

“...Me-Oh-Me-Oh-My, Wasn't that a party?”

Yes, it was once again, one heck of a party! From the time the Color Guard first stepped off from the Village Hall to begin the parade on Thursday, the 4th of July to the final spike of the volleyball down at the courts on Sunday, the 7th of July, it was a PARTY! And none of this could have been possible without VOLUNTEERS!

Firstly, and most importantly thanks to the 2019 Events Committee*. Their hard work, resourcefulness and team-work showed through their own sweat and the smiles of those in attendance, kids and adults alike. And certainly thanks should be extended to all who volunteered their time and talents to help make this such a successful event. To those of you who helped with Set-up and tear down, or who worked in Food Service & Bar, the Entertainment group, all the Youth Activities, Adult Social, Trash Troop, Bingo, Grillers, TL Clothing, Ticket Sales and to the Lake, Grounds and Beautification Committees who had our community looking its best. Bravo !!! This all goes to confirm what we know in our hearts...“there's no better place for the 4th of July than Tower Lakes!”



***2019 Events Committee**
Amanda & Mike Brown
Liz & Joe Giglio
Bobby & Melissa Covek
Juliie & Glenn Losinski
Ana Labbate & Tuno Ruiz

photos courtesy of
 Marlies Hansen
 and Pati Schaefer



See more coverage and photos on pages 7, 8, and 9



NO TRESPASSING SIGNS POSTED

submitted by Tom Kubala, Lake Committee

As previously communicated, we have seen an increase in the number of trespassers in our community, taking advantage of the various amenities offered by TLIA. The majority of violators have been trespassers that have been fishing.

In an effort to further address that issue and make it clear that people are in violation, we have been working with the Police Chief and the Village Board. It was decided that we needed to have more visible “No Trespassing” signs posted around the Village. And so, the Lake Committee has installed 12 new No Trespassing signs, positioned at the various



access points to the lake, clearly identifying the lakes and property as private. This will help the TL Police Department in enforcement of our no trespassing rules.

As a reminder, if you do see individuals or groups trespassing, please follow the protocol and call the Police Department Dispatch Line (847-526-3800) and explain the situation. The police will follow up accordingly and we don't want residents to put themselves in any potentially uncomfortable situation by encountering the individuals. Questions about the protocol can be addressed to either Mitch Coulter (773-844-1953) or Tom Kubala (847-867-4979).

The Lake Committee and “Silt Team 6” wants the community to know that we have successfully completed phase IV of the Silt Removal Project. This was to remove a large portion of the deep silt deposits that had accumulated nearest the dam. U.S. Aqua Vac has left and the two large bags are dewatering at the Kelsey Road site. The committee and team would like to thank our neighbors most affected by the projects for their patience and understanding during this and all phases!

All of TLIA should be proud of what we have done to repair and protect our Lake.

TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE

FROM THIS PERCH

BY STEVE BURGOON, TLIA PRESIDENT



Hello neighbors.

We've reached that midpoint of summer when we all want to take a little time off to get some R & R and spend time in the great outdoors. This is the time of year I try to spend long weekends seeing family and friends out east as well as in the surrounding states with all their abounding beauty of lakes, streams, and parks. I hope you all find some time to do the same.

But before we stop and relax, we need to take time to give thanks to the MANY volunteers who have contributed to helping organize all the recent activities that our Community enjoys. The outgoing Social/Events Committee has done a fantastic job with all the events they have planned and implemented the last two years, especially the last two epic (and long) Independence Day weekends. When you get a chance please thank Julie and Glenn Losinski, Liz and Joe Giglio, and Amanda and Mike Brown, (as well as continuing members, Bobby and Melissa Covek and Tuno Ruiz and Ana Labatte) for all their time and effort for a job well done.

Just before the Independence festivities kicked off the Grounds Committee lead by John Yancey, coordinated the installation of a new power pole and electric service to the Islands and added an electric circuit to Covek's Crossing Bridge so that we can install a water mover to circulate lake water in that area. At this same time the Village of Tower Lakes (VOTL) coordinated with the Tower Lakes Community Foundation (TLCF) to install the new water fountain, foot wash and field hydrant, to aid in the watering of our flower beds in that area along the path to the beach nearest the Covek's Crossing Bridge. TLCF provided the funding, VOTL supplied the water service to the fountain during the water system project last year and TLIA coordinated the installation of the equipment. This collaborative effort has been a fantastic addition for beachgoers and dog walkers alike. Thank you to the TLCF Board, VOTL President, Dave Parro, and Building Officer, Tony Cantieri, for their assistance on these projects.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who helped volunteer at the many events during Independence weekend. None of us get paid...we do it for love of Tower Lakes, so thank you for volunteering to help make Tower Lakes "No better place to be for the 4th of July."

