# Tower Lakes Times

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## FROM THE BOARD & REP MEETINGS

Tower Lakes Board of Directors met Tuesday, November 12, in the library at the farmhouse. Normal board activities, variances, budget number, minutes, reports from committees were reviewed. The board then adjourned downstairs to address the building reps.

Bruce welcomed everyone and introduced Brian Hamilton (with Hamilton Insurance) who was present to address the insurance industry and why the insurance cost had risen this year. The insurance bill is due in November each year. When Brian concluded and any insurance questions were answered, each board member reported on their area.

Melanie reported on financials and investments (documents are now on the website).

Chris said we had 23 variances approved since the annual meeting.

Marilee reported on the farmhouse, with the carpet being cleaned and a new table purchased. She also thanked Bill Leffel and Gary Anania for mounting the TV. Reminding folks that the Farmhouse was available and can be rented for special occasions or just getting together. Just call her to schedule. The cost is only \$35.00 (what a deal!)

Chris discussed the Tree Committee's meetings with the Shade Tree Commission of Mansfield. Due to gas, water, and sewer lines in the tree lawn, space is shallow, which limits size & species of trees the city will approve for planting. Tree Committee is actively addressing these challenges with the goal of securing approval for planting in the spring. Chris also shared examples of variances & updated policy (2017-01), along with color samples.

Neighborhood watch with Joe reminded folks to put their outgoing mail in their mailbox in the mornings, not the evening, to avoid the potential of it being stolen during the overnight hours. He also reminded everyone "NO DUMPING OF YARD WASTE" anywhere on the Tower Lakes or Hunsinger property. Take the bagged yard waste to the Farmhouse on Fridays from 1:00PM – 1:30PM and John Grove and friends will take it to the Cairns Road facility. Joe also asked the Reps to pass on to the residents

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# **Tower Lakes Board of Trustees**

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# AT THE FARMHOUSE

November 22
Bagged Yard Waste Collection
1:00-1:45 PM, \$1 per bag

November 23
Uniquely Us & Friends
Holiday Sales Event, 10 AM-6 PM

November 30 Decorate for Christmas, 10 AM

December 9
Meet & Greet, 2 – 4 PM
with lots of holiday treats
RSVP to Melinda at 615-482-6387

December 10 Board Meeting, 7 PM

December 31
Comedy Night, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
RSVP to Melinda at 615-482-6387

January 4
Remove decorations, 10 AM

January 16
Women & Wine, 7-9 PM
RSVP to Ruth Anania
at 610-745-7818

January 18
Breakfast at the Farmhouse, 9 AM
RSVP to Pam Crawford
at 419-545-5165

Go to the website calendar for more details



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Welcome New Residents
Tim & Sally Skulski
on Barrington Place
Ron & Wilma Packer
on Cape Cod Drive

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that don't have email, information that he sends out with the Neighborhood Watch emails.

Melinda reported on the website and the number of views we've had. Check the front page of the site for Breaking News, the calendar page for upcoming events and the picture section for events that have happened. Remember the minutes and the financials are under the Resident only section and need a password to see. If you don't know the password, please contact Melinda at 615-482-6387. Also, the editor of the TL Times, Melinda asked for ideas for the Times. Upcoming social events were announced and are on the front page of the Times.

John Grove reported Kaman & Cusimano LLC had been approved by the board to represent the HOA. He also reported the contract for lawn service was being reviewed and he and Mark would go over the 3 bids he had and they would do more review and investigation into the companies.

Several questions and comments were made by those in attendance.

Everyone was made aware that our mailman of many years – Larry – was retiring and November 29<sup>th</sup> would be his last day of deliver in our neighborhood. A happy retirement card would brighten his day.

Several mentioned about the speeding – Remember the speed limit is 25MPH.

It was also mentioned, several garage doors were left up at night and that could be an attraction to steal something.

A question – will we contract to do Dryer Vent Cleaning again was raised. The board will check that out – usually done in the spring.

Phase 5 progress is ongoing; asphalt topcoat applied. Utility work & retention pond construction will continue throughout winter. Non-essential traffic is prohibited.



Uniquely Us & Friends
November 23rd



Comedy Night December 31st

## **ACTIVITY ON PRINCETON TRACE**



Above: Work on the lift station (now operational) Below: Last lot on the street, next to Gary & Ruth



#### AT THE PAW PARADE



BEANIE
Guilty as Charged

A variety of dogs and people came to the Farmhouse on October 26th all decked out in their Halloween best. Pictures will be on the website soon. Special thanks to Sue Subich, Lori Brubach, Chris Pace and Kris Damron for planning this annual event. There were about 10 dogs and several humans without dogs. Pictures were taken by Dave Damron. Thanks to Sue and Chris for the dog prizes and Kris for the people food.

Thanks for making Tower Lakes look better!

Nancy Dorsey & Pam Crawford for cleaning out the common area flower beds

John Grove for painting the posts on the street signs