



# the tri-lakes birchbark

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## Tri-Lakes Tri-athlon



I guess one should think through all the consequences when they wish for something and then their desires are not only met but surpassed. I celebrated the winter snowfall in my spring letter and hoped that the new lake levels would provide enough depth for everyone to enjoy the three lakes that make up the Tri-Lakes community. Who would have guessed we would have record rainfall not only during the spring but then see it continue into June and July and August? This has caused both lake property owners and members of the community to voice their strong feelings regarding the “no wake” ordinances that have been in place for a number of years. I am hopeful that the disagreements that have been voiced will not have a negative impact on the friendships that have been built that make our community unique.

Construction has began on Demontreville Trail with completion projected no later then October 1. The resurfacing will include new shoulders on each side of the road that will make it safer to walk or ride a bike on this road. The Highway 13/ Ideal Avenue resurfacing has been moved to 2012. As of now I was not able to get any update regarding the speed study that is still underway on this road.

We have been fortunate to have had a chance to welcome nine new residents to our community. Marcia Anderson and Deb Meyer have done a great job of being sure these new folks are introduced to the Tri-Lakes Improvement Association. A list of the new residents is included in this newsletter.

Everyone needs to extend a special thanks to Sharon and Mark VanDemmeltraadt for volunteering to host this years Annual Tri-Lakes Water Ski Show. When the previous host sold his home we did not know what the future of the wonderful program would be. Not only did they do a great job hosting this event but when they learned that Dave and Mary Johnson were not going to be able to host next years swimming lessons, the VanDemmeltraadt family agreed host this event next year as well.

The first ever Tri-Lakes Tri-Athlon was held on July 23rd at Marcia Anderson and Charlie Schultz home and it was a huge success. Both adults and young members of our community had a great time enjoying the beach and the lake. Let's keep this kind of creative events going in the future.

Add the great Beech Brunch held at Link and Anju Lavey home, the Pontoon Party hosted by Jim and Robbie Dillon and the Fourth of July Boat Parade hosted by Steve Iverson to the events held this summer and you see why we are such a great community. All of these events happen because of the wonderful volunteers who give of their time and talents to our community. Be sure to thank them when you have a chance.

Bob Van Zandt - Tri-Lakes Association President

# Tri-Lakes Annual Water-Ski Show



The Tri-Lakes Annual Water-ski Show took place on Saturday, August 6th on the sandy beach of Sharon and Mark VanDemmeltraadt. This year's show was a success! There were more children involved this year than ever before. Many little skiers took their first ride on the skimmer boards or tried water-skis, wakeboards, slalom skiing—it's so much fun watching the kids build their water-sport skills year to year. Once again, our community's expert skiers impressed the large crowd that gathered for the event. A very special thanks to the VanDemmeltraadt's for hosting!



We, the Quinn family, are so grateful over the past four years to have our family participate in the annual Tri-Lakes Water Ski program and show. I know for a fact, that had we not lived in this wonderful Tri-Lakes community, my children, including myself, would not have learned how to water ski. We know a number of families who live on one or more of the Tri-Lakes, and are blessed to enjoy boating and skiing on a regular basis. That is not the case for us, since we live across from Lake Jane and do not own a ski boat like so many of our children's friends. For this reason, our family every year looks forward to a summer program with which our entire family can participate and enjoy together. I am amazed at how much my five children have learned about water skiing over the years, and for that, I am truly grateful to all who have graciously given of their time and talent to teach my family and other families how to water ski. Another greatest aspect about the Tri-Lakes Water Ski program is that whether you are young or old, you are able to learn how to ski weekly on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings until dusk, and then participate in the annual Tri-Lakes Water Ski Show that usually occurs the first or second Saturday in August. I invite my fellow Tri-Lakes neighbors to come join my family and other in some great skiing, fellowship, and fun on one of our great lakes...Lake Jane. If I can learn how to ski again after doing it 34 years ago, then so can you! Hope to see many of you next year, including those of you who do live on the lake. Let's have some GREAT FUN together! Sincerely, Lisa & Terry Quinn and family



## HERE'S THE LIST OF NEW NEIGHBORS:

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| Rick & Wendy Gimpel and family<br>4911 Olson Lake Trail No. | Phil & Norma Sidler<br>4580 Birchbark Trail No.               |
| Jason & Beth Hedlund<br>8211 Lake Jane Trail No.            | Brian & Jill Wiebe and family<br>7816 Demontreville Trail No. |
| Russ Miller & Kathleen Johnson<br>8841 Lake Jane Trail No.  | Carol Mager & Larry Ptasienski<br>5715 Highlands Trail No.    |
| Thomas Bucher & Jill Lundgren<br>8282 Hidden Bay Court No.  | Noelle & Steve Verbeek<br>4751 Olson Lake Trail No.           |
| Aaron & Jessie Runk and family<br>9497 Jane Road No.        |   |

## 2011 UPCOMING EVENTS

**Diners Club**  
Saturday September 3rd at 7:30pm  
\* Movie on the Beach  
Charlie Schultz and Marcia Anderson  
4709 Olson Lake Trail N

**Diners Club**  
Saturday October 22nd at 7:30pm  
Adult Halloween Party  
Jim and Faye Carpenter  
4816 Hill Trail N

**Diners Club**  
Saturday November 12th at 7:30pm  
Larry and Carol Paul  
8186 Hill Trail N

**Diners Club**  
Saturday December 10th at 7:30pm  
Christmas Party  
Mick and Marilyn Mohrlant  
4870 Olson Lake Trail



*Diner's Club Saturday, June 18th  
Jim Douglas and Jan Kiefner,  
8001 59th Street North  
A great time was had by all...*



## 2011 Swimming Lessons



51 children from 34 families participated in our annual Tri-Lakes Association Swimming Lessons this year. Offered for over 50 consecutive summers, the program is Red Cross certified and offered every level to our local children. Our instructor this year was Maggie Hamerly—who was certified to teach about a year ago, and has been working a local pool. She did a great job with the kids! How sweet to have one of our own Tri-Lakes kids—a student in the program for many years—doing the instructing! We had GREAT weather—with only one cool day, and two rainy days—the rest of our lesson days were HOT.

After eight years of hosting the lessons, David and Mary Johnson are turning the program over to another family on Lake Jane. Mark and Sharon VanDemmeltraadt have graciously agreed to host the Tri-Lake Association lessons at their beach, located at 9399 Jane Road North. Sharon is looking for someone to help coordinate the program – so please step up and volunteer to help with pre-program organization! (651-777-1168). The dates for 2012 will be July 9th thru the 20th. Put them in your family planner now so you don't miss out!

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*Actively bringing Tri-Lakes residents together to protect,  
improve, and promote our community.*

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## The Boat Parade

For the last 2 years, the lake water was so low that it was difficult (at best) to even put a boat in the lake or get it through the channel. With the water back in a big way, it was time to get the Boat Parade back in business.

There were 8 boats decorated to start the parade, with top honors going to Vickie Iverson and her image of King Tut, pyramids, and her Egyptian crew on board. The Boczek's again outdid themselves and got 2nd place; the Tierneys also got an honorable mention for their patriotic decorating.

A special thanks go to our parade sponsors – Gormans Restaurant in Lake Elmo and Acapulco in Stillwater! They are good to us, so remember them next time you go out to eat!

We were proud and honored to have Larry and Carol Paul as our 2011 Tri-Lakes Grand Marshals. They are good neighbors and we were glad to have them as our honorees!

Steve Iverson