



“To the Class of 2020, you certainly didn’t have the graduation ceremony you envisioned and even though there may not be all the pomp because of the circumstance, know that all of Tower Lakes is proud of you.”

~ Oprah Winfrey (paraphrased, of course!)



A Year to Remember!

**And so, in this lovely place
we call home,
TLIA & the Village of Tower Lakes
hopes to lend some closure for our
TL 2020 graduates of high school,
college, and post-graduate studies
and their parents with a
Community Recognition & "Walk"
on Saturday, June 6 ***

How can the Community support and recognize our grads?

With a **Honk and Wave Parade** between 5:45 and 6:15 p.m. that day. As the parade starts at the Soccer Field and moves through Tower Lakes come to your driveway or yard to **cheer on the graduates!**

If you would like to view the 5:00 p.m. ceremony socially-distanced from boats, near Rest Island, that is a great idea, too.

Please, no crowds on any TL property or street.

**Rain date Sunday, June 7*



(See pages 7,8 & 9 for pics and profiles of TL grads)



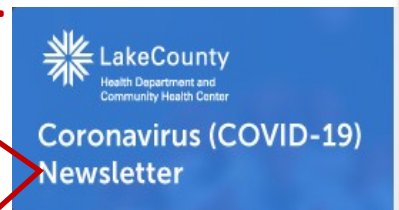
NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: ONCE AGAIN, PLEASE KNOW THAT DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS ALL TLIA SPONSORED ACTIVITIES IN JUNE ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION OR CHANGE. CONTINUE TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND WWW.TLIA.ORG FOR UPDATES.

ALSO: WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR BEACH OPENING DATE AND GUIDELINES.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. AND TO FIND OUT HOW THE NEW (AS OF MAY 29) PHASE 3 OF THE STORE ILLINOIS PLAN WILL AFFECT YOU.

(SEE PAGE 9 FOR TENTATIVE JULY 4TH PLANS.)

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FROM THIS PERCH
by Steve Burgoon, TLIA President

Friends, here we are starting month 4 of a once in a lifetime event... no not the wettest month of May on record, I am talking about this Coronavirus Pandemic. It has been here for three months, and not going away anytime soon. We all know way too much about it, think about it, and live it daily. We have changed, altered, adjusted but also endured and we are ready to move ahead! It saddens us to learn of friends, co-workers and family who have passed away from this virus. We are also grateful for so many people that are putting their lives on the line every day in close contact to people – the nurses, doctors, hospital workers, drivers, grocery workers, and all other workers in “essential” industries. For those now out of work, furloughed, or who have been unable to begin a job since graduating high school or college, we wish you well and hope that you find meaningful employment very soon.

So here it is the beginning of June and everyone wants to know, “Will there be a 4th of July?” Of course, there will be a 4th of July. It happens every year after the 3rd of July. In Tower Lakes, we WILL CELEBRATE our Independence over the Fourth of July weekend. Necessarily, the event schedule will be scaled back, as many traditional events are designed for and draw a crowd. The initial plans assume Stage 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan that limits “gatherings” to 50 people. The plans and final event schedule will be finalized closer to the June 8 TLIA meeting, at which time we hope to know what Stage the state will project to assume on July 4. What we do know is:

- **We WILL have a parade, modified to social distance guidelines; Families-only groups – details to come**
- **We won't have ticket sales and the traditional grill with brats, burgers, etc.**
- **We will employ the services of a food truck(s). This will eliminate multiple people/contact points from ticket sales, cooking and serving.**
- **Spirit Wear will most likely be electronic only and delivered prior to the 4th**
- **Beach activities are TBD depending on state and local beach swimming restrictions**
- **Bands/Music are TBD**
- **We will do everything we can to provide a safe environment for celebration**
- **We will need EVERYONE's help to keep themselves and their neighbors in TL safe over the summer.**

One of the fantastic characteristics of Tower Lakes is that this community is resourceful and can TURN ON A DIME. With our excellent Communications team, the energetic Events Committee and many people that want to be active and volunteer, we will be able to modify activities quickly if we choose. Therefore, we ask you to be patient and look for more details in Mid-June. (See p. 6)???

