



TLIA Newsletter

December 2021

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Sunday, December 5

2 – 5 p.m.

Bring the entire family to enjoy a festive gathering at NEW LOCATION TBD Watch your email for updates!

Hot cocoa for everyone.

We also just confirmed that Santa will be back in town that day and will be making an appearance! Plan to bring your letters as there will be a mailbox that he will bring back to the North Pole!

There will be an opportunity for the kids to purchase a craft that they will make and wrap for a gift. The cost will be \$5 (please bring cash.) Sign up ahead of time so that we have a general idea of the supplies we'll need.

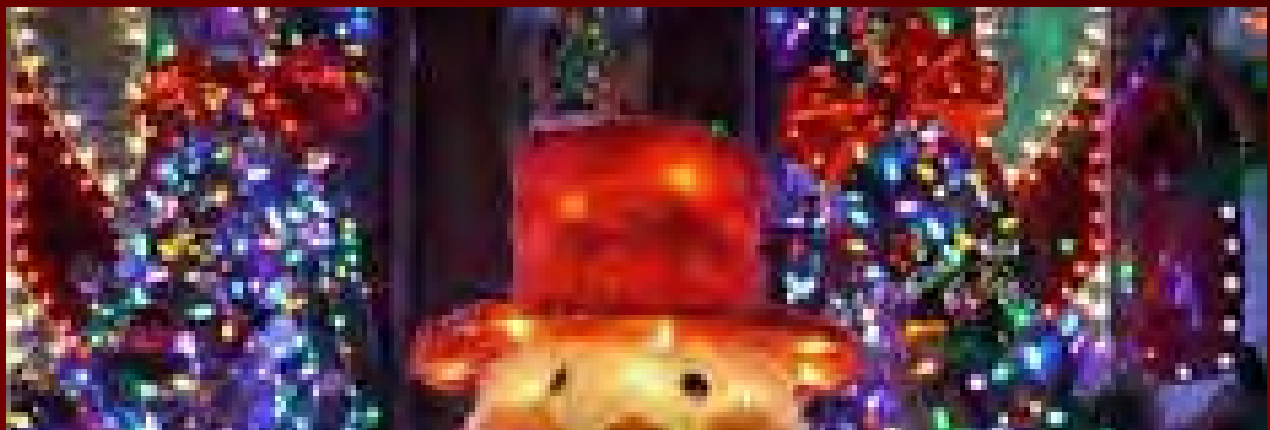
Also, if you have any teenagers that need service hours, we could use some extra help-please email youth@tlia.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Board

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

[October Meeting Minutes](#)

Youth Committee





Tower Lakes “Twinklefest” Contest!

Let's brighten up our neighborhood by putting out all your holiday decorations and twinkling lights! This year the Events Committee judges will once again be out and about on December 17. Prizes go to the top three homes. Make sure to take your own tour and admire the lights!





Visit the Tower Lakes Reindeer Farm

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

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



THE HOLIDAYS ARE 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. 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. We will collect these NEW, UNWRAPPED donations until December 2. There will be a box at the West side driveway entrance to the home of Mary Magro, 230 Tomahawk Lane

SIGN UP



DONATE WARM COATS, SNOW PANTS, BOOTS, HATS AND GLOVES

Only new, or gently used clean warm coats, snow pants, boots, hats, and gloves will be collected. No other clothing items accepted!

DONATE TOYS AND GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS UP TO 18 YEARS OF AGE

New or like-new toys and gifts are always in short supply. We want to have one gift for each child in the family. Unique gifts needed include sports items (balls, bats, hockey sticks, etc.), watches, earrings and items for older children and teenagers. Please do not wrap items.

DONATE BOOKS IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

DONATE BEDDING, DIAPERS AND PULL-UPS

We are also in need of new bedding, unopened diapers, and pull-ups.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO OTHER ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED

There will be a bin outside the TL Village Hall through December 8. Contact [Mary Kate Harazin](#) with any questions you may have.

 TLIA Board

TLIA Annual Meeting

SUNDAY, January
23, 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
More Details to Follow

TLIA 2021 Membership Dues

Earlier this year, the TLIA Finance Committee sent dues invoices electronically to all property owners that it had an Email address on record. If you received your invoice, you need to do nothing. If you are new to the neighborhood and are concerned, we may not have your email address on file, OR if you did NOT see your electronic invoice last January, please [CLICK HERE](#) to send your current email address to

TLIA dues payment obligations are still outstanding

We have made significant progress with our TLIA property owners on paying their Dues (which are due in full every year on April 1). As of December 1, we are now due \$2939.

Currently, there are three properties not in compliance with their payment obligations of dues/SA/late fees for 2021

dues@tlia.org with the subject heading "Email Address for Dues invoice Mailing" by December 15.

The methods of dues payment in 2022 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.

DO NOT send your checks to the Tower Lakes Village Hall. The TLIA Financial Secretary cannot retrieve payments dropped off or mailed to the Village Hall. The Village is a separate entity from TLIA.

and before:

- 25370 East Gateway Drive
- 25382 Wren Road
- 411 Roslyn Place

While one of the above addresses is on a payment plan, they are not making regular payments as promised. These property owners are in violation of TLIA By-Laws and 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. We also have members that have been assessed late fees, which are still outstanding.

