



TLIA NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2020

Recap of the 2020 TLIA Annual Meeting

On Sunday, January 12, members of the Tower Lakes Improvement Association (TLIA) gathered for the 2020 Annual General Membership meeting at the American Legion Hall in Wauconda.

TLIA President Steve Burgoon called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Since the By Laws were amended at the last annual meeting to include that a quorum consists of not just the number of members in attendance but also those voting via proxy, it was determined that we were well above the required 10% of the membership in good standing. Steve then opened with some personal remarks on the State of the Association, including the accomplishments of 2019 i.e. and looking forward to 2020. *See FROM THIS PERCH on p. 2 for more details**

The slate of candidates was then presented, as well as the Ballot Issue: *Do you approve the use of TLIA funds to purchase two new floating piers for the beach not to exceed \$22,000 for both?* The Ballot Issue was passed, and congratulations are in order for ...

Vice President Mary Magro, Financial Secretary Melissa Covek and Members at Large Mark Handley and Mike Megleo.

There were then reports from Fran Steffen, Financial Secretary, who gave us an update on membership and dues collection. 335 of dues invoices for 2020 were mailed out electronically this year, noting that in addition to submitting a check for dues, there is now the option to pay via ACH (bank to bank). *(see p. 7 for more info on Dues)* Tom Kuna, Treasurer, presented the 2020 budget and the results of the first TLIA outside audit.


Reports were also presented by each of the TLIA Committee Chairpersons and Andy Hay, once again, reported on the status of our Award winning Rain Gardens. Of particular note, Communications is working on a new website with a Members Only Section *(see below)* and Long-Range Planning offered their action items for 2020:

- Boat landing — 130/134 South Hills Dr
- Zupancic Park improvements
- Beach pier replacement
- Lindy Lewis gazebo railing fix
- Improve volleyball court
- Revise tennis court drainage

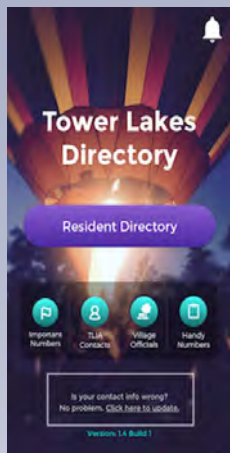
** The complete PowerPoint from the meeting will be available on our new website, mid February.*

The meeting was then adjourned at having efficiently completed the comprehensive agenda.

GET READY! The long awaited launch of the new TLIA website is just around the corner! It will be the same address – tlia.org – and have all the same information as the old site, and **MORE!** It will be easier to navigate and the **BIG** difference is, it will have a password protected, **MEMBERS ONLY** section. That means **MORE PROTECTION** for TLIA info! So, like so many other sites, you will need to sign in with a username and password to obtain certain information. We are shooting for a **February 14th** launch date and members are going to **LOVE** it! Watch for that **Eblast** with all you need to know to obtain access!




2020 TOWER LAKES PHONE DIRECTORY



We're gearing up for the next **PAPER EDITION** of the Tower Lakes directory. If your phone numbers or personal information have changed, please use the TLIA phone app* to **make your revisions until February 15.**

We are currently accepting ads for this **PRINTED DIRECTORY** so, if you have a business which would benefit by reaching out to TL residents, please contact: **MARK HANDLEY** at memberservices@tlia.org for the ad rate and submission details. Please note that there are a limited number of pages available for advertising.

***And if you haven't yet downloaded the Tower Lakes Directory app:**

For iPhone click here



For Androids click here



TLIA MEMBERSERVICES

Email: admin@tlia.org to request password



FROM THIS PERCH
by STEVE BURGOON, TLIA PRESIDENT



Off we go into a new decade. The teens are behind us and now we enter the 20s. WOW! The Association had a great year in 2019.

We built on past objectives -- solidifying our Finance Committee and completing our first certified audit, with flying colors, and we began to move our paper documents to cloud storage.

We developed a plan for the future after reestablishing a much-needed Long Range Planning Committee.

We dealt with some privacy issues -protecting our lakes from trespassers and our Information from hackers.



We brought more diversity to our committees and our Board.

