

TLIA BOARD

2019 DUES Collection Status

Progress continues to be made on Dues Collection for 2019. Everyone on the Finance Committee is looking forward to getting the remaining homeowners' names off the Collections report that is reviewed monthly.

The TLIA Collections Report outstanding balance as of August 1, 2019 is \$5162, down from \$5932 on July 1.

The breakdown of this \$5162 is:

- * \$2752 is dues still being paid on payment plans
- * \$400 is outstanding from 4 homeowners who paid their dues late and still owe the community their \$100 late fee.
- * \$225 is monies due from property transfer document prep fees
- * \$20 is an unpaid credit card use service fee

* \$2516 is likely uncollectible due to property bankruptcies (\$916 of this \$2516 is from the 2018 fiscal year)

* -\$751 is prepaid Lake Assessments from property sale transactions.

Total Balance Due = \$5162

see page 3 for more Finance news

TLIA

TEAM UP to Clean Up



1 As fall is just around the corner, now is the perfect time to help with the cleanup of the areas that border our Village roads as well as your yards. Homeowners whose property abuts our roads and intersections can contribute to the beauty and safety of our village by trimming bushes and trees as well as treating for weeds. Many of the traffic signs in the Village are "hidden" by residents' landscaping. While our Village landscapers periodically trim these areas, it would be very helpful if residents would also help manage the areas that adjoin the road ways as well as any foliage at intersections by their property. As one walks through the Village you can notice that some easements are well cared for but others are left unattended. Please help out by keeping the roadway easements clear of brush and tree overgrowth.

In order to assist with this, Cuba Township and the Village will be providing free of charge a brush pick up service the week of October 21.

Thanks for your assistance in keeping Tower Lakes looking great!



2 Have branches and brush stacked with cut ends facing the roadside no later than ...



8:00 A.M.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Thank you. Have questions?

To contact the Village office [CLICK HERE](#)

or

Cuba Township Roads Dept. [CLICK HERE](#)

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TLIA GROUNDS

FALL Clean Up

Meet at Beach Parking Lot

8:00 a.m.

Lunch to Follow at Noon

Contact grounds@tlia.org



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AHOY BOAT OWNERS !

All boats must be removed from boat landings by October 1, 2019. Boats remaining at the landings after that date will be moved to a storage area.

Owners may be subject to a storage fee and unclaimed boats will be disposed of.

Thank You for your cooperation!

TLIA MEMBER SERVICES

See more ways Tower Lakers "TEAM UP to Clean Up" on page 5

FROM THIS PERCH

BY STEVE BURGOON, TLIA PRESIDENT



Hello neighbors. I hope you are all feeling a little cooler now that September is here. These next three months are my favorite three of the year as we cool down, leaves change color and we button up the outside to turn inside...and all get back into our comfortable routines.

Many parts of the Association are now in the middle of planning for the future. Mark Handley, our chairman of the Long Range Planning (LRP) Committee has drafted a SIGNIFICANT and comprehensive plan for all of our properties. That plan is currently being vetted in small committees to ensure the final plan is rationalized with another set of eyes and input. YOU can get involved by looking at the plan and providing your input. (See the article below for a link to the plan on the website.) The final LRP will be presented to the board this fall for review and adoption. The vision is that this plan is updated annually by a standing LRP committee to assist the Board and Grounds Committee to establish an annual action plan and budget for the Grounds Committee Capital projects. This plan reviews all physical property, basically green space and tennis courts.

Similarly, the "Silt Team 8" – really the Lake Committee Long Range Planning team – is meeting monthly to develop alternative plans to improve all the areas of the lake. Their plan will be reviewed and vetted in 2020. Included in this plan will be recent and future lake studies/analysis and input from consultants and government agencies (County and State) to assist in making long term product decisions. This plan will conclude with a proposal for the recommended financial commitment needed from association members for long term lake improvements and maintenance.

Lastly and very importantly, the Nominations Committee will hit the road in September to go find our next set of leaders to join the Board and/or significant Committees. (See article on this page.) Lee Johnson, Committee Chair, and her team of five others will reach out to our current membership for four (4) Board positions and additional help on the Beach and Grounds Committees.

Lots of planning and many opportunities to serve the Association. It doesn't get any better than Tower Lakes... and it takes all of us to get it done. If it is your turn to jump in and take on a more significant role, then we will have a job for YOU.

See ya' around the neighborhood

We're Searching for Volunteers!



The TLIA Board needs your help in filling the following positions open for election at the Annual General Meeting in January 2020.

- ◇ Vice President
- ◇ Financial Secretary
- ◇ Two (2) Members-at-Large

If you are interested in any of these positions, or have questions pertaining to their duties and requirements, **CLICK THE BINOCULARS above** to contact Nominations Committee Chair, Lee Johnson, **no later than October 15, 2019.**

Thank you for your consideration,
The Volunteer TLIA Nominations Committee

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 9

TLIA BOARD

7:00 PM
VILLAGE HALL

[Click here to read
LRP on website](#)



TLIA Has a Plan

Members of TLIA's long-range planning committee have been working on a document to define projects and priorities for TLIA's parks and recreation areas. Based on the plan created in 2014 by Jack Johnson and others, additional projects have been identified for the next few years. You can take a look at those plans on the TLIA website under the Long-Range Planning tab. Two sections define an overview of TLIA's strengths and weaknesses and specific action items for the Board to consider; the second portion is a current inventory of TLIA properties.

