



*photo by Randy Young*

## **In spite of it all... it was still... a Tower Lakes 4th of July!**

It may not have all of the same bells and whistles as so many previous Independence Day celebrations here in TL, but we still had many of our signature events to keep us entertained, like our social distanced July 4th Parade, music, thanks to Bob Nash and the Guys stepping up after one of Yesterday's News band members suffered a health issue, pony rides, TL Spirit Wear, Sand Castle Contest, Fishing Derbies, with a new added twist of boat fishing, Adult Social (Hawaiian Luau) and Round Robin Tennis Tourney... As well as a few new additions like a Bags Tournament, which drew both a large amount of participants and spectators, Scavenger Hunt, Basketball Shoot Out, Home Run Derby, Food Truck and a Virtual Family Trivia Quiz.

Thanks go out to the many who helped to make this all possible, TLIA President, Steve Burgoon, TL Events Committee Members, Bobby and Melissa Covek, Tuno and Anna Labatte, Jeff Kernohan and Kasia Royce, & Bruce and Roxy Williams. Also lending their time and talents to organize and execute the planned activities, Caroline and Andy Milne, and Rocky and Paula Ermilio, **See page 6 for more coverage and photos.**

### TLIA Events Committee

**Mark your Calendars  
for 3 more  
socially distanced concerts  
and a new style  
newcomers welcome!**



- ✓ August 9 2:00 - 4:00pm in the Gazebo ~ Tony Mandolini and Brad Merkle
- ✓ September 4 6:00 -7:30pm at the Soccer Fields ~ Pat McKillen
- ✓ September 5 12:00 - 3:00pm **Regional New Residents' Welcome Picnic\***
- ✓ September 6 7:00 -9:00pm on Rest Island ~ The Harry Peter Project

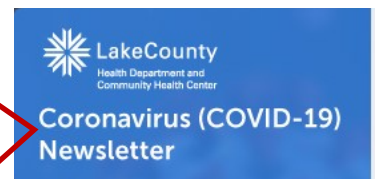
\* 4 regional gatherings to welcome New Residents on East Side, West Side, North Lake and South Hills with a roaming ice cream truck! More info to follow!

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:** PLEASE KNOW THAT DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS ALL TLIA SPONSORED ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION OR CHANGE.

CONTINUE TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND [WWW.TLIA.ORG](http://WWW.TLIA.ORG) FOR UPDATES.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.

TO FIND A LIST OF NEARBY FREE TESTING SITES.





**FROM THIS PERCH**  
by Steve Burgoon, TLIA President



**Friends**, here we are in the middle of 2020 which has proven to be quite the rollercoaster ride. It has not been easy and it has been stressful for everyone. I would like to report that all of this will get easier, but I think all of us know it will not get easier until we have vaccines and deploy them. I am not writing this to create political controversy or debate what actions leaders have taken. My only concern is to work with our TLIA board and committees to provide services and activities commensurate with expectations and to do so safely during this pandemic. To that end, I have heard from many people that were very pleased with our modified 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. We proved that we can deliver a socially distant weekend with those who choose to cooperate. Our Events Committee and other volunteers did a great job organizing a few outdoor activities that were designed to keep people spread out, not under a tent, and avoid 300 people in a crowded area. The parade was awesome!! We had our Tower Lakes Police Department and color guard lead the parade followed by the Wauconda Fire Department to add some color and horns. We enjoyed 15 entries which included "The Last Hurrah" from the Bellis family: a beautiful, patriotic eagle that is still sitting magnificently on their front lawn. Thank you to Events, Tennis Committees, our great Beach staff, and the VOTL Police Department for a solid weekend.

The following are Committee updates here at mid-year. Our Association is in GREAT shape notwithstanding the pandemic.

**FINANCE Committee** – While we delayed the final dues submission date to July 1, as of that date, we had collected 90% of outstanding member invoices. Spending is in line with the budget. The Finance Committee will provide further updates at our August meeting.

**EVENTS Committee** – Due to the pandemic, this committee has been hamstrung and unable to plan anything inside. The Murder Mystery was postponed in March, as was the Progressive Dinner and any chance at a Cubs baseball game. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend was muted on purpose with minimal financial expense. The Committee is working on possible outdoor Labor Day activities and a few more music events on the lake or parks for the first-ever "Tower Lakes Summer Concert Series."

