



**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: PLEASE KNOW THAT DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS ALL TLIA SPONSORED ACTIVITIES FOR MAY HAVE BEEN CANCELED OR POSTPONED. JUNE EVENTS ARE STILL IN PLACE BUT SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CONTINUE TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND [WWW.TLIA.ORG](http://WWW.TLIA.ORG) FOR UPDATES. WE HAVE ONCE AGAIN INCLUDED A FEW FEEL GOOD STORIES ABOUT SOME OF OUR CREATIVE AND TALENTED NEIGHBORS AND A THANK YOU TO SOME OF TOWER LAKES' OWN ESSENTIAL WORKERS. ENJOY AND STAY SAFE.**



FROM THIS PERCH  
by Steve Burgoon, TLIA President



Friends, here we are in month two of “Stay at Home,” Illinois style. For sure, this is uncomfortable and unreal for all of us. Tower Lakes is one of the most active communities in the Barrington area but the current Covid situation dictates that we can’t do exactly what we want to do, where we want to do it, or when we want to do it, especially in the commercial and retail environments. Many of our standard activities and decisions are out of our hands. Luckily for us, we have plenty of open spaces (lakes, parks, boat landings, tennis courts) to get outside to stretch our legs and enjoy nature. The Association Board of Directors and Committees have altered, postponed, or canceled every facet of our programming, from how we conduct committee and board meetings, to social distancing plans for all activities. We must follow guidelines from the US Government, State Government, and Lake County Health Department (LCHD).

Governor Pritzker extended to May 30 the “Stay at Home” order, with modifications, that was due to expire April 30. Any change to the now-extended state order will alter TLIA committee plans for activities in June and beyond. The state and local limit on group size and other guidelines will dictate our plans and activities. Once we learn of any further revisions regarding timing and details we will modify committee plans and communicate the same to you. When I was elected TLIA President in January 2019, I shared that the most important concern that I had for the Association was to provide SAFETY -- for our members, our properties and our funds. Please know that the TLIA Board will review and approve all social-distancing plans for all committees. Our decisions will focus on membership/community health as well as protecting our property and financial assets.

Over the past 16 months the Association has worked very hard to expand our collaboration with the Village of Tower Lakes (VOTL) and the Tower Lakes Community Foundation (TLCF). Luckily, neighbors and friends lead these organizations. In the last year, we have completed the following collaborative projects in Tower Lakes:

TLIA Grounds – worked with VOTL and TLIA to complete a 5-year project to install two rain gardens in TLIA parks

TLIA Lake – currently working with VOTL Stormwater team on a Hydrology and Hydraulic Study to understand the massive change in stormwater and water table to determine what mitigation tactics we can deploy knowing the future will include more frequent and larger storms.

-Also worked with VOTL Police and Building and Zoning to approve and place 12 new “No Trespassing” signs near TLIA lakes to protect our fishery and minimize the possibility of uninvited guests.

TLIA Member Services/Board – in March we worked with VOTL Trustee Milne on the Community Response Team (CRT) that has been created and activated to provide support, as requested by individuals (seniors), to assist on any needed tasks during this Covid situation.

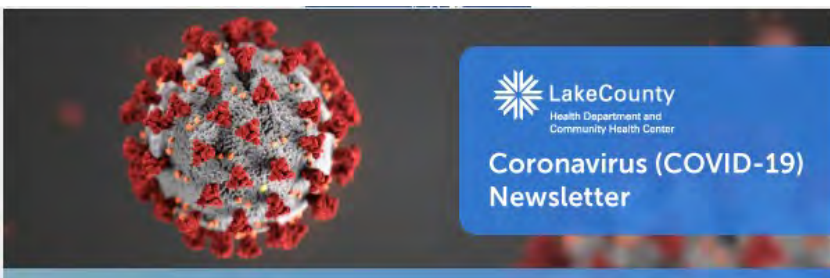
TLIA Beach – worked with VOTL and volunteers on the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot that provided funding for beach umbrellas.

TLIA Grounds/Tennis – we just received approval of funding from VOTL, through a grant from TLCF, for wetland grass plantings to help absorb standing stormwater near the tennis courts and volleyball courts. This should help abate mosquito breeding and help beautify these areas.

