

"May your days be Merry and Bright!"

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TLIA

Congratulations to us!



On October 25th, BACOG Executive Board President Amy Nykaza presented the Village of Tower Lakes with the 2019 Donald P. Klein award for their "Raingardens and Bioswales Project". The village partnered with the Tower Lakes Improvement Association (TLIA) to develop the project, which included design and construction of large engineered raingardens, bio-swales and a wetland restoration at two key locations.

The project reduces pollution from reaching the community's lakes, reduces the volume of stormwater entering the community's drainage systems, and detains and filters stormwater. Education was key to get residents' engagement and build awareness of the positive impact of green infrastructure. The project has already improved water quality, helped surface water recharge to aquifers, stabilized soils, and significantly reduced sediment loads to the lakes. As a bonus, the region will see more wildlife habitat and improved aesthetics.

President David Parro accepted the award on behalf of his village, saying, "The Village of Tower Lakes and our Homeowners Association partners are thrilled to accept BACOG's Donald P. Klein Award in recognition of our five-year \$260,000 project to demonstrate green infrastructure best management practices for storm water management. This was one of many worthy projects nominated by our allied communities, and it is humbling to have been chosen by the expert panel of judges. We are especially proud of the fact that we were able to engage virtually 100% of our population in the volunteer/education aspect and that nearly 5% of all homes in the Village have already been inspired to invest in similar green infrastructure on their own properties as a result."



VOTL President Dave Parro, VOTL Trustee, Andy Hay and TLIA President, Steve Burgoon (From left to right)

Funding was granted from the federal 319 program through Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Lake County Stormwater Management Commission. The Village and homeowners' association were able to supply grant matches in the form of volunteer hours, resulting in zero tax dollars or assessments from residents for this major improvement. Other community partners included the Barrington Area Conservation Trust, the Tower Lakes Drain Partnership, and Illinois Lakes Management Association.

In accepting the award, Parro recognized resident Steve Burgoon who led the 9 Lakes Watershed Study, which produced a watershed management plan and identified "best management practices" for implementation of the project. He also recognized Trustee Andy Hay who served as volunteer project manager.

For more info see "From This Perch" p.2



✓ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

**Public Hearing on zoning ordinances regarding cannabis and chickens
7:00 p.m. Lake Barrington Village Hall.**

Additional information in the VOTL December 2019 Newsletter.

See p.3 for TLIA's position on the Urban Chicken Issue and the effect on our lakes.

TLIA

✓ SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020*

**The TLIA Annual Meeting
3:00 p.m. American Legion Hall
515 S. Main ~ Wauconda**

Additional information found on p. 4 & 5

**Please, note that this date is a correction from the November Newsletter.*



Important DATES

FROM THIS PERCH

BY STEVE BURGOON, TLIA PRESIDENT



In November we THANKED every committee and every person who has volunteered their personal time to make Tower Lakes “a great place to raise a family.” This month it is my sincere pleasure to thank many others who have contributed to the Village of Tower Lakes (VOTL) for receiving the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) bi-annual Donald P. Klein Award for the collaborative “Rain Garden and Bioswales Project”.

While the Award was presented to VOTL this project would not have happened without the collaboration of the TLIA Lake Committee and TLIA Grounds Committee. Let me take you back a few years regarding the history and genesis of this project.

Back in 2010, then TLIA President, Susie Dehnert, asked a handful of interested members to join and expand the Lake Committee. Until that time and from all records that I can see, the committee had traditionally been led by one or two people who worked on algae and plant growth and an occasional incremental issue or two on shoreline erosion, fishery and dam inspection and maintenance. Certainly a challenging job for one person. This new 10-person committee spent a year of organization and research. The committee aligned across multiple roles. A critical member of that Committee was Tom Kubala who immediately jumped into the leadership role for “Intergovernmental Affairs”. Tom did a fantastic job getting us aligned with local, and state agencies that grew our educational component as well as the right people to help us be more efficient in our time and effectiveness in our projects. Rich Bahr helped on this initial group – both electronic and “Citizen Scientist” -- to gather the needed fact-based approach. Nick Adams was our “certified consultant” bringing his engineering and project management skills to the table. Nick also lead, along with Rich, some of our projects including silt removal and the creation of the boat launch at the reclaimed Lathan’s Landing site. Dave Mackey assisted by keeping his eye on the fish population and fish kills. Judd Lautenschlager was instrumental on many parts of the committee and assisted as the Lake Committee Chairman for a few years.

