

What a Winter for Cold, Snow & Ice Fishing!

Polar vortex! Power outages! Winter storm warnings! Higher than average snowfalls and so it goes! What a winter! It has been great seeing neighbors reaching out to neighbors in times of need, offering the warmth of their homes, or helping shovel out a driveway, and the residents enjoying the outdoors, playing in the snow and on the lake! Nothing much prettier than Tower Lakes after a snowfall!

Our lakes are a treasured source of entertainment for us all year long, but there have always been a few who have trespassed onto our lakes to try and reap the resources that we, pay for through our TLIA dues. This year it has become a larger problem and so, take time to read the message below from our Lake Committee, with guidelines for ice fishing on Tower Lakes. They are to help ensure the safety and enjoyment of our residents and their guests.



In seeking to provide the best experiences and amenities to its residents, private communities often face challenges from individuals who want to reap the benefits of a valued asset without having to incur the costs required to provide that asset.

One of Tower Lakes most valued assets is our lake, and as a community we spend money to maintain the lake as a place where our residents can fish and recreate. As a natural resource, our fish are a prize that many outside of the community covet and consequently we have had a rash of incidents with non-residents trespassing on our lake to fish from our stocked watershed.

TLIA and the Village are working together to thwart these intruders through a clearly defined process of communication between the community and the Tower Lakes Police, but the community plays a critical role as we are the eyes and ears for the lake.

The following rules will apply for Tower Lakes fishermen or their guests:

1. All individuals fishing on our lake must be in physical possession of a valid and current TLIA tag. These tags were distributed by Member Services last summer. If you are in need of a new tag please, contact Kevin Middleditch: memberservices@tlia.org (*NOTE: Our lake is governed by DNR and IL State Law requires all fishermen 16+ years carry a valid fishing license.)

If individuals do not have a TLIA tag while fishing, a valid driver's license/ID must be presented that clearly shows they are a resident of Tower Lakes.

2. Unaccompanied Guests of Tower Lakes residents fishing our lake must have a valid TLIA tag. If they are not able to provide the tag, they will be given the opportunity to get one from their Tower Lakes host, and if they cannot procure one will be asked to leave. These should only be lent to individuals on a daily basis because the resident is responsible for their access and actions.

For instances where you suspect a fisherman may be trespassing we understand that you may not wish to travel out onto the ice or wander the shorelines to inquire with a fisherman you may not know. In that case, the following are guidelines for communicating a suspected interloper:

3. Unsupervised Students/Children/Teenagers:

If you are comfortable approaching them, please ask for a TLIA tag, or information related to their residency. The TLIA directory can serve as a repository of information for those you may not know in the community. (See page 4 on how to install app)

If they do not have a TLIA tag, or you simply suspect them of trespassing please reach out to your Lake Committee co-chairs to address with the police: Tom Kubala-847-867-4979 Mitch Coulter-773-844-1953

4. Adults suspected of being non-residents:

If you are aware of someone fishing on the lake who you know to be a trespasser, please reach out to your Lake Committee co-chairs immediately. You will need to provide a general location for where the fisherman may be so that they can communicate effectively to the police. Tom Kubala-847-867-4979 Mitch Coulter-773-844-1953

TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE

Above: Quinn Rowley enjoys a day on the lake.

Right: Andrew Dominiak and his friends, Annabelle & Bahdy, trying to figure out this whole ice-fishing thing with Lea, the dog, along for the fun!

Far Right: Mark Hagy snaps some proof that this Northern really was "this big" before releasing it.



FROM THIS PERCH
BY STEVE BURGOON, TLIA PRESIDENT



Here we are already in the month of March. Punxy in Pennsylvania thinks we should be out of winter soon. Sure!!

We had our first TLIA meeting of the new Board of Managers on Monday, February 11. We had a great showing with 8 of the 9 board members, including four newly elected members and almost all of the committees represented. The Board

unanimously approved the appointment of Mary Magro to the position of Vice President and Committee Chairs for all the Standing Committees as follows:

Beach: Mary Magro; **Communications:** Mary Kay Bolger;
Events/Social: Julie Losinski; **Finance:** Tom Kuna;
Grounds Beautification: Pat Covek;
Grounds: John Yancey; **Lake:** Tom Kubala & Mitch Coulter;
Long Range Planning: Mark Handley; **Tennis:** Pat Covek;
Youth: Whitney Bruni

