



## OCTOBER is my favorite color!

### Celebrate Nature at Barsumian Park!

One of the most beautiful parks in Tower Lakes is turning 50 on October 17, 2020.

Barsumian Park, located on the west side of the Village, is named after Nazareth Barsumian. He purchased the land that we now all live on around 1926 when he saw the potential for this bucolic lakeside area to become a residential community. His design for Tower Lakes incorporated a love of nature and an enthusiasm for outdoor life which we all enjoy to this day.



The park was dedicated to him on October 17, 1970. You will see the inscription on the memorial rock at the park which reads:

*“Nazareth Barsumian Memorial Park.*

*For the enjoyment of all who love nature’s beauty and serenity.”*



Today, the park is an arboretum, filled with beautiful specimen trees, shrubs and flowers. It is designed to be a restive space for all to enjoy the calm that nature offers.

Many volunteers over the years have worked to maintain Nazareth’s dream for this park and all of the parks and natural areas in Tower Lakes.

Take a walk over and enjoy the history and the beauty of Barsumian Park!



Submitted by The Stewards of Barsumian Park, Mary Beth Adams and Gordon Iversen

The Village of Tower Lakes uses the **Black Board Connect-CTY** service, a village-to-resident notification system, sometimes referred to as Reverse 911. With this service, police and Village leaders can send voice messages to residents and businesses within minutes with information about severe storm warnings, boil orders, road closures or any other time-sensitive information. The **Connect-CTY** service is used to supplement other communication plans and augment public safety/first responder services.

Please, contact the village by phone (847-526-0488) or email ([village@towerlakes-il.gov](mailto:village@towerlakes-il.gov)) to add your contact information to this service if you are not already receiving notifications.

Thank you, Chief Sinacore Tower Lakes Police Department



**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: PLEASE KNOW THAT DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS ALL TLIA SPONSORED ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER ARE SUBJECT TO 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,  
I am reminded every day of the beautiful community that we call home. Tower Lakes has beautiful physical properties – lakes, parks, boat landings, playing fields and facilities. Most of the work to create or maintain this beauty is from volunteer efforts at our spring and fall clean ups, and from the coordination efforts and small projects led by our Grounds, Grounds Beautification, and Lake Committee leaders and committee members. Unfortunately, we had to cancel this spring’s clean-up due to Covid-19. We have MANY small projects to complete on October 3, our next Grounds Clean Up Day.

TLIA has a significant number of new members who may not have had many opportunities the last few years to get involved in the community. We have welcomed over 70 new members in the last three years. We all know it takes time and effort to move into a new home, get children and other family members settled in their surroundings, etc. Getting acclimated takes some time. For those that can, now is a “Call to Action”.

The Association needs more volunteers. Basically, it’s been the same people doing the bulk of the Association’s work over the past 10 years. We have some new blood, but we need more. Now is the time for TLIA members who have not helped in the past to step up and volunteer their energy and expertise to our membership. If you are now ready to give back to TLIA, please advise a board member or let the Nominations Committee know. Mary Beth Adams is the committee leader.\*  
*(\*SEE Volunteer Search article on this page to contact her.)*

At the very least, please help us out at Lake/Grounds clean up, and if you’re able, let us know where you can lend your expertise.

See ya’ round the neighborhood #tliallinhistogether

As of September 1, the outstanding debt to TLIA by property owners is \$8,819. The names on the Collections report are reviewed monthly, and a **Reminder to all:** Those that are still on that report (without an approved payment plan) will have the addresses reported to the community in the December TLIA newsletter.

For info on a payment plan

**Click Here** → [Dues@tlia.org](mailto:Dues@tlia.org)



**OCTOBER 2020**

TLIA Grounds  
Committee

**TEAM UP to Clean Up**



**FALL**  
**Clean Up**  
Meet at Beach Parking Lot  
**8:00 a.m.**

Lunch to follow at noon for volunteers.

See link below to rsvp to [grounds@tlia.org](mailto:grounds@tlia.org)

Bring personal eye protection, work gloves, as well as a face mask as...  
**WE WILL BE OBSERVING BEST PRACTICES FOR COVID-19 PREVENTION**

**Also needed:** Shovels, metal rakes, clippers, hand saws, chain saws, wheelbarrows, and possibly, a small tractor with trailer would be helpful.



The Village has arranged for Cuba Township to pick up brush and branches the week of October 19. **AND ...at the last Board meeting, VOTL modified the No Yard Waste Burning ordinance to follow Lake County recommendations to allow burning Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday dawn ‘til dusk**

The TLIA Board needs your help in filling the following positions open for election at the Annual Meeting in January 2021.



