

“It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas...” - Meredith Wilson

Calling all residents to spread the Holiday cheer by decorating their houses like never before! **There will be a parade through the neighborhood on the evening of 12/13 so that all can enjoy...**

And treats at the end as well as a mailbox so the kids can leave their letters for Santa!

We are checking to see if Santa Claus can make an appearance that night!

If you would like your house to be on the route, please email your address to youth@tlia.org. no later than December 10



TLIA Youth Committee



A Virtual Photo with Santa

Santa may make an appearance in Tower Lakes this year but we won't be able to sit on Santa's lap so he can stay healthy for his Christmas Eve flight. HOWEVER, our TL Santa photographer, AnnMarie Gilmore has offered a virtual option to capture your kiddo(s) with Santa.

- Snap a photo of your child in front of a white (or other light colored) wall.
- Holiday clothes or pjs are great for this photo op
- If using the photo for a paper Xmas card, best to use a digital camera. If for online use only, phone or digital camera would work
- Try your best to take a clear and crisp photo for best results.
- Send photos to annamarie.gilmore@gmail.com or text it to 708-602-1770 include your name and contact info with your photo **BY DECEMBER 12**



Visit the **TL Reindeer Farm**

Join Santa and his pals from 3:30 pm - 8:00 pm
(under the light after dusk)
everyday until Christmas starting
Friday, November 27
and even snap a photo or 2



TL Reindeer Farm is located in North Lake just south of and adjacent to 595 Leon Drive and brought to you by



See more Holiday Info on p. 7

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 FOR UPDATES.

READ & SIGN UP FOR THE LATEST INFO FROM LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.

CLICK HERE



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Newsletter



FROM THIS PERCH

by Steve Burgoon, TLIA President



Neighbors, I wish I could be ecstatic to be exiting the year 2020, assumption being that I am thrilled to get into the New Year. However, that is not the case as this pandemic has taken a terrible turn for the worse, as predicted. I am sure you are reading and becoming informed about the virus and mitigation via the myriad of news articles warning of many more thousands of Americans who will die from this virus.

Unfortunately, 2021 will be a challenging year, but one with an end of the virus in sight. Please, do all you can to protect yourself, your family and friends. Refer to the links we continue to send, especially the informative pages from Lake County. (see pg.1) Note that we have scaled back all year-end events to avoid crowd-gathering activities.

Change is coming to the Tower Lakes Improvement Association (TLIA). I will be stepping down as the TLIA President in January. My good friend and compatriot the last ten years, Mary Magro, will take the reins and she has a stellar group of leaders joining her on the board and committees. Mary will welcome the new board members (voted upon at the Annual Meeting) and announce the new Committee Chair people at the February TLIA meeting. Please, plan to attend the 2021 TLIA Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 17. The meeting will be conducted virtually. The highlights will include a Review of 2020 activities, a plan for 2021, elections, and presentation of the 2021 budget.

One particular area of change will be the Communications Committee. Mary Kay Bolger will step off as Chairperson of the committee and move into the role of TLIA Treasurer. MK's experience and knowledge of the community, as well as the Association will be invaluable to the board. She will relinquish the leadership of the Communications Committee to a current team that is adding three fresh new faces to the team. Moving forward, I am told the team will make some modifications to the communications platforms while still providing the necessary information to TLIA members. The team will continue to collaborate with VOTL on critical communication efforts.

As a reminder to older residents, and news to our many newer TLIA members, be advised that TLIA is the largest HOA in the village, responsible for our private lakes and grounds (green space) and activities. **Think of TLIA as a private Park District.** The Village of Tower Lakes (VOTL) handles typical municipal items like roads, utilities, public health, stormwater, building and zoning, etc. If you have questions on these various duties or services please find information and contacts on the two websites, www.tlia.org and www.towerlakes-il.gov, or you may use the printed or electronic app "Tower Lakes Directory".

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your family.
See you around the Neighborhood

Online Boat Decal and Swim Tag Ordering Is Here!