In 2014 the group helped VOTL President, Kathleen Leitner, in the development of the “[Nine Lakes Watershed Plan](#)” the necessary planning document needed to apply for the Illinois EPA 319 Grant that would fund our Rain Garden and Bioswales project. Luckily, after Andy Hay stepped down as TLIA President at the end of 2014, he opted to stay involved on the Lake Committee. Andy eagerly accepted the role of Project Manager of the collaborative project for the VOTL/TLIA Rain Gardens. This proven Best Management Practice for stormwater abatement, seen by many of the Lake Committee members, had been referenced multiple times in our many meetings with Lake County Stormwater Management, the Tower Lakes Drain Partnership and the VOTL Stormwater Consultant, Nancy Schumm.

Andy Hay then drove this project from mid-2014 until completion this past summer. Andy did a job that only a brilliant and committed engineer/project manager could complete. He spent over 1500 hours over the last 5 years collaborating, developing, implementing and coordinating with every imaginable municipal and state agency to complete our two rain gardens on time and on budget. Andy successfully brought \$260,000 of federal funding to VOTL and TLIA while eliminating ANY budgeted funding from either, saving over \$20,000 of village and HOA money.

Thank you Andy for a fantastic job!! Ultimately this has been a 10-year labor of love with many people contributing. [continued next column](#)

PROPERTY OWNER ACTION REQUIRED

2020 DUES Payments Last year the TLIA Finance Committee did a test run and sent dues invoices electronically to 129 of the 365 property owners. The overall reaction was very positive for the property owners and TLIA, so our intention is to move to all of the Dues invoices to e-mail transmission in 2020. If you provided an E-mail address for this purpose last December, you need to do nothing. If you did **NOT** provide an address, please [CLICK HERE](#) to send it to dues@tliia.org with subject heading “Email Address for Dues invoice mailing” by December 15.

The methods of dues payment in 2020 will be:

1. Pay directly from the invoice via ACH payment (which has no additional charge to either party), it is a simple bank to bank transfer.
2. Have your bank send a check on your behalf from your own e-banking program to the TLIA PO Box.
3. Send your own personal check to the TLIA PO Box.

The test we ran last year with credit card or other (debit, Apple pay, etc.) similar payment methods are untenable. Our financial system, Intuit’s QuickBooks, cannot directly charge a convenience fee at the time of payment, a new invoice must be created for each fee. Creating and managing the payment of these second convenience fee invoices proved to be ridiculously time consuming and unfortunately, often unpleasant. The Board does not wish to raise dues for the purpose of absorbing everyone’s fees (which could potentially cost the TLIA membership \$7-8,000), nor is it fair to charge everyone, when many property owners will not choose to use these credit/debit card methods of payments.

So, no more card type payments for Dues in 2020.**TLIA dues payment obligations still outstanding**

We have made great progress with our TLIA property owners on paying their Dues (which are due in full every year on April 1st). As of Dec 1, we are now due \$2897 (when the prepaid \$734 by other homeowners is taken out of the equation). The 2019 Dues collection cycle will be complete with outstanding final payments of just a few property owners that needed extended payment plans. As those property owners meet the payment plans they committed to, we hope to enter 2020 with an extremely short list of those in arrears. Currently there are three properties not in compliance with their payment obligations of dues/SA/late fees for 2019:

- 512 East Lake Shore Dr.
- 25147 Edward Lane
- 411 Roslyn Place.

These property owners are in violation of TLIA By-Laws and are considered members Not in Good Standing by the Association. They are not eligible to vote in the upcoming election or attend the annual meeting, nor do they have any rights to participate in any TLIA events or access any TLIA properties in the community until their dues are paid in full. If additional property owners fail to achieve their payment plans, they will be added to the list published in the January 2020 newsletter.

cont’d Thank you to everyone for their help on this and all other lake projects over the past 10 years. Now you know...” the rest of story.”