TLIA Board Candidate Board Bios

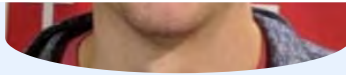
The following candidates are up for office:





Tom Kubala
for Vice President

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Michael Megleo
for Member-at-Large

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Julie Losinski
for Financial Secretary

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Brent Rowley
for Member-at-Large

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Sample Proxy Ballot

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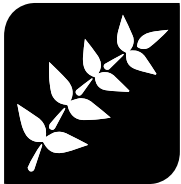
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COMPASS



I've joined Compass!

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



Zupancic Park Playground

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

2022 Member Tags & Boat Decals May Now Be Ordered

Right now, you may order your 2022 member tags and boat decals! To place your order, point your smartphone camera at the QR code below or click on the “Convenient Order Link.”



Convenient Order Button

Please note: if you already have red decals on your boat, canoe or kayak, you DO NOT need to order new boat decals for 2022—you're good.

Member tags and boat decals will be distributed sometime after April 1st, the last day for dues payment. If your dues are late, your tags will be late.

If you have any questions about this seemingly seamless process, please contact Fred our quality control specialist at memberservices@tlia.org

SAFETY ON ICE



weather.gov

Ice is never 100% safe. If you don't know, don't go!

- It takes a minimum of 4 inches of ice to support a person!
- Cycles of thawing and refreezing will make areas of ice appear safe when in reality the ice is still quite thin!

DANGER THIN ICE

Minimum ice thickness guidelines for new clear ice only

Ice Thickness	Supported Activity/Vehicle
<2"	STAY OFF!!!
4"	Supports ice fishing and walking
5"	Supports small groups ice skating
6"	Supports snow mobile ATV
9"	Supports cars
12"	Supports medium size trucks

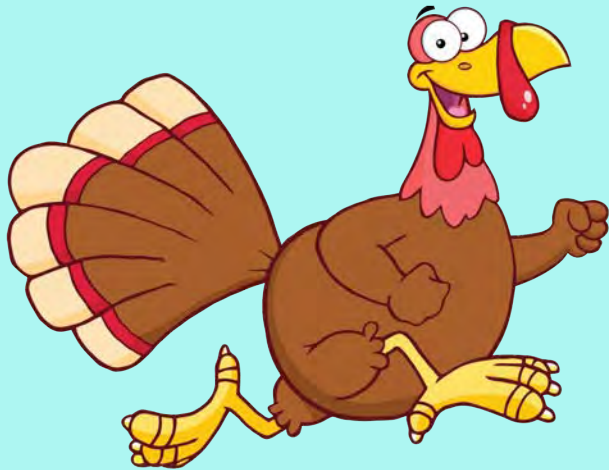
Stay away from any cracks and melting ice.

With the temperature fluctuating, North Laker, Don Sidlowski, offers this graphic courtesy of the National Weather Service and a little ice safety info. We want our members and their families to enjoy our lakes all seasons of the year, and we have already seen children and adults walking and ice skating on the Main Lake and North Lake. Just remember it doesn't matter how many adults may be on the shore watching them; if a skater goes through the ice, the weight of the flooded hockey skates will pull them right to the bottom. So, just a reminder that it would be good to check ice thickness with a spud bar before venturing too far out. It's not safe to skate or walk across the ice until it's at least 4-5" thick.

Let's stay safe on the lakes!



Youth Events



Turkey Trot Recap

TLIA Youth
Committee

On a chilly, overcast Thanksgiving morning, several Tower Lakers gathered for the Annual Tower Lakes Turkey Trot to benefit the Youth Committee. There were some hearty volunteers, some hearty spectators, and the heartiest of all were the "Trotters!" Thanks to all who supported this event. You all deserved a second helping of pumpkin pie!

Overall winner
Male - Joey Furlong
Female - Sarah Reynolds

Age 50 and over
Male
1st - John Schmidt
2nd - Steve Burgoon

Female
1st - Christine Burgoon
2nd - Judy Reynolds
3rd - Jane Grove

Age 18-49
Male
1st - Joey Furlong
2nd - Stuart Todd-Middleditch
3rd - Tom Catalano

Female
1st - Sarah Reynolds
2nd - Marisa Catalano
3rd - Reilly Breen

Age 13-17
Male
1st - Timothy Cornette

Female

Age 12 and under
Male
1st - Rhys Sandberg
2nd - Harrison Milne
3rd - Beckett Coulter

Female
1st - Kara Trombutore
2nd - Kaitlyn Trombutore
3rd - Avery Sandberg

1st - Lauren Cobb
2nd - Riley Brown
3rd (tie) - Macy Cobb and Claire
Rowley



Coronavirus Update

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

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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.

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- Chris Miles Co-Chair
- Janice Dunbar *Co-Chair*
- Mary Beth Adams
- Jan Bahr
- Kristi Nash *TLIA Recording Secretary*
- Caroline Milne
- Kathy Pattengale
- Marty Thompson
- Rob Dunbar *Webmaster*



Tower Lakes Improvement Association

Committees

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- Events
- Finance
- Grounds Beautification
- Grounds
- Lake
- Long Range Planning
- Member Services