**BEACH Committee** – The new piers were installed in the swimming area on July 16 and 17 and the 20-plus year-old piers were removed. New ropes and ladders will be installed in the last few weeks of July. Due to the Coronavirus, the beach has a 100-person limit with space separating two 50-person sides of Play Island. I have seen and strongly encourage everyone to spread out and get AT LEAST 6' of space between you and your neighbors at the beach.

**YOUTH Committee** – These busy beavers continue to arrange social distant activities for Kindergarten Round Up, and the Annual Campout and Movie Night. "Food Truck Fridays" are now a way for that committee to provide some revenue for their events.

**GROUNDS Committee** – This team is settling in and beginning to check off projects identified on the Long Range Plan. North Lake Boat Landing has been trimmed for expanded access and wetland plants have been added to wet areas by the volleyball courts and tennis courts. Other projects are in the works over the summer.

**LAKE Committee** – While more challenging in July and August, as always, the lake has never looked better in as many areas as it has this year.

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**TLIA Communications Committee**

**UP DATE**  
by Mary Kay Bolger

**Have you taken the time to look at your TL Directory App lately? Here are some features you may not know about!**

**Andy's List** is filled with recommendations that TL resident, Andy Milne started about 10 years ago. It contains numerous vendors/suppliers/contractors, etc. that are all TLIA members used and approved. It can be found under Handy Numbers on the cell phone app and has recently been added to the private side of TLIA.org under the Documents tab. It has been cleared of outdated info and new recommendations have been added over the last few months. Because it is a Google doc it can be edited by any member. When adding a vendor, please list your name and date so that we can see if it is a recent recommendation. On the other end of the spectrum, a recommendation can also be removed if they are no longer in business.

**Push Notifications:** The TL Directory app also offers "Urgent Alerts." In the past this has focused on Beach closings and Mosquito Applications but can be used for any pressing info that needs to be dispersed to our members. You can sign up in the following manner. In the following video Caroline Milne explains how to implement the notifications on an iPhone and the Android instructions are very similar.



**iContact List:** The Communications Committee is also in the process of cleaning up our iContact list. This is the email data base that contains all the email addresses that receive our eblasts., including the Newsletter. Numerous people have moved out of TL, changed their email addresses, or requested to be removed. To save on administrative costs and to protect our members' privacy, we will be removing those email addresses of people that are not Members in Good Standing. So make sure you pay your TLIA dues so you can always know what's happening in your neighborhood!!!

**Next TLIA Board Meeting via ZOOM**  
**Monday, August 10, 2020 @ 7:00 pm**  
To request a link

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**June 2020**

*to read full minutes*

**CLICK**

**Call to Order**

Steve Burgoon called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.  
Approve Meeting Minutes for May: Motion to approve: Tom Kuna Second: Mary Magro Ayes: 9 Nays: 0

**President's Report**

**Steve Burgoon**

**Graduation Ceremony**

Great event for all the graduates and thank you to all that assisted and participated.

**Coronavirus Statement June 7, 2020**

TLIA Members, we are now in Stage 3 of the "Restore Illinois" program announced by Governor Pritzker in late May. This pandemic has changed much about our regular/daily activities. However, it cannot and will not change our spirit and love of Tower Lakes, this place we call home. As we embark on our very active summer, let us do all we can to be respectful and caring for those most vulnerable to the Coronavirus – Seniors over the age of 65 and those with various medical conditions/complications.

This is what the Lake County Health Department (LCHD) tells us on May 29:

**Lake County Enters Phase 3 of Restore Illinois Plan**

As part of the Northeast region, Lake County entered Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois plan today. Governor J.B. Pritzker announced he is signing a new executive order to reflect these changes while extending the state of emergency for another 30 days. The new 'Community Recovery Order' continues with previously outlined guidelines:

- limiting gatherings to groups of 10 people or less,
- requiring face coverings in public when 6' social distancing is not possible,
- reopening many businesses with precautions to keep residents safe.

Based on the guidance above, please see the steps that the TLIA Board supports and ASKS you to take to protect our neighbors:

- TLIA board meetings and any committee meetings will be conducted virtually (phone or electronic means). Group meetings are not allowed.
- All TLIA parks, lakes, and tennis courts are opened but limited to groups of no more than 10 people.
- Use of Playground equipment is prohibited.
- Fishing is allowed ONLY on TLIA property/parks. DO NOT fish on the shoreline of any homeowner property. Please respect our neighbors during this time. No fishing on Play Island or any of the bridges.
- Events sponsored by any TLIA committee will have social-distancing measures.