TLIA members are welcome to add their comments by sending an email to longrange@tlia.org.



Rob and Janice Dunbar 202 Devonshire

Rob and Janice were looking in different neighborhoods for a new home after living in the Carpentersville/Dundee area, but knew they had found the perfect area when they arrived in Tower Lakes. They couldn't be happier. Rob is a corporate media director working in Chicago and Janice works for a jeweler in West Dundee. Their son Alec just started his first year of college at IIT studying architecture.



The Dunbars have a passion for horses, volunteering at places like Habitat for Humanity building houses, and drawing and painting. They love meeting new neighbors and want to be involved in our community.

Spencer and Magen Shully 270 W. Lake Shore Drive

Spencer and Magen are no strangers to Tower Lakes. Several of Spencer's siblings live in the Village. The Shullys moved here from Lake Zurich. Spencer works in Oakbrook for Supernus Global Solutions in logistics. Magen works in Chicago managing education programs for the American Association of Diabetes Educators.

They love to fish, golf, and attend sporting venues to support the Blackhawks, Bears and Cubs. Go Teams!!

submitted by Mary Beth Adams

Other News from the Finance Committee:

The TLIA Board told you all last year and earlier this year about the decision to pursue legal action to obtain payment from a very delinquent homeowner. In a nutshell, the efforts with our law firm resulted in full payment of the \$3366 in dues and late fees owed TLIA. This is money that was owed to all of us homeowners of TLIA. In addition, they were required by the Court to pay TLIA's attorney fees, respecting our By-Laws where this is clearly stated. It was not a small amount of additional money.

It was not a minor effort to take on behalf of the Homeowners Association, but it was necessary and the course of action was spelled out in the TLIA By-Laws. We all owe our share to pay for the upkeep of our common properties. It comes with the Title to the individual property we all took at Closing. If you don't pay your Dues on time or have a TLIA supported payment plan in place, the law will support our By-Laws, it's that simple. Every homeowner's property is governed under the By-Laws (check them out at www.tlia.org, under the Public Documents tab). Read them, understand your responsibility to your neighbors, and respect them. Your team of TLIA Board volunteers is working hard to do their best by you, every day.



To read By Laws & Rules/Regs

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
JULY 2019**



Committee Reports [CLICK](#) to read full minutes

Financial Committee Report (attached)

Fran Steffen and Tom Kuna

- a. Copies of the May 2019 Financials are attached
- i. Expenses continue to increase with early summer spending for lake and grounds maintenance, events, beach, and other committee expenses. All items have been budgeted accordingly.
- ii. A draft audit report has been received by the Finance Committee and is currently under review. Once the review is completed, the report will be presented to the Board. The tax returns have been extended to September 15, 2019. Once the audit report is finalized the tax returns will be filed.
- iii. Update report in August TLIA Board meeting.

Beach

Mary Magro/Andy Milne

- a. Complaints about the tents left on the beach overnight
- b. 3 new swings on the beach
- c. Policies need to be put in place for pop up tents
- d. An AED will be purchased for the beach and Rest Island access.

Communications

Mary Kay Bolger

- a. The monthly newsletter was sent electronically on 6/29/19; It was posted it on the website on 6/29/19; It was sent to the printers and mailed out around 6/28. The balance of the printed newsletters should be in the Village Hall.
- b. 25 email blasts were sent this month - 4 for Youth, 16 for Events, 1 for Grounds, 1 for Lake, 1 for Member Services, 1 for Tennis and 1 for Communications
- c. Invoices and checks have been forwarded to the correct parties for payment/receipts.
- d. Send all Communications requests to the Communications mailbox.

(click above to read full minutes)

FREE SHREDDING EVENT
 hosted by Cuba Township
 28000 W. Cuba Road Barrington, IL
 Saturday, October 26
 8am-noon (rain or shine)
 Staples are ok, but
 please remove binder
 and paper clips

TL Raingarden/Bioswale Project



submitted by Andy Hay

Thank you to everyone who attended the Grand Opening of the second Tower Lakes Raingarden on July 4th!



With that garden opened we were able to complete the final report and claim the rest of the reimbursement from ILEPA.

This 5 year project, which started with the seed of an idea from VoTL Past President, Kathleen Leitner and then TLIA Lake Committee Chair, Steve Burgoon, matured into two beautiful and functional raingardens and a wetland restoration which are shining examples of Best Management practices for removing pollutants from Storm-water runoff and reducing the volumes of rainwater from overwhelming our aging storm drain infrastructure. Every resident can help. We have now more than 20 registered conservation gardens in individual homeowner's properties within Tower Lakes. Thank you to all our volunteers and the Boards of TLIA and VoTL for making this possible.

