



And all at once, summer collapsed into fall. ~ Oscar Wilde

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 magnifying glass above to contact

Nominations Committee Chair, Lee Johnson, **no later than October 15, 2019.**

Thank you for your consideration,
The Volunteer TLIA Nominations Committee

We're searching for volunteers

TEAM UP to Clean Up

Saturday October 5

*Rain Date: Sunday, October 6

Meet at beach parking lot at 8:00 a.m.
Lunch to follow at noon
at the Tennis Courts

Bring personal eye protection, work gloves and a strong back!

Also needed: Shovels, metal rakes, clippers, hand saws, chain saws, wheel barrows, and a small tractor with trailer would be very helpful

Two projects planned:

1. Zupancic Park clean up in South Hills
2. Path to East Side bridges restoration with new crushed granite material.

Watch for emails from

TLIA GROUNDS

for additional info and sign up

Thank you for your participation in this long standing tradition in the Tower Lakes community!

Bring the whole family & a crock-pot of your *favorite chili!

To step up and volunteer or to see *what else is needed **CLICK ON** the smilin' chili



Chili Registration
5:30 - 6:00 pm

TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE



And there's a new witch in town...**Alexánwitch** continues the tradition.

Prizes to be awarded for:

-  Best Name
-  Judges' Choice
-  People's Choice

Chili tasting, fire-pits & music
6:00 -10:00 pm

FROM THIS PERCH
BY STEVE BURGOON, TLIA PRESIDENT



Hello, Neighbors!
The year 2019 has been very challenging for the Association with regards to protecting our privacy. As a Board we are here to help preserve **our Association's safety** – of our financial assets, our property assets (lakes and grounds) and our information assets. In the winter we had an unprecedented level of trespassing on our lakes, principally from fishermen who learned about our

lakes from uninvited, non-guest **"Youtubers" who took videos ice fishing** on our lakes then posting sponsored videos. This unfortunate situation resulted in the Lake Committee, working with VOTL Building and **Zoning and VOTL Police to install 12 new "No Trespassing" signs** at various, visible locations near entrances to our lakes. We expect these signs will make it more obvious to trespassers that they are not welcome while also providing VOTL PD the opportunity to more readily approach trespassers and ask them to leave. The Lake Committee has published our protocol on how to handle suspected trespassers on the lakes. [CLICK HERE](#) to see **March 2019 newsletter p.1**

Throughout this year we have also experienced other intrusions of Association privacy to include email phishing of TLIA board officers (President, Treasurer, Dues, etc.) and outside visitors at our Santa on the Island. Recently a TLIA member asked the Communications Committee to remove all reference to their name and address from past TLIA Newsletters as their company has a new corporate policy restricting public access to their personal information. Coincidentally, the company I work for this month instituted a new 4-hour on line **"Cyber Security Training" to identify the MANY ways hackers and "phishermen" try to access our personal information by linking into emails, passwords, cell phones, social media posts, etc.**

Lastly, we completed the third-party certified audit of our financial records, receiving no major deficiencies. The complete Audit will be presented at the Annual Meeting in January. However, the audit firm did recommend removing or password-protecting all of our financial documents on our TLIA website. The Finance Committee made that recommendation to the TLIA Board at the September meeting. Accordingly, the Communications Committee has met a few times the past five months and brought recommendations to the Board at the September TLIA meeting. In reaching these recommendations the Committee reviewed other local HOA websites for best practices. Over the next few months the Communications Committee and the Board will finalize our go-forward plan to limit access on the website (tlia.org) to all sensitive information including all financial documents, By-Laws, calendar, etc. This will require some expense (capital) to create password-protected access to this private information.

As mentioned earlier in the year and at the beginning of this column, your Board is here to first and foremost protect our **Association's assets** – Property, Finances and Information. TLIA is the collection of 360 private households in one Private Association. We will continue to work hard to invite family, friends, and guests to enjoy the community we love. In this ever-expanding world of information, technology and instant access, the Board will act to protect our **Association's privacy.**

See ya around the neighborhood



*A Word (or two)
on Algae Blooms*

submitted by Tom Kubala

In addition to the work the Lake Committee has been doing to minimize the presence of lilies and other aquatic vegetation, we have been working with Lake County Health Department on testing when we see algae blooms. Recently there were some blooms along various shorelines, samples were tested and the results came back negative. Nothing to be concerned about.

Over the next few months, we will continue to work with Lake County to set up a protocol where we will have our own test kits available for self-monitoring. If the result comes back negative, we know there is nothing to be concerned about. If we see something of concern, we will call in Lake County and they will do further evaluations. We expect to have this protocol and sample test kits available for use next summer.

Algae blooms are quite common and occur when there are nutrients present, along with warm weather, which feeds their growth. As we can expect to continue seeing them, we are doing what we can to ensure water safety for all.

More to come in future months as the details get worked out.

2019

DUES

Collection Status




As of September 1, the outstanding debt to TLIA by property owners is \$4532.

The names on the Collections report are reviewed monthly, and a reminder to all: Those that are still on that report (without an approved payment plan) will have their addresses reported to the community in the December newsletter.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 14

j7:00 PM

VILLAGE HALL





TEAM UP to Clean Up



Now is the perfect time to help with the cleanup of the areas that border our Village roads as well as your yards. Help 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. It would be helpful if residents could clear the view of these signs at intersections near their property.

In order to assist with this, Cuba Township and VOTL will be providing, free of charge, a BRUSH PICK UP SERVICE the week of October 21.

