



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: PLEASE KNOW THAT DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS ALL TLIA SPONSORED ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL AND THE MAY 2 PROGRESSIVE DINNER HAVE BEEN CANCELED OR POSTPONED. THIS INCLUDES EASTER EGG HUNT, SPRING GROUNDS CLEAN UP AND ARBOR DAY FESTIVITIES. AS OF NOW, ALL OTHER MAY/JUNE EVENTS ARE STILL IN PLACE BUT SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CONTINUE TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND WWW.TLIA.ORG FOR UPDATES. AND TO HELP BRING UP OUR SPIRITS, WE HAVE ALSO INCLUDED SOME FEEL GOOD STORIES OF PERSONAL INTEREST ABOUT SOME OF OUR CREATIVE AND TALENTED NEIGHBORS. ENJOY AND STAY SAFE.

FROM THIS PERCH

by STEVE BURGOON, TLIA PRESIDENT



FRIENDS, I have always been a big fan of “The Greatest Generation,” that demographic cohort of people who lived through the Great Depression and World War II. Those of us over 50 years of age grew up with parents from that era. As Tom Brokaw, author of the 1998 book of the same title, writes: “These men and women fought not for fame or recognition, but **because it was the right thing to do.**”

The right thing to do was to follow what their hearts told them to do, which was to support the country and the greater good rather than focus on personal self-interest. National camaraderie and love of country has never been stronger than it was during that time period. Today we find ourselves in a different battle with a different enemy. This enemy is invisible, hiding on door handles and light switches. Unlike World War II, ALL OF THE PEOPLE are on the same side. Virtually every country in the world is fighting Coronavirus today. For us, this should be easy. For the current soldiers, our medical professionals, this battle is all too real. Their ammo consists of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment): test kits,



ventilators, gloves, rest, and moral support. These medical professionals are smart, dedicated, and resourceful teammates; ultimately our friends and lifelines. So, let’s not feel sorry for ourselves as we sit at home watching TV and movies, playing videogames, eating or doing many other activities that our medical heroes can’t readily do. As tough as this situation is for our high school and college seniors (I can see the sadness in their faces and the hurt in their hearts), everyone will have to make sacrifices over the next several months. Please try to move past it. We get to live another day. We get to “get to the other side” when this virus is gone, and we get back to the next chapter in our lives. We are where we are. We cannot go back. We did not choose this path, as we don’t choose many paths of action that happen TO US in life. We do, however, get to choose how we respond; the actions we choose to take.

Therefore, here is what **I would like to suggest** we do here in Tower Lakes:

- 1. Discuss** and resolve at home how we will take care of each other and live as a family during this crisis.
- 2. Work together** with the TL community and our Barrington community at large (I am already seeing this, and it is IMPRESSIVE), to conduct more activities virtually. This was not our choice but let us be creative and learn from the situation at hand. Heck, Tom Hanks adapted and survived in “Castaway.”
- 3. Consider this a Gift--** time at home with family and fewer distractions. This is an opportunity to modify our routine and examine our priorities.

AND Here is a list of opportunities:

- a. Get our personal act together:** Join me. I have stopped traveling on planes, eating big meals, and entertaining. I am eating fewer, smaller meals and limiting “refreshments.” I am setting some new personal goals/challenges. All of us can use this opportunity to focus on improving our health.
- b. Exercise:** I’m super lucky that my gym let me bring home some personal exercise equipment. I will be doing virtual workouts via Zoom. My goal is to try to do at least two activities daily. I know this is not possible for everyone, but that leads me to my next opportunity.

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***All TLIA parks, shorelines, boat landings & lakes are closed to GROUP activities. PLAYGROUNDS are CLOSED to all activity until state of Illinois order is lifted.**

***EXECUTIVE ORDER IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 STATE OF ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 8**

This includes Iversen Park (East Side) Aram Park (West Side) Rose Park (North Lake) and Swings (at Beach)

One of Tower Lakes' Own Signs with NHL

Exciting news in Tower Lakes! One of our own, Connor Mackey just signed a contract with the NHL Calgary Flames that will start next season!