The first week of the year brought the January/February edition of Quintessential Barrington (QB) and its year-long "Our Town" series written by Barbara Benson. Throughout the year QB will feature one of the seven villages in the Barrington area. Ms. Benson's article "Tower Lakes – A Look at Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" kicked things off with a detailed look at the beginnings of the Tower Lakes community back to the early 1900s. Dave Parro, VOTL President, authored the "Today and Tomorrow" piece of the story. We are lucky and pleased to have Tower Lakes lead the QB series. If you want to know about our rich Tower Lakes history, you can find it all in these two articles. Great job Dave!!

2020 will be a significant year for TLIA. We have raised dues \$100 (regular rate) to begin to fund much needed grounds projects all over Association properties. The increase in dues will also help us, over time, meet the recommendation of our audit to increase our capital reserves to more appropriately cover our repairs. The Communications team is creating a new password-protected website to protect our private information. The Lake Committee is implementing a few smaller projects to test best management practices to improve lake health as well as create a long-term plan past our current \$200 annual lake assessment.

We have a fantastic board of governors and Association committees. At last count, we have over 60 people combined serving on the Board and related committees. However, we need a few people to help in specific areas.

1) Grounds Committee – we would like one person to help lead projects i.e. boat landings, small repairs/installations.

2) Archives – 2 to 3 people to help organize, categorize, and tag documents to load into cloud storage (NO technical experience needed – we have resources to scan and load the documents). There are MANY paper documents better served and accessed in cloud storage.

Tower Lakes has always been a Barrington gem, known for our outstanding Volunteerism. We are unique because so many people bring their personal assets to help the community – expertise, talent, equipment. For years, we had a very active "Chainsaw Gang" to clear fallen trees. Our bi-annual grounds clean-up activities are another example. And our calendar of Social Events, both Adult and Youth are exceptional. Please, reach into your tool kit and see what you have to offer to help us out. You will enjoy meeting new people and working alongside your neighbors for the betterment of the community. Call a Board member, or a committee Chairperson to let us know where you can help.

See you around the neighborhood .

Email Steve: president@tlia.org

**Meet your new
Board Members**



Mary Magro
Vice President



Melissa Covek
Financial Secretary



Mark Handley
Member at Large
Member Services



Mike Megleo
Member at Large

Upcoming Board Meetings

Monday February 10, 2020

7:00 p.m. Village Hall

All Members Welcome

Monday March 9, 2020

TLIA BOARD

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 2019

to read full minutes



Call to Order Steve Burgoon called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

President's Report Steve Burgoon

1. Annual Meeting – ALL COMMITTEES

- a. ALL Committees will need a brief presentation for the Annual – 5 minutes each except Finance, Grounds, Lake, Long Range Planning
- b. Final Ballot and Mailing details (Attached)

2. Finance: a. FINAL 2020 budget (Attached)

3. Final By-Laws amendment signature

Approval of November TLIA Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve: Mike Mitchell Second: Fran Steffen All in favor: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays
Committee Reports

4. Financial Committee Report Tom Kuna and Fran Steffen

a. Expenses (Attached)

- i. Copies of the November 2019 Financials comparing budget to actuals for income and expenses are attached. There are only a handful of expense categories over budget to date (mostly Grounds) and several expense categories under budget to date. Note: The Financial Statements have been reformatted to exclude Silt income and expenses from Net Income.
- ii. The 2020 Budget has been approved by the Board and sent to the Secretary as a handout for upcoming Annual Meeting.
- iii. The Cash Balance Report for the 3 checking accounts as of November 30, 2019 is attached.

b. Revenue

i. As of December 1, the TLIA Collections Report balance outstanding is \$1972, down from \$3492 on November 1.

ii. The breakdown of this # is:

- 1. \$906 is dues still being paid on two extended payment plans.
- 2. \$100 is late fee still outstanding
- 3. \$1716 is 2 years of unpaid dues/late fees from one homeowner, legal action will commence shortly.
- 4. -\$751 is prepaid Lake Assessments from property sale transactions.
- 5. Total Balance Due TLIA = \$1972 (Taking the prepaid lake special assessments out of the equation the actual Dues/late fees outstanding to TLIA is \$2722.)

