with saving her father's life by helping him through the burning house and into the garage. Sgt. Michael Paul of the TLPD was first on the scene within seconds of the call and was commended for his actions to help in the evacuation. We are very thankful that all the humans & animals will be fine. The extended family has other homes nearby and apparently don't need short-term shelter, although it was heartwarming to hear that several uber generous TL families offered space in their homes to them.

I would also like everyone to know that TL Police Chief Sam Sinacore & Wauconda Fire Dept Battalion Chiefs Pat Kane & Mark Dierker also cited (with some awe) the Malik family next door at 134 South Hills Dr for opening their home that night to not only the Dvorak's but also to the many first responders from 9:30 pm to past 1 am, serving refreshments and letting them rest in the house. This is the kind of TL hospitality that is so over the top that it needs to be acknowledged publicly. Thank you Malik's for being hero-level good neighbors!

Fire trucks from as far away as Woodstock, Richmond, Deerfield & Buffalo Grove and 17 other departments came to deliver water and within minutes the truck line was backed up the length of SHD onto Kelsey. Logistics seem difficult on a long dead end street like that, but WFD handled it well, as did the South Hills subdivision residents who couldn't come or go. As the fire department explained, they can set up a chain of tankers in series up to several miles long, as long as there is a pumping engine every so often in the chain, and thus keep high pressure water going to the fire. In actual practice water ran out more than once though. It was a large and complex job wrangling a half mile of hoses, dozens of vehicles and lots of switching. Some residents expressed surprise that the fire hydrant next door was not used. WFD confirmed that it was in fact used toward the end, but that our hydrants are mostly rated for the sort of low flow that could be used on a small fire like a vehicle or to slow refill a tanker, but not for the fast, high pressure, long duration dump used in a major structure fire like that.

Our water system is not specifically designed for fire fighting. This may be surprising to new residents but older residents have long heard that our hydrants are for flushing but not fire fighting. I think this is a good opportunity to review the facts about that, because the truth is in-between and recent upgrades are changing our capabilities.

Some news reports, based on WFD's press release, highlighted the lack of fire hydrants in the area. While partly true, the emphasis on that is a bit overly negative and out of context. First of all, most area towns, including Kildeer, Deer Park and all of the Barringtons, save the Village of Barrington, have no city water and thus no hydrants at all. Same for all the semi-rural unincorporated areas in Lake, McHenry & Kane counties. Firefighting without hydrants is considered normal in these areas all around us. WFD says that 50% of their district has no hydrants so they always come prepared to work without using hydrants & with their own water. The same is true for most all the other area fire departments. Fortunately, 90% of Tower Lakes has city water and hydrants so we are somewhat advantaged over many parts of the region. Also Lake Barrington Shores has hydrants and we can, and did, access some water there. But there are limits to our system. More on that below.

Second, we are blessed with our Lakes, which can supply fire fighting water via so-called "dry" hydrants. These are empty pipes connected to intake screens under the water where fire engines can suck up lake water. We have 3 of these (see attached photo), although none are on the South part of the main lake and so were not used this time. The dry hydrants are tested regularly but not relied upon as anything other than a back-up.

Third, we are also blessed with being less than 2 miles from the main Wauconda Fire Station, which puts all of Tower Lakes closer even than some Wauconda residents to our WFD responders, not to mention our own well-trained police force.

Now, as far as the TL water system being used for firefighting: A water system designed for firefighting typically would have 8 inch lines, 1500 gpm pumps & a storage surplus much larger than we have. Prior to the Village taking over the water system in the late 90's we had negligible storage, small pumps and mains of 3", 1.5" and even smaller in spots. It was all but useless to the Fire Dept. Our storage tank is now over 200,000 gallons and the main pumps are 500 gpm. Both are fine for our drinking water operation purposes, but less than ideal for a modern house fire fight. More relevant to the fire fighting issue was the small lines. However, with the 2012 & 2018 water main upgrades we now have 6" & 8" lines in most places. As of Oct 2018 our engineers think we can now probably deliver 250-400 gpm for an hour or more to most hydrants. We also now have many bigger hydrants with standard 5" firehose connections.