You may know Connor from his life-guarding stint at the TL beach, or from his many hours skating with his brother, dad and friends behind his house. Or maybe you've seen him fishing the shoreline countless hours in the summer. Connor, who moved to TL with his family (dad, Dave a former NHLer himself, mom, Carol and twin brother, Ian) in the summer of 2007.

Both he and Ian played Barrington Red Wings Youth Hockey, moved onto the BHS Broncos team and finished up their senior years playing AAA for Team Illinois.

Connor then was drafted by the Green Bay Gamblers of the USHL (the top US junior hockey league). In his 2nd year with the Gamblers, he was named USHL Defenseman of the Year. From there, he went on to play Division One hockey at Minnesota State University. The team was ranked number two in the country all this year, but sadly The NCAA Hockey Championship Tournament was cancelled due to COVID-19. Connor had the option to sign an NHL contract after last season but chose to return for one more shot with MSU to win a NCAA National Championship and earn his degree.

Connor was once considered one of the highest-rated undrafted college free agents in hockey. He was named to the WCHA First All-Star team this past season, helping the Mavericks to a league-best 31-5-2 record.

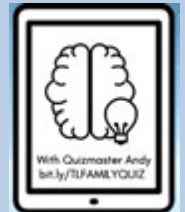
If you see Connor out and about, wish him CONGRATULATIONS!



BEAT THE STAY AT HOME BLUES WITH the Tower Lakes Family Quiz Night hosted by Caroline and Andy Milne.

**Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Next Game: April 1**

Check your email each week for info. on how to join in the fun!

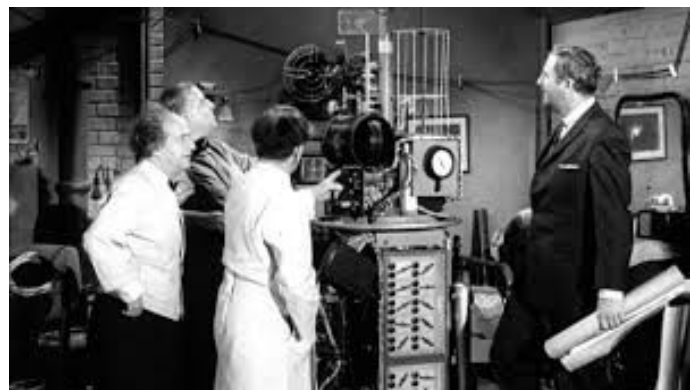


EXTRA! EXTRA! TL PHONE DIRECTORY DELIVERY DELAYED

The 2020 Tower Lakes phone directory is printed and ready to go! Each booklet has been bagged and tagged by our technical team and subjected to bosun rays to cleanse and purify the contents.

However, the decision has been made to delay distribution until the "all clear" klaxon has sounded. If you absolutely need this best seller delivered, please let Member Services know at memberservices@tlia.org and we will get on our delivery bikes and get it to you...Tips optional!

TLIA Member Services



Mark Handley and his crack team preparing the directories for delivery!

TEAM UP to Clean Up

The April Clean Up is cancelled or at least postponed and the Grounds Committee hopes to get out a list of some helpful projects that small groups could do together in May/June...



once the CDC guidelines are relaxed.

*And be sure to watch for eblasts and check www.tlia.org for updates and cancellations.

TLIA Grounds Committee



Leaf Burning Allowed in Village
April 1 - May 31
(9 am - 4pm)
Fires must be constantly attended.



The Illinois State Dept of Forestry says that we can hold our VOTL Arbor Day celebration in the fall and still keep our Tree City designation. A date will be set to correspond to the resident tree purchase program and the TLIA Fall Clean Up. We will celebrate in the fall!



The TLIA board has decided to **extend the deadline for TLIA assessment dues to July 1, 2020.** We hope that this will give some flexibility to any neighbor who is currently being financially affected by the pandemic self-quarantines. However, if you are still able to pay the dues by the original deadline of April 1 we would appreciate it. You may also elect to setup a payment plan from now until July 1.

Please reach out to dues@tlia.org with any questions or to set up a payment plan.



