



## Ice Safety



Here in Tower Lakes, we love our lake livin' no matter the season! But as the weather starts to warm (hopefully) we are reminded to be careful and to talk with our kids before any of us ventures out onto the ice.

**It's good practice to stay off the ice that's less than four inches thick.** How do you check the ice?

With a drill, make a hole. Hook the end of a tape measure on the edge and take the measurement.

And as a general rule, avoid ice that has cracks and ice near running water, like near the dam.

**ABC: Always Be Cautious.** If you are unsure if the ice is safe, don't take your chances!

Let's all stay safe to enjoy our beautiful lakes all year round!



## NEW WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING!

[WWW.TLIA.ORG](http://WWW.TLIA.ORG)

The new recently privatized TLIA.org website is up and running! It was launched on 2/14; and if you haven't checked out the entire site, please do! It is secure and ready for visitors. We have included a few new features besides the Members Only section like [Andy's List](#), which is a compilation of recommended vendors from TL residents., previously only available on the TL App. There are a few pictures in the Photo Gallery, but if you would like us to add to it, please send them to [Communications@tlia.org](mailto:Communications@tlia.org). We will add/edit them if necessary. No names will be posted, and only pictures of TLIA landscape/lakes, wildlife and sanctioned TLIA events will be allowed. We will give photo credit if you give us permission to do so.



## IMPORTANT

*Information* from

**TLIA Member Services**

**Swim/Fishing Tags:** If you received purple tags last year and are a TLIA member in good standing, you'll get two new gold tags in April along with TLIA Rules & Regulations. Tags are required for use of the beach and for fishing. If you need additional tags for immediate family, contact [memberservices@tlia.org](mailto:memberservices@tlia.org) after April 20th and we'll get them to you. 2020 RFPP members will receive the same.

**Boat Decals:** Purple boat decals are valid for this year. If you have them on your pleasure craft, you're good. If you've acquired a new canoe or paddleboat and need decals, contact [memberservices@tlia.org](mailto:memberservices@tlia.org). Decals are placed on either side of the stern of your schooner. If you've acquired a boat from another TLIA member, please let Member Services know so we can transfer the number and update our database. Sometimes boats get lost or misappropriated and a decal can help us find the owner. If your boat does not have at least one purple decal, we'll assume it's available for sale or disposal and thank you for your donation.

**Village Phone Directory:** A new printed phone directory based on the Phone App data will be delivered to all Tower Lakes residents in April. If you need another copy, contact [memberservices@tlia.org](mailto:memberservices@tlia.org) and we'll get you another one. The cost is \$5.00.

**Tower Lakes, IL 2020**

**In Emergency**

Police, Fire, Rescué ..... 911  
Poison Control ..... 800.222.1222  
Good Shepherd Hospital  
450 W. Highway 22, Barrington  
847.381.9600

**Non-Emergency**

Fire Department ..... 847.526.2821  
TL Police Dispatch ..... 847.526.3890  
Village Office ..... 847.526.0468  
<http://www.towerlakes-il.gov>

Photo by Stephen Barden



**TLIA DUES** need to be **received no later than April 1, 2020.**

Payments received after this date are subject to a late fee, unless they are on a payment plan approved by TLIA Financial Secretary.

The system is automated and \$100 late fee will be added to all accounts that are past due as of April 2, 2020.

### Three Ways to Pay:


- ◆ **Electronically** with a free ACH transfer using the link in your invoice email\*
- ◆ **Mail** your payment to: TLIA P.O. Box 405 Barrington, IL 60011
- ◆ **Hand-deliver** to: TLIA mailbox at the Village Hall no later than March 31, 2020

**2020**  
**DUES**

**TLIA Board**

\*sent from TLIA on or about January 3, 2020



**FROM THIS PERCH**  
by STEVE BURGON, TLIA PRESIDENT 

Well, there certainly is a lot going on as we head into spring. I think Punky Phil (that varmint in Pennsylvania) said we are going to have an early spring and our weather seems to indicate the same. This has been a mild winter for sure. My guess is that the ice on the lakes will be gone mid-March and we will be working on Lake and Grounds Clean up in April, along with preparing the boat landings for kayaks and canoes.

This past winter the VOTL and TLIA were awarded a grant funding from Lake County Stormwater Management Commission to conduct a Hydrology and Hydration Study of the northeast section of the Village (encompassing areas around Cypress Pond and the soccer field). This study will be critical to analyze the recent changes and sustained water levels in the ground water to determine action plans to mitigate nuisance flooding.