To read the entire press release from BACOG
See you around the neighborhood

[Click Here!](#)



VOTL to Hold Public Hearing on Ordinances

On December 11, 2019, the Village of Tower Lakes (VOTL) will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Barrington Village Hall. This will be your opportunity to hear what the VOTL Plan Commission's proposed zoning ordinances are regarding Cannabis and keeping chickens within the Village. You will be able to voice your opinion and ask questions. Look for more information from the Village in their December electronic newsletter, or reach out to them with any questions you may have. [Click Here!](#) for VOTL website.

Below you will find excerpts from letters to the Village Board from the TLIA Lake Committee and the TLIA Board regarding their concerns on the raising of chickens in Tower Lakes.

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend this important meeting regarding the health and welfare of our community.

To Tower Lakes President and Village Board,

"[...] This issue (*pending Chicken Ordinance*) extends back some two years now. To this point [...] (TLIA) did not provide [...] input as it was not requested and [...] (it was) believed that the village was progressing to closure with the residents then currently (and still) in violation of current ordinances restricting chickens to lots only in Farming (20 plus acres) zones and the ordinance not allowing "outbuildings". Now that this issue has not been resolved over many months and the Planning Commission has been asked to craft a new ordinance specifically for "Urban Chickens" it is appropriate that the TLIA Board carry out our duty to represent our 360 members (81% of VOTL residents) on these issues.

The TLIA Lake Committee has already provided input to the Building and Zoning Committee Meeting. (*see below*) The Association has spent 10 years and currently over \$650,000 on a special assessment to remove silt deposits and nutrients from our lakes. The easiest way to prevent nutrients from non-point source stormwater runoff, potentially carrying additional nutrients from chicken waste, is to continue with and enforce the current ordinance...

Thus, the Tower Lakes Improvement Association (TLIA) Board provides the following:

1. The TLIA Board objects to allowing chickens in VOTL and recommends that the VOTL Board amend current Building and Zoning chapters of the VOTL code accordingly to "Chickens/Raising of urban poultry is not allowed on any commercial, residential, or vacant parcel in VOTL."
2. The TLIA Board objects to amending the current zoning/ordinances that do not allow outbuildings. Allowing more buildings on more properties is not consistent with the nature of the community....
3. The TLIA Board objects to the creation/engineering of any ordinance or zoning AT ANY TIME that specifically targets less than ONE PERCENT of the village. 99% of the Village understands and/or abides by the current ordinance."

[Click Here!](#) *to read the entire letter*

"To Whom It May Concern,

The husbandry of urban chickens as a practice within the Tower Lakes watershed is one that draws the utmost concern from all members of the TLIA Lake Committee. To be clear it is not chickens themselves that is of concern, it is the waste products that they produce and the impact of the nutrients in those waste products that are of concern. [...]

The Lake Committee is charged with the stewardship of not only the water bodies owned by Tower Lakes Improvement Association but also of the watershed that serves those water bodies. VOTL has had a "no chicken" ordinance since any Lake Committee member can remember. "

[Click Here!](#) *to read the entire letter*

TLIA LAKE COMMITTEE



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A \$250 donation goes to TLIA Youth Committee
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APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 2019



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NEXT BOARD MEETING Monday Dec 16, 2019

TLIA BOARD

7:00 p.m. Village Hall

Call to Order

Steve Burgoon

Steve Burgoon called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

President's Report

Steve Burgoon

1. TLCF is requesting permission to auction off a 4th of July parking spot (for 4 days) during the TL 4th of July festivities. One would be for the 4th 2020 and one for the 4th 2021.
2. Budget for 2020; position on need to grow our Reserve? what to do if we do not have new Financial Secretary at the elections?
3. Nominations – Final list of Candidates and prep for ballots/elections
4. Communications -- Prep for Annual Meeting and Website revision
5. Member Services -- update on boat removal and Membership Directory

Approval of September TLIA Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve: Mike Mitchell Second: Tom Kuna