And finally, see the **TL Graduate Honk and Wave info on p.1** and join the celebration. How the community handles this recognition event will determine our ability to conduct a 4th of July Parade. Please, help us do this the right way. Until then...

See you around the neighborhood...Be Safe...
#TLallinthistogether

2020 DUES

TLIA Board

Reminder

TLIA dues need to be received **IN FULL** no later than **July 1, 2020**. Payments received after July 1, 2020, are **subject to a late fee.***

Two ways to pay:

HIGHLY PREFERRED Electronically:

with a free ACH transfer using the link provided in your invoice email or

Mail your payments to: **TLIA PO Box 405**
Barrington 60011

***A \$100 late fee will be added to all accounts that are past due or have not set up a payment plan as of July 2, 2020**

dues@tlia.org

TLIA Member Services

All Village residents should have received a Tower Lakes phone directory this past month. If you need additional copies, the charge is \$6.00. Signed copies \$2.00 extra. Many thanks to a great volunteer team that made it happen:

Laura Dominiak
Mark Handley
Kevin Middleditch
Nathan Janitz
Mary Beth Adams
M K Bolger
Kevin Powers



In addition, if you are a member of TLIA or a 2020 RFPP participant you would also have received 2020 TLIA Rules & Regulations and two swim tags, if you received tags last year. Need more swim tags for immediate family? Just email memberservices@tlia.org and we'll get them to you.

Do you have a sailboat, skiff, scow, trawler or dug-out canoe on the lake? Then you need a certified, genuine, purple TLIA boat decal. They are also available by contacting the incredibly charming and talented chair of memberservices@tlia.org.



Call to Order

Steve Burgoon called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Approve Meeting Minutes for March: Motion to approve:

Tom Kuna Second: Mark Handley Ayes: 9 Nays: 0

President's Report Steve Burgoon

Discussion regarding WebEx vs. Zoom to conduct virtual conference meetings (see link below for more detail)

<https://www.pcmag.com/news/zoom-meeting-vs-cisco-webex-meetings>

Comments on Covid-19 and how it affects TLIA: Following all Village of Tower Lakes, Lake County and Illinois guidelines

COVID – 19 Changes

1. Everything in the world has changed – work from home; businesses shut down – only essential businesses are open; no live sporting or entertaining events; 6' social distancing in stores that are open

2. TLIA Changes

- Meetings – must be virtual not in person -- effective 13 or 14
 - o Events – cancelled for April – Stay at Home order – not groups (no more than 10 – more restrictive = family only
 - o Grounds – Clean up – April 9
 - o Youth – altered Easter plans – no hunt – Easter

Bunny in a car

- Fishing -- Lake and TLIA shoreline are open for fishing. No fishing on shorelines adjacent to homeowners
- Grounds – Closed Play Equipment on April 3
- Basketball – took balls away at Murray Park

3. April 8 Communication from the Board

TLIA Members: As this pandemic reaches a peak over the next two weeks, it is paramount that we maximize social distancing.

300 people in TLIA --over 40% --are either 65 years of age or older or health-compromised. We need to do all we can to protect our neighbors and friends.

We would like to emphasize the recommendations of the Lake County Health Department (see link provided in the VOTL e-Blast on April 6)

- 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
- Wear a cloth face covering so you don't spread illness to others

TLIA Members, when outside 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 -- six to ten feet apart is recommended -- and wear a facemask.

Everything we can do over the next two weeks to minimize contact or exposure to others will save lives, protect our neighbors, and help us overcome this pandemic. We ask that you please comply with this request, discuss this policy with your children, and ask that they too follow these guidelines.