...or here.



Right now you may order your official TLIA RED swim tags and/or RED boat decals by clicking on the uniform resource locator below and filling in the form. Our dedicated staff of three... sometimes four on good days, will fulfill your request after we've checked that you've paid your dues by April 1, 2021. Each order will be professionally bundled in a special, self-sealing, no-leak envelope and whisked to your address post haste. We don't dawdle here at Member Services ...except on Thursdays!

Once received you will need to present your red beach tags to get access to the beach. Boat decals are affixed to each side of the stern of your watercraft.

No red boat decal = "No fish for you!"



to go to our spiffy new ordering form which took us months to create.

TLIA Board Meeting
via ZOOM
Monday, December 14, 2020
at 7:00 pm

To request a link ...

Mary Beth Adams **Jan Bahr**
Mary Kay Bolger **Janice Dunbar**
Rob Dunbar **Christina Miles**
Caroline Milne **Kristi Nash**
Kathy Pattengale **(TLIA Secretary)**

Marty Thompson

TLIA Communications Committee



**APPROVED OCTOBER 2020
MEETING MINUTES**

 **CLICK**

Call to Order

Steve Burgoon called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
Approve Meeting Minutes for September: Motion to approve: Tom Kuna
Second: Mike Mitchell Ayes: 9 Nays: 0
Steve Burgoon

President's Report

Email blast sent on 10/9 regarding increased Covid cases from the October clean up at Iverson Park
Report from Lake County distributed to all

Committee Reports

1. Financial Committee Report

Tom Kuna and Melissa Covek

- a. Expenses:
 - i. Copies of the September 2020 Financials comparing budget to actuals for income and expenses are attached for your review. Dues income collected through September YTD is 97.5% of the budgeted dues income for the year.
 - ii. All income and expense categories are under budget through September YTD. Total income of \$222,440 through September YTD is 88% of the budgeted income for the year. Total expenses of \$136,242 through September YTD is 64% of the budgeted expenses for the year. As a result, Net Operating Income before interest of \$86,198 through September YTD is ahead of the budgeted Net Operating Income before interest for the year of \$37,940.
 - iii. Cash Balances for the three TLIA accounts have been reconciled and are attached.
- b. Revenue:
 - i. All back dues and legal fees have been received for the property at 25147 Edward Lane
 - ii. Current open balance is now \$5,155 for 6 properties
 - iii. Finance Committee has plan to meet to discuss future course of action for those delinquent
 - iv. Planning on publishing delinquent properties in December Newsletter
 - v. Ideas for an electronic TLIA document repository
 - vi. Several requests have come in recently were it would be helpful to have access to previous documentation
 - vii. Follow up with Melissa, Kristi, Mark H. and others to review where the documents are stored that are commonly requested for refinancing, etc

2. Beach - No Report

Mary Magro

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 9/01/20; 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 9 email blasts -1.5 for the Board, 1.5 for Member Services, 3 for Grounds, 2 for Events, .5 for Nominations, .5 Communications.
- c. The Committee had a Zoom meeting on 10/7/20 to discuss personnel changes, eblast communication, iconcontact recipients and website access.
- d. The team is still in the process of updating the iconcontact list which provides the emails for eblasts. Please note, all the email addresses of nonmembers 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 iconcontact data base to see if they want to receive eblasts.
- e. The NEW privatized website has been up and running since 2/14.

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

Cathy Schmidt
Broker Associate
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**To read October 2020 minutes in their entirety
see [CLICK HERE](#) above.**

2021 Annual Meeting Notice

The TLIA Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 17, 2021. Ballots will be sent out after the next TLIA Board meeting held on December 14. This year's meeting will be virtual through ZOOM and the meeting notice will be sent out to all members in good standing before the meeting.