Testing the "dry" hydrants in Tower Lakes

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Upgrading the storage tank size and tripling the pumping rate capacity would be a big investment. Would it be worthwhile? After all, we have just seen that our firefighters can get a basically unlimited water supply trucked in pretty fast. Also we are told that this area's firefighters would typically not fight fire direct from a hydrant. They use hydrant water to fill tanks and then use their own pumps to get the pressure they want and avoid damaging any mains by sucking them out too fast. Still, there may be potential to reduce critical time & effort by optimizing how the fire dept. uses what we now have. Even if we can't achieve a cheaper fire insurance rating, we want to see if there are other cost effective/ practical things we can do to improve fire preparedness. Perhaps we can add another dry hydrant in the South. Perhaps we can run tests to get some hydrants rated higher and devise improved operational plans on how to best utilize our new capacity as a refill source or for handling smaller fires. I plan to facilitate a technical working session between WFD and our water engineers to examine our options and make some recommendations as to what actions (if any) are feasible & useful to improve fire operations, given our recent capital improvements and our recent fire experience.

As of this writing, the cause of this fire was pronounced accidental by the Fire Dept but is still under investigation. But that brings up a couple other things that we can all do to immediately improve fire safety in our community. Be careful how space heaters are placed this winter and don't plug them into a power strip. Keep an extinguisher near the kitchen. Obviously, install CO and smoke detectors and test them and replace batteries per recommendations. If they are more than 5 years old, consider replacing them with updated technology which now has long life power supplies, voice alerts etc. Also, look at your home's exit paths and make escape plans for all scenarios. I know that my own home's upper floor has only one easy way out and same goes for some neighbors and the Village Hall. We all need to know what we'd need to do if the main stairs were blocked by fire or smoke and how to help the young, the elderly, the pets, etc. Please use this occasion as a reminder to have a family meeting and make a plan to be prepared.

Happy & safe holidays to everyone!
David Parro
Village President - Tower Lakes, IL



Board Candidates con't from page 1

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 the Youth committee this year. I plan to continue serving the this amazing place we call home in any way I can.

Next Meeting: 
December 10, 2018 - 7:00 pm
ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2019
NEW TIME 12:00 NOON

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Lake Committee Fall Update

Contributed by Mitch Coulter

After a long and often frustrating season of weed and algae management, the TLIA Lake Committee was feeling a bit low. The community wasn't happy, and though the condition of the lake could be written off as a function of the erratic and wet summer weather, something needed to be done to provide a light at the end of a challenging season. The team turned their focus toward two portions of the Tower Lakes system. South Lake, an area that had seen substantial weed issues this season was out of hand, and the North Lake algae mats were piling up and neither was a place paddlers or fisherman wanted to visit. The team decided that something had to be done.

South Lake Project

The team took on the South Lake project with a sense of urgency and teamwork, but also with a notion that the work they wanted to do would provide some valuable insight into future plans for lake management. With a moderate budget available, work began to accomplish the cleanup of the area from the southeast boat landing, around Snake and Devil's Islands toward the dam. Lake Committee member Rocky Ermilio brought on board Clearwater Plant Harvesting from Crystal Lake to bring in a large floating weed harvester to tackle the overgrown south lake area.

On October 1, the harvesting was to begin and the EH-220 Aquarius Harvester and its trailer began backing down into the water at the SE boat landing. It almost didn't make it... Primarily used as a launch for canoes and kayaks, the landing was in need of some reinforcement if the 31 foot, 3.5 ton vessel was to ever come back out of the lake.

After evaluating the problem, the Lake Team sprang into action. Some brush and debris had to be cleared immediately and some burly fellows, namely Rich Bahr and Judd Lautenschlager, from the neighborhood lent a hand to clear it out of the way. Team member Colin Regan pulled out some industry contacts, and two days later 30 yards of rock were dropped off, and with the help of TL resident Tom Spicer, a new solid boat landing was complete.