TLIA Communications – Over the past two months, TLIA and VOTL Communication committees have been in constant dialogue about timely and necessary information that has or will be disseminated via our many vehicles – VOTL Newsletter, TLIA Newsletter, email blasts and our newly redesigned privatized TLIA.org website.

Never has there been more accomplished so quickly through the collective efforts of TLIA, the VOTL, and TLCF to make Tower Lakes the unique community that we know and love. This is just a simple reminder that during difficult times, Tower Lakers bind together to look out for one another and improve our little piece of “Camelot”.

**See you around the neighborhood. ... Be Safe..... #TLIAInThisTogether**



Sign up to receive updates from  
Lake County Health Department  
and Community Health Center





Tower Lakes Heroes and Helpers during the Covid-19 Pandemic

The Tower Lakes community would like to express our sincere thanks to the many residents who are giving of their time and talents in response to the Covid-19 outbreak.

Health Care Professionals

Jackie Blake Pediatric ICU Nurse  
Barb Koenig Medical Social Worker at GSH  
Judy Wall-Laakso Image Scanner

First Responders

Robert Agnes TL Police Officer  
Javier Alba TL Police Officer  
Dave Berman TL Police Officer  
Josh Marshall TL Police Officer  
Anthony Santos TL Police Officer  
Thomas Lester TL Police Officer  
Anthony Mazzolini TL Police Officer  
Chris Moravec TL Police Officer  
Francis Marrocco TL Police Officer  
Michael Paul TL Police Officer  
Ron Rovner TL Police Officer  
Greg Waiflein TL Police Officer  
Eric Huber TL Police Officer  
Steve Pirtle TL Police Officer  
Mitch Shore TL Police Officer  
Mark Paglini TL Police Officer  
Rich Colasuono TL Police Commander  
Samuel Sinacore TL Chief of Police  
Bruce Peterson Barrington Assistant Fire Chief

Animal Health Care

Steve Barten Veterinarian  
Birgit Riepe Veterinary Staff  
A.J. Magro Animal Shelter Manager in Idaho

Personal Protective Masks

Pati Schaefer Mask Maker  
Carol Rolfs Mask Maker  
Elaine Moffitt Mask Maker  
Fran Steffen Mask Maker  
Jayne Handley Mask Maker  
Barb Spicer Mask Maker  
Ana Denker & Nena Puric Mask Makers  
Mary Lenling Mask Maker  
Chris Burgoon Mask Maker  
Carol Schmidt Mask Maker  
Liz Smith Mask Maker  
Christine Boettcher Mask Maker

Cuba Township Food Pantry

Bridget Lacson Manager  
Mark Leitner Volunteer  
Marilyn Parro Volunteer  
Mary Magro Volunteer

Food Suppliers

Maria Labbate Restaurant Manager

Senior Care

Kathy Pattengale Assisting several TL seniors

*Thank You,  
you are appreciated.*

IF WE MISSED SOMEONE, LET US KNOW.  
TO ADD TO OUR LIST.



**Important INFORMATION**



All TLIA parks, boat landings & lakes are Open but GROUP activities are limited to 10 people or less.  
**See p.10** for Tennis Court guidelines and more recommendations from Lake County Health Dept.  
**PLAYGROUNDS Remain CLOSED to ALL activity**  
This includes Iversen Park (East Side) Aram Park (West Side) Rose Park (North Lake) and Swings (at Beach)

At the April 2020 meeting the Village of Tower Lakes Board voted on an ordinance to **TEMPORARILY PROHIBIT BURNING** in the Village due to COVID-19 health concerns.  
Be a good neighbor and **CEASE BURNING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**





**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH**  **CLICK** *to read full minutes*

Committee Reports

1. Financial Committee Report

- a. Copies of the February 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.
- b. Cash Balances for the three TLIA accounts are attached.
- c. All three bank accounts have been reconciled.

2. Revenue:

- a. Attached is the current outstanding balances, the only changes from last month was a payment from Karen Sobeck of \$100 and the receipt of an outstanding PLA.
- b. We have 13 payment plans for 2020 and all have made their first payments in February.
- c. I've had two more people reach out and ask to be sent paper invoices instead of electronic.