*From the Grant Application -- "This scope includes hydrologic and hydraulic modeling for the watershed, installation of lake-level and groundwater monitoring gauges, and a planning effort to review and prioritize the watershed plan projects... Though much of the system has floodplain elevations identified in the FEMA FIS (Flood Insurance Study), the studies supporting these elevations were approved in 1980, and were derived using now dated information, including aging rainfall requirements. Creation of an updated base hydrologic and hydraulic model is critical to assess and design future improvements projects. ... or be enhanced to address localized drainage issues, such as at the TLIA owned Hussissian Park... The TLIA and the Village view this as a stepping- stone to continue their long-standing effort that has established them as an exemplary lakes management group in Lake County and the Midwest."*

The study will be completed this summer so that TLIA and VOTL can use the results and recommendations to move ahead on repairing the Soccer Field (Hussissian PK) after a drainage plan is developed and approved, as well as establishing other best practice projects to mitigate flooding and improve water quality.

Additionally, this spring, the Lake Committee will deploy a new best management practice in North Lake. In late March and late April, the committee will deploy a Phoslock application over all 6 acres of North Lake. The objective is to bind the phosphorous in the sediment and water column. This test, if successful, should result in conditions that will make it difficult for algae to grow and easier for us to manage. This test project is funded from the Special Lake Assessment. More information from the Lake Committee as the project unfolds.

*See you around the neighborhood!*

**Upcoming MEETINGS:**

**March 9 & April 13**

**7:00 PM**



**Another Award for Tower Lakes' Very Own  
-Andy Hay**



**Stewardship of the Year**

Andy Hay, Trustee for the Village of Tower Lakes (VOTL), has a passion for stormwater management, community involvement and watershed management. Throughout his time as a member of the Tower Lakes Improvement Association (TLIA) and the VOTL, he has been a key supporter of many collaborative partnerships and projects to improve stormwater infrastructure and reduce flooding to his community. Andy was instrumental in the Rain Garden project for the Village and TLIA. Over the last five years, Andy has led the planning, coordination, accounting, marketing and communication efforts for the development of two rain gardens in our community, devoting more than 1,000 volunteer hours to the project. **Andy's project** management skills, volunteer time, public education leadership and commitment to improving the environment make him the perfect candidate for the Stewardship of the Year Award and all around good neighbor!

*Editor's note: With all of these awards, we may need to have a monthly page dedicated to Andy. Thanks, Andy for all you do to help make Tower Lakes a better place for all of us.*



*Dave Parro (right), Village of Tower Lakes President, presents Andy Hay (left) with the Stewardship of the Year Award .*



**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**



*to read full minutes*

There are no Approved Minutes this month, due to the Annual meeting in January. but you may still CLICK on the button to your right to see the Power Point Presentation that was given at the 2020 Annual Meeting.\* There are reports from all of the

**committees as well as a "State of the Association" address from President Steve Burgoon and the annual Treasurer's report.**

\*Just a reminder that when you are diverted to the TLIA website, you will now be asked to Log In before you can see anything posted in the Members Only section.

**From the desk of ... Chief Sinacore**



More than 250 new laws went into effect at the start of the New Year, many of which affect Lake County residents.

Legalized Marijuana: The highest profile of the new laws that went into effect is the legalization of recreational cannabis. Illinois is the 11th state to legalize marijuana, which allowed adults over 21 to legally purchase and partake. However, people are urged to understand the law before heading to their local marijuana dispensary.

Driving laws: **State legislators have increased the penalties for violators of Scott's Law in the wake of three Illinois State Troopers being killed in crashes in 2019. Scott's Law requires drivers to slow down and change lanes when approaching emergency, construction and disabled vehicles on the side of the roadway.**

In addition to the above other new laws include those on:

Minimum Wage (including increases through 2025)

Sexual education, identity and harassment law changes (including what must be covered in Sex ed classes and removal of statute of limitations for sexual abuse crimes)

Education (expansion of history classes and college admissions)

Consumer protection (including the reporting of data breaches)

TO READ MORE ON THESE NEW LAWS FOR 2020



**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



Join Coach Mitch for



this Spring!

**Tower Lakes Tots**

Ages 2 - 4 years old

Saturdays on the TL Soccer Field

May 9, 16, 30, and June 6

Bring your own soccer ball  
& water bottle.

*And it's free to play!*

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Questions? Email [youth@tlia.org](mailto:youth@tlia.org)

TLIA Youth  
Committee

Please join us for the Annual

**Easter Egg Hunt**



Saturday  
April 11, 2020

**& visit with the Easter Bunny!**

Don't forget baskets & cameras!

**10:00 a.m. (promptly)**

0-4 yrs. old - Toy Island

5-7 yrs. old - Play Island

8+ yrs. old - Rest Island

Questions? [youth@tlia.org](mailto:youth@tlia.org)

**Tower Lakes Families:** If your children will

be participating in the **Easter Egg Hunt**,

**PLEASE, HELP OUT** the Easter Bunny by

dropping off a dozen pre-filled eggs per child

at the home of

Gina Thompson, 110 North Lake Shore Dr.

from **March 6th - 27th**

TLIA Youth  
Committee

Ad Space  
Available!