- **For your ballot to be counted by MAIL, IT MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN January 15, 2021 at this address: TLIA, P.O. Box 405, Barrington, IL 60011-0405.**
- **As an alternative, ballots will be collected in a DROP BOX AT THE FRONT DOOR of the Adams house, 277 West Lake Shore Drive - NO LATER THAN – Friday, January 15, 2021 which will be available anytime after the ballots are mailed out.**

Any questions, please call or email Kristi Nash or Mary Beth Adams.

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.



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 its 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.



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 the TLIA 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.

2021 CANDIDATES continued from previous page

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.

Official Proxy Ballot
Tower Lakes Improvement Association
Annual Meeting - Sunday, January 17, 2021

Registered TLIA Ballot
DUPLICATE COPY
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Voter #1 Name: _____ Date: _____
Voter #2 Name: _____
Address: _____ Tower Lakes, IL 60010
Email address: _____

The above mentioned Property Owner, being a Member-in-Good-Standing of the Tower Lakes Improvement Association (hereafter known as the "Association"), does hereby constitute and appoint Steve Burgoon, President of the Board of Directors and the current Board of Directors with full power of substitution to attend the Special Meeting of the homeowners of the Association on January 17, 2021 including any adjournments thereof, in the name, place and stead of the undersigned, to represent and to vote, as designated below, all of the votes of the named member at the 2021 TLIA Annual Meeting.

Candidates: <small>Review candidate bios attached to this ballot</small>	Office	Voter 1	Voter 2
		YES	YES
Mary Magro	President		
Mary Kay Bulger	Treasurer		
Kristi Nash	Recording Secretary		
Members-at-Large			
Mike Meyer	Member-at-Large		
Colin Regan	Member-at-Large		

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TLIA
P.O. Box 405
Barrington, IL 60011-0405
(Please fold ballot in thirds and apply postage. The mailing address is printed on back side)
OR
you may hand deliver to:
Home of Mary Beth Adams, 277 West Lake Shore Drive - DROP BOX AT FRONT DOOR
NO LATER THAN - Friday, January 15, 2021

