



TLIA Newsletter

**Thank you to all our Veterans for your service to our country.
Veterans Day November 11, 2021**

November 2021



**SUNDAY
January 23, 2022**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
More Details to Follow**

TLIA Board Candidate Board Bios

The following candidates are up for office:



**Tom Kubala
for Vice President**

In my 30+ years as a resident, my family and I have enjoyed all that TLIA has to offer. Without volunteers, the things that make TLIA special will not happen. I've been on the Social Committee, organized Men's Days, been an active member of the Lake Committee for the past 10 years, as well as served the Village on both the ZBA and the Plan Commission. For the past year, I was appointed to the vacant VP role and am running for VP for the upcoming term. I'd app



**Michael Megleo
for Member-at-Large**

My wife, Shauna, and I have lived in Tower Lakes for the past 6 years. We

have a 6-year-old daughter Edie and a 2-year-old foster child, Jayden. We love Tower Lakes for being a family-friendly neighborhood and understand that volunteering our time is what makes the community so wonderful. I am finishing up my first 2-year stint as Member-at-large and feel I still have time to contribute for another term. I currently work at Advanced Prototype Molding, a family business with locations in Palatine and Volo. We are a contract manufacturing firm specializing in plastics and prototyping for over 25 years.



Julie Losinski
for Financial Secretary

My husband, Glenn, and I moved to TL 19 years ago. Our realtor showed us a house here and after seeing the resort-like community with the lake and beach, we focused our house hunting in TL. We now have two boys, a Freshman, and a Junior, attending Barrington High School. I have been on the TLIA Youth & TLIA Events Committee and have volunteered on other projects in TL such as beach clean-up days. Volunteering in TL has been a great way to meet our neighbors, have fun, and give back to this community. I also volunteer for Boy Scouts and my kids' sports teams. In a previous job, I worked with QuickBooks to send out invoices, bills, and enter deposits, so I am familiar with the system to handle the responsibilities of the Financial Secretary position. We enjoy living in our unique TL community with all the fun activities, and it has been a great

place to raise our boys. I look forward to continuing my involvement with TLIA.



Brent Rowley
for Member-at-Large

My name is Brent Rowley, and I am running for the TLIA Board Member-at-large position. My family and I moved to Tower Lakes in 2002. As a former Minnesotan, I was drawn to the lake community and have been involved in many Tower Lakes events over the years. I have run the Youth Fishing Derby, coached t-ball at the soccer field, and volunteered for lake clean-ups and 4th of July festivities. I enjoy spending time fishing, kayaking, cross country skiing, and playing pond hockey in the neighborhood. I feel blessed that my three children have been able to grow up in such a beautiful community. Now that I have two children in college, I look forward to using my time to give back to Tower Lakes.



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[TLIA Board Meeting](#)

Monday, Feb 13, 2023

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

TLIA Board

Board Meeting Minutes

[CLICK for the September Minutes](#)

TLIA Board Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month at the Tower Lakes Village Hall.



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COMPASS



I've joined Compass!

I love donating \$250 per Tower Lakes sale to the Youth Committee





Zupancic Park Equipment Vote

The land located on Rose Terrace in South Hills was donated by the Zupancic family to be used as a public space for a children's park and bird sanctuary. Over the course of the last two years, community members have volunteered time to clear and level the property for park development, a picnic area, and birdhouses. In January, at the TLIA Annual Meeting, there will be a question on the ballot asking the membership to approve the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Zupancic Park. This will be the first playground to be installed in the South Hills neighborhood. The goal is to provide a fun, modern play space for the children of Tower Lakes with equipment that will provide a unique experience in South Hills.

Watch for more information to come in the December newsletter. In the meantime, feel free to contact TLIA Board Member, Mike Megleo with any questions you may have. **Email:** mmegleo@gmail.org **Cell:** 847-830-3157

Mary Magro



Letter from the President

Hello Neighbors,

It certainly was wonderful to be outside and celebrate with friends and neighbors this summer! The 4th of July festivities were a huge success, people played tennis, pickleball, and volleyball, the beach was open and people could enjoy being together once again. It's funny how the gathering was taken for granted for so many years.