3. Below are the current 2020 dues collections to date:

2020 Dues Activity	# Payments	Dollars
QuickBooks Payments-Bank	55	39,880
Check	78	47,476
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>87,356</b>

4. Beach – No Report

Mary Magro/Andy Milne

5. 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 3/01/20; 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 5 email blasts - 1 for Youth, 3 for Communications, 1 for Events. Invoices and checks have been forwarded to the correct parties for payment/receipts.
- c. The NEW privatized website was launched successfully on 2/14/20! Our members received an email containing their log in information and a temporary password. They then had to reset their password to a permanent one. Our admin had been responding to those members having any difficulty. Below are the numbers for Website Activity:

Since 2/14	Count
Actions	
Downloads	258
Edit Accounts	172
Logins	452
Logout	52
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>934</b>

Call to Order

Mark Handley called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

**President's Report**

Tom Kuna and Melissa Covek

**TLIA Board**

**Next Board Meeting**

**Monday, May 11, 2020**

**Video Conference**

Watch for an Eblast with all the information

*Your Tower Lakes  
Home Town Agent*



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TLIA Youth Committee receives a \$250 donation  
for every home I sell in Tower Lakes

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*To read the full March minutes see the link above*



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](mailto:dues@tlia.org) with any questions or to set up a payment plan.

**TLIA Member Services**

**THE TOWER LAKES PHONE DIRECTORY** will soon be on its way thanks to a phalanx of delivery volunteers in the Village. Each directory, sealed for your protection, will be left on your doorstep or attached to a storm door handle per TLIA/VOTL guidelines. In addition, some residents will also receive Beach Tags and TLIA Rules & Regulations.

We hope you enjoy this addition to your extensive reading library and we look forward to your copious compliments!





**Do you have a  
Middle School, High School  
College Graduate  
you would like to honor?**

**CLICK  
HERE**

to fill in the information  
and then send a photo to  
[communications@tlia.org](mailto:communications@tlia.org)

No later than May 17  
for publication in  
the June newsletter



## News from “the Foundation” aka Tower Lakes Community Foundation (TLCF)

*submitted by Kathleen Leitner, President*

It seems we've been cooped up for weeks (and we HAVE!!) but our social distancing is keeping us safe and healthy, so let's keep doing it! In the meantime, we have all had an opportunity to learn new skills, and the TLCF board is no exception. We held our first Zoom meeting in April, and we conducted some serious business benefiting the community, namely granting Village requests for funding projects, as well as remitting funds on completed projects.

First on the completed projects, we remitted \$9,226.25 finalizing a request for the completed water work grant from 2018. And we belatedly remitted \$5,000.00 against an old grant for work completed years ago—but the final paperwork hadn't been submitted. (I'll own this one: I was Village President at the time, and this was the first grant we applied for—I don't believe the procedures were understood.)

As for new grant requests, TLCF voted to approve one grant request in the amount of \$1,700.00 to be used by the Village in support of a collaborative project between the Village and TLIA in the vicinity of the tennis courts/volleyball area rain garden to plant more native wetland flowers which will help to reduce standing water and non-point source pollutants from entering our stormwater system, thus helping to improve the lake health and water quality. TL's own Mary Kate Solymossy will be creating the design.

The second Village request granted was in the amount of \$2,726.63 to go toward a hydrologic and hydraulic study of the lake and its surrounding area, thereby increasing our understanding of the current status of stormwater drainage and the lake's water table.

These two grants deplete two restricted funds that TLCF has been carrying for years, as well as depleting half of the funds in one other restricted fund, making bookkeeping for our intrepid Treasurer, Jane Cook, much simpler.

Thanks to all of our police officers, fire personnel, healthcare workers, teachers and all other essential workers for keeping things humming while the rest of us endeavor to just STAY HOME!!!



### “To Fish or Not to Fish. That's a Dumb Question!” -Author Unknown



On a blustery April 9th morning, Keystone Hatchery received some assistance stocking the main lake with 2,140 (2-4) bluegills. These young bluegills will again help provide a healthier ecosystem

in our lake by:

- More forage for our bigger gamefish (Largemouth Bass & Northern Pike) so they don't decimate the bluegill population we are still trying to recoup over the past few years from winter kill.