- **President**
- **Recording Secretary**
- **Treasurer**
- **Two (2) Members-at-Large**

If you are interested in any of these positions, or have questions pertaining to their duties and requirements, please contact:

Mary Beth Adams at

[adams277@comcast.net](mailto:adams277@comcast.net)

no later than **October 15, 2020.**

**Thank you for your consideration,**

The Volunteer TLIA Nominations Committee

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**AUGUST**

*to read full minutes*



**Call to Order**

Steve Burgoon called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.  
Approve Meeting Minutes for July: Motion to approve: Mike Mitchell  
Second: Mary Magro Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

**President's Report**

**Steve Burgoon**

Covid 19 has affected Tower Lakes with several active positive tests;  
Lake County has been contacted

Beach was closed as of 8/8

Many activities have been postponed or cancelled

Working closely with TL Village representatives

**Committee Reports**

**Financial Committee Report**

**Tom Kuna and Melissa Covek**

- a. Expenses:
  - i. Copies of the July 2020 Financials comparing budget to actuals for income and expenses are attached for your review. Dues Income through July YTD is 94% of the budgeted dues income for the year.
  - ii. All expense categories are under budget through July YTD. We still have ongoing expenses for beach, grounds, lake, insurance, etc., that continue to be incurred but are expected to be under budget for the 2020 year.
  - iii. Cash Balances for the three TLIA accounts have been reconciled and are attached.
  - iii. Check from the Village was received for planting project
  - iv. Income for youth tennis and swim lessons were deposited for July
  - v. Hoping to get updates from our Legal representatives regarding the property we have taken Legal action on

**Beach**

**Mary Magro**

- a. We had a busy 4<sup>th</sup> of July at the beach. The lifeguards did a great job keeping the beach clean and safe. After the 4<sup>th</sup>, Mark Handley and Don Sidowski installed new security flood lights and cameras on the guard house – but not before someone tried to break into the guard house and damaged the door frame. Don reinforced the frame and fixed the glitch in the lock.
- b. Midway through July, the new piers were installed by Five Star Boats. It took them a few days, but they took out the old piers and hauled them away. The new piers look great and are higher than the old piers, but we were able to use the old ladders. We priced putting a bumper around the piers but decided to wait until next year. In September, we will be pulling out the swim area ropes and marking buoys so we can preserve the buoys for more years to come.
- c. Although we planned on closing the beach August 18, we abruptly closed the beach on Saturday, August 8 due to lifeguards going on vacation, college, and injuries. We will be offering the lifeguards that are still here a chance to clean up the guard house and the beach over the next few weeks.

**Communications**

**Mary Kay Bolger**

- a. Jan Bahr published and sent out the TLIA monthly news letter electronically and Rob Dunbar posted it on the website around 8/01/20; MK Bolger printed out 7 copies and dropped them off...

*To read the entire minutes see CLICK at top of page*

**TLIA Board Meeting**  
via ZOOM

**Monday, October 12, 2020**  
at 7:00 pm

To request a link ...

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

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After I moved to Tower Lakes in 1988 BK (Before Kids) I used to run (well, jog) around the neighborhood, including through Kelsey Woods (the area between South Drive and the east end of the Main Lake), along the shoreline then back up to Gateway Drive. It was great to run or walk through that beautiful natural wood. I know many long-time members have used that path until of late, as it is currently overgrown and splintered with fallen trees.

Over the years, the TLIA membership surveys have indicated a need to ensure that we support and promote walking around our beautiful community. Jack Johnson and the PARC Committee surfaced this initiative in 2010. The most recent survey in 2017, thanks to Randall Cross, provided significant support for this initiative and the need for better access from South Hills to the “East Side” with its Association amenities i.e. tennis, beach, volleyball, soccer field, etc. Never has there been a more appropriate time, with so many people at home, and yet wanting to get out and about in the community, for us to reinvigorate and firmly define “Walk TL”. It is time we crystallize the movement and act. And with so many of us unable to travel, we have more time for volunteer labor to tackle parts of the “Walk TL” project.

Many of the components of the small grounds projects in this initiative are already identified in the TLIA Long Range Plan (LRP), researched and established in 2019 by the LRP committee, under the leadership of Mark Handley. Among these mini projects are:

- clearing the pathway in Kelsey Woods
- clearing the lakefront access along the East Side of the lake (currently one must walk on private property)
- installing modest signage and appropriate barriers
- improving the pathways to the dam and such

Ideally, we will establish and publish a list of routes available on the website and in other communication medium, with distances throughout the entire Village, and include the Village’s Tower Lakes Nature Preserve in County Club Estates, and a pathway along the Fen.