As we look to the impending winter (brrr!), we have many more events planned. We will have the annual tree lighting on Rest Island, Pictures with Santa during his visit, the annual giving program, the annual Turkey Trot, and the many houses decorated for the holidays.

When we all moved to Tower Lakes, we were drawn to the sense of community that exists here, whether it be getting together with neighbors at social events or a gathering in someone's home. Tower Lakes thrives because we all care about it. That being said, thriving does not happen in a vacuum. Many people work together to create the beautiful, fun place we call home. We would like EVERYONE to be a part of keeping TLIA a safe and wonderful place to call home.

Next time you go to the website, scroll down the page and click the button on the front page that says, **VOLUNTEER**. This will allow you to send an email

telling us what you would be willing to do to keep TL a great place to live. We have many committees, a little something for everyone, whatever your talents or interests – all of which can use more volunteers. If you are not sure, tell us that, too. We are all busy with our lives but think we can all take a few hours a year and help out your neighbors.

Remember to read the newsletter – there is always lots of good information in the newsletter and the Communications Committee puts in many hours to inform us of upcoming events.

On another note, some of you may have heard that we did have some damage to our beach cameras. The destruction was committed by a Barrington resident but not a Tower Laker. The person has since paid for the new equipment and fulfilled community service with our TL police department. Thanks to Mark Handley and Don Sidlowski, the new cameras are up and working again.

I look forward to helping every member of TLIA find their place in volunteering to keep Tower Lakes the best place to live.

-Mary

TEAM UP to Clean Up

The TLIA tradition of members showing up to TEAM UP TO CLEAN-UP is alive and fairly well! A couple of dozen volunteers gathered once again on a chilly but dry, sunny Saturday morning to clean up some of the “common areas” of TLIA. (We can always use some new blood. Remember, there is no paid Grounds crew for our Lakes and Parks.)

After warming up with some yummy Conscious Cup Coffee (Cook Street), compliments of new TL residents Jack and Roseanna Shipley, the hearty

volunteers set off for their Clean-up assignments. A group of fairly attractive older women headed over to work on clearing the **East Side Boat Landing** in Wagner Park. They pulled and bagged weeds, snipped branches, weed-whacked, and hauled it all to the street for pick up. By the end, they all could have used a hot bath along with a hot toddy to soothe their weary bones.

Another group of volunteers took on **Kelsey Path** on the east end of the lake, where several large, damaged trees were taken down and brush cleared from the path. When it's dry, take a walk and explore the wooded area that leads from the Eastside to South Hills (and back again!) along the path's namesake... Kelsey Road.

A few persistent West Siders worked, as they do all year long, to help keep **Barsumian Park** looking good! This time they pulled, raked, mulched, and clipped in preparation for the winter months ahead.

On North Lake, an ambitious group of volunteers removed a dead pine at the **North Lake Boat Landing**, as well as large branches and debris from **Roses Park**. They also cleared buckthorn and brush at the **North Lake exit from the lake**, the BeeHive.