All in favor: Ayes 7, Nay 0

Committee Reports

1. Financial Committee Report (attached) Tom Kuna and Fran Steffen
 - a. Expenses - Copies of the September 2019 Financials comparing budget to actuals for income and expenses are attached
 - i. Copies of the September 2019 Financials are attached. Expenses are winding down as summer has ended. There are only a handful of expenses categories over budget to date and several expense categories under budget to date.
 - ii. The 2020 Budget process has begun. Committee chairs have been asked to submit their budgets for review by the Finance Committee. A preliminary budget will be prepared by the Finance Committee within the next two weeks.
 - iii. The Cash Balance Report for the three checking accounts as of September 30, 2019 is attached.
 - b. Revenue
 - i. As of October 1, the TLIA Collections Report balance outstanding is now at \$3832, down from \$4532 on September 1. The breakdown of where this # comes from is:
 - ii. \$1797 is dues still owed from payment plans, it's beginning to look like 2 of the 4 will be considered failures, as the homeowners have stopped paying and are non-responsive to their current statements sent to them in September.
 - iii. \$100 is outstanding from 1 homeowner who paid their dues late and still owe the community their \$100 late fee.
 - iv. \$150 is money due from 2 property transfers, Paid Letter of Assessment documentation preparation fees
 - v. \$20 was from an unpaid credit card use Convenience fee (it has since been paid in early October)
 - 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.
 - viii. Total Balance Due TLIA = \$3832
 - ix. The addresses of the homeowners that have failed on their payment plans and not paid their Dues debt responsibly to the community will be published in the December newsletter.
 - x. Discussion regarding electronic payments vs physical checks

TLIA

**ANNUAL
MEETING**
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020*

 3:00 p.m. American Legion Hall
 515 S. Main ~ Wauconda

Get Involved!

*Please, note that this date is a correction from the November Newsletter



The 2020 Candidates for TLIA Board

Mary Magro Vice president

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 Tower Lakes. 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.

Melissa Covek Financial Secretary

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.

Mark Handley Member-at-Large

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.

Mike Megleo Member-at-Large

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.

Official Proxy Ballot
Tower Lakes Improvement Association
Annual Meeting - Sunday, January 12, 2020

Registered TLIA Ballot
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Voter #1 Name: _____ Date _____
 Voter #2 Name: _____
 Address _____ Tower Lakes, IL 60010
 Email address _____

The above mentioned Property Owner, being a Member-in-Good-Standing of the Tower Lakes Improvement Association (hereafter known as the "Association"), does hereby constitute and appoint Steve Burgoon, President of the Board of Directors and the current Board of Directors with full power of substitution to attend the Special Meeting of the homeowners of the Association on January 12, 2020 including any adjournments thereof, in the name, place and stead of the undersigned, to represent and to vote, as designated below, all of the votes of the named member at the 2020 TLIA Annual Meeting.

Candidates: Review candidate bios attached to this ballot	Office	Voter 1		Voter 2	
		YES	NO	YES	NO
Mary Magro	Vice President				
Melissa Covek	Financial Secretary				
Members-at-Large					
Mark Handley	Member-at-Large				
Mike Megleo	Member-at-Large				

Ballot Issue	Voter 1		Voter 2	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
Do you approve the use of TLIA funds to purchase two new floating piers for the Beach not to exceed \$22,000 for both?				

For your ballot to be counted by MAIL, IT MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN January 10, 2020
 TLIA
 P.O. Box 405
 Barrington, IL 60011-0405
 (Please fold ballot in thirds and apply postage. The mailing address is printed on back side)
 OR
 you may hand deliver to:
TOWER LAKES VILLAGE HALL - DROP BOX AT FRONT DOOR
NO LATER THAN - Friday, January 10, 2020
 OR
BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE ANNUAL MEETING ON JANUARY 12, 2020



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

On a snowy November 11, TLIA honored our Tower Lakes military veterans by raising the flag on Rest Island and the Village, thanks to Trustee Chrissie Mena, sent out a special edition of their newsletter with photos highlighting "... our friends, neighbors and those who protect us."