To learn more about conservation gardens
[Click Here](#)



[Click Here to read the final TL Raingarden Report](#)



A NOTE FROM THE CHIEF

I ask all residents to make sure that their address numbers are large contrasting numbers on their mail boxes and houses. It is important that they are visible from the street.

I understand that the Village is dedicated to keeping its charm and preserving nature but, often the foliage makes it so first responders **can't see the addresses which slows down** emergency response.

Thank you,
Chief Sam



SAVE THE DATE



TOWER LAKES BEAUTIFICATION GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 7:00 p.m.

at the home of Daisy Nixon
 205 North Oak Ridge Road, North Barrington

**Boutique Soap Making
 with Tower Laker Elaine Moffit**

Individual soaps will be available for purchase at this event

Free to members. Guests: \$5.00

Please, bring an appetizer or bite-sized dessert to share

Click the soap to RSVP to towerlakesgardenclub@gmail.com by Monday, September 16, 2019





TEAM UP to Clean Up



Before



Enjoy Nature's Beauty at Barsumian Park

Nazareth Barsumian Memorial Park on the west side of Tower Lakes was donated by the Barsumian Family in 1970 to be used as a place of quiet and reflection to enjoy nature and all of its beauty. Over the years, many trees and plants have been added to make it an arboretum for residents and guests to enjoy.

A centerpiece of the park has been an English garden supported by a 200 foot stone retaining wall. The wall had been declining for several years and needed to be rebuilt for safety and aesthetic reasons. In the past few years, many volunteers, led by our own Tom Spicer, have put in countless hours to try to rebuild parts of the wall. This year, John Yancey, TLIA Board Member and Grounds Chair, led the push to have the wall completed. The photos show the improvements made for us all to enjoy!

There will be other improvements down the road in the center patio area. Until then, bring your lawn chairs and have a picnic in the park or just walk over to sit awhile on the benches and watch the butterflies and bees in the beautiful garden.

After



Please, we ask that people not sit or walk on the retaining wall.

Mary Beth Adams and Gordon Iversen Stewards of Barsumian Park



Thanks

A few times a year, longtime TL resident Barb Spicer takes some of her many grandchildren along with several large trash bags and walks the loop around North Lake picking up some of the trash that others have left. The kids enthusiastically spend this time with their grandmother, who shows them the value of volunteerism and respect for your community.



Cass Young and nephew, Sam Theodorou, spent a hot Saturday in August, cleaning up trash in 2 of our parks.



"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." – Elizabeth Andrew

Kindergarten Play date at Aram
was a wonderful success!
Good luck this school year!



TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

Join us at the **Soccer Field**
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
for a **CHICAGO** themed
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT featuring
FERRIS BUEHLER'S DAY OFF

Fun
begins at
6:30 p.m



MOVIE
starts at
7:30 PM.

Hot dogs and snacks available for purchase.

Thursday, October 31 on the Soccer Field 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Pizza Party &
*** TRUNK OR TREAT**

** for those who don't get many trick or treaters*

5:30 - 8:00 pm Neighborhood Trick or Treating



Tower Lakes Community Foundation
presents

Watch for
invitations
mid-September



Friday, November 1, 2019
tower-lakes.org

TOWER LAKES 2019 MEN'S DAY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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



\$75 for Golf; \$50 for Dinner w/2 hour "Your Call" beverages;
\$125 for Both RSVP due September 14

For details check the 8/24/19 email from TLneighbors Yahoo group
or contact

Brett Aprati 847.721.9387 Rocky Ermilio 847.217.1226

This is the way TL wraps up the summer before heading **BACK TO SCHOOL**
 A wonderful success! Kids enjoyed the slides and ice cream!

Thank you to all who came out and have a safe, happy school year!



School safety tips

from the Tower Lakes Police Department

Tips on dealing with bullying

1. Don't stay quiet! Once a bully realizes you won't tell, s/he will continue to bully.
2. Tell the bully to leave you alone and try to get away from him/her.
3. Tell a teacher and tell your parents. You have a right to be happy at school.
4. If you know someone else who is being bullied, tell a teacher or your parents.
5. **PARENTS** - listen to your kids and don't just tell them to ignore it or "deal with it." Your child has the absolute right to feel safe at school. It doesn't make them tougher to deal with it on their own. It stresses them and creates destructive behavior at school and at home.



Tower Lakes Police Department is here to help

1. If you hear any friends talking about harming anyone at school, report it right away.
2. If you see anyone carrying any type of weapon, report it right away.
3. Try to have "bus stop buddies" who walk with you to and from the bus stops.
4. **PARENTS** - try to arrange a schedule with other parents so that each bus stop has a parent present.

Just four swimmers participated on the TL Swim Team this year but ...they gave it their all!
 Thanks to lifeguards, Connor Vondrak and Kai Conway who showed up every week to lead the swim team!



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

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