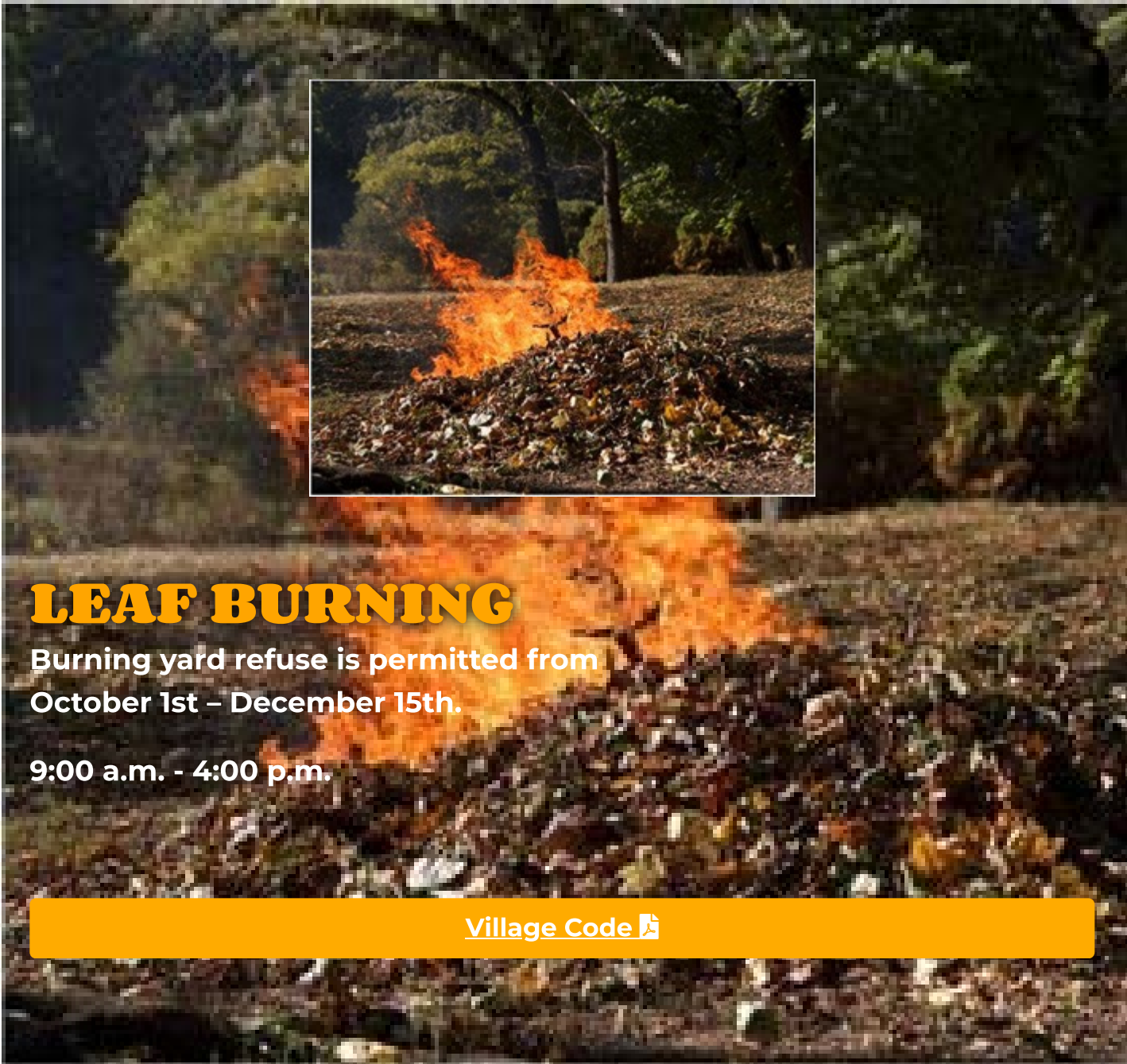
And then, as also is tradition, lunch was prepared and served at the tennis courts by Pat Covek and her crew for all the hungry workers. All in all... a good morning in Tower Lakes and Mike Myers did a bang-up job his first time out organizing the Clean Up! Hope to see you in the Spring!





 **TLIA** Grounds
Committee





LEAF BURNING

Burning yard refuse is permitted from
October 1st – December 15th.

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

[Village Code](#) 

Stocking Up For Winter



By Eric Torstenson/Lake Committee

TLIA Lake
Committee

During the first week of October, over 6,000 panfish were added to our beloved Tower Lakes. Approximately 1,500 (2-4 inch) Bluegills & 1,500 (1.5-3 inch) Redear Sunfish were put into North Lake and the same was done for the Main Lake. Upon adding our Spring fish stocking into the equation, more than 8,500 panfish have been stocked into Tower Lakes!

We are so very lucky as a community to be able to do these types of things for our lakes.

Many communities are not so fortunate and have to cross their fingers each harsh winter and every scorching summer in hopes that Mother Nature is not only on their side but also on the overall health of the entire ecosystem's side. As we have learned through the many seasons/years in TL, Mother Nature is extremely risky to bet on, especially when it comes to the health and sustainability of our lakes and all that reside in them, above and below the waterline.