Any individual who is uncomfortable with outdoor activities and gatherings is encouraged to stay home to protect themselves from Coronavirus. Tower Lakers, we are the community that knows how to band together.. We will work together – Socially Distanced – to help our friends and neighbors. When we continue to modify activities with everyone's health in mind.

**Trespassing**

**Committee Reports**

**Financial Committee Report Tom Kuna and Melissa Covek**

a. Expenses:

- Copies of the May 2020 Financials comparing budget to actuals for income and expenses are attached. Dues income is about \$25,000 less than the same period as last year. This is a result of TLIA's decision to push back the payment deadline due to the economic and financial hardship caused by the Coronavirus.
- Major expenses for Grounds Maintenance and Lake are within budget to date. Other expenses are negligible which is to be expected for the five months of the new fiscal year.

**To read entire June minutes, see red box above.**



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**Wagner Park Raingarden: What a difference a year makes!** *by Andy Hay*

Just twelve months ago, we were celebrating the grand opening of the second Tower Lakes raingarden at Wagner Park (aka East Boat Landing). If you have not checked it out recently, please do so, the change is simply stunning. In late spring it started filling out, and even with the heavy rains, the plants were thriving. The first blooms were the Iris but they did not stay long and then, the banks all around the garden burst into bloom with a wonderful display of Black Eyed Susan.

This eye catching display had the effect of hiding what was actually growing fast inside the garden proper, but in August, as the Black Eyed Susan die away, the true beauty of the many native plants in the garden is showing through. The pictures below were all taken during the last week of July. Please take the time to walk past the garden and check out the beautiful native plants in bloom right now, as well as the amazing array of pollinators.



The display is amazing right now as you can see. For any keen gardeners or environmentalists, or if you just want a bit of fun, please have fun identifying all of the images and feel free to email me your answers, no prizes, just the satisfaction of checking your knowledge. Best regards. Email [andy@andyhay7.com](mailto:andy@andyhay7.com) cell 847 736 9640

**Silt Team Update**

*submitted by Rich Bahr*



On a hot and humid Saturday, July 18, a small but hearty group of Tower Lakes' volunteers headed over to the breezeless, forested area off of Kelsey to open the tops of the final two (2) bags of silt removed from the lake! We can now schedule the removal of the silt fences, runoff tarps and silt curtains from the three drainage troughs and then schedule a landscaper to move earth and replant mounds to clear the Kelsey Road path to help complete the loop around the lake.

Thanks to **Tom Kubala, Mitch Coulter, Andy Hay, Mike Megleo, John Kruse, Colin Regan and Rich Bahr.** A very special thanks to **Shauna Megleo** for the "hop-py" refreshments that saved this sweaty and exhausted work crew.

# Family CAMPOUT

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 12th  
at BARSUMAN PARK  
(no rain date)**

Join us anytime after 5:00 pm for a fun,  
family evening under the stars!  
Sleep in your tent, or simply join  
friends & neighbors around the campfire  
in the evening!

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

**We Provide:**

- S'mores
- Firepits
- Movie

**You Bring:**

- Tent
- Flashlights
- Sleeping bags
- FUN!!!

**New to Family Camp Out?**

1. Feel free to set up your tent anytime on Saturday 9/12
2. Bring anything extra to eat, drink, or cook over the campfire, if you desire.
3. For those that sleep over, we will have donuts in the morning!
4. Port-a-Potty available, too!
5. Don't forget your flashlights, bug spray, headlamps and any other activities of your choosing!

**Another Successful ...**

**First Kindergarten Meetup!**

A great group of incoming kindergartners met up at Aram Park in July.



Future friends, for sure!



There will be one more meetup before these kids start their kindergarten year.

- \* **Sunday, August 23 at 10:00 a.m.**
- \* **Iverson Park (East Side)**

**For questions on this or anything else on the page contact Youth Committee by clicking below.**

**CELEBRATE** the end of another amazing Tower Lakes summer with a **Back to School Bash!!**



**FUN OUTDOOR ADVENTURES** will be held  
**August 23, 2020**  
3-5pm



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**WE DID IT!** Tower Lakes continued with our annual tradition – a spectacular 4th of July parade featuring kids, bikes, cars and floats. With every activity being challenged due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Tower Lakes conducted a safe, socially distance parade. As usual, our Tower Lakes Police Department and Color Guard lead the parade with Scouts of America in assistance. Our good friends from the Wauconda Fire Department provided the “Big Rigs” and noise from their fire trucks. Mike and Renee DeLapp followed – their 40th parade in a row – in their military jeep. The parade entrants did a GREAT job social distancing and wearing masks and the parade viewers watched from lawns and village cross streets. The entire entourage ended at the Soccer Field rather than crowding onto the usual