6. We did have to write off the dues outstanding from one property last month, it was finally sold at a sheriff's foreclosure sale, hence a notable reduction of \$800 this month. The new owner has responsibly stepped up and paid the share of dues for the 2019 time period he has owned the property..

iii. The addresses of the homeowners that have not paid their debt were published in the December newsletter are considered Members Not in Good Standing. They cannot use TLIA facilities, participate in events or participate or vote in the January Annual Meeting.



**Cathy
Schmidt**

Broker Associate
Re/Max of Barrington



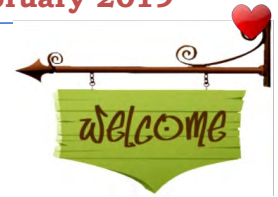
847-828-1277

remaxcathy@icloud.com

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



Aleksei and Gulnara Igumnov South Hills



We love that the Igumnov Family has moved into South Hills. They came just before New Year's Day, so they are excited to move in to their new home and for two of their daughters to start at North Barrington School after the holidays. They are originally from St. Petersburg, Russia and came here a few short years ago for Aleksei's job at Motorola Solutions in Schaumburg. They have three young girls. Anfisa is 7 1/2, Adellia is 5 1/2 and Alice is 5 months old. The girls love to swim, dance, do acrobatics, and draw. The entire family walks often wanting to visit different parts of the Village. Gulnara said she has a bit of a language barrier and does not want anyone to think she is unfriendly because the family wants to get to know their new neighbors.

"Please stop and say hello when you see them!"

submitted by Mary Beth Adams



What a Winter for Cold, Snow & (Finally) Ice Fishing!

(THIS IS PARTIAL REPRINT OF AN ARTICLE FROM THE MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER)

Our lakes are a treasured source of entertainment for us all year long, but there have always been a few who have trespassed onto our lakes to try and reap the resources that we pay for through our TLIA dues. This year it has become a larger problem and so, take time to read the message below from our Lake Committee, with guidelines for ice fishing on Tower Lakes. They are to help ensure the safety and enjoyment of our residents and their guests.

In seeking to provide the best experiences and amenities to its residents, private communities often face challenges from individuals who want to reap the benefits of a valued asset without having to incur the costs required to provide that asset.

One of Tower Lakes' most valued assets is our lake, and as a community we spend money to maintain the lake as a place where our residents can fish and recreate. As a natural resource, our fish are a prize that many outside of the community covet and consequently we have had a rash of incidents with non-residents trespassing on our lake to fish from our stocked watershed.

The TLIA and the Village are working together to thwart these intruders through a clearly defined process of communication between the community and the Tower Lakes Police, but the community plays a critical role as we are the eyes and ears for the lake.

The following rules will apply for Tower Lakes fishermen or their guests:

1. All individuals fishing on our lake must be in physical possession of a valid and current TLIA tag. These tags were distributed by Member Services at the beginning of the summer. If you are in need of a new tag, please contact Mark Handley with Member services. Memberservices@tlia.org
*NOTE: Our lake is governed by DNR and IL State Law requires all fishermen 16+ years carry a valid fishing license.
2. Residents who do not have a TLIA tag while fishing, must present a valid driver's license/ID that clearly shows they are a resident of Tower Lakes.
3. Unaccompanied Guests of Tower Lakes residents fishing on our lake must have a valid TLIA tag. If they are not able to provide the tag, they will be given the opportunity to get one from their Tower Lakes' host, and if they cannot procure one will be asked to leave. These should only be lent to individuals on a daily basis because the resident is responsible for their access and actions.

For instances where you suspect a fisherman may be trespassing, we understand that you may not wish to travel out onto the ice or wander the shorelines to interact with a fisherman you may not know. In that case, below are the guidelines for communicating with a suspected interloper:

4. Unsupervised Students/Children/Teenagers: If you are comfortable approaching them, please ask for a TLIA tag, or information related to their residency. The TLIA directory can serve as a repository of information for those you may not know in the community. (See p. 1 to download, if you do not yet have it)

If they do not have a TLIA tag, or you simply suspect them of trespassing please reach out to your Lake Committee co-chairs to address with the police: -Tom Kubala-847-867-4979 -Mitch Coulter-773-844-1953

5. Adults suspected of being non-residents:

If you are aware of someone fishing on the lake who you know to be a trespasser, please reach out to your Lake Committee co-chairs immediately. You will need to provide a general location for where the fisherman may be so that they can communicate effectively to the police.

submitted by Tom Kubala 847-867-4979 and Mitch Coulter 773-844-1953

(*NOTE: In Spring of 2019, twelve (12) NO TRESPASSING signs were installed on TLIA properties throughout the Village e.g. near the Beach and Beach Parking Lot, Boat Landings, entrance to North Lake.)