TL NEIGHBORS

Colonel Mike DeLapp, US Army Active/Reserve Duty 1960-1990
 Colonel John DeLapp Jr. US Air Force Academy 1989 US Air Force Active Duty 1989 -2015
 Colonel Joe DeLapp II US Air Force Academy 1992 US Air Force Active Duty 1992 -2018
 Colonel Jim DeLapp Kansas State – 1994 US Army Active Duty – 1994 -2018
 Steve Burgoon Captain in the US Army, Adjutant General Branch 1981-1985
 Tom Kuna USMC Years of Service: 1970-1976; 2 years active duty & 4 years active reserves.
 Chris Lajiness Retired Chief with the US Navy who served with Patrol Squadron 90. Navy 1970 – 1994
 Kevin McCloskey Captain in the USAF Active duty from Jan 1989- Feb 1994
 Jon Strategos United States Marine Corps - 2nd generation Marine Honorably Discharged after 4 years
 Lieutenant J.G. Leslie Lirgameris Navy Nurse Corps, 1965-1967
 Greg Miller Air Force from 1982 to 1988

WAUCONDA FIRE DISTRICT

Deputy Chief Patrick Kane United States Marines Wauconda Fire District since 1995
 Lieutenant John Spratt United States Army Wauconda Fire District since 2003
 Fire Medic John Caldarella United States Army Wauconda Fire District since 1995
 Fire Medic Marcin Staniszewski United States Marines Wauconda Fire District since 2016
 Fire Medic Daniel Loeschen United States Navy Wauconda Fire District since 2018
 Fire Medic Sal Cirrincione United States Army Wauconda Fire District since October 2018

VILLAGE OF TOWER LAKES POLICE

Robert J. Agnes United States Navy 1969-1973 Tower Lakes P.D. 8 years
 Richard Colasuono United States Army 1966-1968 Tower Lakes P.D. 19 years
 Francis Marrocco United States Marines 1970-1974 Tower Lakes P.D. 14 years

These names were gathered through a request from the Village. If anyone was missed, please, know that we so appreciate your service and look forward to honoring you in the future.



photo by Steve Burgoon

Nick & Danielle Hnzman West Side

Nick and Danielle moved here from Vero Beach in Florida. Nick is originally from Florida and Danielle is from Arizona. Nick is a program manager in logistics automating distribution centers. Danielle is a medical technologist. They love power boating, camping and hiking. They look forward to getting used to our cold winters and all that Tower Lakes has to offer!



Bruce & Roxan Williams South Hills

Welcome Bruce and Roxan originally from Lake Forest. They recently moved here from Manhattan Beach, California. Bruce is a consultant for international golf courses. Roxan works for a caterer in Lake Zurich. They have four grown children that live on their own. Bruce and Roxan are real foodies and also enjoy different kinds of music, reading, watching sports and fishing. Their jobs and their new home are keeping them busy but they cannot wait to meet new friends and neighbors in Tower Lakes.

Matthew Bringas East Side

Matthew has lived in Chicago's Lincoln Square for 32 years and was searching for a place to relax, enjoy nature and meet exciting people. He feels he has found it here in Tower Lakes. He works for the Department of Veterans Affairs as a network security contractor. He is also a private consultant in the IT field. He loves to fish, canoe, and cook. He has met many new neighbors since he moved in and can't wait to attend some of the Tower Lakes events to party with everyone!



Tower Lakes Nature Lovers

From vibrant vistas to all our flora and fauna, a new *private Facebook group has been formed for Tower Lakes residents to celebrate the natural beauty of our village.

To join, please contact ann.ram@gmail.com.



photo by
Chris Lajiness

Tower Lakes Artists

Looking for a supportive environment to share your art? A private group has been formed on Facebook for Tower Lakes artists of all ages to showcase their talents. Sketches, drawings, paintings, sculpture, crafts, music and dance are all welcome. To join, please contact ann.ram@gmail.com.