Have branches and brush stacked with cut ends facing the road no later than ... **8:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 21**

Questions?

Contact the Village office

[CLICK HERE](#)

or

Cuba Township Roads Dept.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Thanks for helping to keep Tower Lakes looking great!



Leaf Burning Allowed in the Village

October 1 - December 15

(9 am - 4pm)

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



TOWER LAKES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

presents



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019

COCKTAILS 6:30 P.M.

DINNER 7:30 P.M.

LIVE AUCTION AND DANCING TO FOLLOW

Honoring Tower Lakes Outstanding Citizens

Makray Memorial Golf Club
1010 South Northwest Highway,
Barrington, IL

Joe Kainz (In memoriam)
& Sue Kainz



To learn more about the Tower Lakes Foundation and Big Night 9 or to donate an auction or raffle item



TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURTS WILL CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 1 FOR THE SEASON. THEY WILL BE POWER WASHED DURING THE BREAK AND OPEN AGAIN IN APRIL 2020. THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL SEASON! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

TLIA TENNIS COMMITTEE



Troy and Kim Buckner South Hills

The Buckners moved here from Lexington, Kentucky and were here early enough to enjoy our July 4th celebration. Kim is CEO of Keller Williams Momentum in Palatine. Troy owns Devmor Home Inspections Company. Their son Devin is 20 and attends the University of South Carolina where he is studying business and marketing while playing Division I baseball as the team catcher. Morgan is 17 and a senior at Barrington High School. She plays volleyball and is active with photography classes. She is a talented videographer and has filmed in Bolivia with her church group. She was on the championship team here in Tower Lakes for the July 4th volleyball tournament! The family is active in many sports and loves to travel.

**Amy Beeman West Side**

We are excited to welcome a new young family to our village. They moved here from Chicago and already are loving their home in the woods. Amy was an art and English teacher for years at Lane Tech High School. She is also a talented artist working in ceramics and glass. She has four children. Jon is 14 and a freshman at BHS, Ava is 11 and in 6th grade at Station Middle, Cormac is 8 and in 3rd grade at North Barrington and Ani is 3 and just starting preschool. The family loves to travel and be outdoors hiking, boating and fishing. Watch for them at many of the Tower Lakes events!

Carl Janas and Jeanne Harris West Side

Carl and Jeanne have lived in Lake Barrington for 36 years, waiting to find the perfect house in Tower Lakes. And they have! Carl is retired from Northern Trust where he was a wealth manager for trusts and personal assets. He loves to golf, play tennis and the piano. Jeanne is semi-retired. She has worked for Accenture as a global managing director of analytics and information technology and currently teaches online courses for Columbia University in New York. She has co-authored several business books in the data sciences field.

Both Jeanne and Carl love to travel, go for walks with their dog, enjoy wines and listen to many different genres of music. Sounds like Tower Lakes is the perfect fit for these two!

President's Report

Steve Burgoon

TLIA has donated a beach parking spot for auction at TLCF's Big Night ... event

– Steve will follow up with Missy to auction for 2 different years

Updates to TLIA.ORG EMAIL LIST

Thank you letter written to the Board by Randy Young read by Steve Burgoon

Request made to the TLIA Attorney to send entire copy of the by laws

Permits and final bills presented to Tom Kuna for the electric installation

Approval of July TLIA Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve: Mary Magro Second: Fran Steffen All in favor: Ayes 7, Nay 0

Committee Reports

Financial Committee Report (attached)

Tom Kuna and Fran Steffen

Expenses - Copies of the July 2019 Financials comparing budget to actuals for income and expenses are attached

Copies of the July 2019 Financials are attached. Expenses continue to increase with summer spending for lake, grounds maintenance and beautification, events, beach, and other committee expenses. All items have been budgeted accordingly.

The draft audit report was reviewed by the Finance Committee at their August 7, 2019 Finance Committee meeting. The Finance Committee found one correction to the wording of the Notes at the end of the report and asked the auditor to make the change and finalize the report and file the tax returns. The final audit report will be presented to the Board once it is received.

The Finance Committee unanimously agreed to withhold the publication of the TLIA Financial Statements on the TLIA website since the website is not currently password protected. Homeowners requesting financial information prior to the Annual Meeting will be granted access to this information.

Need to consider what is needed to be held in reserves

Steve will be sending a communication to all committees to review the website to determine what should be public and what should be available and accessible only to the community

Revenue

As of August 1, the TLIA Collections Report balance outstanding is now at \$5162, down from \$5932 on July 1. The breakdown of where this # comes from is:

1. \$2752 is dues still being paid on payment plans
2. \$400 is still outstanding from 4 homeowners who paid their dues late and they still owe the community their \$100 late fee
3. \$225 is monies due from property transfer document prep fees
4. \$20 is an unpaid credit card use service fee
5. **\$2516 is likely uncollectible due to property bankruptcy's (\$916 of this \$2516 is from 2018)**
6. -\$751 is prepaid Lake Assessments from property sale transactions.

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2019**

TLIA BOARD

**CLICK***to read full minutes**Click above to read full minutes*

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE



Family Movie Night
"Home Alone"
A beautiful night
for Family fun on
the Soccer Field!



Save the Date:

Be sure to put mark the
Family Calendar for
Sunday, December 8th
3:00-5:00pm

Photos with Santa,
Horse-drawn Carriage Rides,
& Kids' Shop and Wrap
at the
Tower Lakes Village Hall



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

**Mad Dr. Kildare's
Haunted House
Returns!**

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- 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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