

VILLAGE AND TLIA TO HOST ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION!

On Saturday, April 27 at 11:00 a.m. the Village and TLIA will be holding another tree planting event to commemorate Arbor Day. Come out and bring the family to celebrate our 25 year long Tree City U.S.A. status and learn about the care of your trees. Information for **the care, maintenance and planting of trees will be distributed.** **This year's celebration will be held at Lathan's Landing, off of Circle Drive in North Lake.**

As young people we are told to invest in our future. The same concept can be applied to trees. Our "deposits" or trees, not only offer benefits to us today (clean air, healthy water, mitigate storm water) but continue to contribute to the health of our community long into the future. Through a shared purchase program between the Village and residents, over 150 trees have been added to our urban forest over the last three (3) years.

Please, join in celebrating this annual event and the wonderful trees that grace our community.

For more information, please, contact Rick Steffen at village@towerlakes-il.gov or call 847.922.0776.

Thank you,

Tower Lakes Tree Commission: Hugh Davis, Pat McKillen, Bill O'Mahoney, Tom Spicer, Ken Stevens, Rick Steffen, John Yancey



TLIA GROUNDS

Bring the family and join your neighbors for SPRING GROUNDS CLEAN UP DAY

Meet at Beach Parking Lot at 8:00 am!!



*Rain date:
Sunday April 28

- * Work will focus on the Boat Landings from 8:00—11:00
- * Join the Village & TLIA for Arbor Day Event at 11:00
- * Then LUNCH will be provided at NOON at the Tennis Courts.

Bring protective gloves and eyewear.
Questions or for more info contact
grounds@tia.org

**BRUSH PICK-UP (see more info below)
MONDAY APRIL 29**



**Leaf Burning Allowed April 1-May 31 (9 am - 4pm)
Brush pick up begins Monday, April 29
at 8:00 a.m.**

Branches should be stacked with butt ends at the street;
No weeds or soft material.
Limit is 10' x 4' per household.



FROM THIS PERCH

BY STEVE BURGOON, TLIA PRESIDENT



Spring seems to be springing if not already sprung! We have seen warmer weather with melting snow and ice...we are SO close! And we need Spring to get each of us outside to meet up with our neighbors. The warmer weather brings a growth of nature calling for lawn maintenance and clean up, tree trimming, flower planting and the overall buzz of activities for homeowners and TLIA member volunteers alike.

Spring brings out our largest contingent of volunteers as the Grounds Committee gets

ready for the annual Grounds Clean Up (cancelled this past fall due to weather). We regularly get 40 to 60 volunteer members to help on general maintenance of our parks and lakes for our spring and summer activities. We have such a tremendous amount of volunteers among our members. Between our Board and Committees, I count no less than 50 people/families/couples involved with regular participating in volunteering their talent and energy to better the community. That number reflects close to 20% of the homeowners in the Association. Very impressive, but we can always use more people!

Speaking of volunteers, the Youth Committee did a fantastic job on March 8 getting close to 90 parents and kids to help pack food for Feed My Starving Children. Fantastic job!!! And helping others doesn't have to cost anything but time, effort and a caring heart!!! A fantastic effort and example for our young people. Well done, Youth Committee! And well done, Events/Social Committee for another fun evening – the Adult Social/Pub Quiz held on Saturday, March 9 at McGonigal's in Barrington. Special thanks to the Committee and to Andy Milne, our Quizmaster for the evening. Amazingly, I knew that Andy and Caroline live on West Drive but I did not know about the element Holmium, which is apparently only valuable in spelling words. I will have to take a summer class from Caroline Milne to learn Holmium's true relevance.

So...now is YOUR time to VOLUNTEER. There are MANY opportunities over the next few months to help YOUR Community. First, come on out on April 27 for GROUNDS CLEAN UP (see page 1) to help clear-out the winter trash and prepare our boat landings, parks and islands for our Summer activities. John Yancey and the Committee will have focused areas selected with a foreman in charge to guide a team in trimming, cleaning, etc. Lunch will be provided by Pat Covek and the Garden Club/Grounds Beautification Committee.

In the meantime, the Events/Social Committee has been feverishly planning our Independence Day activities. They have planned a complete schedule of activities for all ages beginning on July 4 and ending with the ever-popular Pancake Breakfast on Sunday July 7. PLEASE, CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING to RUN the PARADE, be a small team activity lead or to cook, take tickets, etc. Dial the team up at events@tlia.org (see page 3)

In addition, the Grounds Beautification Committee, the Lake Committee (goose egg spotters needed), the Beach Committee and the Tennis Committee are busy gearing up for their seasons. If you have an interest or expertise in any of these areas, let a TLIA Board Member know or go to the TLIA App (see page 1) to find the correct contact.