We finished calendar year 2018 approving the Rules and Regulations ([CLICK HERE](#)) The governing documents of the Association are the By-Laws that define Board structure, committees, voting, etc. All Homeowners Associations (HOAs) also develop and implement Rule and Regulations that govern use of association properties and facilities. Throughout the year we will highlight some of the more critical and potentially misunderstood Rules

RULES -- Fishing – Uninvited Guests

This winter we have had a significant number of fishermen and women from outside TLIA who have trespassed on our lakes to ice fish. Some of them have posted videos on the internet (YouTube) bragging of their fish haul and inviting others to do the same. While we are excited to allow all members and their invited guests (with a beach tag to prove they are guests) to fish our lakes we cannot allow trespassers on our lakes. We are a PRIVATE lake and wish to protect our right to restrict access to members and guests. (See *NOTE on page 1 re: fishing licenses.) Trespassers are potential safety risks to the community and they can easily cause damage by overfishing our lakes, which they do not support financially. The Lake Committee has developed a plan, working with our partners from the Village of Tower Lakes Police Department, to remove trespassers from the lakes. (See lead story on front page) Simply put, if you or your family suspect anyone, young or old, who is trespassing on the lake or shoreline, please, call one of the Lake Committee Co-Chairman: Tom Kubala (847-867-4979) or Mitch Coulter (773-844-1953).

They will determine if they will handle the issue or contact the VOTL Police to remove the trespassers. PLEASE, do not feel that you have to approach trespassers. Leave it to the committee and VOTL. Thank you.

"Hope Starts with Food"

➡ A FEW SPOTS LEFT ⬅
for Adults and kids 5+ years

March 8, 6-7:30pm

to help pack nutritious meals for
undernourished children & families abroad at



in Libertyville.

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up

WEAR YOUR TL GEAR IN SOLIDARITY!

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

Mark your calendars!

TL Easter Egg Hunt

April 20 10AM

details to follow



Other dates include:

**June 1: Family End of School
Campout**

**August TBD: Back to School
Party**

October 31: Trick or Treat

December 8: Santa Visit &

Carriage Rides

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

NEXT MEETING: March 11

7PM Village Hall

TLIA BOARD

Tower Lakes Rain Garden Project Update:

Great news! Phase 2 & 3 Kickoff March 2019 by Andy Hay, Project Manager

After a relatively quiet period for the Rain Garden Project in the second half of 2018, activity is set to resume in March with the next phases. During 2018 the team worked to obtain the necessary permitting from the Army Corps of Engineers, Lake County Storm Water Management and the Village of Tower Lakes. I am happy to report that all permitting is now complete and the first "pre-construction" meeting with the Lake County inspectors and our environmental contractor/partner, ENCAP, is scheduled for March 1, 2019.

In case you missed the Open House or the TLIA Annual Meeting, you might be wondering what is coming next. Phases 2 and 3 of the project both take place at Wagner Park, which is also known as the East Boat Landing on East Lake Shore Drive.

Phase 2

As soon as weather permits, we will be excavating a second engineered rain garden, itself about half the size of the one in Bays Park, which will be tied into the storm drains, and designed to capture, detain, and filter the runoff from the East Side prior to it reaching the lake. Once completed, the garden will be planted with plugs of flowering native plants which, given time, will grow and provide the filtration, as well as become a place of beauty attracting pollinators - including butterflies, humming birds, bees, and other insects.

Phase 3

At the same time as Phase 2, the area uphill from the current boardwalk, which is always muddy, will be restored to a native wetland. Here native grasses will help soak up the water and purify it before it gets into the lake. The plants will also serve to stabilize the area and become a haven for birds and insects.

During construction, IT WILL GET MUDDY!

You may recall during Phase 1 how muddy the excavation was at Bays Park. The new area will be cordoned off with the black silt fencing and you are requested not to enter the construction site. For those with children, please ensure they don't try to play or even enter the area; it will be dangerous as well as very dirty. For spring and the early part of the summer there will be no access from the East Boat Landing to the Beach; the board walk will be lifted and the path fenced off. We apologize for the inconvenience this will cause. The construction will not affect much of the boat storage and the area around the racks will remain open.

We are targeting completion in late Spring but depending on how much rain we get, the area may not be safe to enter until summer. Finally, the grand opening will take place as part of the July 4th celebrations.