- Provide enough fodder for all our fish species (crappies, perch, panfish, largemouth bass, catfish and Northern Pike) so they are not all competing with each other for food
- To help avoid any excessive cannibalism amongst our Bass & Pike
- Alleviate the Pike from eating our coveted Largemouth Bass population
- Lastly, TL residents, especially our kids, need an abundant bluegill population to enjoy their time fishing in our beloved lakes.

#### REMINDERS:

We as a community, are still practicing/enforcing CATCH & RELEASE with our fish in both lakes.

**EXCEPT FOR CARP** which we kindly ask residents, if they or their children catch any, please double bag them and throw in your garbage cans.

#### All resident fishermen and/or fishing guests must have a TLIA tag on their person.

- PLEASE, no fishing from bridges or Play Island
- Please fish only on TLIA property and refrain from fishing from homeowner shorelines (or what was reflected in Steve's note on the Covid 19 updates)
- Fishermen (and all boaters) under 13 must be wearing a life jacket while on the water, not just have it on the boat. Of course, this is good practice for ALL boaters.
- All Fishermen aged 16 and older must have an Illinois fishing license on their person.
- If you do not have a TL tag or have misplaced yours, see Members Services Note page 4.

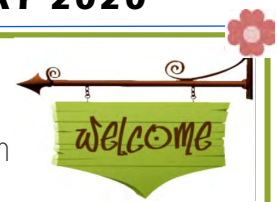
**Unfortunately, we are still experiencing a few trespassers even over the past few weeks, so be on the lookout for non-residents fishing on or around our lake.**

A few quick reminders of what to do if you suspect a trespasser:

- ◇ Call the TL PD non emergency number to report - 847-526-3800
  - The TL PD dispatcher will need a specific location where the officer can visit to find the trespassers
- ◇ Report the call made to Mitch Coulter ( [hcoulter9@gmail.com](mailto:hcoulter9@gmail.com) / 773-844-1953)



**Scott H Sprague and Rachel Arden 661 Leon Drive**



Scott and Rachel are our new neighbors in North Lake! They moved here recently from Des Plaines, looking for a nature-filled community where they might enjoy the beauty and meet great neighbors. Rachel is a Project Manager for CVS Health and Scott is a Journeyman plumber for Quality Plumbing. They have a dog named Brando who has loved his walks around North Lake. Scott and Rachel enjoy the outdoors, hiking, biking, kayaking, boating on the Fox River and travel. They would like to be involved in community events, so welcome them when you see them!

*submitted by MB Adams*

**TOWER LAKES CREATES HIGH TECH WAY TO STAY SOCIAL :  
PUB QUIZ WITHOUT THE PUB ...CONTINUES!**

*contributed by Cass Young*



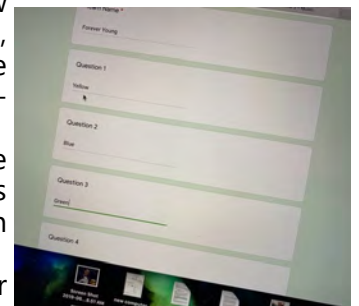
In the midst of social distancing, one very social community has found a unique way to stay social while keeping distant. Tower Lakes is a community located just northwest of Chicago, and during normal times, a very social one. However, with the coronavirus and shelter-in-place requirements, residents Caroline and Andrew Milne, have come up with a unique idea to break the monotony of being quarantined. Each week, they have been hosting an online trivia contest for their community. "We were a part of our Village's 'Social Events Committee' and managed a 'Pub Quiz' event at a local bar for several years. Now that we are homebound, we wanted to find a way to keep the morale up in our neighborhood while having fun at a socially acceptable level," said Caroline. A virtual "Pub Quiz" was the answer.

With the blessing of the Village Board and use of their Cisco Webex account, community residents gather on Wednesday evenings, greeting each other via online video and audio prior to the start of the quiz and before Emcee Andrew begins the festivities. With a hardy "Welcome Tower Lakers!" Andy begins the virtual event. The quiz is an hour in length and entire families participate. It consists of four rounds of ten questions each round. The topics vary from music, general trivia, film/TV, or any other pop culture subject. Participating families choose a colorful team name and fill out a GoogleDoc answer form for email submission after each round.

