

Meet the 2020 TLIA Board Candidates



For Vice President Mary Magro

My name is Mary Magro. I moved to Tower Lakes 31 years ago with my parents and since then have married the boy across the street, have three beautiful children and live in North Lake. I graduated from VCU with a BS in Business Administration and followed up with an accounting degree from Roosevelt University.

I have been involved with Tower Lakes for the past 15 years (Social Committee, Tennis Courts, TLIA Treasurer, Grounds Beautification, Beach Committee as well as volunteering at many activities in TL). I currently am serving on the TLIA board as Vice President and am running for VP because of my knowledge of the history of TL. I would like to give back to the community that helped me raise my family to become happy, well-rounded young adults.

Tower Lakes is a beautiful place to live and I would like to help keep it that way - finding new ways to enhance our neighborhood while keeping it safe.



For Member-at-Large Mark Handley

I moved to Tower Lakes in 1988 with my wife Jayne and raised two boys here for 17 years. During that time I served on the Social Committee and Plan Commission. We moved back to Tower Lakes in 2017 after living in

the Barrington area.

In the past year, I participated in several Board activities:

- * worked with members to create TLIA's Long Range Plan to define priorities for the next few years
- * helped set up cloud file storage for TLIA documents
- * reviewed our by-laws with the aim of keeping them up to date and aligned with State requirements for homeowners' associations
- * updated the database portion of the TLIA phone app to include new residents

I'm currently retired having worked in management roles in corporate and education environments. During summer months I rebuild flood- and fire-damaged homes with several volunteer organizations.

For Financial Secretary Melissa Covek



My name is Melissa Covek and I have been a resident of Tower Lakes since April of 2018. For the past year I have also served on the events/social committee. I received my bachelor's degree in Actuarial Science from the University of Illinois in 2008 and became a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries in 2016. I've worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois for the past 11 years and have had a variety of different roles within the actuarial department, including Valuation (setting health reserves), cost accounting/administrative expense analysis and my current role of the Director of the Illinois Network Analytics area. I also run our Actuarial Student Program which involves tracking and submitting exam expenses and approving professional dues for all actuaries in the company.



For Member-at-Large Mike Megleo

My wife, Shauna, and I have lived in Tower Lakes for the past 4 years. We searched for a family-friendly neighborhood after having our daughter, Edie, and ran across Tower Lakes. We are both very happy we found a community that has so much to offer to families. I have volunteered for the 4th of July festivities every year, cleanup days, and other events, but was looking to help more now that I have watched how much goes into making Tower Lakes the place it is.

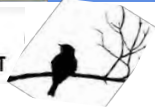
I currently work at Advanced Prototype Molding, a family business located in Palatine. We are a contract manufacturing firm specializing in plastics and prototyping for over 20 years.

**GET INVOLVED!
SAVE THE DATE**



Sunday, January 13, 2020

FROM THIS PERCH
BY STEVE BURGOON, TLIA PRESIDENT



'Tis the season for THANKS!
And I say, THANKS FOR GIVING OF
YOUR TIME AND PARTICIPATION.
The Association is almost complete with
our calendar and fiscal year and we have
much for which to be thankful. Overall at
last count we have 76 – SEVENTY-SIX
people volunteer for official Board and
Committee positions!!! That is incredible

support for a community of volunteers. And now add to that
another 100 PLUS people that volunteer during Independence
weekend, lake/grounds clean up and all our other activities.
THANKS to all of you who make time to be actively involved
continuing TLIA's long history of volunteerism. It is amazing
what we do as a community. Specifically:

- * THANKS to the Board for their guidance and leadership of the Association.
- * THANKS to the Grounds Beautification Committee for making our Association gardens and Village entrances look colorful and fresh.
- * THANKS to our Beach Committee and Lifeguards for providing a wonderful and safe environment for our kids (and kid-like adults) to swim and sunbathe.
- * THANKS to our Grounds Committee for ensuring our parks and boat landings are cleared and in safe working order.
- * THANKS to our Youth Committee for creating and hosting fun and safe activities for the children in our community.
- * THANKS to our Lake Committee for working on multiple projects and issues at the same time to improve the water quality of our lakes.
- * THANKS to our Finance Committee for protecting our financial assets and supporting all our committees.
- * THANKS to Events Committee for planning and coordinating all the fun activities throughout the year.
- * THANKS to our Tennis Committee for organizing tennis and pickle ball activities and of keeping the courts and grounds in great condition.
- * THANKS to our Long Range Planning Committee for developing a fantastic and compelling 10-year plan for maintaining and improving our physical assets.
- * THANKS to our Communication Committee for incredible support to the Board and all the Committees
- * THANKS to our Nominations committee for providing a fantastic list of candidates for our 2020 election.

With sincere THANKS to all! Please, enjoy this most fantastic season to be with your family and friends and be thankful to be in this wonderful community.

See ya' around the neighborhood!

TLIA BOARD

As of October 1,
the outstanding debt
to TLIA by
property owners is
\$3832.



The names on the Collections report are reviewed monthly by the Finance Committee, and a reminder to all; those that are still on that report (without a successfully approved payment plan) will have their addresses reported to the community in the December Newsletter. They are considered *Members Not in Good Standing* per our Bylaws and are not eligible to use TLIA facilities nor participate in TLIA events.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Monday, November 11
Monday, December 16

7:00 PM
at the

VILLAGE HALL



GET INVOLVED!



Leaf Burning
Allowed in
the Village
October 1 -
December 15
(9 am - 4pm)

President's Report Mary Magro

1. Need to begin planning for the Annual Meeting in January
2. All committees present a simple budget document to Steve for 2020 based on 2019 actuals, adjusted for 2020 needs – send prior to October's meeting for review at the meeting and finalize in November
3. Job Descriptions/Task lists are complete – Mary presented to all
4. Nominations Committee - Kristi Nash will work with the Nominations team and Communications so that the logistics/timing of the slate gets in the Newsletter and we meet all timing requirements per the By Laws.
 - a. Grounds recommendations for leadership – Suggestion three pronged: maintenance, capital projects and a tie to the Long-Range Plan, and Removal and reforestation
5. TLCF has accepted TLIA offer on the parking sign and they will procure and install.

Approval of August TLIA Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve: Fran Steffen Second: Mike Mitchell

All in favor: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays

Committee Reports

1. Financial Committee Report (attached) Fran Steffen and Tom Kuna
 - a. Expenses – Annual Audit Report for 2018 attached – Tom reviewed the recommendations from the Auditors Report the Board needs to discuss future Reserve requirements at some point in time.
 - b. Revenue –
 - c. As of September 1, the TLIA Collections Report balance outstanding is now at \$4532, down from \$5162 on August 1. The breakdown of where this # comes from is:
 - i. * \$1772 is dues still being paid on 4 payment plans (anticipate that 3 of these will be paid complete soon).
 - ii. * \$500 is open from a failed payment plan, and unfortunately homeowner is now unresponsive.
 - iii. * \$400 is still outstanding from 4 homeowners who paid their dues late and owe the community their \$100 late fee. (One of these had stated they would send the \$100 but has not. The other 3 homeowners are unresponsive to their statements.)
 - iv. * \$75 is money due from a property transfer document prep fee.
 - v. * \$20 is an unpaid credit card use service fee.
 - vi. * \$2516 is likely uncollectible due to property bankruptcy's (\$916 of this \$2516 is from 2018).
 - vii. -\$751 is prepaid Lake Assessments from property sale transactions.

Total Balance Due TLIA = \$4532.

Once again, the addresses of the homeowners that have not paid their Dues debt complete by December 1 will be published in the December newsletter.

to read the complete September minutes: see above

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2019**



CLICK

to read the complete minutes

TLIA BOARD



**Cathy
Schmidt**

Broker Associate
Re/Max of Barrington

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A \$250 donation goes to TLIA Youth Committee
for every home I sell in Tower Lakes



TEAM UP to Clean Up

A Job Well Done!