Folks, I am thrilled to formalize and announce, “Walk TL” Let’s get going and get walking! See ya’ around the Neighborhood,

*Steve Burgoon*

President, Tower Lakes Improvement Association

**Election Day Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

Early Voting begins Oct. 19;

Concludes Nov. 1, 2020

M - F (8:30 am - 7:00 pm) Sat, Sun (9:00 am - 5:00 pm)

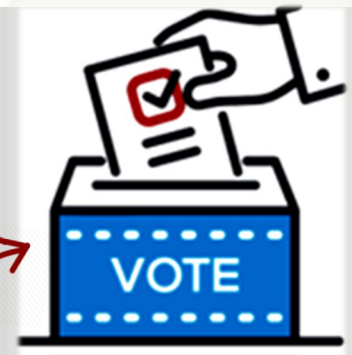
Lake Barrington Village Hall

23860 N. Old Barrington Road

Lake Barrington

**Requested a Mail In Ballot? CLICK the Blue Ballot Box**

for a list of postage-free drop boxes for mailing ballots.



For answers to questions you may have regarding voting in Lake County **CLICK Here**



## Calling All Tower Lakes Musicians, Artists, Mixologists, & Chefs!

The Tower Lakes Events Committee is looking to you as we fill up rosters for our new online series... **"TL in the HOUSE!"**

We are actively producing segments... **in the houses** of neighborhood talent, ranging from performances of cover songs to cocktail mixing lessons to our very own, world premier, Tower Lakes rap cover showing off the *skills* of rappers across our community.

We are also featuring segments introducing new folks that have moved in during this time of social distancing.

If you would like to submit a segment introducing you and your family to the neighborhood please, feel free to reach out.



The plan is to have this Virtual Variety Show hosted on Zoom once a month and at the time of publication, **we are just days away from finalizing the first episode.**

We are hoping to fill future segments with things like **cooking demos, local restaurant reviews, comedy skits, event announcements, fishing/kayaking equipment reviews/stories** and, of course...**"music, music, music,"** as much as possible, but are wide open to other segment ideas.

If you would like to see your talents shared across the community please, reach out to us at the events email; [events@tlia.org](mailto:events@tlia.org) or **CLICK the little man with the megaphone, and give us the following info:**

- \* **your name**
- \* **what you'd like to do for your segment**
- \* **if you need our assistance in recording or producing your segment**
- \* **include any other questions you may have**



We have the ability to record both video and audio performances with professional equipment or you can simply submit a cell phone video of your talent for the show. (I will selfishly push for having us get involved, as we are having a blast working with everyone and putting together some great music videos and new neighbor intro packages.)

First episode invites should be coming in an email blast in the next few days and we hope to *see* everyone there! It is going to be a fantastic show, wrapping up a summer of cancelled events and gatherings, that we hope everyone enjoys!  
*submitted by Jeff Kernohan*



## One Day Men's Doubles Tennis Event a Big Hit!

On a beautiful end of summer day, Mark Leitner and doubles' partner, Joe Mehringer, made an exciting comeback from a deep deficit to beat out 7 other teams and win the Annual Tower Lakes' Men's Doubles Tennis Tournament. Dave Mackey and Brad Merkle placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in a day of friendly competition.



Kudos also go out to co-organizers of the event, Bob Nash and Judd Lautenschlager, who are seen here on the right presenting the trophies to Mark and Joe! Way to go, boys!



The TENNIS/PICKLEBALL courts will close on November 1 for the season.

They will be power washed during the break and open again in April 2021.

Thank you for a wonderful season during these challenging times!

See you next year!



## Halloween Costume Parade



Bring on those Halloween masks and costumes and join the Tower Lakes Costume Parade!

Line up at East Lake Shore Drive and East Tower Road starting at 2:30pm on Halloween.

(Please keep groups socially distanced in lineup - just like 4th of July.)

Parade kicks off at 3pm and will head down East Lake Shore Drive and up Melrose to the soccer field. Spread out when the parade is over!

## PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Let's carve those pumpkins!!!

Submit pictures of your creativity and masterful works of pumpkin art for a TL Pumpkin Carving Contest.

Email pictures to [youth@tlia.org](mailto:youth@tlia.org) by 10/31. Winners will be announced



## Design Competition for Turkey Trot Shirts!

KIDS! Do you want your artwork to be on the shirts for the 2020 TL Turkey Trot?!

Send in your ideas to [youth@tlia.org](mailto:youth@tlia.org) by Sunday, October 11th

Designs must be no more than 2 colors and include:

1. Tower Lakes or TL 2020
2. Turkey Trot
3. Your awesome design

Competition open to all 18 years and under

AND....

**Save the Date** for the **TL Turkey Trot**

**9:00 am on Thanksgiving Day**

Keep an eye out for registration information and a link to purchase TL 2020 Turkey Trot shirts, designed by one of our own TL kids!



ALL OF THE ABOVE  
BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

TLIA Youth  
Committee

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Committee

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