The online event is gathering momentum and gaining more participation each week. "Last week, we had over 45 households participate, including a former Tower Lakes' couple who now live in Florida," said Andrew. And that's quite a percentage of the local population, given the fact that there are a little more than 300 households in the community. "We are trying to encourage surrounding neighborhoods to work together to create connections during these difficult times," said Andrew.

In between rounds, Caroline receives the answer sheets for grading. To fill the time between rounds, Emcee Andrew plays a variety of music and leads dances encouraging everyone to participate and "move to the music." Both are high school teachers and have strong engagement tactics.

"We look forward to this event each week as a way to stay connected with our neighbors since we can't personally visit. Tower Lakes is a very social place and it's been hard to stay inside. The Milnes are such a fun, creative couple and the community is blessed to have their ingenuity and desire to help in this way," said Randy Young, resident of Tower Lakes and former president of the homeowners' association.



**WATCH FOR EMAILS on Tuesdays or Wednesdays WITH THE INVITATION TO JOIN IN FOR THE WEEKLY WEDNESDAY NIGHT TL FAMILY TRIVIA at 7:00 PM**



## Adult Tennis Lessons

### Subject to change due to the restrictions put upon us due to COVID-19:

- Starting June 19th
- Taught by Crystal Lake Racquet Club Pro—John Sisto, our returning pro for the past 25 years.
- Social - distancing will be observed—Balls will be picked up and handled by the pro.
- Join an existing class, if space is available, or form your own class of 4 of equal abilities.
- Lessons are for one hour on Friday and Saturday mornings.

If you have any questions, please email Pat Covek at [tennis@tlia.org](mailto:tennis@tlia.org)

Courts are reserved for the following:

Monday - Women drop in tennis 5:30 - ?

Wednesday - Men drop in tennis 6:00 - ?

Tuesday/Thursday - Pickle Ball drop in 5:00 - ? Sunday - Men drop in tennis 9:00 AM - ?



## Youth Tennis Lessons

### Subject to change due to the restrictions put upon us due to COVID-19:

- ◇ June 15 through Aug 6
- ◇ Class size will be smaller than in the past
- ◇ Price will be \$90/ kid.
- ◇ Social distancing will be observed once we have a green light to begin
- ◇ Tentative plan is to run lessons as they always have been run.

M/W : K, 2, 4, 6 times tbd

T/TH : 1, 3, 5, 7/8 times tbd

**Covid-19 Backup plan** : we may run two sessions (June 15 - July 2 and July 6 -24) and that will be 3 weeks long and prices will be determined so we cover costs of lessons and supplies for the court.

Any questions? Please contact Bridget Lacson at [youthtennis@tlia.org](mailto:youthtennis@tlia.org)



As of right now, we are discussing **when and if** the Beach will open this year.

The Beach Committee will send an email blast in late May regarding beach hours, swim lessons, swim team, etc. when we have a better understanding on what the Governor and Lake County are doing.

Please, enjoy the lovely flowers and shrubbery that the Grounds Beautification Committee is working so hard on planting and maintaining. Hopefully, it will brighten your day as you are out for stroll.

But as Mama always said,

“Look, but don’t touch!”

*Thank you kindly,*





**THANK YOU** to all the wonderful Tower Lakes families who ventured outside to give a warm welcome to the Easter Bunny! He was delighted to see so many smiling faces as he drove by.

**THANK YOU** masterful "egg hunters" for venturing through the TL neighborhoods to find the Easter egg posters! AND there's one more egg to find...hidden in this newsletter!



**Treasure Hunt Comes to Tower Lakes**

*submitted by Birgit Riepe*



**TOWER LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOLERS**, Addie Brookbank and Annika Riepe, recently created a "Painted Rock Treasure Hunt" for the community.

After collecting and creatively painting ten (10) rocks, the teens hid the beautiful "treasures" in special locations throughout the East Side. They then challenged TLers to "seek and find" the treasured rocks, awarding a prize to the first person to locate all ten.