Thank you to everyone who came out to lay the red granite path, clean up Zupancic Park, clean the shorelines, and remove boats that were left on the boat racks. By the looks of the pictures, hard work was followed by a feast! Thank you to Pat and Ann for feeding this awesome group of volunteers teaming up to clean up Tower Lakes!



TLIA GROUNDS



Another Opportunity to...

TEAM UP to Clean Up

Formerly referred to as Barclay Woods, this beautiful 18 acres was saved from development several years ago by a consortium of donors consisting of private individuals, Cuba Township, Barrington Area Conservation Trust (Bactrust), Citizens for Conservation (CFC) and the Village of Tower Lakes. The property is located off Pebble Creek Drive in the Country Club Estates area of Tower Lakes. It consists of a large number of heritage trees including Oaks, Hickory, Black Walnut and a wandering stream that eventually finds its way into Tower Lakes.



Unfortunately, over the years a considerable amount of invasive species such as buckthorn have taken hold.

Efforts have begun to restore this property by removing these invasive species and creating a pathway complete with small bridges to allow better access for residents to explore and appreciate the beauty of this property. In this effort, we have been aided by Eagle Scouts, Cuba Township and assorted volunteers.

On Saturday December 7th from 9-12 AM, a joint effort to continue cleanup and restoration will take place. This effort will be led by volunteers from BACT, CFC, Cuba Township and the Village of Tower Lakes. All Tower Lakes residents are also invited to attend and help out. It will be a great opportunity to see this beautiful and unique property as well as help in making it better for future generations of Tower Lakeres.

Please, plan on helping make this a successful event. Please bring gloves and other tools you may have to help in this endeavor.



Questions?? Contact Rick Steffen-Trustee, Village of Tower Lakes (847)922-0776



Hosting a Holiday Party?

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

Reserve your party-related needs now.

For pricing and questions email events@tlia.org or click on the snowman



Craig & Amy Winkelman Country Club Estates

Country Club Estates has a new family that is already familiar with our village. They moved here from Fox River Grove. Craig has taught in District #220 and held several administrative positions in the schools. He is currently the Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Schools evaluating district principals. Amy is a counselor at Barrington High School in Student Prevention Programs. They have two teenagers. Kate is 15 and a sophomore at the high school. Tori is 13 and an eighth grader at Station Middle School. They love the outdoors and plan to continue their love of water sports, including wakeboarding, water skiing, paddle boarding and kayaking. Welcome to the great outdoors in Tower Lakes!



**Friday
September 27th:
the 33rd
Tower Lakes
Men's Day**

submitted by Brett Aprati

It was a great day despite the rain with almost 70 golfers up at LBS and 50 guys for bowling, bags tournament, and dinner at Sideouts. Special thanks to the following guys for their generous monetary donations as well as items and prize donations towards the event. As we mentioned at golf/dinner this helps put on a great event and allows us to keep the cost of the event consistent for everyone.

Mike Barrutia Steve Burgoon Shaun Kildare Dave Mackey
Joe Mehringer Andy Ohlrich Eric Torstenson Daryl Voska

AND another big thank you to the guys who will be taking on the event for 2020:

Colin Regan Mark Laumann Mark Hagy Mike Megleo.

A growing group of Tower Lakers met at the gazebo in Barrington on Friday, October 4 to promote awareness of climate change. They welcome ALL to join them on Fridays at 10:30 a.m.



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TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE

Photos with Santa, Horse Drawn Carriage Rides, & Kids' Shop and Wrap

Sunday December 8 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Village Hall

Dress warmly and bring your brightest smiles for a perfect winter backdrop picture with Santa outside the Village Hall!

Snuggle up on Horse Drawn Carriage Rides! Your chariot awaits you at the Village Hall parking lot. Hop on board, enjoy Hot Cocoa and treats while you enjoy the winter beauty of Tower Lakes!

Back this year, "Kids Shop & Wrap" - Santa's elves have been working hard so your child can do some Christmas shopping on their own. All items sell for \$5.00 and include wrapping! So, let them raid your piggy banks and come with cash to get their Christmas shopping done!

