



# birchbark the tri-lakes

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## Tri-Lakes Annual Swimming Lessons

Red-Cross approved!  
 Monday thru Friday,  
 July 15th thru July 26th

See website for registration form and more info!

Dear Tri-Lakes Friends,  
 We are excited to welcome you and your family to our home for swimming lessons again this year. Tri-Lakes has sponsored this opportunity for over 35 years! You will create life-long memories for your family, make new friends, and have fun socializing with other adults during the lessons. Classes were full last year; we may offer two sessions of some levels to meet everyone's needs. Please register soon to help us prepare!

-Mark and Sharon Vandemmeltraadt

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Residents,

Winter may finally come to an end one of these days; unfortunately, we did not have a repeat of last Spring's early arrival. Soon we will be able to get outside and reconnect with our neighbors and friends. In fact, the annual Easter Egg Hunt is just around the corner on Saturday, March 30th at Pebble Park. Hopefully the kids/grandkids don't have to bring snow shovels!

As the summer approaches, the Tri-Lakes Improvement Association will again see all of the great events of the past. From Tri-Lakes Day (where the Olinger/Chase family has again graciously offered to host the pig roast) to pontoon parties, movies on the beach, and of course, the staple of the Tri-Lakes--the monthly Diner's Club.

We will also see changes happening on our Association Board. Karen Slakey, Treasurer, has stepped down due to scheduling conflicts and will take a position as a Board Member. My wife Dana has agreed to step into the Treasurer role on an interim basis until the board decides on a replacement. John Mayek has stepped down from the board--thank you for your time and service, John. Finally, I appreciate all the trust and responsibility the board has bestowed upon me over the last year; however, I must step down from the board as well. This organization had been in existence since 1955. I do not want any decisions I may make at the city level to hurt membership efforts of this organization. Jon Early will fill the role of President; I am convinced he will lead us through another wonderful summer!

If you are interested in a position on the board, please contact Jon Early at (612) 366-2470.

Best Regards,  
 Justin Bloyer

# Tri-Lake Tree Give-A-Way

Charlie and Liz Brady's: 7680 50th Street N (corner Hilltop) on Saturday, April 27, 2013, starting at 8:30AM and continuing until the trees are gone.



After this year, Washington Conservation District will not be supplying any more trees. They have been selling low-cost tree seedlings to all of us Tri-Lakers and all other Washington County residents since 1975! Through the years our annual Tree Give Away has often been supplied by WeD, with the multi-purpose of educating us and supporting the health of our landscapes and wildlife. Today, while tree planting remains vitally important to our neighborhoods and state, a recent change made in our state law will now be closing the nurseries of the MN Dept. of Natural Resources. (Who came up with this idea?) Although there will no longer be the ability to purchase their affordable trees after this year, WCD will continue to provide advice and some assistance to landowners. (For more info call Wendy Griffen @ 651.275.1136 x 24)

In honor of all the help WCD has provided in the past, this years Tree Give Away will supply a variety of selections to all currently paid Tri-Lakes members on a first come first serve basis. WCD's beautiful legacy will be visible in our Tri-Lakes community for generations to come when you plant:

- 1.) Serviceberry (see description)
- 2.) Prairie Fire Plum (new variety)
- 3.) smile. available Birch, for an additional \$5.00

1.) Serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*) is a hardy, 4-season choice for our Tree Give Away. It is a draught tolerant, easy to grow, ornamental tree or large shrub, with dense white flowers in Spring that become tasty sweet, purple fruit attracting butterflies, birds and people who want to make jam or bake pies. These bright green or bluish leaves turn brilliant red and orange in Fall, adding more beautiful color to our landscape. In Winter, Serviceberry offers striking silvery bark. This plant is hardy in zones 2-9 and grows to approximately 20' tall, with 10'-20' width. Serviceberry is a fast grower in sun or shade, requires low maintenance, and can provide wind protection.

This year's event will be at Charlie and Liz Brady's: 7680 50th Street N (corner Hilltop) on Saturday, April 27, 2013, starting at 8:30AM and continuing until the trees are gone. It helps to ensure the trees get off to a good start if you plan your designated location for the plants and pre-dig holes. Come prepared to take away a bag of young trees and mulch. And come back to the Brady's in the evening(4/27/13) for continued socializing with your neighbors at the Diner's Club)

## Adopt the Highway

### Mark your calenders!

APRIL 18th at 6:00 pm  
 Marcia and Charlie's  
 4709 Olson lake Tr  
 952-930-3877

We clean up Cty Rd 13 from 50th down to Stillwater road. It usually takes about 1 hour. We meet back at Charlie and Marcia's for refreshments. The more people who help the faster we get done.

Thanks to all you wonderful neighbors that show up ever year to help. We all appreciate when are road way look sparkling clean.