The benefits of stocking panfish aid greatly in taking out the "what ifs" of

Mother Nature and help us be proactive towards our lakes' well-being. Some of the more pertinent benefits are:

- Redear Sunfish, which are bottom feeders, help reduce snail-borne parasites that target Largemouth Bass, Catfish, and Bluegills.
- Since Redears are more specialized bottom feeders, they aid the ecosystem by lessening the amount of competition for food with our other fish species.
- Bluegills are a fantastic predator of carp eggs and Carp larvae, an invaluable natural resource for combating our common Carp population.
- Panfish provide excellent fodder for our game fish (Northern Pike & Largemouth Bass) They help to reduce cannibalism with our Pike & Bass and limit predation by the Pike on our still growing Bass population.
- Having an ample supply of Panfish provides consistent sustenance to prohibit “stunting” of our Pike & Bass population.
- The stocking of Bluegills and Redears to our coveted fisheries gives our local fisherman and more importantly; the youth, a wonderful outdoors pastime to enjoy.

Please continue to remain vigilant for NON-resident fishing on and around our lakes.

If you suspect a trespasser, **do not approach the potential trespasser**, call the **Tower Lakes Police Department at (847) 526-3800** and share the location of where the trespasser(s) are.



New Residents!

Recently, we welcomed some wonderful new neighbors to Tower Lakes.



Rob & Megan Balas ***117 Rose Terrace***

The Balas Family moved here from Grayslake. Rob is from Arlington Heights and is in medical sales. Megan grew up in Lake Bluff and is a registered nurse. They have two daughters, Claire, age 3, and Maddie, age 1. They love to host family gatherings and visit their cabin in Michigan. Rob plays guitar and has performed in bands. Megan loves to play softball and basketball and they both love to play volleyball. Welcome to South Hills!

Jack & Roseanna Shipley ***25287 Wren Road***

Jack & Roseanna moved to Tower Lakes from Wauconda. They own the ever-popular **Conscious Cup Cook Street Coffee** in downtown Barrington along with four other locations. They have three sons and 9 grandchildren. Besides running their busy businesses, they both love to hike and bike. This allows ample opportunities for Jack to sharpen his photography skills.

Daniel & Morgan Wauson ***810 E. Lake Shore Drive***

The Wausons moved to the Barrington area from Utah and now...Tower Lakes. Morgan is in commercial real estate and Daniel is an automotive

dealer. They have some exotic reptiles (frogs), and also love to boat, fish, camp, and travel. They have planned a beautiful wedding in Northern Ireland in March of 2022. Sláinte!

Debi Mitchell
318 Devonshire

Debi moved here from Algonquin and is in the home care industry in operations. She has two children, Anthony who is 8 and in second grade, and 6-year-old Naomi in kindergarten. They love to ride horses, boat, and swim. They are so enjoying meeting all of the families and kids on the block!

Paul & Anna Janiszewski
660 Leon Drive

The Janiszewskis are moving here from Wheeling and rehabbing their new home on Leon Drive. Paul is an electrician and Anna is a stay-at-home mom. Kamil, 11, is in 5th grade and Kacper is 7 years old and in 2nd grade. The family is very busy, but try to squeeze in time to camp, bike, hike, and snow ski. Welcome to Tower Lakes!

We also extend a warm welcome to the following Tower Lakes residents, though not members of TLIA, you certainly may see them around the neighborhood.

Paul & Andrea McCool

24798 Indian Grass Court (Fenview)

Michael & Tracey Nass

25157 N. Rt. 59

2021 Boat Removal Concludes Successfully

Gracie Miller pauses and poses



The Member Services team, ably assisted by Ms. Gracie Miller one of our Tower Lakes youth, successfully cleared TLIA landings and racks of leftover boats on October 2. Project coordinator, Don Sidlowski, contributed his loading and unloading expertise as well as bungee cords, and a ratcheting tie-down strap to make this special event a success.

Though the vast majority of canoes and kayaks had been cleared from the landings by diligent members, a handful of residents questioned the hidden nuance of "Please remove your boats by October 1st" only to find out the true meaning was "Remove your boats by October 1st... or else."

With that in mind, the team looks forward to the 2022 season when we find ourselves suddenly unemployed by a lack of craft to pick up.

Don Sidlowski is, once again, on top of things



ONCE AGAIN, THE CHILI COOK-OFF DOES NOT DISAPPOINT

On an absolutely gorgeous October night, Tower Lakes' residents converged on Rest Island for the Annual Chili Cook-Off! After a year off due to COVID, people were just delighted to be meeting once again for this much-anticipated event. The weather was perfect, volunteers and cooks were abundant. There were 30 entries with a great spread of sides and desserts

While folks chowed down on the tasty offerings, "Alexanwitch" wove scary stories to our younger crowd in her "Pumpkin Palace." Afterward, Tower Lakes' own Annika Riepe did a

great job entertaining the entire island with her musical talents.

