

## MEET THE 2021 TLIA BOARD CANDIDATES



### Mary Magro for President

I moved to Tower Lakes 32 years ago with my parents and since then have married the boy across the street, have three beautiful children and live in North Lake.

I have been involved with Tower Lakes for the past 16 years (Social committee, Tennis Courts, TLIA Treasurer, Grounds Beautification, Beach Committee as well as volunteering at many activities in TL). I currently am serving on the TLIA board as Vice President and am running for President because of my knowledge of the history of TL. I would like to continue to give back to the community that helped me raise my family to become happy, well-rounded young adults.

Tower Lakes is a beautiful place to live and I would like to help keep it that way - finding new ways to enhance our neighborhood while keeping it safe.



### Kristi Nash for Recording Secretary

My name is Kristi Nash and my husband, Bob, and I have lived in Tower Lakes for 16 years on North Lake. We have a family of four grown children with 7 beautiful grandchildren.

I served on the Social Committee for two terms and have been Recording Secretary for the last two years. I have an MBA from Lake Forest Graduate School of Management with an undergraduate degree in Business from Indiana University. I am currently working at Takeda Pharmaceuticals as a Program Manager in IT.

I enjoy hiking, kayaking, and power walking around the whole of Tower Lakes and am looking forward to the completion of the WALK TL project.



### Mary Kay Bolger for Treasurer

My husband, Tom, and I moved to Tower Lakes with our three children over 19 years ago. Tom had first moved here when his family relocated here from Michigan in 1968.

Since 2001, I have been on the TLIA Events Committee for two years, serving as its treasurer, the Youth Tennis Chairperson for five years, also as it's treasurer, the Beach Committee for three years, the Tennis Committee for a year and most recently have been the Communications Committee Chairperson for the past two years.

In the past I held numerous volunteer positions in my children's schools, sport teams and in my community and I am currently volunteering as a Bereavement Minister at St. Anne Catholic Church in Barrington.

I graduated from Western Illinois University with a degree in Communications and have worked professionally in the Customer Service world for over 10 years, gaining experience in Excel, Word and Power Point.

I truly feel that TL is the best place to raise a family and I want to continue to give back to the community that has provided so much to my family over the years.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**January 17, 2020**

**TLIA**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

More info to follow

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**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: PLEASE KNOW THAT DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS ALL TLIA SPONSORED ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CONTINUE TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND [WWW.TLIA.ORG](http://WWW.TLIA.ORG) FOR UPDATES.**

**READ & SIGN UP FOR THE LATEST INFO FROM LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. (ALSO SEE P. 7 OF THIS NEWSLETTER)**

**CLICK HERE** 





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



Here we are moving into month ten of Covid-19. There have been disruptions in most every part of our lives and we have made many significant changes in our routines in order to adapt. **HOWEVER, we still have so much for which to be thankful.**

TLIA is almost complete with our calendar and fiscal year. At last count, we have 78 – **SEVENTY-EIGHT** volunteer residents for official Board and Committee positions! That is incredible support for a community of volunteers. In one of our BEST showings in recent years, our Grounds Clean Up Day in early October brought out over 50 **VOLUNTEERS** to work on general clean up at boat landings, a major repair of equipment in Iversen Park, and improvements in the volleyball/tennis area. **THANKS** to all of you who make time to be actively involved in our community, continuing TLIA's long history of volunteerism. It is amazing what we do as a community...Specifically: **THANKS to the Board** for their guidance and leadership of the Association during this crazy year.

**THANKS to the Grounds Beautification Committee** for making our Association gardens and Village entrances look colorful and fresh. Never looked better.

**THANKS to our Beach Committee and Lifeguards** for providing a wonderful and safe environment for our kids (and kid-like adults) to swim and sunbathe in a most challenging year.

**THANKS to our Grounds Committee** for ensuring our parks and boat landings are cut and in safe working order. They have a long list of projects over the next few years.

**THANKS to our Youth Committee** for being creative and patient creating and hosting fun, safe activities for the children in our community.

**THANKS to our Lake Committee** for working on multiple projects and issues at the same time to improve the water quality of our lakes. The shoreline erosion project looks stellar!

**THANKS to our Finance Committee** for protecting our financial assets and supporting all our committees.

**THANKS to Events Committee** for planning an Independence weekend during a Pandemic when other communities did not.

**THANKS to our Tennis Committee** for organizing tennis and pickle ball activities and keeping the courts and grounds in great condition. Tennis looks to be BACK!

**THANKS to our Long Range Planning Committee** for developing a comprehensive and compelling 10-year plan to maintain, improve, and bring current our physical assets.

**THANKS to our Communications Committee** for incredible patience, and flexibility this year in getting out the word in support of the Board and all the Committees.

**THANKS to our Nominations Committee** for providing a solid list of candidates for our 2021 election and an ongoing list for the future.