Tower Lakes Improvement Association is the preeminent Homeowners Association in SW Lake County. *Cont'd next column*

Please join us for the Annual



and visit with the Easter Bunny!

Don't forget baskets & cameras!

Saturday, April 20, 2019

10:00 a.m. (promptly)

0-4 yrs. old - Toy Island

5-7 yrs. old - Play Island

8+ yrs. old - Rest Island

Tower Lakes Families: If your children will be participating in the **Easter Egg Hunt**, PLEASE, HELP OUT the Easter Bunny by dropping off a dozen pre-filled eggs per child at the home of Tanya Van Black, 142 West Lake Shore Dr. **no later than to Monday, April 15**

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

Questions?
youth@tlia.org

From This Perch Cont'd People move to our community because they learn of our very active and engaged membership. Please help us keep that image at the forefront of people's minds when they look to buy a home in the Barrington area. This is all done by VOLUNTEERS. See y'all this Spring.



Looking for a Lead Volunteer for the World Famous Tower Lakes' Annual 4th of July Parade.

Duties include:

- * contact fire, police and Boy Scouts (initial contacts already underway)
- * manage parade logistics and volunteers (10)
- * organize flag raising ceremony
- * hand out ribbons at flag ceremony

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No experience? No problem!

We will assist in the process with detailed notes from the previous Parade Lead.

Hoping to get a Lead for this popular and important TL tradition ASAP.

Please email us at events@tlia.org to learn more.

Progressive Tapas Saturday, May 4

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Join your friends and neighbors for the 2019 Progressive Dinner featuring a Tapas format. Partiers each receive an itinerary* and visit two houses featuring tapas of all kinds.

You will meet a diverse group of neighbors at each house and then join the group at the Dessert House for the remainder of the evening.



Tapas House 1 6:00p.m.

Tapas House 2 8:00 p.m.

Dessert House
10:00 p.m. - Midnight



TAPAS HOSTS:

Please, provide substantial appetizers.
Serve seated at a table or buffet.
Tapas hosts do not pay!

TAPAS GUESTS:

Please, bring 2 bottles of wine
to each Tapas home
(1 to share & 1 to appreciate the hosts.)

COST: \$20 per person before May 4

\$25 per person after May 4

*Additional information/itineraries will be shared
with hosts and guests the week prior to the event.

CLICK HERE

for payment and to register as a Tapas HOST or Guest!



TOWER LAKES A PRESENCE AT ILMA ONCE AGAIN by Rich Bahr

Close to 150 people attended this year's Illinois Lakes Management Association (ILMA) conference held at the Crystal Lake Holiday Inn on March 14 and 15. There were Illinois lake stakeholders such as watershed service professionals from government agencies and private firms as well as many lake oriented HOAs. Our very own Sarah Voska was there representing Bluestem Ecological Services. Mitch Coulter, Tom Kubala and Rich Bahr also attended. Tom and Rich gave brief presentations on the TL rain garden project and our participation in the local 9 Lakes Initiative, a local subset of ILMA participants that meet regularly to share on lake issues.

These meetings keep TLIA Lakes Committee members informed on the latest Best Practices in managing our most precious resource. It also provides great exposure of our efforts, which has gained us grant opportunities and support from government agencies.

**Get a jump on Spring!
Now open through
April 14**



**Online ordering for
CFC's 23rd annual
Native Plant, Tree &
Shrub Sale**



Public sale is May 4-5 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Go to springsale.citizensforconservation.org/

for more info and learn how to place your order today!

Tower Lakes Police Home Watch Service Update

By Andy Hay



Last month you read about the new convenient way to use the online service that easily allows residents to request TL Police Officers to watch over their properties while away. It is also the best way to request permission for temporary overnight street parking.

"What could be better than an online service that is easy to use, and saves the Village lots of money as well?"

Well, glad you asked. Thanks to the TLIA Board and the genius behind our TL Directory Phone App, the service can now be accessed from your phones, thus making it even easier to request. If you are like me, you will probably remember to make the request while on-route to the airport. Now, that is no problem.

Simply access the TL Directory App in the normal way then:

Step One

Select "Important Numbers"



Step Two

Select "Request Home Watch"



Step Three

Choose which service you want



If you need to download the Tower Lakes Directory App, go to the TLIA Website www.tlia.org and follow the simple instructions.

Thanks again to Chief Sinacore and the amazing team of TL Police Officers for providing this service.

VILLAGE RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

By VOTL President Dave Parro

At the Citizens for Conservation (CFC) annual meeting last month, the Village of Tower Lakes was given CFC's highest award and a plaque to display in our Village Hall.