*Please, note that neither of these groups is associated with TLIA but are shared here for the pleasure and benefit of our residents.

submitted by Anu Ramamurthy

TLIA COMMUNICATIONS

- Mary Beth Adams
- Jan Bahr
- Mary Kay Bolger
- Rob Dunbar
- Shaun Kildare
- Kristi Nash, TLIA Recording Secretary
- Caroline Milne
- Kathy Pattengale
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Tower Lakes Community Foundation

At this very busy time of shopping and giving there are so many worthwhile options for our donations.

We at TLCF, hope that you will look homeward and consider the Foundation.

There are 2 ways you can help.

1. If you missed the opportunity to be a part of our recent Big Night by attending, taking home an auction item or donating to the Silent or Live Auction, you can donate directly by going to our website www.tower-lakes.org.
2. **SHOP AMAZON!** CLICK ON THE SNOWMAN ABOVE for Amazon Smile. Choose Tower Lakes Community Foundation and shop away! Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to the Foundation. Easy Peasy! Thanks for your consideration and Happy Holidays

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The Burgoon Family
The Curielli Family
The Harazin Family
The Magro Family
The Milne Family
The Rigali Family
The Rolfs Family
The Schaefer Family

South Hills/Fenview/ Country Club Estates Basket Donations:

The Aitkens Family
Holly Bormet /Rich Keating
The Cobb Family
Shirley Hughes
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The Knight Family
The Mall Family
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The Megleo Family
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The Rowling Family
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Auction Donors:

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The Moffit Family
The Nash Family
The Ohrich Family
The Osterhues Family
The Pattengale Family
Pixie Dust Travel (Jacqui Skurta)
The Saunders Family
Shakou
The Steffen Family
Tower Lakes Grounds Beautification Committee
Tower Lakes Events Committee
Tower Lakes Improvement Assn.
Tower Lakes Police Department
Tricia's Private Training (P. Corman)
Village of Tower Lakes
The Voska Family



*If we missed your name, please, click our logo to email us, so we can thank you properly.

Tower Lakes Community Foundation

Big Night 9: Under the Big Top

contributed by Jan Bahr



Sue Kainz displays the award for Outstanding Citizen surrounded by the Kainz family.

If you missed the Tower Lakes Community Foundation's Big Night 9: Under the Big Top, you missed a circus of a time! A fun-loving group of Tower Lakers and guests gathered together to honor TLCF's Citizens of the Year, Joe and Sue Kainz and to raise some money to help fund some projects here, in "the place we call home." Attendees, many of whom were dressed in circus themed costumes, enjoyed cocktails as they placed their bids at the silent auction tables, purchased 50/50 raffle tickets and had their photos taken at the circus tent Photo Op.

Once they took their seats, TLCF's president, Kathleen Leitner congratulated the Foundation on this, its 10th anniversary. She mentioned some of the projects that TLCF has funded over these many years, including :

- ~ one-time projects like the water fountain at the beach path on East Lake Shore Drive
- ~ On-going projects such as watershed work, like the purchase of Barclay's Woods
- ~ short term funding such as the bullet-proof vests for our police department
- ~ long-term projects such as a community center/village hall renovation study.

After dinner, Kathleen then presented the award for Outstanding Citizens to Sue Kainz and in memoriam, to her husband, Joe Kainz. Sue was surrounded by her family as Kathleen talked of her friendship with both and showed a video of Joe, Sue and John Gillett recounting tales of their time in Tower Lakes. In the Tower Lakes spirit of volunteerism, Sue and Joe were active on the TLIA Board and the village board, always giving their enthusiastic and generous support. Joe served on the TLIA board up to and including the vote to incorporate the village. Sue served on the village board from 1983-1987. They were among the first people involved in the formation of the Tower Lakes Community Foundation and have supported Tower Lakes and the greater Barrington community through the Good Shepherd Hospital expansion, Journeycare and many charitable events at their Onion Pub in Lake Barrington. You've probably even enjoyed a Solo cup or two of the yummy beer they have donated to TL events for the years. Next time you have time, raise a cup to Joe and Sue.