## Keep in touch with what's happening in your City.

The City of Lake Elmo is now on Facebook! Follow them for convenient and timely updates on City initiatives, and community news and events! Look for the City of Lake Elmo – Government page ([www.facebook.com/LakeElmoMN](http://www.facebook.com/LakeElmoMN))

Or sign up to receive the City's weekly e-newsletter, fresh, delivered to your inbox every Friday! To sign up, click on the 'fresh' link on the City's webpage at [www.lakeelmo.org](http://www.lakeelmo.org).

**DUES REMINDER** If you have not sent in your membership dues, please note the address change:

Tri-Lakes Association  
 8881 Jane Rd N  
 Lake Elmo, MN 55042

Annual Memberships cost \$25 (\$20 if you are over 65 years of age).



## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

MARCH 30, 2013, 10:00 A.M.,  
 PEBBLE PARK

Tri-Lakes welcomes children ages 0 - 12 to come hunt for Easter Eggs at Pebble Park! This annual event is always lots of fun for young and old alike. Parents are welcome to help out the younger egg hunters. The Easter Bunny may even make an appearance and pose for pictures. The hunt starts promptly at 10:00 a.m., and always draws a crowd, so don't be late! In addition, there is a door prize drawing following the egg hunt. Cost for the door prize is \$1.00 per child. Must be present to win.

## NEW NEIGHBORS:

Gordy & Eve Johnson  
 4694 Olson Lake Trail

Cory Boudreau & Kelly Newbold  
 8382 Hidden Bay Trail

Ron Ormberg  
 8014 Hidden Bay Trail

Doug & Janice Glaus & Family  
 5070 Hilltop Ave N.

Simon & Christie Wirth & Family  
 8081 Hidden Bay Trail

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TRI-LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

8881 Jane Road North  
Lake Elmo, MN 55042  
www.tri-lakes.info

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

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## 2013 TRI-LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

Jon Early – President  
Dana Bloyer – Treasurer  
Deb Meier – Secretary  
Cameron Barry  
Steve Iverson  
John Hamerly  
Jim Carpenter  
Karen Slakey  
Mark Vandemmeltraadt

### APRIL

**Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup**  
Your participation is needed & appreciated!  
Thursday, April 18th at 6pm  
Hosts: Marcia & Charlie Schultz  
4709 Olson Lake Trail N • 952-930-3877

**Tree Giveaway**  
Saturday, April 27th starting at 8:30am  
Charles & Liz Brady's home  
7680 50th Street N • 651-773-3171

**Diner's Club**  
Saturday, April 27th at 7:30pm  
Hosts: Charles & Liz Brady  
7680 50th Street N • 651-773-3171

### MAY

**Diner's Club**  
Saturday, May 11th at 7:30pm  
Hosts: John & Becky Wheatley  
8749 Lake Jane Trail N • 651-773-0147

### JUNE

**Diner's Club**  
Saturday, June 22nd at 7:30pm  
Hosts: Jim & Jan Douglass  
8001 50th Street N • 651-770-1177

### JULY

**Swimming Lessons**  
Hosts: Sharon and Mark Vandemmeltraadt  
Enrollment Coordinator: Dana Bloyer  
9399 Jane Rd N  
Monday thru Friday, July 15th thru 26th  
SEE WEBSITE FOR FORMS

**Pontoon Party**  
Saturday, July 13th at 6pm  
Hosts: Jim & Robbie Dillon  
8190 Hill Trail N • 651-773-9162

**Diner's Club**  
Saturday, July 27th at 7:30pm  
Hosts: Tony & Jeanne Nelson  
4535 Olson Lake Trail N • 651-748-9299

### AUGUST

**Tri-Lakes Day!**  
Saturday, August 10th  
EVERYONE WELCOME!

**Waterski Show 3pm**  
Hosts: Sharon & Mark Vandemmeltraadt  
9399 Jane Road N

**BBO & Live Music by Wheelhouse 5pm**  
Hosts: Olinger Family & Chase Family  
9057 Lake Jane Trail N

### SEPTEMBER

**Lake Elmo Days!**  
Friday, September 6th and Saturday, September 7th BBQ at Lake Elmo Bank, Parade, Kid Games, Live Music by Wheelhouse. See Lake Elmo's website for more details: [www.lakeelmo.org](http://www.lakeelmo.org)

**Movie on the Beach**  
Saturday, September 7th at 7pm  
Hosts: Marcia & Charlie Schultz  
4709 Olson Lake Trail N • 952-930-3877

### OCTOBER

**Adult Halloween Party**  
Saturday, October 19th at 7:30pm  
Hosts: Faye & Jim Carpenter  
4816 Olson Lake Trail N • 651-770-0778

### NOVEMBER

**Diner's Club**  
Saturday, November 9th at 7:30pm  
Hosts: Denise & Terry Boczek  
8110 Demontreville Trail N • 651-748-1906

### DECEMBER

**Annual Christmas Party**  
Saturday, December 7th at 7:30pm  
Hosts: Marilyn & Mick Mohrlant  
4870 Olson Lake Trail N • 651-457-4557