4. I have been in constant contact with VOTL – Milne and Parro. All communications have been run by VOTL regards social distancing and consistent communication.

To read the complete April 2020 minutes

CLICK on the link above.

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 2020

to read full minutes



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TLIA Board

Next Board Meeting

Monday, June 9, 2020

Video Conference

Watch for an Eblast with all the information

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With the end of school, more people working from home, and just about everyone wanting to be outside, we are seeing and experiencing MANY more non TLIA members trying to fish on the lakes and use the Beach. Sometimes, this is late into the evening at the beach and at times, has become a nuisance.

We ask all TLIA members help out by reinforcing **that all guests must be with a member or have an ID (beach) tag with them to fish or use our Beach.** (see Member Services p. 2) To use the Beach this year you **MUST** have a beach tag with your family/guests, **EVERY** time you attend. Tower Lakes Police Department will be providing courtesy checks at the beach area between 7:00 PM and 9:30 PM and have authority to remove non-members who are not guests from the beach, or if fishing, from any other area. Please, help us keep our Association properties safe this summer.



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.**

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to read full text

Calling All Volunteers Who Like to Get Dirty!

TLIA Grounds will be planting wetland grasses in Bay's Park (by the volleyball court) and the Tennis courts (swampy area to the South). We are looking for TL youth, ages 14 and above. You will learn about native plants, what they do to suck up water and beautify the area, and prevent mosquitoes. You WILL get dirty planting!

Saturday, June 6. Sleep in and show up at 10 AM 'til 1:00 PM

Wear long pants, boots, long or short sleeve shirt (depending on the weather), work gloves and bring a shovel.

We have room for 10 volunteers and TLIA can sign off for Volunteer hours if approved by BHS.

To sign up and/or for more information contact Mike Megleo 847-830-3157 or email Grounds@tlia.org





Tower Lakes Heroes and Helpers during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Just a few more TL community residents to thank, at this time, for their service during this most unusual of times.

STUART TODD-MIDDLEDITCH	Grocery Store worker/Restaurant Cook
ALEXANDRA TODD-MIDDLEDITCH	Assisted Living Care Provider
CAROL SCHARM	Ultrasound Sonographer

Thank you! You are appreciated.

Help our Planning Commission by giving your input towards our comprehensive plan!



Survey open until
July 1st, 2020

www.TowerLakesSurvey.com

TL Youth Committee is hoping to host family yoga on Rest Island this summer. Please sign up early as attendance may be limited to ensure the safety and health of all participants.

When: 4:30pm
Friday June 5, 12, 19, & 26
Where: Rest Island
Who: You!



for available slots ...

And join in the relaxing fun!



"Calling all 2020-21 Kindergartners!"

Calling all families with kiddos who will be kindergartners in August of 2020!

TL Youth Committee hopes to gather these rising kindergartners together this summer so they have even more buddies when school starts.

Please  to provide your contact information so the Youth Committee can be in touch over the summer as plans come together.

In the meantime, if you have questions, email youth@tlia.org



Thanks to all who came out to support our 5th/8th graders during the Honk and Wave Parade!



TLIA Youth Tennis

Join us this season to learn to play tennis, improve play or challenge the KIDS to play their best.

Tennis instructors for the summer are:

~**Barbara Covek** who played for 4 years at BHS and currently plays at UW Stevens Point

~**Kelly Dehnert** who has played tennis 4 years at BHS.