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



Lake Committee Update: What the Phoslock?

submitted by Steve Kruse

With warmer weather coming, and many of us spending hours upon hours looking at the lake, we're taking the opportunity to try something new with parts of our watershed. In addition to the hydrologic study we're embarking on in partnership with the Village and Lake County, and the ongoing treatments in the main lake, we're going to attempt to tackle the challenging algae issues with North Lake.

Over the past few seasons we have seen frequent and widespread algae blooms on North Lake. As the Lake Committee has worked to address this issue, water sample testing indicated higher than normal levels of phosphorous in the water column and sediment that led to these frequent blooms. In partnership with our lake management company, EAM, we will be applying a treatment known as *Phoslock* to North Lake this spring. This treatment will occur in two distributions the first being March 31 and then again in April.

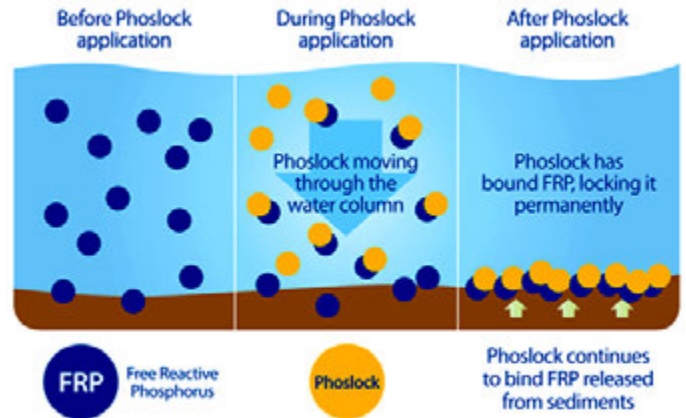
What is Phoslock?

Phoslock is a product designed for phosphate removal from water. Its active component is lanthanum which reacts with phosphate forming an insoluble and biologically inert compound. Its ability to bind phosphate makes it an effective tool in lake management.

Phoslock is usually added to the lake as a slurry. As this sinks through the water column it binds phosphate as it goes. Once settled on the sediment it can continue to bind phosphate released from the sediment, thus controlling one of the major blocks to lake restoration - sediment phosphorus release.

The ability of Phoslock to bind phosphate is important because phosphate is the form of phosphorus which is biologically available and used by plants - especially algae in lakes, to promote growth. Excessive amounts of phosphate entering water courses is one of the main causes of deterioration of water quality in freshwaters today because of the way it drives algal productivity and undesirable changes in the balance of aquatic life. The process is known as eutrophication. The ability to remove biologically available phosphorus in a lake is therefore a major step towards improving water quality.

The Phoslock treatment does not affect fish, will not affect swimming or recreation on North Lake in any way shape or form. Please reach out to Mitch Coulter (hcoult9@gmail.com) or Steve Kruse (jskruse@gmail.com) with any questions or clarifications about the



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c. Get outside: "Be like Chris," my wife. Her strategy is very simple. Get outside and exercise for at least an hour every day. Get some vitamin D. I have seen neighbors out walking and running, including my neighbor, Betsy Brookbank, running with her kids – "Gotta' get out of the house." I think you can do it, too. This is Tower Lakes, after all, so try fishing, biking, working on baseball, softball, lacrosse, and other skill-oriented sports. If you should come across another person or family...It is very simple: 6' apart or try and make it 10'.

Note: As of 3.28.2020 all of our playgrounds are closed to all (See p. 1)

d. Communicate with family, friends, and anyone else you need to reach out to that you have missed over the past months or years. Pick up the phone and call or...

e. Check out available electronic tools and apps. I had an awesome FaceTime chat yesterday with my children in five different locations around the world. I have seen many other group chats occurring. VOTL and TLIA are moving to Zoom (virtual/electronic) meetings. I have also seen some very cool Facebook posts highlighting dance routines, fishing expeditions, basketball shootouts, etc. Ask your kids for help!

f. Do things that you love and had stopped doing due to a lack of time — working on puzzles, singing in the shower, reading, learning, busting on your friends ("gotcha"), researching family genealogy, playing board games, and even doing **stuff you do not love** but now have time for: cleaning out garages, workrooms, utility rooms, pantries, closets, etc.