See ya' around the neighborhood.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 12

TLIA BOARD

**7:00 PM
VILLAGE HALL**



**Stop Signs Are NOT
Suggestions!!!**

For several months now, I've noticed there are many who fail to stop for stop signs in the Village. I've been conducting an informal field study as I drive around, attempting to answer this simple question:

I have recently observed so many drivers slow noticeably when approaching a stop sign and yet never come to a complete stop. Most slow dramatically as they scope out the intersection before hitting the gas again; "not coming to a complete stop." Some people reduce their speed to a crawl but keep right on rolling -- a symbolic acknowledgement of the law known as the [California stop](#).

I would say that "Stop" is the new "Yield," in our Village but there's nothing new about the universal ignorance of stop signs. Stop signs are placed at an intersection for safety reasons. These signs are not placed as an inconvenience to drivers but as a safety standard to reduce accidents and save lives of not only drivers, but, pedestrians and bicyclists also.

I ask that residents please be more observant and conscious of coming to a complete stop. And watch your speed within our Village, too.

Thank you, Chief Sinacore, TLPD



Please Join Us

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & School Supply Drive



Here's the Scoop!

Cool down and help children in need in District 220
We will be collecting school supply items
at our office 5051 Shoreline Rd.
Monday 8/12/19 through Thursday 8/15/19.
All items donated to Barrington Children's Charities
Complimentary ice cream will be served
Thursday 8/15/19 1-5PM
Can't wait to see you!

Hosted by Edward Jones
5051 Shoreline Rd Lake Barrington, IL 60010



Recently Play Island was vandalized: garbage cans overturned with garbage strewn about the beach; lost and found bin emptied; the lifeguard boat was set free with grill ashes dumped out in it.

While thankfully, this time, no one was injured and no property damage occurred, it did take extra man power to clean up the island and locate, retrieve and clean up the boat.

The Tower Lakes police were notified and a report was submitted.

The Beach Committee respectfully asks that parents please, talk to your children of all ages about respecting the Association property.

Let's take pride in our community -

"it takes a Village to raise a child.."

On Another note... "Isn't ironic...don't you think?"



It was much like an Alanis Morissette lyric...

"It's like ra-a-a-ain on your wedding day.. or the first day of swi-i-im team practice!"



Many thanks to Connor and Kai for leading the team practices!

CONTACT LIST OF TLIA.ORG EMAILS

As a member of TLIA you can contact any TLIA committee or Board member direct via email by using the tlia.org email system. Ask questions, provide feedback, suggest ideas by contacting your community TLIA volunteers directly. Here is the list.

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Beach questions and info.
including swim lessons

beautification@tlia.org

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Kids tennis lessons

Jacqueline Ipsen

IN MEMORIAM

Jacquie Ipsen and her late husband, Bruce, moved into their home on Oxford Road in 1998. If you have walked past her home with its beautiful gardens you know that she was a skillful gardener with an affinity for native plantings and a love of wildlife. In fact, for many years she was an active member of Barrington Area Conservation Trust (BACT) and her garden was the first in Tower Lakes recognized by BACT's Conservation@Home program with a sign designating her garden as Eco-Friendly. Later in life, she also began to explore her artistic talents. Her neighbors will remember Jacquie as a good and kind person who loved all animals, (especially their pup, Sammy) children, and helping others. She is sorely missed by all who knew her.

President's Report Steve Burgoon

1. TLIA Website Update – Communications Randy Young
 2. Nominating Committee Report for 6/10/19 TLIA Board Meeting
 Steve has appointed 3 new members to the TLIA Nominating Committee:
 Jackie Aprati, Kelsi Knight and Jean Mall.
 They will join continuing members: Mary Beth Adams, Lee Johnson and Bob Nash.
 The Committee will be scheduling an organizational meeting in the next month.

3. Flag Protocol - <https://www.redcort.com/us-federal-bank-holidays>; Steve and Mike Mitchell responsible for posting; Kristi will publish dates for the flag posting in the website calendar
 4. Amendment regarding quorums – Approval: Ayes 8, Nays 0
 5. Liquor License by Joe Davey – approved and signed
 6. Excess water near the Tennis Courts on Oxford – Issue needs to be addressed, last 3 years it has become progressively worse

Approval of May TLIA Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve: Mike Mitchell Second: John Yancey All in favor: Ayes 8, Nay 0
Committee Reports

1. **Financial Committee Report** (attached) Fran Steffen and Tom Kuna

a. **Expenses** - Copies of the May 2019 Financials are attached

- i. Expenses are increasing with spring and early summer spending for lake maintenance, grounds and events. All items have been budgeted accordingly.
- ii. The audit is underway and should be completed before the end of June. The tax returns will be filed at that time.
- iii. Ending balances for the last 3 ending fiscal years will be presented at the next Board Meeting

b. **Revenue**

i. As of June 1, we have \$11,987 still open from Dues Collection invoices (a notable reduction from over \$18,787 open as of the first of May). This includes:

- 1. \$1192.67 still open on 3 accounts from prior to 2019. Two of these homeowners are paying down slowly on payment plans, but \$816 of this # is due to a completely non-responsive homeowner, and that house is in bankruptcy.