Jerry Metz is the big winner at the TLICF Texas Hold 'em tournament so generously hosted by Joe and Jackie Skurla. Thanks to all who participated to help raise funds for projects here in the Tower Lakes Community!

Calling All Lifeguards!

If you are interested in working as a lifeguard this summer at the Tower Lakes Beach, **CLICK THE SUN** below and request an application.

The Committee will then send an application to each candidate and schedule interviews in March.

All applicants must have or be working towards getting the **Red Cross Lifeguard Certification.**

The Beach Committee is always looking for new members!

CLICK THE SUN and email us.



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TRICIA CORMAN TOWER LAKES' RESIDENT



Come join the 2nd Annual TL Youth

Friday, February 28, 2020 6-7:30pm
at **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**
740 Wiley Farm Court *Schaumburg, IL

PLUS, IT'S
FUN!

Demonstrate the wonderful spirit of the TL community by helping us pack nutritious meals for undernourished children & families worldwide. nu-

A great way for adults & children 5+ years to come together and help in reversing and preventing undernutrition.

Carpool or drive yourself and meet us in *Schaumburg!

***Note: We are headed to the Schaumburg location this year - not Libertyville**



Learn more by about FSMC
by clicking their logo



CLICK HERE to RSVP by February 21

Questions? Click here

TLIA YOUTH COMMITTEE



February 28 - Feed My Starving Children (see p. 6)

April 11 10am at - Easter Egg Hunt (TL Islands)

May 9, 16, 30 at 9:30am - Tot Soccer (soccer field)

May 30 at 6pm - Family Campout (Barsumian Park)

June TBD - Summer Kickoff / beach safety event

June 5 at 11:30am - Family Yoga (Rest Island)

June 6 at 9:30am - Tot Soccer (soccer field)

June 7 at 11am - Kindergarten Play Date (Iverson Park)

June 12, 21, 28, 11:30am - Family Yoga (Rest Island)

August 15 at 3pm - Back to School Bash (soccer field)

August 16 at 11am - Kindergarten Play Date (Aram Park)

Voice Studio D



Dr. Judy Durocher Sidlowski

- 25+ years of experience as a voice teacher and music educator. Recently relocated to Tower Lakes.
- Former students accepted into top collegiate music programs around the country, many with scholarships.
- Assisting singers (young & old alike) to achieve their dreams as performers.
- Specialized expertise in teaching sight-singing.
- Conveniently located in my home on North Lake.

judithdurocher96@gmail.com

715-522-0906

Trial lesson is free. Discounted rates to first ten students.



On January 1, 2 or 3, 337 of the 370 TLIA property owners were sent their 2020 Dues invoices via email. The electronic invoices will show up from this address:

Tower Lakes Improvement Association quickbooks@notification.intuit.com



Note: To pay by check, print out the invoice and mail it to
TLIA, P.O. Box 405, Barrington, IL 60011-0405

Be sure you check your Spam or Junk folders, some systems have higher security than others, and might have moved it to one of those. If you still do not find it, send an email to: dues@tlia.org and we'll figure out what's going on (for instance, was something mistyped in the email address, etc.)

The remaining balance of 33 homeowners that did not provide an email address were mailed their invoices via USPS on January 4.

Just a very friendly reminder, **your TLIA Dues are due on April 1, 2020** as it is every year per the TLIA Bylaws.



TLIA BOARD

Tower Lakes Adult Social

Murder Mystery

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Moretti's – Barrington

Cost: \$40 per person

Heavy appetizer buffet included. Cash Bar.



Join for an interactive, whodunit, murder mystery event where the killer

could be anyone around you ... **or is it you?**

Watch for an eblast coming soon!

Questions? Click the Spy glass to send an email



TLIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

TLIA COMMUNICATIONS

Mary Beth Adams
Shaun Kildare
Caroline Milne

Jan Bahr
Kristi Nash, TLIA Recording Secretary
Kathy Pattengale

Mary Kay Bolger
Rob Dunbar