Bring a sweet treat to share!

Questions? [Click Santa](#)



Kids Shop & Wrap - Donations Needed!

This Shop will be open during the Santa photos & Carriage Rides event at Village Hall.

It's a perfect opportunity for kids to shop for their parents or other family members all on their own!

But...donated gifts are needed to stock the store!

Please bring your donated items to one of the following homes by Wednesday, December 4th:

- The Janitz home in South Hills - 122 Rose Terrace
- OR
- The Ruda home on the West Side - 226 West Tower Drive

Any treasures are appreciated, but here are a few ideas:

Scarves, golf balls, ornaments, picture frames, gift cards, Christmas trinkets ...get creative!

Questions? Click the gifts to email youth@tlia.org




November is a Time for Giving...

The TLIA Grounds Beautification Committee is once again collecting donations for **Home of the Sparrow (HOS)**. **Home of the Sparrow** is a private, non-profit organization that provides women and their children a safe living environment as well as housing for those without a home. Two years ago it was a huge success—we helped so many families! This year, we are sponsoring three families, as well as getting items on the HOS wish list.

Please use the Sign-up Genius link to browse the many gifts for the families and the wish list.

We will collect these **NEW, UNWRAPPED** donations at the home of

Mary Magro, 230 Tomahawk Lane and at the TL Tree Lighting ceremony on Sunday, December 1 (MARK YOUR CALENDAR)

[Click Here](#)  to go to the Giving Tree List!



At the annual BACOG Dinner on Friday, October 25, the Village of Tower Lakes received the Donald P. Klein Award for our Raingardens and Bioswales Project. This award is given out just once every two years.

Look for a congratulatory article in the December newsletter. There are many people to thank—in particular Andy Hay and Steve Burgoon.

Congratulations

to the Village of Tower Lakes and Tower Lakes Improvement Association for this prestigious award as the raingardens and bioswales were a joint effort.



Another Great Turn Out for Chili Cook-Off...

Thanks to all our chili judges, everyone who brought chili, sides, desserts, firepits, helped us during the event, helped with set up, and take down! And special thanks to "Alexanwitch" who entertained our kiddos with Halloween inspired stories!



on a Spectacular Fall Evening in Tower Lakes!

Of the 18 creative Chili entries, these proved to be the winners!

Best Name: Julie Beal "Dinner"

Peoples' Choice: Nathan Janitz

"Always 2nd Place"

Judges' Choice: Courtney Young



"Scary Spice Girl"



TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE



Grab the kids and walk/trot/run through the streets of Tower Lakes at the **5th Annual Family Friendly Thanksgiving Day TURKEY TROT** November 28 Starting time 9:00am at the VILLAGE HALL

- All proceeds will benefit a special project TBD within Tower Lakes.
-  to see the COURSE.
-  to Sign Up for the Trot and order Turkey Trot t-shirts. (All shirts \$20)
- Sign up deadline: 11/18, so shirts can be ordered

- Cost: \$15 per adult: Kids 16 and under trot for free!
- VOLUNTEERS: You are what makes the race safe for all! We need a few folks to stand at certain corners during the race. See the COURSE link above for those corners. Email randall.cross@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer for a corner or the start/finish line.



Newcomers/Welcome Party – Saturday, November 23 from 7:30-10:30pm
Bolger's Home – 651 Leon Drive

All are welcome to attend to help welcome those who are recently (in the past two years) new to Tower Lakes. Please feel free to bring something to share...

THE UNFORGETTABLE

Halloween

OF 2019!



It may have been cold and it may have been the snowiest Halloween ever, but Tower Lakes families came out in force to celebrate! Pizza, hot chocolate, the wonderful, Kildare family haunted house, costumes, both scary and hilarious, and lots and lots of snow will make Halloween 2019 one to remember! Thanks to all who braved the weather to join the Youth Committee festivities.



Mary Beth Adams
Shaun Kildare
Caroline Milne

Jan Bahr
Kristi Nash, TLIA Recording Secretary
Kathy Pattengale

Mary Kay Bolger
Recording Secretary
Randy Young

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