TLIA Communications  
Committee

**Several**

size options!

[CLICK HERE](#)

to request pricing info.

**IN MEMORIAM**

On January 23, Tower Lakes lost a very special resident, Robert Archibald. Robert was the partner of long time TLer, Missy Sandberg, and lived here with her and her children, Ethan, Rhys, and Avery. Though Robert had only moved into Tower Lakes this past year, he had jumped right into the social scene and could often be seen at community activities. And while you may not have known him, you surely noticed him due to his 6'11" frame and charming smile. He most recently was a participant at TLCF's Poker Night fundraiser, where he lost to Missy's dad, Jerry Metz.

Robert had played basketball at University of Illinois from '98-'02, and helped take his team to the Elite Eight ('01) and the Sweet Sixteen ('02.) He then became the only Scotsman to ever play for the NBA, playing for the Memphis Grizzlies, the Phoenix Suns, the Orlando Magic and Toronto Raptors. He continued his professional basketball career in Europe and represented Great Britain in the Olympics in 2012.

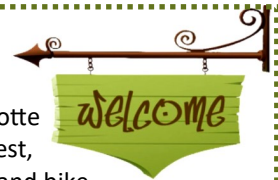
In his post-basketball life, Robert owned a State Farm agency in Elmhurst and loved living the TL life! He enjoyed fishing, playing basketball in the driveway, grilling in the yard and spending time with his Tower Lakes neighbors.

At his memorial, he was remembered by friends, family and teammates as a warm, fun-loving and caring person. He was well-loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

To support the Robert Archibald Student-Athlete Health and Wellness Fund, visit [www.GIVING.ILLINOIS.EDU](http://www.GIVING.ILLINOIS.EDU) and enter #11335690 in the Other category.

**Jeff and Lindsey Miller 117 South Drive**

We welcome a new family to South Hills, the Miller Family. Lindsey grew up in Biltmore and is familiar with friends from the area. They have four children. Gracie is in 7th grade at Prairie Middle School, Charlotte is in second grade at North Barrington and David is a kindergartner also at North Barrington. Their youngest, Vivie, is 3 and in preschool. They are an active family and love to swim, play basketball and softball, walk and bike. They are looking forward to summer in Tower Lakes to hit the beach!



**Victor and Kendel Cortese 411 Oxford**

This young family has just arrived to Tower Lakes after Victor relocated with his job. Previously, they lived in St. Charles. Victor is a tax accountant in Northbrook and Kendel is home with their young children, Clark who is 2 years and Wayne who is 6 months old. They have many home projects they will be tackling, but they also love to cook, watch great movies and play with their boys.



**(2) Household Chemical Waste Event**  
(you'll need appointments for these two!)

**Saturday, March 14th, 2020**

**Monday, March 23rd, 2020**

at our facility located at: 1311 N. Estes Street Gurnee, IL 60031

**APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED** for Household Chemical Waste Events located at our Gurnee Facility to ensure safety & efficiency. Collections are for residential waste only. No business waste will be accepted. All SWALCO HCW Collection Events are FREE for Illinois residents ONLY.

[Click Here to Schedule an Appointment!](#)


Items you can bring to a collection include: CFL bulbs, unwanted prescription, over-the-counter medicines and supplements (people and pet), household cleaners, gasoline, garden chemicals, pesticides, oil-based paints (**NO LATEX**) and varnishes, as well as other household chemicals. For a more detailed list visit SWALCO's HCW Website at:



[www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org)



**Just a reminder to Vote**  
on **Tuesday, March 17** before  
you go out to party!

For more info  
and to see a  
Sample ballot,  
**click the Ballot Box** →   
and then enter  
your street address under  
**Ballot Information.**

To read more info on the  
**Barrington #220 Referendum**  
**Click Below**

**REFERENDUM 220**

**SAVE THE DATE** for TOWER LAKES'  
**ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER!**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 2**  
**Info and Sign up COMING SOON!**



**TLIA Events**  
Committee



**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.



**TLIA Beach**  
Committee

**TEAM UP to Clean Up**



Mark your calendars for the Annual **SPRING GROUNDS CLEAN UP DAY** **Saturday April 18**

**TLIA Grounds**  
Committee

**Hosting an Event?**



**Birthday? Family Reunion? Graduation?**

**We have chairs, table, and tents available for party rentals.**

Reserve your party-related needs now. For pricing and questions Click the Balloons to send an email



**TLIA Events**  
Committee

**TLIA Communications**  
Committee

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