



# the tri-lakes birchbark

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## New Directory Coming Soon!

We are almost finished with an updated Tri-Lakes Improvement Association Directory. This directory of our entire Tri-Lakes neighborhood provides the listing of our neighbors by name and street address. The last edition of this guide was published six years ago. Thanks to our new board members Jon Early and Justin Bloyer and Greg Hall, Linda Ott and Ruth Pallmeyer who volunteered we will be printing the new edition. If we are able to get it printed in time we will distribute the new book at our Annual Meeting. If it is not done on time we will distribute it at the annual tree give-away on April 30th.

## President's Letter

Well I guess you can blame me. I asked everyone to pray for rain in my spring letter and then thanked everyone in my autumn letter but still insisted we needed more moisture to get the lakes back to normal. As of today we have had just over 55" of snow and my favorite weather man, Paul Douglas, says we should see over 70" before spring. That has made me wonder once again, what am I doing living in Minnesota anyway?

We have had some luck in finding people to volunteer for the coming year. Faye Carpenter and Marilyn Mohrlant have volunteered to serve as Co-Chairs of the Diners Club and Linda Carpenter has agreed to serve as Chair of the Easter Candy Hunt. The Tri-Lakes signs will now be taken care of by various members of the Board of Directors. Cameron Barry did this job all of last year but has had some knee surgery and will have a hard time climbing over the snow banks to install these signs. Dave and Mary Johnson will again provide swimming lessons for our youth. Debbie Dean will serve as the Chair of the Santa program, Marcia Anderson and Charlie Schultz continue to be in charge of our Adopt a Highway program and Marcia continues to work with Deb Meier as our official welcome committee to new residents. Bob Meier handles our annual tree give away and Steve Iverson puts the boat parade together. In addition to all of these great people, both Justin Bloyer and Jon Early have done a great deal of work to help us produce a new directory. John Hamerly, Jim Carpenter and Justin Bloyer are working on finding a new location for next years Tri-Lakes Days event. Add those who also serve on the Board and we have a wonderful group of people who give of their time and talents to make our association work. We are always looking for new board members so let us know if you have an interest and we can nominate you at our upcoming Annual Meeting.

Let's all hope for an early and warm spring so we can enjoy the wonderful neighborhood and lakes that have made us all want to be part of this community. Remember you can find up to the minute information on our website [www.Tri-Lakes.Info](http://www.Tri-Lakes.Info). There are a lot of activities scheduled for 2011. Hope everyone can make as many of these events as possible. See you at the Annual Meeting on Monday February 7th at 7:00 PM. Please come at 6:00 PM if you would like you water tested.

Bob Van Zandt



### Think Spring & Summer-Tri-Lakes Day



### Santa at Gorman's

Ed Gorman and his family offered his restaurant as the collection place for our Toys 4 Kids toy drive again this year. He offered a free drink to everyone who donated a toy. Bob Horning (Santa) served again as chairman of this event and delivered a car load of toys after he visited with the children who came to the restaurant on December 12th. The toys were distributed by The Courage Center to needy families in Lake Elmo and surrounding communities. Bob and Ed have made this annual event a huge success. Thanks for both of you for your generous time and support of this important annual program.

Bob had a stroke the day after this event and is now in rehab and is doing well as he continues to recover. Please keep him your thoughts and prayers.



### Tri-Lakes Swimming Lessons!

Dave and Mary Johnson have agreed to be in charge of the swimming lessons on Lake Jane again this year. Lessons will be held on Monday thru Friday from July 11 to July 22. Members of the Tri-Lakes Association only pay \$25.00 per child. Non-members pay \$35.00 per child. The pictures below are from last year when 60 kids took part in this program. We have offered some of the pictures to help all of us thaw out and remember why we live in Minnesota. Let spring arrive early this year.



### Adopt-A-Highway

The dates for the 2011 Adopt-a-Highway events are April 28 and September 22. Everyone should be at Marcia and Charlie's by 6:00 PM. The address is 4709 Olson Lake Trail North. If you need directions call at 952-930-3877.

### 2011 UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Tri-Lakes Improvement Association Annual Meeting**  
Monday February 7th  
Water Testing starting at 6:00pm  
Meeting 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Diners Club**  
Saturday February 12th at 7:30pm  
Gary and Deb Zeien  
8040 Demontreville Trail Circle N

**Diners Club**  
Saturday March 12th at 7:30pm  
Geof and Steph Laramy  
9704 Lake Jane Trail N

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Saturday April 23rd at 10:00am  
Pebble Park

**Diners Club**  
Saturday April 23rd at 7:30  
Reid Hermanson and Justine Carey  
9357 Jane Court

**Tree Give-Away**  
Saturday April 30th at 9:00 am  
Location to be determined

**Diners Club**  
Saturday May 7th at 7:30pm  
Steve and Shaun Collier  
8896 Jane Road N

**Diners Club**  
Saturday June 18th at 7:30pm  
Jim Douglas and Jan Kiefner  
8001 59th Street North

**Boat Parade**  
Monday July 4th  
Steve Iverson  
Location and time to be determined

**Diners Club**  
Saturday July 9th at 6:00pm  
Pontoon Party  
Jim and Robbie Dillon  
Location and additional information to follow

**Swimming Lessons**  
July 11- July 22nd  
Lake Jane

**Diners Club**  
Saturday July 23rd at 3:00pm  
Beach Volley Ball  
Charlie Schultz and Marcia Anderson  
4709 Olson Lake Trail N

**Diner Club**  
Saturday August 6th at 10:30 am  
Beach Brunch  
Link and Anju Lavey  
8510 Hidden Bay Trail N



Faye & Jim Carpenter & Marcia Anderson at the Halloween Party

**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



### Santa Visits Tri-Lake Kids at Their Homes

Santa (alias Pat Dean and Mark Fritsch) made his yearly visit to the Tri-Lakes neighborhoods again this year. He saw nearly 75 children with the help of coordinators Dawn Blaney and Ann McGee. He had lots of pictures taken and listened to many requests from puppies to dolls and new snowmobiles. Santa had a lot of snow to deal with this year, thatn to all those who shoveled around the mailbox and fire numbers. It helped Santa find the correct house. Santa looks forward to seeing all of you next year!



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## 2011 TRI-LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Van Zandt – President  
Shaun Collier – Vice-President  
Karen Johnston – Treasurer  
Cameron Barry  
Steve Iverson  
Bob Meier  
John Hammerly  
Jim Carpenter  
Jon Early  
Justin Bloyer  
Linda Carpenter

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## Water Testing Offered Again at the Annual Meeting

Members who come to our annual meeting on Monday February 7th at City Hall will be able to have their water tested for nitrates free of charge. We will also have water test kits from Washington County. Residents can take their own sample and drop it off at one of the county locations on Tuesday morning. These test kits are for nitrate and coliform bacteria. Washington County recommends well owners test their water yearly for both coliform bacteria and nitrates as a good housekeeping measure to ensure overall drinking water quality. The cost per testing a sample for both coliform bacteria and nitrate is \$43.00. Those who are interested in having the free nitrate test should arrive at 6:00 PM so this can be done before the annual meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

### PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO COLLECT A SAMPLE:

1. Label a bottle or zip-lock type bag with your name or a number you can recognize.
2. Run you cold tap for about five minutes before collecting the sample.
3. Collect about ½ cup of water in the labeled bag or bottle. Be sure the container is soap free and clean.
4. Double bagging is recommended to reduce leakage.
5. Keep the sample in the refrigerator until the day of the annual meeting if you draw the sample early.