We're happy to report that Logan and Luke Laumann were the first to complete the hunt! They've been awarded a \$10 Dairy Queen gift card. A second place prize (\$5 Dairy Queen gift card) was given to River Wexler, who worked really hard to find all ten stones.

Congratulations, Laumanns and Wexlers! and **THANKS TO ALL** who joined in the fun!

**Go to page 10 for update!**





### **TLIA Members:**

All TLIA parks, **(excluding playground equipment) lakes, and boat landings** are open. However, group activities of 10 people or more are prohibited.

A decision on opening **the Beach** will be made at a later date.

**The tennis courts** are open as of May 1 and the TLIA Board adopted the following social distancing rules for Tennis and Pickleball during this Covid pandemic.

Signs are posted at the courts with the following **Guidelines for tennis play:**

- All players play at their own risk
- No more than two people per court (unless family)
- Keep 6' Social distance at all times (including the bleachers)
- Do not play if you are ill or have been ill for the past 7 days.
- People waiting must stay 6 feet apart
- Playing time is one hour when others are waiting
- Bring your own water, wipes and/or hand sanitizer
- Non family members play only with tennis balls with their own marking

### **EXTENSION OF STAY AT HOME ORDER:**

Per Governor Pritzker's extension of the Stay at Home order through the end of May, it is important that we continue to maximize social distancing per the Lake County Health Department (LCHD)\*

- ⇒ Stay home
- ⇒ If it is necessary to leave home, limit the number of people from your household who go out for errands.
- ⇒ Keep your time in public places to a minimum.
- ⇒ Maintain a 6 foot distance from other people.
- ⇒ **(Added April 23) Every person over the age of 2 who is medically able must wear a face covering in public places where social distancing is difficult to maintain.**
- ⇒ TLIA Members, when outside (limited) getting fresh air or exercise we suggest you do so only with family members. When on park property, the lake, or village roadways maximize social distancing (make it 10 feet if you want) and wear a face mask.

### **THANK YOU FOR KEEPING TOWER LAKES SAFE**

\* For the full recommendations from LCHD





## Garlic Mustard: Not as Yummy as it Sounds!

**TIME**, it's available now. Need an educational project for your kids or grandkids? Use this time to take out an aggressive invasive plant our geographic area is fighting, garlic mustard. A lot of homeowners have joined forces with BACT and Citizens for Conservation to eliminate this infiltrator from their own properties and in our community. Each garlic mustard plant can produce thousands of seeds which spread easily and can survive in the soil for five years before germinating. They also produce a toxin which can inhibit the growth of most other plants. These traits allow it to easily invade yards and woodlands, displacing native vegetation and your own chosen garden plants. It also has a detrimental effect on our trees.



Garlic mustard is very easy to pull at this stage, the entire root comes out easily with just a slight tug. The plants seeds are very prolific, so do not put the pulled plant in your lawn and leaf bags, you don't want the seeds to return to life via composted lawn waste. Put the plants directly in your garbage to go to a traditional landfill where it will decompose and not spread its seeds.

### TLIA Member Services

#### Abandoned Canoe for Sale

**TLIA** is offering an abandoned canoe for sale:

A 15 foot Coleman RAM X-15.

Some sun fade but in good condition. Price \$80.00. If interested, please contact [memberservices@tlia.org](mailto:memberservices@tlia.org).



## CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS

TLIA Communications Committee



If you've got pictures, we wanna see 'em. TLIA related activities or the beautiful scenery in this place we call home. Check your phones for these hidden gems.

Want us to post your photos to the TLIA Website Photo Gallery, [Click Here!](#)

Be sure to include if you would like your name included for photo for credit.

*No children's names will be used due to privacy.*

VISIT OUR WEBSITE [TLIA.ORG](http://TLIA.ORG) TO SEE OUR PHOTO GALLERY OR JUST



### THE TREASURE HUNT CONTINUES...ON THE WEST SIDE!

This time, Annika and Addie have hidden SEVEN (7) painted rocks on the West Side!

First person to email [riepeb@aol.com](mailto:riepeb@aol.com) with all 7 locations wins a prize...

TLIA Communications Committee

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