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

June 2019

TLIA BOARD



to read entire minutes

In addition to notifications by email blast, the Communications Committee recently began offering “push” notifications through the TL App. If you haven't yet downloaded the Tower Lakes Directory app

For iPhone



Click Here

For Android:



Click Here

Email: admin@tlia.org with your name and address to request password

Now that you have downloaded the TL App on your phone, follow these next easy steps to activate notifications:

On your iPhone or Android

- ~ Go to Settings
- ~ Then to Notifications
- ~ Scroll down to find the Tower Lakes app and click on it
- ~ Click on where it says Allow Notifications and turn it on

(On Android you can turn on a “Notification dot” to let you know when you receive notices.)

...AND YOU'RE ALL SET !

CLICK HERE with any questions



TLIA COMMUNICATIONS

Prize Swap Family Bingo was a great success!

THANK YOU to the community for coming out in support of ...
Your donations and enthusiasm help us to put these events on!

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

AND

Youth Committee would also like to extend a special **THANK YOU**
to **COMPLETE IMAGE APPAREL** of Wauconda for the donation of the tot soccer shirts!

Water Slides, Ice Cream Truck and...
a Popcorn Machine!

What better way to spend



a Summer Day?!

August 17
3:00 - 5:00 PM
Soccer Field

Bring sunscreen, towel & cash for ice cream!
AND cast your vote for the movie for

MOVIE NIGHT! →

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

It's almost time (**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**)
for **FAMILY *MOVIE NIGHT** &
this year's theme is **CHICAGO!**

***MOVIE** starts at 7:00 PM.

So, bring your blankets, and cozy up with
some popcorn, for a **NICE EVENING!**

SNACKS will be available for
purchase.

***MOVIE** is tbd at the
back-to-school
event



Kindergarten Playdate for those kids enrolled in 2019-2020 school year!

Come meet new friends who are also starting Kindergarten in the fall!

Sunday August 18- Aram Park (West Side) - 11:00 am

- Snacks will be provided
- Questions: youth@tia.org

Register
HERE! (for name tags)

gearing up for
Kindergarten

TOWER LAKES 2019 MEN'S DAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

includes Golf, Lunch, Bags Tourney, Dinner, Cards and Darts

Join us for a full or partial day
either way...join us!



Watch your email for more details Brett Aprati & Rocky Ermilio coordinators

Tower Lakes Raingardens and Bioswales Project Completed *contributed by Andy Hay*

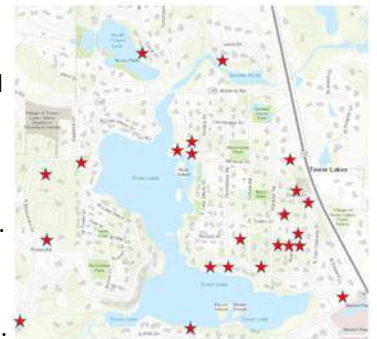
July 4, 2019 saw the grand opening of the second and third phase of the Tower Lakes Raingarden Project. Almost 40 Tower Lakers turned out to hear Presidents Burgoon and Parro say a few words about the project and to see the newest raingarden with its approx. 2000 young native plants, and in the background was the beginnings of the wetland restoration project, with a large



muddy patch, covered in straw to let the seeds of 40 different wetland species germinate. We were especially honored to have in attendance Mr Brian Wagner, now a resident of California but visiting the neighborhood where he grew up. These most recent raingarden projects are located in Wagner Park, named in memory of the first President of TLIA, Cyril (Cy) Wagner, Brian's father.

The completion of Wagner Park marks the end of the construction and the final stages of a journey that has spanned 5 years from conception to completion. This project, started by Kathleen Leitner and Steve Burgoon, has grown into a showpiece example of best management practice on how to reduce nonpoint source pollutants from reaching our lake. The strains on our aging stormwater systems on the East Side have been reduced and with the visibility to the gardens and through extensive education, the numbers of raingardens on private property in Tower Lakes has risen from 2 to >20.