Even though the "William H. Miller" award was presented to all of BACOG (Barrington Area Council of Governments), of which TL is a founding member, this award is significant because it is not awarded every year but rather saved for major accomplishments. BACOG's role in conservation is broad, but watershed management and especially the cutting-edge investment in groundwater studies (think aquifers) is the primary basis for this recognition to BACOG.

*Tower Lakes is proud to have 2 TL residents,
Patty Barten & Kathleen Leitner on the CFC Board.*



photo on plaque: by TL resident Steve Barten



William H. Miller Award

This, CFC's highest award, is not awarded every year but reserved for those individuals and organizations that have made exceptional commitments and contributions to conservation in the Barrington area. BACOG therefore joins a notable list of prior awardees.

Save the Date!

TLIA Grounds
Beautification
Tower Lakes Garden
Club

Wednesday, May 15
@7:00 pm



New Plant Colors for 2019

& Tips on Container Gardening

presented by Kim Hartmann, landscape designer

at Countryside Flower Shop, Nursery, and Garden Center

Questions? Please email us at towerlakesgardenclub@gmail.com.

Love-Love ... tennis?

Sign up for lessons
this summer!

Full details in May
newsletter.



Adult lessons: Friday or Saturday
Contact Pat Covek
847-526-5089

Kids lessons:
Mon/Wed or Tue/Thurs
Contact Bridget Lacson
312-927-2114

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



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PUB QUIZ 2019

Another successful TL Pub Quiz!

Neighbors enjoyed a friendly competition of trivia questions on topics such as music, sports, science, local area knowledge & other fun trivia.

A BIG thank you to **Andrew Milne** for creating the questions and emceeding the event!



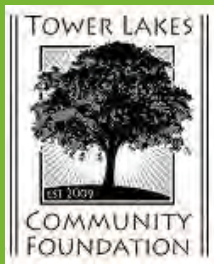
First Place team
The Klever Kiwis
Dave & Marilyn Parro,
Mary Beth & Nck Adams



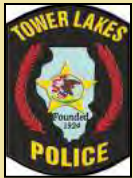
Second Place Team:
Bed, Bath, and Beyoncé.
Missy Sandberg, Carla Arzate
Caroline Milne, Magen Shully



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TOWER LAKES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
IS LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER WEBMASTER WITH
THE APPROPRIATE SKILLS TO MAINTAIN OUR WEBSITE.
RE: OCCASIONAL UPDATES AND ADDITIONS.
IF YOU CAN HELP OR HAVE QUESTIONS,
PLEASE, CONTACT BOARD@TOWER-LAKES.ORG



THE STATE OF ILLINOIS REAL ID ACT



From Chief Sinacore, TLPD:

The Illinois Secretary of State's office has begun issuing REAL ID Act-compliant driver's licenses and identification cards (DL/IDs) at most Driver Services facilities. They will be available statewide at all Driver Services facilities to residents who want them by April 2019.

Illinois residents will have the choice to obtain a REAL ID or a standard driver's license or ID card.

Residents who do not want to apply for a REAL ID-compliant card may apply for a standard DL/ID. REAL ID-compliant cards will have a gold star emblem in the right corner. Newly issued standard DL/IDs which do not comply with requirements of the REAL ID Act will be marked with the phrase "Federal Limits Apply," near the top of the card as called for by federal law.

All REAL ID and standard driver's licenses and ID cards are recognized as official state documents and remain valid for driving and identification purposes until their expiration.

It is important to emphasize that there is no urgency for residents to obtain a REAL ID-compliant DL/ID because Illinois' existing driver's licenses and IDs are acceptable for domestic travel and entry into military bases and secure federal facilities until October 1, 2020. Individuals who have a passport (which can be used in place of a REAL ID DL/ID), or who do not travel by air or enter military bases or secure federal facilities will have the option of obtaining a standard DL/ID.

For more information, please go to REALID.ilsos.gov



Kids ages 2 – 5 years
Saturdays 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/1
9:00 AM at the Soccer Field

Coach Andy is back
and joined this year by **Coach Mitch Coulter!**

Come ready for action with
your own soccer ball and water bottle!

\$15 if you'd like to order a t-shirt with your child's name!

Registration, T-shirt orders and money need to be in by 4/26.

Cash for T-shirt can be delivered to Whitney Bruni 402 Raleigh Place

Questions? Contact youth@tlia.org

Click Here

to register & order t-shirts

We hope to see you there!

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Ad Space
Available!

TLIA COMMUNICATIONS

Several

size options!



to request info.

TLIA BOARD

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, April 8

7:00 PM

Village Hall

All members welcome



Your Tower Lakes Home Town Agent
Serving the Tower Lakes Area since 1993!

TLIA Youth Committee receives a \$250 donation for every home I sell in Tower Lakes

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Download my QR code to get the free RE/MAX Home Finder App.

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