Classes run June 15th thru July 30. Cost per child \$90

To participate each child needs:

- Proper tennis attire
- Non marking court shoes
- Tennis racket
- Water
- Positive attitude

Tentative class schedule:

Mon/ Wed

9:00-9:50 kindergarten and 1st

10:00-10:50 2nd

11:00-11:50 4th

12:00-12:50 6th

Tues/ Thurs

9:00-9:50 3rd

10:00-10:50 5th

11:00-11:50 7th and 8th

12:00-12:50 high school age (potential)

Covid rule changes

- ◇ There will be hand sanitizer at the courts.
- ◇ Must maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times.
- ◇ Kids will not touch or pick up balls.
- ◇ Coaches will use the hoppers and pick up balls while kids have water breaks.
- ◇ Maximum of 8 kids per class.
- ◇ No subbing for different classes.
- ◇ No kids from outside TLIA.
- ◇ Classes will start on the hour and run for 50 min to ensure that there is time for the next class to arrive without exceeding the 10 people at the courts at one time.
- ◇ No rain make ups.

If interested in lessons, send an email to me with your kids' names and the grades going into next year and I will put a roster together.

Checks made payable to **TLIA Youth Tennis** can be brought to the first practice. I will try to accommodate all kids placements. Based on enrollment, we may need to adjust schedule.

Bridget Lacson

youthtennis@tlia.org 312-927-2114

Monday – Women drop-in tennis 5:30

Tuesday/Thursday – Pickleball drop in 5:30

Wednesday – Men drop-in tennis 5:30

Sunday – Men drop-in tennis 9:00 AM

Adult lessons starting Friday-June 12th

There is one opening at 10:00 Saturday morning for lessons which is available for a group of four or less.

If interested please call Pat Covek—847-526-5089



ADULT



TLIA Tennis
Committee

See <https://tlia.org/tennis> for the Covid 19 Tennis Court Guidelines



Graduating from BHS with high honors and wonderful memories is **Heather Gaidjunas**. Some of her best memories are lifeguarding at the TL beach. She is excited to be joining Auburn University's Exploratory Program in the fall. Congratulations, Heather! War Eagle!

Graduating from Minnesota State University with a degree in Business Management **Connor Mackey** is currently pursuing a career in professional hockey.



Madison Miyake is a new graduate of the College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences at Butler University. This program is a prerequisite for the Physician Assistant program at Butler.

Macy Cobb has completed 8th grade at Station Middle School where she was a part of the track team and also plays travel soccer for FCX. She will be attending Barrington High School in the fall.



Emmy Frey leaves Station Middle School for high school. She is devoted to music and is looking forward to continuing her music education.

Station Middle School graduate, **Nathan Galvan** will be attending BHS in the fall. Besides playing ice hockey for the Vernon Hills Ice Dogs, he enjoys roller blading, swimming and being outdoors. His family is proud of the kind person he is and for all of his accomplishments.



Emma Katherine Rose Gray graduated from The King's College in NYC with a BA in Politics, Philosophy & Economics, Magna Cum Laude. She plans on attending the University of London for a MA in Medical Ethics & Law and hopes to pursue a career in bioethics and public policy.



Recent Barrington High School graduate, **Samuel Patrick Hannagan** will be attending the College of Lake County in the fall.



Trevor John Hannagan has graduated from the Webster University Conservatory of Theatre Arts with a BFA in Technical Direction. He cannot wait to head to his job in NYC as soon as possible!



Becca Galovich has completed her years at Barrington High School and will be attending and swimming next year for Grand Valley State University where she will be studying speech pathology. She is very excited to become a Laker!

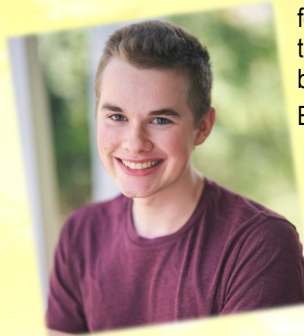


Congratulations to the Class of 2020!



Now that he has graduated from BHS, **John Davey** is off to Tulane University where he will major in Psychology and minor in Business. He has loved growing up in Tower Lakes and serving as a lifeguard for several years. He will miss the music/ theatre community at BHS, but is excited for his next adventure.

Owen Mall attended Prairie Middle School and is looking forward to high school in the fall.