Rest Island, and spread out across the field and the shaded roadsides as it was a HOT and SWELTERING morning. The TLPD Color Guard raised the flag as TL’s own Patrick McKillen sang our National Anthem. It was a solemn and memorable solo rendition preceded by Pat’s call out for solidarity and support for “members of our country who don’t always share in the same equal rights and treatment that this country was fundamentally built upon, and meant to be provided to each of its sons and daughters ...some of which I have the privilege to perform with each week.” Lucy Vraniak followed with a loud and proud recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the ceremony, Village of Tower Lakes President, Dave Parro thanked the many TL residents who have helped during this pandemic to assist those in need – doctors, nurses, emergency personnel, TL Community Response Team, mask makers, and others. Kathleen Leitner then gave remarks about the grants from the Tower Lakes Community Foundation to Village projects to help enhance facilities. Lastly, Steve Burgoon, TLIA president, thanked outgoing TLIA board members, Kevin Middleditch, Fran Steffen and John Yancey for their many contributions to the Association, including their 20 years of combined service.

**PARADE PARTICIPANTS** braved the hot and humid weather and were all in their own



individual categories so they all receive BLUE RIBBONS!!! Thank you to past TLIA Presidents, Lee Johnson, Mark Shircel, Susie Dehnert, Andy Hay and Randy Young, who along with their spouses were our parade judges this year. Great job!

**CONGRATULATIONS** and thank you for all the fantastic support along the route and at the ceremony.



| CATEGORY                | ENTRANT  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Stroller General        | Georgie Covek  |
| Bike Patriotic          | John Henry Luminiello  |
| Dog Patriotic           | Lucy Vraniak, Dog Brinkley   |
| Dog General             | Ashtyn Olsen   |
| Go Kart Patriotic       | Hugh Davis   |
| Powered Vehicle General | Oliver Gray, Harrison and Jack Milne; John Deere Tractor & Wagon- keeping TL looking good! |
| Powered Vehicle         | Charles Eldredge; Snapper garden tractor   |
| Single Child Patriotic  | Danielle DeLapp-Marks  |
| Multi-Child Patriotic   | Coulter Kids   |
| Multi-Child General     | Harassing Kids   |
| Single Family Patriotic | Saunders Crew - USA, TL, and TP!   |
| Single Family General   | Carlos Randolph Family *And Carlos was also a winner for BEST MASK!                        |
| Car General             | Dave Parro, VOTL President   |
| Float Patriotic         | Bellis Family; The Last Hurrah!  |

See more photos by Randy Young on p. 9



THE BATTLE

# The Sand Castle Contest



WAR



TOWER LAKES BEACH



CASTLE RUINS



“Team Spirit ruled the day, making everyone a winner!”

~ Jen Gray, Sand Castle Judge

## FISHING

**Winners of the Fishing Tournament were:**

Largest Pike: 9 lbs. Bryan Galovich  
Largest Bass: 3.5 lbs. Luke Pearson  
Largest Crappie: 1 lb. Gabe Galovich



## Fishing Derby Winners:

**First Place**

**Second Place**

**Third Place**



Peter Butler



Click the fish above for a video from Jeff Kernohan with some highlights of the July 4th festivities.



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Our maintenance provider has done a wonderful job determining the appropriate treatments in each of eight different lake regions. In addition, a smaller long-range planning group is researching best management practices (BMPs) to complete the current 5-year lake assessment and plan for the next 5 or 10-year proposal that would begin in January 2022.

**COMMUNICATIONS Committee** – This important support group has been working feverishly on their many tactics – Newsletter, E-Blast, Website, and Sign Boards. The Committees above cannot be successful without the diligent and creative effort of the Communications Team. During the pandemic, this team has worked overtime in collaboration with the VOTL Communications committee so that each team leads communication where appropriate and minimize cross posting. The Communications team is utilizing the TLYahoo group as a secondary source of electronic communication to minimize e-blasts but maximize the message. The privatized website – [tlia.org](http://tlia.org) – was launched on 2/14/20 – THANK YOU, Rob Dunbar for all you did and continue to do to make our website easy to use!