Meanwhile the harvester was getting to work, cutting 2 feet down into thick beds of weeds like Southern Naiad and Curly Leaf pondweed. Normally the conveyor that pulled the weeds out of the water and deposited them into the bellow of EH-220 would take 30-40 minutes to complete a load, but with the volume being pulled out of South Lake, they were returning to shore every 15-20 minutes to offload the bushy plant remains. Needless to say the material was piling up quickly.

Initially the plan had been to load the material into a dumpster that had been dropped off by our friends at Prairieland, but despite efforts by Tom Spicer and his handy loader, it quickly became evident that this wasn't going to be sustainable or efficient.

An audible was called at the line of scrimmage, and Steve Kruse reached out to legacy

Tower Laker Mike Kainz to help solve the problem. Mike runs the Barrington Smart Farm composting program, and each year tons of organic material from around Barrington makes its way into the farm's soil where through the magic of natural chemistry it becomes tasty fruits and vegetables. Mike was more than happy to take free delivery of the fresh lake greenery, so instead of offloading onto shore, the EH-220 offloaded the weedy compost gold onto a trailer that was now waiting safely on the newly graveled boat launch to shuttle it off to the Smart Farm.

66 man/boat hours, 3 dumpsters and 12 smart farm trailers later, the project was coming to a close. Overall the team was quite pleased with the result. Arriving close to budget, even with the additional cost of a new boat ramp, many lessons had been learned about what it would take to manage the weed levels in South lake, and the team pledged that they would keep a keen eye on the area and ensure that it wouldn't become as weed infested again.

North Lake

The original plan with Clearwater had been for them to spend about 2/3 of their time in South Lake, then pull the EH-220 out and move to North Lake for some algae removal, the challenge that North Lake faced was access. The 7,000 pound machine and its owner were not excited about trying to drop the machine into the water from another soil-based boat landing.

TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE



South Lake looking a bit overgrown in early September



The first of 3 loads of material gets dropped at the SE boat landing



Material waiting to be loaded into the dumpster and the EH-220 offloading onto the trailer on its way the Smart Farm



South Lake after the weed harvesting and the EH-220 hard at work.

Lake Committee continued from previous page

The team knew something needed to be done before winter or the algae mats would just die and add to the continually rising muck levels at the bottom of North Lake. An already shallow watershed was going to continue getting shallower if they didn't get the material out. Tom Kubala and Steve Burgoon called in reinforcements, and the Truxor from Tower Lakes partner ILM was brought in to save the day. The lighter machine with its shallow draft could gain easy access to the lake, and on the day they brought the machine out, a friendly northerly wind had pushed the majority of the algae mats to the southern tip of the lake where quick work was made of removing the heavy wet material. Again Tom Spicer and his trusty loader provided the muscle and the Smart Farm had some more luscious fodder for next year's crops.



Some of the algae removed from North Lake

What's next?

So why all the urgency to clean up this late in the season you may ask? Well many reasons really. As mentioned dead organic material like the weeds and algae removed during these two exercises contribute to the progressive eutrophication and overall "shallowing" our lakes are experiencing. By taking it out, we're working to keep the lake healthier.

More importantly these two fall projects provide valuable data points for lake planning moving forward. We experienced an unusually hot, then cold, then hot again, then wet, then wetter, then slightly dry then hot again summer, then...well you get the point, the weather was all over the place. Much like our yards and the plants we grow in our gardens react to these conditions, our living bodies of water react in different and variable ways. Understanding the costs, challenges and benefits of manually harvesting various types of material helps to inform how the Lake Committee will manage our lake next year and the lessons we learn next year will give us more the year after, and the year after that. The projects this fall have given us valuable insights into our options for the future, and as a committee we want the community to know that we're working hard toward getting our lakes to a place where we can all enjoy them in our own ways, whether it's swimming, fishing,

padding or simply watching the sun set over the water. Tower Lakes offers something for us all, and we must work together to ensure it gets to the place we want it to be.