Friends, let's do what Tower Lakes always does...respond. We step up. Let us all work together with the local and government agencies, but most importantly, with our neighbors, to find ways to live and endure. We want to get to the other side of this ASAP. There will be a brighter day.

For now, we still have our lakes and parks, friends and neighbors, to love and cherish. Let us be like those who went before us and do it, "... because it was the right thing to do." **Let us help our fellow man/woman as we practice social distancing, and live.**

See you around the neighborhood.... #TLallinthistogether

Get a jump on Spring with
CFC's 24rd Annual
Spring Plant Sale



Online ordering
open now through
April 13



Public sale is May 4-5 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Go to springsale.citizensforconservation.org/ for more info and learn how to place your order today!

*And be sure to check their website <https://citizensforconservation.org/> for updates and cancellations

TLIA Tennis/Pickleball Update!

As of right now, we are planning on business as usual as it pertains to tennis/pickleball!

1) **Nets go up on 5/1/20**, weather permitting! Tennis and Pickleball will be available for play on the courts. Drop-in times to be printed in the May TLIA newsletter!



2) **Youth Tennis Lessons** will be provided this summer starting sometime in June - we are waiting for CUSD 220 to advise as to school end date before we start scheduling lessons.

3) **Adult tennis lessons** will be provided for interested parties on Friday and Saturday mornings beginning mid-June. Once again Crystal Lake Racket Club pro, John Sisto, will be our instructor. More details on that to be forthcoming as we get closer to the start date.

4) **Adult Social Round Robin** for both Tennis and Pickleball scheduled for Monday, May 25, Memorial Day. More details on that as we get closer.



Click logo to email questions on Adult Tennis.

Click logo to email



To all my TL neighbors,



THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart. I am constantly humbled by the generosity and kindness of you all. Not only did we get many of the needed supplies to help replenish the pantry, we also received many gift card and cash donations. This will allow us to continue servicing the increasing number of recipients through purchasing fresh food and groceries for those elderly and those who have medical disabilities who should not be going out to the stores at this time. I also want to thank my regular volunteers, the TL group of ladies and gentlemen, who make my job so much easier and more enjoyable. You know who you are and you all are amazing. And thanks again to Mary Lenling for the generous use of her porch!

Tower Lakers, all of you make this community what it is... and make me proud to live here.

We are still accepting items at the Cuba Township Offices, 28000 W Cuba Rd, for the foreseeable future. If you or anyone you know could use some assistance at this time, please, reach out and/or share my information with them and we will help.

Cheers! (And keep on washing those hands),

Bridget Lacson
TL Neighbor and
Cuba Food Pantry Manager
847-381-1924
312-927-2114

thank you!

IN MEMORIAM

CAROL ANN KUSKOWSKI

In the summer of 1989, Carol and Len Kuskowski moved from Long Island, NY to their home in Tower Lakes overlooking East Lake Shore Drive. They did not waste time getting involved in the neighborhood. Len soon began his lengthy servitude in Tower Lakes government and Carol's love of gardening and plants led her to join the TLIA Grounds Beautification Committee, where she met Pat Covek and they quickly became great friends. Carol soon joined Pat, and Ann Magro serving food for the workers at the Grounds Clean-up Days. She also joined the Green Thumbs of Barrington Garden Club and loved to help with the Plant Sale and Christmas Trees annually at the Barrington Library. She also played Bridge with many Tower Lakers over the years.

Carol and Len had 5 children, Barbara, John and LJ with their families still live out east and 2 of them live here in TL: Janet and David Blake (Jackie, Steven and Alex) and Mary and Nino Magro (A.J., Julie and Gina.)

After Len passed in 2006, Carol continued to stay in her home until 2014. She lived a wonderful life in Tower Lakes – even though she would always tell you she was from New York. Carol and her husband, Len, are the kind of people that made Tower Lakes a better place to live.