This project is a joint venture between the Village of Tower Lakes, and Tower Lakes Improvement Association with funding gratefully received from ILEPA and Lake County Storm Water Management.



TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

presents

TOT SOCCER!

May 4, 11, 18, 25 & June 1

Stay tuned for more info

ATTENTION ALL VILLAGE RESIDENTS

The next municipal election will be held
on April 2, 2019

Candidates for Village President and
three Trustees will be elected.

Running for office are the following:

President

David Parro

Trustee (vote for 3)

Paul N. Kierig

Joseph Richard Skurla

Christine (Chrissie) Mena

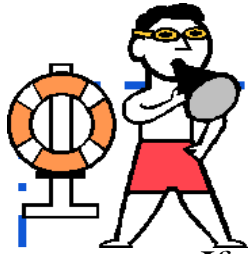
Caroline Milne

Randall (Randy) H. Spiess



Click on the
Voting Box for
more info

VOTE! It's your right and responsibility.



Calling All Lifeguards!

If you are interested in applying to become a lifeguard in Tower Lakes this summer, please contact: beach@tlia.org for an application. & the Beach Committee is always looking for a few more members. Interested? Contact: beach@tlia.org.

TLIA BEACH

If you haven't yet downloaded the Tower Lakes Directory app



For iPhone go to:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/tower-lakes-directory/id1117051356?ls=1&mt=8>

For Android go to:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.ethervision.listing.towerlakes>

Email: admin@tlia.org

with your name and address to request password

Tower Lakes Home Watch



Last month we posted an advert that alerted you to the new method of contacting the TLPD for a Vacation House Watch. Here's a little more information on the reason why the Village would like to encourage you to use this service.

One of the many great benefits you have access to in Tower Lakes is the comfort of knowing that, if you are away on business or vacation, your home can be under the watchful eye of the Tower Lakes Police Department. To request this service is simple. Just log onto <http://www.towerlakes-il.gov/> (scroll to bottom of page) or directly via <https://www.frontlinepss.com/towerlakes> from any device, and place your request. It's easy to do, takes less than a couple of minutes and is free of charge to residents. Tower Lakes Police recently added this new online feature to the service not only to make it very convenient and easy to request, but also to **provide a significant savings** to the Village.

Previously, TL residents needed to telephone the non-urgent police number to make a request for a house watch or to report that you would have guests parking overnight on Village streets. Since the non-urgent number goes through a call management service there is a cost which comes directly from our police budget. By having everyone switch, where possible, to using the online tool, Police Chief Sinacore estimates he can save over \$3,000 in call costs! This is money which can be put to good use elsewhere, helping our police force keep our community safe.

Of course, if any resident cannot access the online tool, they are still welcome to phone the non-urgent number, but in principle, please use the online tool wherever possible. This same online application can also be used to request overnight street parking.

So, keep this website address handy or just go to the VOTL website and access it from there, at the bottom of the Homepage. Thank you for your consideration on this.

Hosting an Event? Birthday? Family Reunion? Graduation?



We have chairs, tables and tents available for party rentals.

Reserve your party-related needs now. For pricing and questions send an email to events@tlia.org



TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

TLIA Dues Reminder

Just a friendly reminder...

TLIA dues need to be received no later than March 31, 2019. Payments received after March 31, 2019 that are not covered by a payment plan, agreed upon with the TLIA financial secretary, are subject to a late fee. This is the year to pay on time, neighbors, as the system is now automated and a \$100 late fee will be added to all homeowner accounts that are past due as of April 1, 2019.

Please, mail your payment to: PO Box 405 Barrington, IL 60011 or hand-deliver to: **TLIA mailbox** at the Village all no later than March 31.

Questions? Contact dues@tlia.org.

Ad Space Available!

Several size options!

[CLICK HERE](#) to request info.

TLIA COMMUNICATIONS

Please join us for the first
Tower Lakes Grounds Beautification
Garden Club Meeting of 2019!

The Big Switch:
Integrating Natives into any Landscape

presented by Mr. Kelsay Shaw
of Possibility Place Nursery

Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Contact the Tower Lakes Garden Club for details at
towerlakesgardenclub@gmail.com.

Saturday, May 4

Progressive
Dinner/tapas

&



4th of July Events:
July 4, 5, 6, 7

Adult Social:
Friday night, July 5

DETAILS ON BOTH

TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

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- Caroline Milne (new)
- Kathy Pattengale
- Randy Young



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