

Tri-Lakes Birchbark



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President's Letter

It has been a mixed-up season of weather. July was cool, September hot; June dry, October wet. The drought has dropped the lakes to levels not seen in decades. Although some Tri-Lakes events were affected, hopefully you made the most of the weather.

Once again, a big "Thank You" needs to go out to some of our neighbors. Thanks to Mary and Dave Johnson for hosting and organizing the swim lessons. You do a great job and it is such an important part of lake living! Thanks to Joe Kiesling, Jim and Faye Carpenter, and John Hamerly for another great Tri-Lakes Days Ski Show. Your commitment and passion really make it a premier event; both for the participants and the spectators! Thanks to Jim and Robbi Dillon for organizing the 10th Annual Pontoon Party. The party turned into a "Beach Party" due to the low water, and thanks to Pat and Debbie Dean (for the beach), all had a good time. Thanks to Charlie Schulz and Marcia Anderson for hosting "Movie on the Beach". For the 3rd year in a row, there is just something special about that night. Thanks to Vickie Iverson for the projector and the great movie selections! Also thanks to Marcia and Charlie for again organizing the highway cleanup. We take it for granted that Olson Lake Trail/Ideal Ave is very clean; but it is actually the result of your neighbors putting forth the effort to keep it that way. Thanks to

Jim and Dawn Blaney for hosting the Pow Wow. It is a great family event to get in one last summer event and at the same time kick off the fall activities. Thanks go to Cameron and Leanne Barry for their work in organizing the Diners Club and for handling the signs.

These are just a few of the names that make the Tri-Lakes area a great place to live. Do you know any other neighborhood that offers so much variety and friendships as the Tri-Lakes? Appreciate it, support it, and take full advantage of it! And like I've said before, staying involved is the best thing we can do as neighbors. There are too many negative things in today's world and we need to watch out for each other. If it just doesn't look right, it probably isn't. Be vigilant - don't hesitate to call the Sheriff - they want to help, but need to get that call first! 651-439-9381 or 911.

Steve Iverson

Attention Birchbark Contributors

The deadline for the winter Birchbark is Saturday, January 16. Please mark your calendars.

Thanks!

2009 Swimming Lessons



Summer wouldn't be the same without Tri-Lakes Association SWIMMING LESSONS! This year was cool and sometimes rainy but there were also bright, sunny and warm days. And nothing stopped 78 kids from 49 families from having fun in the water and learning new swimming skills. They drank hot chocolate or lemonade depending on the temperature - and enjoyed the swing set and playing wiffle ball before/after their lessons. It was such a delight to watch children aged 5 to 15 cooperate and play together! Meanwhile, parents and grandparents mingled on the lawn or the dock and built new friendships.

The oldest kids played water games each afternoon - basketball, relays, water polo, and kayak races. With the lake so low, it was sometimes difficult to get the game far enough from shore to be deep enough! But, this was the last year for many of them so they made the most of their time together.

As is tradition, we enjoyed a Pot Luck lunch on the last day. Tri-Lake Association provided hot dogs and lemonade and each family brought a delicious dish to pass. Some parents even took the day off from work so they could enjoy extra time on the beach with their neighbors.

Caitlin Rooney, our instructor for the last four years, has been accepted to medical school in Des Moines. This was her last year with us. She will be missed and we wish her well.

Plan for July 12 - 23 for 2010 Swimming Lessons!

And, please, pray for HOT weather!

September Diner's Club—Movie on the Beach

This last September 5th was another perfect evening for the Tri-Lakes Movie on the Beach. The weather couldn't have cooperated more to contribute to a great night of friends and fun.



Link Lavey accepting the gift certificates from Steve Iverson.

Over 30 neighbors arrived at Charlie Schultz and Marcia Anderson's beach by foot, car, and even canoe to view the featured presentation of "Ghost Town" starring Ricky Gervais, Tea Leoni and Greg Kinnear.

It is events like this and the hospitality of the people around us that show what a fantastic community we live in. The lucky winner of the evening's drawing was Link Lavey

who took home some gift certificates for Anju and himself to a movie at the Oakdale Cinema.

We would like to thank Charlie and Marcia for continuing this fantastic event. Despite Marcia being ill, the set-up and execution of this third annual screening went off without a glitch.

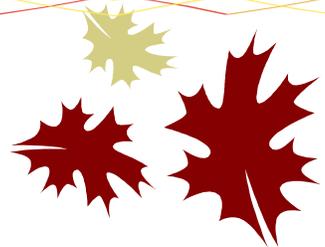
Cameron and Leanne Barry

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Tony & Donna Praza
7872 Demontreville Road

Mick & Marilyn Mohrlant
4870 Olson Lake Trail

Scott & Sally Richie & Family
8720 42nd Street North



ADOPT A HIGHWAY

A HUGE THANKS FOR ALL YOU WONDERFUL
NEIGHBORS !

It always fun to see new faces come out and help, we all appreciate your efforts in keeping our neighborhood clean.
Thanks again and see you all next spring.

Marcia and Charlie



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2009 Tri-Lakes Upcoming Events

Diner's Club Christmas Party
Saturday, December 12th at 7:30pm
4870 Olson Lake Trail