**THANKS to our friends on the VOTL and TLCF Boards** for their volunteerism, time and effort for collaboratively working TOGETHER, to make Tower lakes the best place to live and raise a family.

**With sincere THANKS to all of TL...** Please follow the simple guidance to keep our friends and neighbors safe – WEAR a Mask, WASH your hands, and WATCH your distance... In addition, enjoy (keeping your friends and family safe) this season of thanks and **be thankful to live in this wonderful community.**

**MEET THE CANDIDATES**

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**Mike Meyer for Member-at -Large**

My wife, Sarah, and I along with our two daughters, Quinn and Amelia, moved to Tower Lakes in May of 2019.



We were searching for an area with great families and a strong community feel. We were familiar with Tower Lakes and knew it would be the perfect place for our family.

After moving in, we dove right into attending all the activities and community events Tower Lakes offers. Tower Lakes has been great to my family in the short amount of time we have lived here. I feel it is important to give back to a community that provides so much for their residents

**Colin Regan for Member-at-Large**



My wife, Amy, and I moved to Tower Lakes in January of 2016 with our son, Declan, after discovering this wonderful, resort-like community one day on a bike ride. I promptly came home and declared that our next home would be in Tower Lakes. Amy humored me, since she grew up in the

Barrington area and already knew about all TL had to offer our family. In September 2017 we added another member to the family, Brigid. Brigid and Declan love the TL lifestyle and they spend most of the warm months swimming in the lake, kayaking, fishing and exploring.

I was quickly recruited by Nick Adams to join the Lake Committee and have served as a member ever since. As a member of the Lake Committee, I have strived to ensure that our greatest asset, the lake, can be enjoyed by all whether that's swimming, boating, fishing, or a combination. I've assisted in the negotiation of our most recent service contract with TL's current lake maintenance provider and look forward to continuing to help preserve and enhance our community's greatest asset.

**TLIA Board Meeting**  
via ZOOM

**Monday, November 9, 2020**  
at 7:00 pm

To request  
a link ...



**TLIA Board**



**APPROVED SEPTEMBER  
MEETING MINUTES**



**Guests:** Lisa Vraniak, Lee Johnson, Kathleen Leitner  
**Call to Order**  
Steve Burgoon called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approve Meeting Minutes for August: Motion to approve: Mitch Coulter  
Second: Mark Handley Ayes: 9 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  
Walk TL published regarding paths and instructions for walking around the lakes and paths for doing so more easily that are part of the TLIA common properties



**Committee Reports**

**1. Financial Committee Report**

**Tom Kuna and Melissa Covek**

- a. Expenses:
  - i. Copies of the August 2020 Financials comparing budget to actuals for income and expenses are attached for your review.
  - ii. All expense categories are under budget through August YTD. We still have ongoing expenses for grounds, tree removal, lake, insurance, etc., that continue to be incurred but are expected to be under budget for the 2020 year. Please note that the current lawn maintenance invoice was received after the close of the August financials.
  - iii. Cash Balances for the three TLIA accounts have been reconciled and are attached. \$20,800.00 was moved in August from the Silt account to reimburse the main checking account for the first 50% deposit paid to Shore Werks for the shoreline stabilization project.
  - iv. An updated Capital Account transaction summary is attached for the period from June 30, 2017 through August 31, 2020.
- b. Revenue:
  - i. 7 members not in good standing and TLIA needs to pursue legal resolutions

**2. Beach**

**Mary Magro**

- a. Taking down swim lines in August
- b. Shore Werks is going to wrap the island with stabilization rocks and will require planning for future design/upgrade of the island

**3. Communications**

**Mary Kay Bolger**

- a. Jan Bahr published and sent out the TLIA monthly newsletter electronically and Rob Dunbar posted it on the website around 8/01/20; MK Bolger printed out 7 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 and Jan Bahr sent out 11 email blasts -3 for the Board, 6 for Beach, 1 for Grounds, and 1 for Tennis.
- c. MB Adams posted some friendly reminder posters around TL about Social Distancing during our Covid time.
- d. The team is still in the process of updating the icontact list which provides the emails for eblasts. Please note, all the email addresses of non-members and members not in good standing have been unsubscribed to save money and protect our privacy. Our next step is to reach out to residents that are not in the icontact data base to see if they want to receive eblasts.

**To read the entire September minutes see [CLICK HERE above](#)**

*Your Tower Lakes  
Home Town Agent*



**Serving the Tower Lakes  
Area since 1993!**

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

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the free RE/MAX Home Finder App



RE/MAX of Barrington  
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## The Shoreline Remediation Project *submitted by Steve Kruse*

The Shoreline Erosion Control Project is almost complete! We would like to thank you all for your patience. Our shoreline around Play Island and south of the Play Island bridge to the boat landing have experienced severe erosion over the last couple of decades and we believed it was time to step in and halt the erosion from intermittent high lake levels due to recent years of 40%-50% more rain and higher lake levels. The project was a coordination between the Grounds, Lake and Silt Committees, with the funds coming from the Lake Silt Assessment.