Tower Lakes Garden Club announces

A Winter Holiday Workshop

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm. at the home of Mary Magro, 230 Tomahawk Lane

Please note: Dinner will not be included this year.

Members should bring an appetizer to share. Wine and dessert will be provided.

Participants will create two arrangements: one to donate to Cuba Township Food Pantry and another to keep. Greens and an assortment of containers will be provided. Please bring your pruners and gloves. Participants are encouraged to bring their own special container and festive trims to personalize the arrangement they take home.

Members: \$10; Guests \$20. To reserve a spot, please drop off your payment by Dec 1, cash or check made out to Kathy Covek, 25559 Warwick Rd.

Sponsored by TLIA Grounds Beautification.

Contact us at towerlakesgardenclub@gmail.com if you plan to attend or have any questions.



Photo courtesy of Marlies Hansen

Happy Holidays
from your TLIA Board

Looking for ideas for stocking stuffers or gifts under the tree? How about a TL car magnet or Tower Lakes "Lake Life" sweatshirt?

TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE



Tower Lakes sweatshirts are discounted to \$45 each.

These are the Lake Life sweatshirts that were sold over the 4th of July and we have a variety of sizes available.



TL car magnet

cost:

\$4 for 1

\$7 for 2

\$10 for 3

Items will be available to purchase between December 3 to December 14.

Send an email to Julie Losinski at: events@tlia.org if you have any questions or need to arrange a day/time to stop by 105 Essex Place to purchase any items.



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!

Questions: youth@tlia.org

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!

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Contributed by Mary Beth Adams

Tommy Reynolds **215 Summit Drive**

If you were wondering who is fixing up the beautiful white house across the street from Barsumian Park on the west side, you'll want to meet Tommy Reynolds. He moved here recently from Arlington Heights. He works for Advanced Manufacturing Technologies in Lincolnshire. He enjoys building and rebuilding cars, drag racing at Great Lakes and racing dirt bikes. He has a large extended family that he spends a great deal of time with and they are enjoying visiting him at his new home in Tower Lakes.

Jennifer Spinoso **327 E. Lake Shore Drive**

Jennifer moved in a while ago into the house on East Lake Shore Drive and has already joined us at some of the Tower Lakes events. She and her boyfriend, Danny, moved here from Chicago. Jenn works at home and Danny is a venture capitalist. They love to cook, try new wines and travel in the U.S. and internationally. Jenn is a professional and competitive horseback rider. They are loving their view of the lake and the beauty of this awesome community.

TLIA COMMUNICATIONS



Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sunday, December 2

4:30 pm - Rest Island

Drinks will be provided; Please bring an appetizer or dessert to pass. Donations for the Cuba Township Food Pantry will also be collected.



Tower Lakes is adopting the Cuba Township Food Pantry this year. Donations are being accepted at the following homes until **December 15**:

TLIA GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION

Mary Magro - 230 Tomahawk Lane

Bridget Lacson - 25466 Wren Road

Non-perishable, non-expired food and personal care items are requested.

Click on the [Cuba Township website](#) for a complete list of needs.

Status of TLIA Dues Collection and Update to 2019 Payment Process

The 2018 Dues Collection cycle will be complete with the outstanding final payments of a few property owners by December 28, per the agreed-upon payment plans. As those property owners meet the payment obligations they have committed to, we hope to enter the New Year with just a very short list of properties in arrears.

Currently, there are only two properties in full non-compliance of TLIA Dues, as no response has been received from these property owners to prior TLIA billing communications. The addresses of these properties are:

**807 Roberts Road
25147 Edward Lane**

These property owners are in violation of the TLIA Bylaws and are considered Members Not in Good Standing of the Association. Therefore, they are not eligible to vote in the upcoming election or attend the annual meeting; they do not have any rights or access to TLIA events, properties, etc. until their Dues are paid in full.