**APPROVED FEBRUARY
MEETING MINUTES**

CLICK *to read the full minutes*

Mary Magro called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

President's Report

1. Steve is out on business and submitted his apologies for not making this month's meeting
2. **Annual Meeting** – Review and approve Unapproved 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion to approve the 2020 TLIA Annual Meeting Minutes made by Mike Mitchell, Second by Mitch Coulter Ayes 8, Nays 0
3. We encourage committees to meet on a regular basis – as you need to – does not have to be monthly. The work should take place in meetings with reports sent to the board in advance reserving time at the Board Meetings only for questions or requested board input/advice or board questions.
4. Communications Committee – THANK YOU Rob Dunbar and committee leadership for coordinating and soliciting information to finalize the new password-protected site. This will be awesome to get this new site launched. Please help Mark finish all outstanding content so we can go live later this week.
5. It looks like all the committees are very well planned for the year. Please pass all calendar dates through Kristi who is managing the TLIA calendar to avoid activity conflicts.

Committee Reports

6. Financial Committee Report Tom Kuna and Melissa Covek

- a. Expenses (Attached)
 - i. Copies of the January 2020 Financials comparing budget to actuals for income and expenses are attached. Expenses are negligible which is to be expected for the first few months of the new fiscal year.
 - ii. Cash Balances for the three TLIA accounts are attached.
- b. Revenue – As of Friday, we have collected the following:

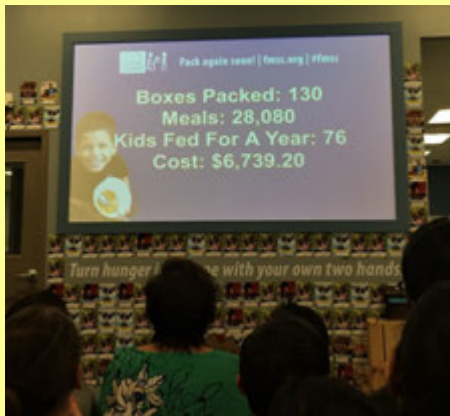
Transaction Type	#	Amount
QuickBooks Payments-Bank	38	(28,720.00)
Check	59	(38,626.00)
Total	97	(67,146.00)

7. Beach – No Report Mary Magro/Andy Milne

8. Communications Mary Kay Bolger

- a. Jan Bahr published, and Caroline Milne sent out the TLIA monthly newsletter electronically and Rob Dunbar posted it on the website around 2/01/20; MK Bolger printed out 5 copies and dropped them off at some homes that do not have access to computers. If anyone requests copies of them, we are asking that they contact MK Bolger directly for a hard copy of the newsletter
- b. Caroline Milne sent out 3 email blasts - 1 for Youth, 1 for Communications, 1 for Dues. Invoices and checks have been forwarded to the correct parties for payment/receipts.
- c. We are working with fellow resident, Rob Dunbar, who is a member of the CC on redesigning our TLIA website. The board and all committees have been able to review the developmental website for a few weeks. We are still looking for every committee to review their pages and provide suggestions and changes. We will communicate to members via email blasts information on the new site. The old site will be down for a short period and then all will be able to access it once it has been "re-launched". We are shooting for a 2/14 date.
- d. The CC had a meeting 1/27 and discussed the above, the TL Neighbors app, our social media presence, advertising on the website and other misc. items.
- e. Advertising is free for services by children in the newsletter (17 and under). *to read full minutes go to TLIA website by clicking above.*

Thanks to all the incredible TL families who made it out for the Second Annual TL Youth Gives Back event at Feed My Starving Children including one TL Youth celebrating her birthday!



"TL families are making a difference in the world!"



"What a great showing of community support and generosity."

TLIA Youth Committee

**Join Coach Mitch this Spring for
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.

Questions? Email youth@tlia.org



And it's free to play

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

April 5/6 CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR INFO ON A VIRTUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!



- *May 9, 16, 30 at 9:30am - Tot Soccer
- *May 30 - Family Campout
- *June 6 at 9:30am - Tot Soccer
- *June 7 - Kindergarten Play Date
- *June 12, 21, 28 - Family Yoga



*watch for eblasts and check www.tlia.org for updates and cancellations.