The plan consisted of three objectives:

1. **Stop erosion** along the shoreline.
2. **Fix the path** from the bridge to the decking to remove the old geo webbing that had come up through the ground and was a nuisance to walk on and replace the grass path by extending the red path from the parking lot all the way to the walkway by the boat landing.
3. **Shore up the walkway** by the boat landing that was squirting water through as you traversed.

We sloped the shoreline gently laying a foundation of non-woven fabric for the boulders, which we sourced from Wisconsin, maintaining a natural look. The decking by the boat landing was lifted and placed atop recycled, synthetic, cross support to be lifted off the wet land, creating a dry path to traverse. The red sand/stone was delivered and is waiting to be placed down to complete the pathway, which will now extend from the parking lot all the way to the walkway past Play Island.

The results, we believe, have been fantastic! Not only have we arrested the erosion from further taking our lake shore in those areas, but the Island and pathway look "finished" while maintaining a natural look. I would like to thank all the members of Grounds, Lake and Silt for putting this project together and executing. I hope that the community enjoys the new upgrades and they can rest comfortably knowing that we are in fact on top of keeping our shorelines beautiful and intact for the next generation.



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



### Burning Rules Change:

On September 25 the Village Board passed a modification to the temporary ban on burning of leaves and yard waste which was put in place last spring in response to the pandemic peak. **Burning of leaves and branches is now permitted on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between sunrise & sunset.** This will be more consistent with the recently loosened restrictions announced by the County for unincorporated areas and will be in effect **until Dec. 31** or further notice. Recreational bonfires **no larger than 3'x3'** used for cooking, warming or recreation and which do not use leaves, grass or other smokey fuel, are still allowed as before.





**Fall 2020 Clean Up Day** *submitted by Mike Meglea*

I want to thank everyone that came out and volunteered on Clean Up Day this year. It was very impressive to see so many people get their hands dirty and give their time. We were able to get a lot done in a handful of hours.

Initiatives completed:

- Cleared logs from several of the TLIA properties.
- Cleaned Wagner Park for installation of boat racks in the future.
- Installed new posts for the swings at Iverson park.
- Prepped area near tennis courts for spring plantings and shored up the fences protecting work previously completed.
- Removed old volleyball court uprights and prepared area for new system in spring.

AND I would also like to thank Pat Covek and team for the wonderful lunch. It was well deserved for all the hard work.



**TEAM UP to Clean Up**



**TOWER LAKES NATURE PRESERVE DEDICATED**

Did you know that we have a Nature Preserve with a modest hiking trail right here in Tower Lakes? Well, members of the Tower Lakes Village Board, some local officials and a group of community residents gathered on the morning of Saturday, October 17 in Country Club Estates to dedicate the **Tower Lakes Nature Preserve**.



In 2012 Cuba Township, Citizens for Conservation (CFC) and the Barrington Area Conservation Trust (BACT) joined Tower Lakes to purchase the 15.5 acre property formerly known as Barclay Woods, to protect it from development and restore it to its natural state. This was mostly with thanks to Tower Laker, Karen Yancey, who was Executive Director of the BACT at the time and the then Village of Tower Lakes (VOTL) president and current CFC president, Kathleen Leitner.

Current VOTL Board member,

Rick Steffen has been the Village steward for a few years now, and has supervised the majority of clean up, and restoration of the site, which has included overseeing 2 Eagle Scout projects, as well as coordinating Clean Up days. In fact, work has begun on removing the invasive buckthorn and a Volunteer Work Day is being planned for this winter to help with this effort. Details will be announced once a date is determined. The Village has also donated several young oak trees planted by long-time Tower Lakes volunteer, Tom Spicer.

So, grab your hiking shoes, and a friend or 2, or the family and head on over to the Tower Lakes Nature Preserve. Be sure to keep an eagle eye out for wildlife, including deer and some hawks overhead. Entrance is located off the Pebble Creek Rd.



*Left to right: Bryan Croll: BACT President, Mike Kainz: Kainz Family Foundation/Cuba Township Supervisor, Susan Lenz: ACT co-exec director, Kathleen Leitner: CFC Exec Director, Dave Parra: President VOTL Board and Rick Steffen: VOTL Board Member (photos by MB Adams & Patty Barten)*



## Tower Lakes 7TH ANNUAL Family Friendly Turkey Trot 2020

**Thanksgiving Day- November 26 9:00 am** STARTING AT VILLAGE HALL

Cost \$15 per adult, kids under 16...trot for free!

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

Volunteers are needed throughout the route.



to see the course and the volunteer opportunities.



to volunteer.