Andrew Messerschmidt graduated from BHS where he was a percussionist for two years in the marching band. He was active in Boy Scouts and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He is a leader of his church youth group and enjoys being a lifeguard in TL. He will be attending Valparaiso University to study Business.

Elizabeth Messerschmidt completed her years at BHS where she sang four years in the choir, performed in three musicals, sang two years with the Madrigal holiday group and performed one year in a cappella group. She was also active on the student newspaper staff and was a Feature's Editor during her senior year. Elizabeth will be heading to Wartburg College where she will double major in German and Journalism/Communications.



Kaitlin Koenig has earned her Masters of Art in Education at Olivet Nazarene University. No small feat as she also completed her second year as an eighth grade teacher and coach at Palombi Middle School in Lake Villa.

Mya Ruiz completed her studies at Barrington High School and will be attending DePaul University in Chicago.



The family of **Connor Vondrak** is very proud of him as he graduates BHS and begins his next adventure. He has lived in Tower Lakes his whole life and looks forward to another great TL summer as a returning Beach lifeguard before heading off to Butler University's Lacy Busi-

Recently graduating from Indiana University-Kelley School of Business with a degree in Finance is **Michael O'Neill**. He will be joining Triple Tree Capital Investments as an analyst in a healthcare investment banking team in NYC. He will begin in Minneapolis in July and will officially move to NYC once it opens up safely.



Kenny Scharm achieved a Masters of Computer Science in a year and a half at Georgia Tech with highest honors.

BHS graduate **CJ Steib** is heading off to either Marquette or Bradley University to study Business/Finance. CJ, we are all so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Annika & Ty.



2020: A Year to Remember!



Patrick Dehnert graduated with a degree in Economics from Indiana University. He plans to stay in the Chicago area to pursue a career in strategic marketing and data analysis. We are all so proud of you, Patrick!

Now that she has finished her years at Barrington High School, **Kelly Dehnert** is off to the University of Iowa in the fall. She will be teaching tennis in Tower Lakes this summer along with lifeguarding on our beach. Kelly, we are so proud of you!



Jordan Pearson is a 2020 graduate of Marian Central Catholic High School and will be pursuing the field of criminal justice.

Eden Merkle graduated with a degree in Environmental Science and a minor in political science. She is headed to Vienna, Austria, in September to receive her Masters in Environmental Policy and complete research on the carbon footprint of food.



Now that **Grace Merkle** has graduated from BHS, she is excited to head off to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, to play soccer on their women's soccer team while studying Environmental Engineering. She had a great time growing up in Tower Lakes, where besides playing guitar, she had plenty of opportunity to hike, play soccer, and do just about anything outdoors.

Congratulations to all of our TL Graduates!

July ★★

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AGAIN, WATCH YOUR EMAIL AND
TLIA.ORG FOR UPDATES.

TLIA Events
Committee

So, our 4th of July will be streamlined this year. The Events Committee is still trying to put together a little something to keep the tradition going, even in these uncertain times.

We are looking at 2 days of events with set-up on the evening of **Thursday, July 2.**

Fishing Derby and a **Hula-Themed Adult Social*** on **Friday, July 3.**

*We plan on having only 50 people on the island, so there will be a sign-up sheet and ticket sales of \$5 per person. Once the 50 spots are filled, we encourage people that want to still watch the coming show to come out on their boats and enjoy the show...at no charge!

Saturday, July 4 plans to start with our traditional but "reinvented" Tower Lakes Family parade and flag raising.

Other activities in the planning stages include a bags tournament, pony rides, sandcastle judging and a food truck with tacos for lunch and pizza for dinner. As for the music, we are still figuring that out at this point.

Watch for eblasts, check the TLIA website/www.tlia.org and the message boards around the Village.

TLIA Communications
Committee

Mary Beth Adams
Rob Dunbar
Caroline Milne

Jan Bahr
Kristi Nash, TLIA Recording Secretary
Kathy Pattengale

Mary Kay Bolger