THANK YOU to all committee leads and members. There are in excess of 35 people on the groups list above. **WELL DONE**

**Lastly**, I would be remiss if I did not provide some thoughts on how TLIA and our 360 member families and RFPP members (11 as of this writing) can work together to get through this unexpected pandemic which will continue to affect our lives for another 12 to 18 months (I hope I am wrong).

Educate yourself and understand as much as you can about the Coronavirus and Pandemic.

Rely on the information sources (Lake County Health Department, CDC, etc.) that VOTL and TLIA are publishing.

All the information/recommendations are guidance. It is up to all of us to DO THE RIGHT THING for our families and neighbors. Please consider the following:

When outside, wear a face covering in public spaces and certainly any time you are closer than 6' from non-family members. Science/research indicates that this is THE single-most effect way to minimize spread of the virus.

When in groups, keep them small -- many small groups spaced out – Beach, Volleyball, Fishing, Tennis, Bags, etc.

EVEN when with closest friends PLEASE keep 6' social distance if you are not going to wear a mask. We all want to be active outside but this deterrence is unsuccessful if we put our guard down just because the person next to you is a friend.

If you become ill and suspect you have anything close to Coronavirus symptoms, please contact your doctor first then take their advice on next steps. They may suggest a test and if positive, Lake County Health Department will begin Contact Tracing to identify those in contact with you to potentially implement the 14-Day quarantine that is mandated.

Folks many of us have had the virus or suspect to have had the virus because of a positive antibody test. More people WILL get the virus and I suspect a lot more people have had it, but not tested. We ask you to think about our actions and how they may affect other friends and neighbors. Be a good neighbor – Wear a mask, wash your hands, stay 6' apart and minimize large group activities.

See you around the neighborhood. .... #TLallinthisogether



⇒ **Swim Meet : August 12**      ⇒ **Last Day of Swim Lessons: August 13**

⇒ **Last Day of Weekday Beach Open: Tuesday, August 18**

⇒ **Weather Permitting- Beach Open Weekends of August 22-23, 29-30, Labor Day Weekend: September 5, 6, & 7**

⇒ **PLEASE, REMEMBER:**

**NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED ON THE BEACH OR ANY ISLANDS AT ANY TIME**  
**NO FISHING FROM THE BEACH AT ANY TIME**



**Save the Date!**

**MEN'S DOUBLES TOURNAMENT**

Saturday, September 12th - 9 a.m.

Rain date September 19th



Cool T-shirts &  
Prizes



Click above with questions

Additional details  
to follow

## Tennis and Pickle Ball Round Robin Tournament



Open to all levels and genders-  
**Monday, September 7 at 1:00pm until completed**

Tennis Balls will be provided as well as  
single serve drinks and snacks.

**No need to sign up ...just show up!**

We will adhere to the State of Illinois  
Social Distancing Guidelines. <https://tlia.org/>

**TLIA Tennis  
Committee**

Click above with questions

### Austin and Katie Sherwindt 302 Devonshire

The Sherwindt Family is in a new home in our village, but Katie McKillen is familiar with our town since she grew up in Tower Lakes. Austin and Katie moved here recently from the Ukrainian Village neighborhood in Chicago. They met while living abroad in Armenia when they were serving in the Peace Corps and now both work in the field of health care. They have an 18-month-old daughter named Amesley. The family loves to explore the village, travel, boat and play tennis. We are all thrilled to have them living back in our community.



### Jean-Philippe and Flore Kayl 597 Leon Drive

Welcome the Kayl Family to Tower Lakes! They moved here recently from the Lake View neighborhood in Chicago. JP is originally from Metz, France and Flore is from Paris. They met in Dubai and lived there with their twin sons before moving to Illinois. JP is the Global Vice President for Intertek in Arlington Heights. Their sons, Alexis and Gabriel are 8-years-old and will be attending third grade at North Barrington School in the fall. They are all very active and enjoy biking, soccer, swimming, boating, long walks, reading and cooking. Be sure to say hello when you see them!

### Mike Albright and Carly Hepler 203 Roberts Road

Mike and Carly have enjoyed living here for the past few months after moving here from Lake Villa. Mike is originally from Arlington Heights and Carly moved to Chicago from Arizona. Mike is an army veteran and Carly works designing and contracting furniture for commercial buildings. They are anxiously awaiting the birth of their first baby in November. They love the outdoors for boating, fishing, and playing basketball and tennis. Carly has already gotten into the Tower Lakes spirit by contacting people to volunteer in our community!!



**TLIA Communications  
Committee**

Mary Beth Adams  
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Caroline Milne

Jan Bahr  
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