And then.... the Live Auction got underway. As usual, Andy Milne did a great job of charming people into opening up their wallets and in turn, many walked away with many wonderful treasures,

that were "oh, so" generously donated our TL neighbors and included, once again, trips to exotic places like Sayulita, Mexico and New Buffalo, Michigan, as well as a helicopter tour of Chicago and tickets to a Cubs' game including round trip transportation and access to the "W Club" and so many other exciting packages. And once again, "crowd funded" packages were put together by four TL neighborhoods; East Side, West Side, North Lake and Fenview/Country Club Estates and South Hills. Check out the Thank You in this newsletter to see all the people who, through their generous donations, helped to make this Big Night a success!

Finally, we got around to the dancing, where Chicago DJ Damian Gardner had most of the crowd on the dancefloor for the rest of the night.

As we all know, none of this happens by itself, and so, we thank firstly our set-up crew, our teen volunteers Claire Rowley, Macy Cobb and Bridget Butler who helped us with check-in Andy Milne our MC, Andrew Young for getting our website up-to-date and getting us on Square for tonight, Phil Bruni the videographer featured this evening Chris Burgoon and Pati Schaefer for sharing their photographic talents with us.

(Go to our website www.tower-lakes.org to see more photos of BN9)

And finally, thanks to the BN9 Planning Committee of Jan Bahr, Jane Cook, Kathleen Leitner, Missy Sandberg, and Gwen Torstenson as well, as the support of our manly TLCF Board members, Bob Glowaki and Mike Lanning.

Big Night 9 provided Tower Lakers an opportunity to eat, drink, socialize and show their always delightfully surprising generosity for this remarkable community of Tower Lakes, "the place we call home."





Lake County Board member, **Mike Danforth** represents Island Lake, Lake Barrington, Port Barrington, North Barrington, Barrington Hills, **Tower Lakes**, Fox River Grove, and portions of Wauconda and Hawthorn Woods. He puts out bimonthly e-newsletter filled with all types of usable information for our area.

This month's includes: Lake County Approves 2020 Budget, New Recycling Guide, Road Construction Update, Property Assessment Deadline and more. You can also link to the Lake County website.

If you click the button below, it will take you to the most recent newsletter where you can sign up to receive them as emails. At the top of the webpage just fill in your email and click GO.

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Turkey Trot 2019

It was a crisp, rather dreary day but what a fantastic event to get the day going and to wish our friends and neighbors a Happy Thanksgiving.

Turkey Trotters....thank you so much for coming out to one of our newest traditions.

Thanks to Randall Cross for spearheading this event!
...to the Bolgers for putting out the route signs (it is truly a family affair)

...to the TLPD and Chief Sam Sinacore as well as neighborhood volunteers for providing a safe course.
...to Shaun Kildare for refreshments.

...to the Ohlrich family and Complete Image Apparel for the great apparel AND
...to Tower Lakes' "unofficial" photographer, Pati Schaefer for capturing the mornings' events.

Congratulations to men's and women's 1st place winners, Tom & Marisa Catalano!

Shout out goes to long-time TL resident, Dick Wade, as the first octogenarian to finish the Trot!

And Cheers to all of our TL trotter, young and old!

~TLIA President, Steve Burgoon



photos by
**Pati Schaefer &
Annalisa Barrie**



Some visitors from foreign shores!



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



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 and his sleigh

TLIA Grounds Beautification Garden Club presents

A Winter Holiday Workshop Party
Tuesday, December 10, 2019
6:00 pm at the home of Mary Magro
230 Tomahawk Lane

Dinner will be catered by Zaza's.
Please bring an appetizer, holiday cookies,
or white wine to share.

Participants will create two holiday arrangements:
one to donate to Cuba Township Food Pantry and
another to keep. Greens will be provided. Please bring
pruners and gloves. Participants are encouraged to
bring their own small special container and festive
trims/decorations to use and share.

Garden Club Members \$10 Guests \$25
Space is limited. To reserve a spot, please drop off
your payment as soon as possible (cash or a
check made out to Kathy Covek, 25559 Warwick
Rd). The deadline for payment is Thursday,
December 5.

Questions? Contact us at:
towerlakesgardenclub@gmail.com



TLIA GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION

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 until December 2 at the home of
Mary Magro, 230 Tomahawk Lane and at
**the TL Tree Lighting ceremony on
Sunday, December 1**

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