Here are the chili winners:

Judge's Choice: "A Woman's Scorn" by Michael Garcia-Zarco

People's Choice: "Max and Carson's Chunky Subtle Chili" (not sure who made this one)

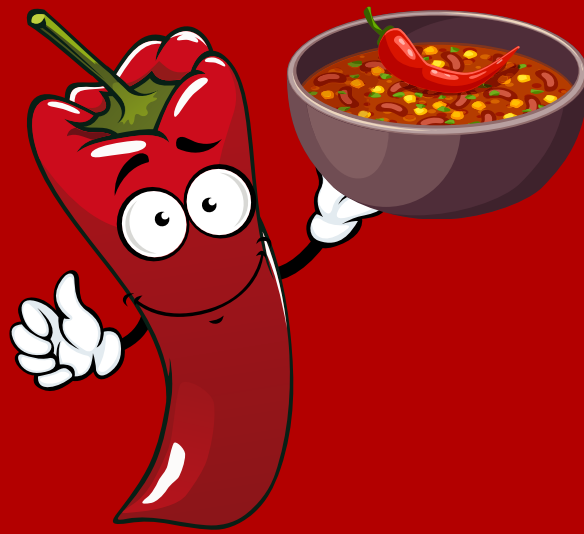
Best Name: "Covid Nine Bean" by Virginia Saulnier

AND if you participated in the 50/50 raffle we are still looking for the owner of the winning ticket who was unable to be located the night of the event.

Winning number: 6042680.

Please email the Events Committee if you have the other half to this ticket!







They had a great turnout on September 24th for the 2021 Men's Day. Beginning with a fun day of golf at Prairie Isle Golf Course followed by a pig roast, adult beverages, and lots of male bonding on Rest Island.

The winners this year of the 18-hole Scramble with a score of -11, were **Wes Zartman, Jeff Kernohan, Rodrigo Teixeira, and Brad Stanek.**

If you missed it this year, be sure not to miss it next year! (Editor's Note: Apparently they were having such a good time, they forgot to take a group photo!)

Emptying the last of the bottles while the rain came down.