**Watch your email with information on registration and ordering Tower Lake Kid designed t-shirts COMING SOON!**



## TLIA GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION

### November is a Time for Giving...

The TLIA Grounds Beautification Committee is once again collecting donations for **Home of the Sparrow (HOS)**. **Home of the Sparrow** is a private, non-profit organization that provides women and their children a safe living environment as well as housing for those without a home. Last year was a huge success—we helped so many families, as well as fulfilling many items on the HOS wish list.

This year, we are sponsoring two (2) women and two (2) families that need our help.

Please, use the Sign-up Genius link to browse the needs of these women and families, as well as the wish list.

We will collect these **NEW, UNWRAPPED** donations at the home of

**Mary Magro, 230 Tomahawk Lane, North Lake until Wednesday, November 18.**

This will give the moms time to complete the shopping for their children.

Click Here  
to go to  
the Giving Tree List



Michael & Maggie Stasiowski  
206 E. Tower Drive



The Stasiowski Family moved here recently from Bensenville. They were searching for a community that had nature all around and were delighted when they found Tower Lakes. Maggie is a pharmacist in Lake Zurich and Michael is in marketing. They have a 10-year-old daughter named Kamila who loves to play outside with their dog, Jack. The family has traveled the world and will be settling into our community. They are hoping to meet new neighbors on their many walks with Jack.

## TLIA Communications Committee

Just a reminder that the Message Boards placed throughout the Village are maintained by TLIA. While we are happy to have residents, young & old, post information there, we just ask that you contact [communications@tlia.org](mailto:communications@tlia.org) so we can keep track of what is posted. Also please, include a connection to Tower Lakes with a current date on the notice. Thanks



## Tower Lakes Youth Save Boats From Shredder, Certain Demise

Matt & Brian Breen, Huey Davis and Luke Losinski teamed up on Clean-up Day to remove watercraft slated for destruction. Led by team captains Don Sidlowski and Mark Handley, these "champions of triremes" socially distanced while simultaneously lifting canoes and kayaks and fearlessly carrying them over long distances to waiting vehicles.

In all, 21 boats, canoes, kayaks and something-else-which-couldn't-be-identified-but-floats were removed from TLIA landings by these mask-wearing heroes. Apparently, some residents never got the news that **their** boats needed to be removed from the lake by October 1. We'll certainly try harder next year to let them know that boats **must be removed** from TLIA landings every year by October 1.



*Breen Brothers pause before the big lift.*



*Another canoe saved from certain destruction by Luke Losinski and Huey Davis.*

### That means YOU boat #1763!

"I was a little disappointed" noted Mark Handley, "that we didn't get to use the Acme Shredder. We got a free upgrade to the Acme 6000 thanks to bonus points. That baby can turn an ocean liner into a three foot cube in minutes." Handley continued, "Hopefully next year we'll get a chance to feed something in there and listen to that delightful crunch."



*The USS Klaxon after meeting the Acme 6000 head on.*



## Mobile COVID-19 Testing Offered in Lake County

**Lake County, Ill.** — The Lake County Health Department is announcing that free Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) testing is coming to Deerfield, Highwood, Libertyville, and Round Lake over the next month. A mobile testing unit managed by the Illinois Department of Public Health will be stationed in the county according to the following schedule:

Saturday, 10/31, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
**Libertyville High School**  
708 W. Park Ave., Libertyville

Sunday, 11/1, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
**Deerfield High School**  
1959 Waukegan Rd., Deerfield

Wednesday, 11/11, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
**WALK UP ONLY TEST SITE**  
**Highwood Public Library**  
102 Highwood Ave., Highwood

Saturday, 11/21, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
**Round Lake High School**  
800 High School Dr., Round Lake

Saturday, 11/7, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
**Round Lake High School**  
800 High School Dr., Round Lake

Wednesday, 11/25, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
**WALK UP ONLY TEST SITE**  
**Highwood Public Library**  
102 Highwood Ave., Highwood

**Know Before You Go:** Testing is free and open to all regardless of symptoms. A phone number and name are required in order to receive testing results. Photo identification and proof of insurance are helpful, but not required. High demand for testing may result in long wait times. Testing locations may close early due to inclement weather or if daily testing supplies are exhausted.

Those utilizing drive-thru testing must be seated at a functioning window. Once you get in line at the site, you will not be permitted to exit your car. All sites will also accommodate walk-up individuals. Testing at the Highwood Public Library is walk-up only. Only viral testing is provided at the mobile testing site.



**Mary Beth Adams**  
**Janice Dunbar**  
**Caroline Milne**

**Jan Bahr**  
**Kristi Nash, TLIA Recording Secretary**  
**Kathy Pattengale**

**Mary Kay Bolger (Chairperson)**  
**Marty Thompson**

**Rob Dunbar**  
**Christina Miles**