At the end of July, the 319 grant that has funded much of the construction and maintenance comes to an end. During the three-year grant term we have created two engineered raingardens each with two years of professional maintenance and restored a wetland. The total value of the projects finished at \$238k with ILEPA generously contributing \$123k, and Lake County Stormwater Management Commission providing an equally generous \$22k. The rest of the value came from the incredible volunteerism of Tower Lakes with a total value of the in-kind match exceeding \$115k. The final out of pocket bill for Tower Lakes will be close to zero.



In just volunteer hours alone, we recorded more than 21 working

weeks between us. Other significant contributions came from the hard work of the communications team and the newsletters. As we close out the project a final report will be created. Spoiler alert, it is over 50 pages long, but copies will be available electronically and we will leave a couple of bound copies in the Village office.

Thanks go to everyone involved and especially to the Boards of TLIA and the Village of Tower Lakes whose

collaboration on this project has been amazing. One final reminder to everyone to consider creating your own raingarden and contributing to reducing the pollutant runoffs from your own storm water. If you need help call Andy Hay and he can put you in touch with some very knowledgeable people, or check out the conservation@home section on the BACT website www.bactrust.org

Best regards, **Andy Hay, Project Manager. Tower Lakes Raingardens and Bioswales. 847.736.9640**



THANK YOU AND STILL MORE!

And a thank you from the Communications Committee for photos from Patti Scafefer, Marlies Hansen, Carol Schmidt, Mary Beth Adams, Julie Losinski, Sharie Lajiness, Whitney Bruni and ... ? Please, forgive us if we missed someone.



What a whirlwind 4th of July celebration! From start to finish, it was a successful event because of volunteers. Volunteers who helped prepare ahead of time, set up the event, cleaned up afterwards and in-between offered to lead/run an event, sold tickets & TL merchandise, cooked food, served drinks and food, kept Rest Island clean, painted faces, donated snack items, entertained us, and so many other ways neighbors jumped in to help. There were over 260 volunteer spots filled – truly a dedicated community!

A big THANK YOU to the TLIA Board and committees for all the support given to help us continue the TL 4th of July tradition.

Amanda & Mike Brown, Melissa & Bobby Covek
Liz & Joe Giglio, Julie & Glenn Losinski
Anna Labbate & Tuno Ruiz



TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

"AND THE WINNER IS..."

KAYAK RACES

Ladies: Brooke Rowley & Paige Wagner

Mens: Ian Mackey & Nick Covek

Kids: Ty Wagner (Brooke Rowley's nephew)

FISHING DERBY

Biggest fish: Quinn Rowley 4.05lb bass

Kids Biggest fish: Leo Saucedo 3.15lb bass

DONUT EATING CONTEST

8 & under - Harrison Milne

9 & older - Annika Reipe

BAKE OFF

Pati Schaefer (cherry pie)

VOLLEYBALL

Brett Adams, Morgan Buckner, Matthew Kuhn, Carl Lenling, Kenzie Smith, Megan Spiess & Evan Struck

BAGS TOURNAMENT

Brett and Bryan Adams

FLOATS - Patriotic

1st DeLapp Family

FLOATS - General

1st StrangerThings

2nd TLCF

YOUTH TEAM - General

1st James Whelchel and Andrew Dominiak

BIKES - Patriotic

1st Lily Willis

2nd John Henry Luminiello

MULTI CHILD - Patriotic

1st Oliver's Landscaping - the Milne and Coulter Boys

2nd Jack, Reese, and Kate Laumann



WINNERS cont'd AND MORE!

WAGONS - Patriotic
1st Hannigan family
2nd Saunders and Lee family

WAGONS - General
1st Nolan Wagon

MULTI FAMILY - Patriotic
1st Van Black and Koszulinski Families

DOGS - Patriotic
1st Brinkley Vraniak walked by Lucy & Addie
Tied for 2nd Murphy Edstrom walked by Finn
AND Chewy Edstrom walked by Gus

DOGS - General
1st Cyrus the Ferrett with Ashton Pearson

SINGLE CHILD - Patriotic
1st Addison Marks

SINGLE FAMILY - Patriotic
1st Ludden Family

BIKES - General
1st Henry Mann

POWERED VEHICLES - Patriotic
1st Gillette Family
2nd Wills Family

POWERED VEHICLES - General
1st Tim Moffitt

CARS - Patriotic
1st Randall and Nancy Cross

CARS - General
1st Randolph Family

SINGLE CHILD - General
1st Dagny Kreusch.



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TLIA COMMUNICATIONS

- Mary Beth Adams Jan Bahr (new) Patty Barten Mary Kay Bolger (new)
- Shaun Kildare Kristi Nash, TLIA Recording Secretary (new)
- Caroline Milne (new) Kathy Pattengale Randy Young

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