If additional property owners fail to make their payment plans, they will be added to the expanded list which will be published in the January newsletter.

TLIA BOARD

A big THANK YOU from TLIA's community of neighbors to all our paid-up property owners!

2019 Dues Payment Updates –ACTION REQUIRED! We need your email.

Steps are being put in place to update the process for 2019 Dues payments. In response to requests from TLIA property owners, the Board will put in place both invoicing by email AND the option of payment by credit card (for a small service fee) or direct ATF payment into the bank account for 2019 Dues.

To enable the invoicing by email, we need **correct email addresses**. We need current confirmation of the correct email for this invoicing. Only one email per household. Please send an email ASAP to Dues@tlia.org advising the desired email address for your invoice to be sent to.

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TOWER LAKES

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



At this busy time of shopping and giving,

there are so many worthy options for our donations.

We hope that you will look homeward and consider the

Tower Lakes Community Foundation.

If you have read the articles that TLCF has recently placed in the Newsletter, you will know what we are all about. If you are still unfamiliar with us,

please, go to our website

www.tower-lakes.org and read all about what we do.

There are 2 ways you can help:

1. Keep an eye out for our Holiday mailing to find out how to make a donation or go directly to the website listed above.
2. **Shop Amazon!**

Use the link provided for the TLCF Amazon Smile account and shop away...

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-0187378>

Amazon will give 0.5% of your purchase price to
The Tower Lakes Community Foundation.

Thank you for your consideration!



4th ANNUAL TURKEY TROT



Over \$1800 raised

Benefits to go to improve the TLIA Beach

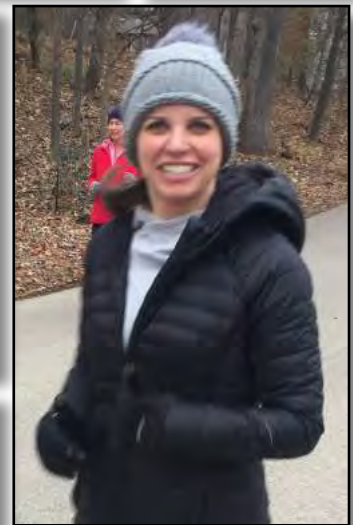
Gold Medal Awards

- Rhys Sandberg - Boys (<12)
- Lauren Cobb - Girls
- Quinn Rowley - Teen Male (12-17)
- Macy Cobb - Teen Female
- Justin Funk - Men (18-49)
- Sarah Messerschmidt - Women
- Jack Bailey - Men 50+
- Chris Burgoon - Women 50+



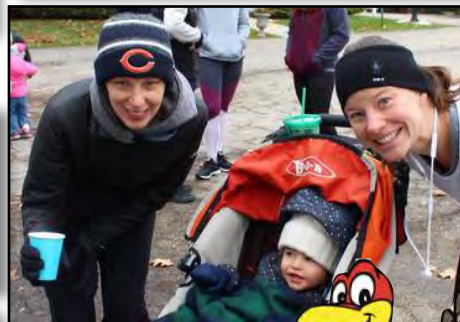
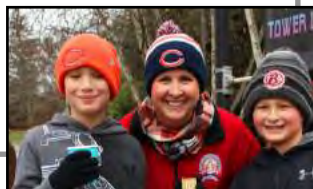
Silver Medal Awards

- Jack Laumann - Boys
- Audrey Reynolds - Girls
- Ethan Sandberg - Teen Male
- Claire Rowley - Teen Female
- Ryan Burgoon - Men
- Sarah Reynolds - Women
- Dean Clune - Men 50+
- Judy Reynolds - Women 50+



Bronze Medal Awards

- Anthony Ermilio - Boys
- Leah Reynolds - Girls
- Valdemer Fischer - Teen Male
- Lizzie Messerschmidt - Teen Female
- Brent Rowley - Men
- Mallory Laumann - Women
- David Dewale - Men 50+
- Mary Kay Bolger - Women 50+



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The TLIA Annual Meeting will be
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