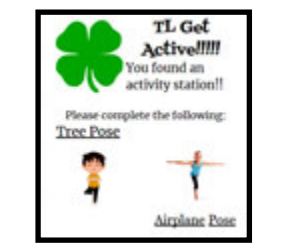


TL GET ACTIVE Catches Fire!

It was Friday, March 13th, and the Aprati Corporation was suddenly thrust into unknown working conditions. The CEO, Jackie, who is used to rule & order, and “managing with an iron fist” suddenly found herself with three new co-workers and quickly multiplying activity levels. What was she to do?

Being the resourceful professional she is, (and having a CFO at the helm who usually denies her budget requests. Hmmm...) she fired up a Google Doc, and “TL Get Active” was born. Thankful for her professional community, the “Tower Lakes Women’s Text Group, LLC,” she was immediately reminded that many other professionals in her area had co-workers with similar needs. The women’s group quickly updated, printed, and spread out around the community to spread the word that somehow, someway, we’d keep our children active.

Being a social media guru has its perks. Once the signs were posted, the Social Media Operator (also Jackie, she wears many hats...) for the Aprati Corporation decided to post on Instagram Stories about this idea. Her friend, Lauren Magiera, a sports reporter for WGN news in Chicago, (also a BHS graduate and former gymnastics teammate of Jackie), thought the idea would resonate with many CEO moms suddenly finding themselves at home, in the same situation. The reporter quickly drove out to Tower Lakes, with a photographer in hand, and interviewed Jackie, Brett, and the three precious Aprati children. The children behaved... well... if you saw the clip, you know ... about what you would expect. The result, however, was a very well edited, lovely piece on how we can all do our part to keep our children active and sane during these trying times.



The CFO is still denying Jackie’s many budget requests for a backyard trampoline, but the CEO always finds ways to move funds around and “make it work.” Stay tuned for that. In

the meantime, the Aprati Corporation wishes you all sanity, health, and great memories during this absolutely interesting time in our lives.

Thank you all for being the amazing, supportive community now and always.

Jackie Aprati CEO & Brett Aprati CFO of THE Aprati Corporation



HONK AND WAVE PARADE BRINGS SMILES TO TOWER LAKES!

The last full week of March is usually Spring Break in Tower Lakes and its surrounding communities, when many families should have been on the beach or hitting the ski slopes. But when plans were squashed by these most unusual of circumstances, Tower Lake’s mom, Elizabeth Kruse, took an idea and ran with it. She contacted other moms in TL and other North Barrington Elementary School families and organized some “Honk and Wave Parade.”

Monday through Friday a group of families in cars paraded through Tower Lakes and surrounding communities, letting the kids see their friends, at a socially acceptable distance, and bringing smiles to the faces of all who watched!



for Daily Herald article



for more photos.



← This idea from Carol Hannagan. I thought it was so clever, maybe the kids could do this with each other, too. Bring your own dry erase marker! xxooxxoo



And your moment of Zen by Anne Gavic

Toilet Paper -- Fun Facts by Professor Mark T.P. Handley

- One ply paper breaks down in a septic system faster
- In an average home, a roll of toilet paper lasts five days
- We use, on average, 57 sheets of paper per day per home
- The average American uses 100 rolls of toilet paper a year, about 21,000 sheets
- It takes 384 trees to make enough toilet paper for one person for their lifetime
- Daily production of toilet paper in the United States is 83 million rolls or 1.66 rolls per person per week
- Two-thirds of the energy used to make toilet paper is from renewable energy
- Toilet paper was first sold in the United States in 1857 -- it was very rough; rolls, invented in England, weren't available until the 1880s
- The first toilet paper rolls were not perforated; dispensers had serrated teeth to cut the roll into sheets
- Toilet paper in colors was introduced in the 1950s; Scott paper discontinued pastel-colored paper in 2004; TP in color is still available for \$18.00 for a six-pack from Renova



“Don’t it always seem to go, that you don’t know what you’ve got ‘til it’s gone.”

-Joni Mitchell
1970