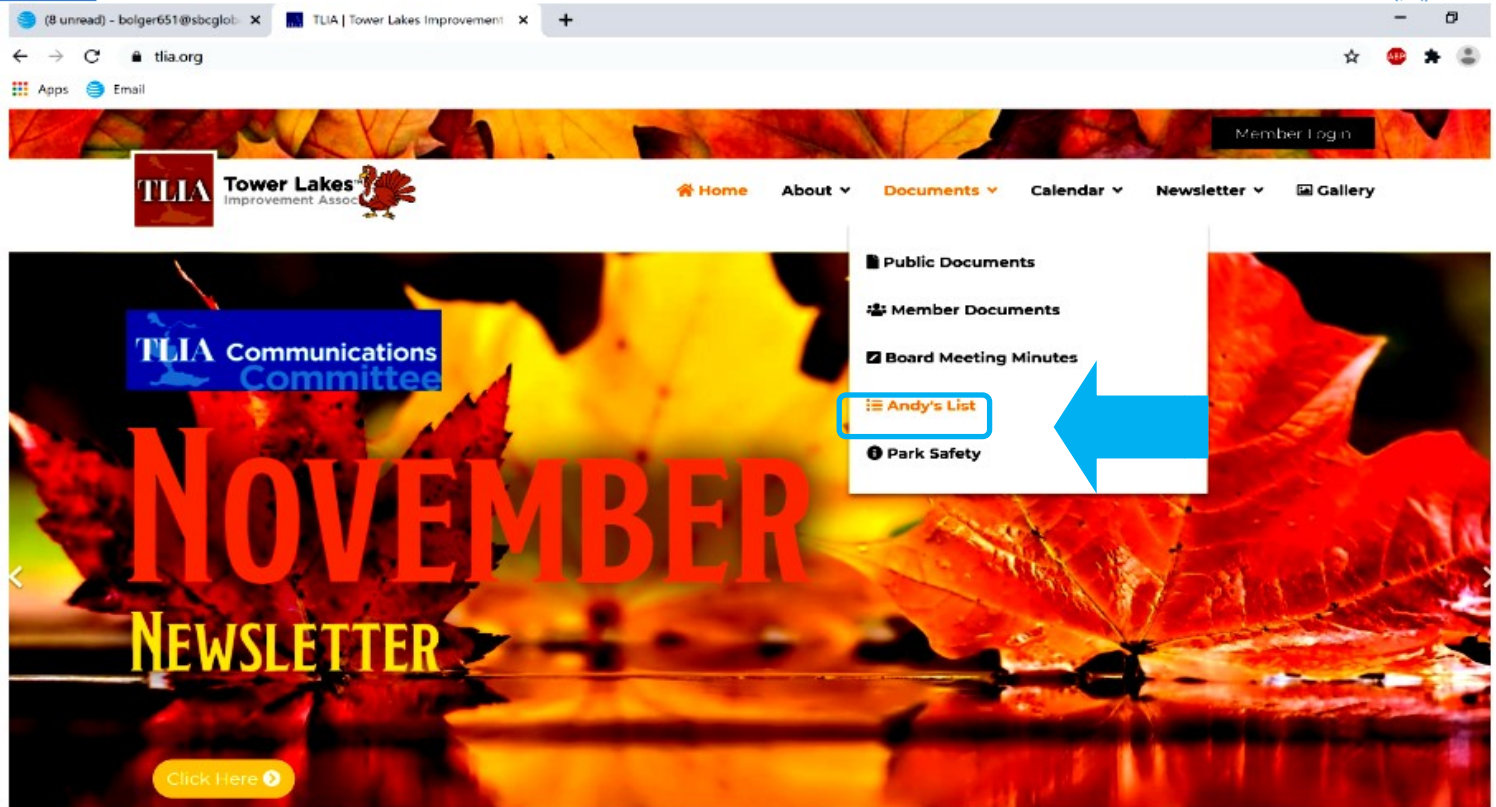


Mark Your Calendar

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

The TLIA Annual Meeting (VIRTUALLY)
3:00 p.m.





TL Andy's List

To find vendors recommended by TLIA members, consult your TL App under Handy Numbers or please log, into www.tlia.org. Click on the Documents Tab where you can find Andy's List, **updated, cleaned up and ready for your use!** Remember, it is on the Members Only side of our website and you will need to Log In...IF you are unable to log in contact Rob at admin@tlia.org

Adam and Gina Findlay 306 Warwick

We have new neighbors on the east side! Adam and Gina moved here from Lincoln Square in Chicago looking for a place to raise their 14-month old daughter, Evelyn. Gina has worked as an ICU nurse in an administrative role for critical care at Lutheran General Hospital. Adam is an attorney in Libertyville specializing in land use litigation. The family has traveled the world and loves the outdoors to walk and jog. Adam cooks in BBQ competitions so you may smell wonderful aromas when you walk by their home.



Tom Holland 242 Bridge Lane

Tom moved here recently from Wicker Park in Chicago, but knows our area well. He owns a sign company in Wauconda called The Holland Design Group. You will see his works on many Forest Preserve signs, including the sign for the recently dedicated Tower Lakes Nature Preserve. Tom has attended the Art Institute and enjoys painting and pottery. You'll see him around town biking, canoeing and fly fishing.



This past October The Grounds Beautification Team quietly put together a Pumpkin Patch In North Lake for TL Kids to enjoy. It was conceived and designed by Pat Covek and executed with the



help of Hugh Davis, Jr. As can see it was quite the hit with the younger crowd! See page 1 of this newsletter for info on their TL Reindeer Farm!



photos by Jenelle Wexler

Pumpkin Carving Contest 2020

Thanks to all who sent photos of their works of their creative, scary, and funny jack o'lanterns! It was a tough choice but the Amazon Gift cards went to
1. Cici Glmore
2. Olivia Knight

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CLICK HERE ->



to see all of the entries!

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST



Ready, Set...
and Decorate!!