Roger Respod, Bob Glowaki, Rob Dunbar



The Green Mohawk Awards

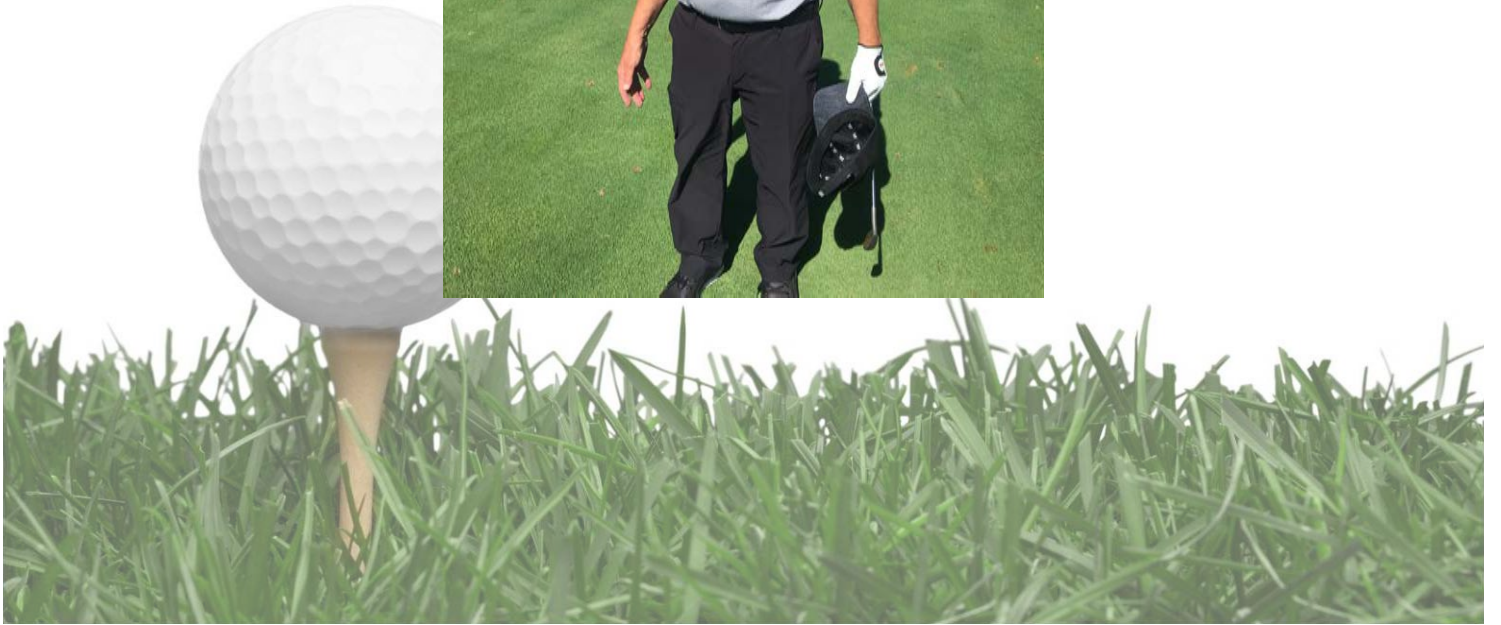
Nate Glowaki



Roger Respold



Bob Glowaki





2021 Tennis & Pickleball Season Comes to a Close

The 2021 Tennis and Pickleball season has come to a close. It was a wonderful season with lots of activity at the courts!

2021 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Thank you to:

- Pat Covek for organizing the adult tennis lessons
- Bridget Lacson for running the youth tennis program
- Bobby Covek for managing the pickleball league

The committee also ran several round-robin events including Memorial Day, July 5th, and Labor Day.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Tennis and Pickleball Committee in the future, please reach out to either Jeanne Mitchell or Christine Messerschmidt who are the co-chairs.

See you next spring on the courts!

We hope to see you on the courts next year!





*Come, join us in this Tower Lakes holiday tradition as we light the tree on Rest Island.
Sunday, November 28th at 4 p.m.*

There'll be sweets and warm drinks and even a little Christmas caroling.

Bring an appetizer to share, if you'd like.



**VISIT THE TOWER LAKES
REINDEER FARM**

Join Santa and his four-legged friends from 3:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (under the lights after dusk) starting November 28 and every day until Christmas. and even snap a photo or 2!

The TL Reindeer farm is located in North Lake just South of and adjacent to 595 Leon Drive.



TLIA Grounds
Beautification
Committee

November is 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. Over the years we have helped so many women and their families! This year, we are once again sponsoring some HOS women and families, as well as getting items on the HOS wish list. Please use the **Sign-up Genius** button to browse the many gifts for the families and the wish list.

[Sign-up Genius](#) 

We will collect these NEW, UNWRAPPED donations until **December 2** at the home of Mary Magro, 230 Tomahawk Lane

Fall garden clean up with pollinators and other wildlife in mind

by Anne Hay



As the days get shorter and cooler, the gardening season starts to wind down, and many of us will begin cleaning up our landscapes for the winter. While cutting back dead plants and raking leaves can make for a clean-looking yard, it may not be the

best thing for pollinators and other wildlife that inhabit our landscapes. So, how should we approach garden clean-up in the fall?

[CLICK HERE to read more](#)

Youth Events



Payment Info:
Venmo: @Laura-Janitz | Zelle: laurajanitz@yahoo.com
Check: make checks payable to TLIA
and mail to Laura Janitz at 122 Rose Terrace

[Register & Purchase T-shirts](#)

[View Routes](#)

[Volunteer](#)

Save The Date:
December 5,
2-5pm for a
Magical Holiday Event
at the Barn at
Compass Lane Farm!



Hosting a Holiday Party?

We have chairs, tables, and tents available for party rentals.

Reserve your party-related needs now.

For pricing and questions email events@tlia.org.



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: Please know that due to the COVID-19 Virus any TLIA sponsored activities are subject to change.

Check your email and www.tlia.org for updates.

COVID-19 is still with us,
but we know what to do:



We're still in this together.

[Click Here for the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Newsletter](#)



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