PLEASE, SUBMIT A PHOTO OF YOUR ENTRY to youth@tlia.org no later than December 25, 2020 for a chance to win an Amazon Gift Card!



NOTE: In previous years, Youth has sponsored the Shop and Wrap and Carriage Rides, however, those events will both be cancelled this year due to the current state of the pandemic. SEE PAGE 1 AND THIS PAGE for a fun list of alternative ideas so that the kiddos can still enjoy the spirit of the holiday within our Tower Lakes community!





Earlier this year the TLIA Finance Committee sent dues invoices electronically to all property owners that we had an E-mail address on record for. There were some hiccups as our records did not capture the latest E-mail addresses owners may be using. If you saw and received your invoice, you need to do nothing. **If you did NOT see your electronic invoice last January**, please **CLICK HERE** to send your current e-mail address to dues@tlia.org with subject heading "Email Address for Dues invoice mailing" by December 15.

The methods of dues payment in 2021 will be:

1. Pay directly from the invoice via ACH payment (which has no additional charge to either party), it is a simple bank to bank transfer.
2. Have your bank send a check on your behalf from your own e-banking program to the TLIA PO Box.
3. Send your own personal check to the TLIA PO Box.

Please. **DO NOT send your checks to the Tower Lakes Village Hall.** The TLIA Financial Secretary has no access to retrieve any payments dropped off or mailed to the Village hall. The Village is a separate entity from TLIA.

- TLIA DUES PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS STILL OUTSTANDING

We have made great progress with our TLIA property owners on paying their Dues (which are due in full every year on April 1st). As of Dec 1, we are now due \$4280.

Currently there are five properties not in compliance with their payment obligations of dues/SA/late fees for 2020:

- 520 Marion Court
- 411 Roslyn Place
- 106 South Hills Dr.
- 807 Roberts Rd.
- 137 South Hills Dr.

These property owners are in violation of TLIA By-Laws and are considered members Not in Good Standing by the Association. They are not eligible to vote in the upcoming election or attend the annual meeting, nor do they have any rights to participate in any TLIA events or access any TLIA properties in the community until their dues are paid in full.

Winter 2021 Community Education Programs are **FREE** and offered in virtual webinar format due to Coronavirus guidelines. We thank the **Barrington Area Library** for partnering to host these sessions.

To participate, please register at the link provided on the program description.

The entire Winter CFC Community Education series is available at

<https://balibrary.librarycalendar.com> or you can call the library at **847.382.1300**

to register and provide an email for connection.

You can also send questions to communityed@citizensforconservation.org or call **847-382-7283**.



Photo by P. Simonsen

Jan 16th - 50 Ways to Improve Habitat in Your Yard

Peggy Simonsen will share how to use native shrubs, trees, and plants in all seasons, water resources using earth-friendly practices in your landscaping to increase habitat for birds, pollinators and wildlife.

<https://citizensforconservation.org/cfc-event/50-ways-to-improve-habitat-in-your-yard/>

February 20 - Backyard Wildlife: If You Build It, They Will

Come

Tower Lakes' own Steve Barten will present the wildlife that moves in and visits once invasive plants are removed. Great wildlife photography and video captures of surprising animal residents of Tower Lakes.

<https://citizensforconservation.org/cfc-event/backyard-wildlife-if-you-build-it-they-will-come/>

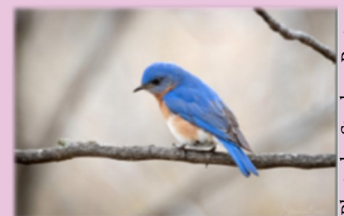


Photo by Stephen Barten



Photo by Andy Hay

March 13th - Stormwater Management Success

Tower Lakes' own Andy Hay presenting the process and success of TL's rain gardens to reduce water pollution in our lakes and stormwater management. Tips on how to use methods at your property.

<https://citizensforconservation.org/cfc-event/stormwater-management-success/>

More information: communityed@citizensforconservation.org or call 847.382.7283.