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President's Letter

Dear Tri-Lakes Neighbors,

The Mission of Tri-Lakes Improvement Association is, "Actively bringing Tri-Lakes residents together to Protect, Improve and Promote our Community,"

I am excited to report that the state of the Association is strong. 2018 was a successful year focused on and accomplishing this Mission! We had another full schedule of events throughout the year with robust attendance. Memberships are up again compared to last year. We will continue to focus on our Mission & Mottos: "The Best Memories are Made Here" & "Living the Good Life".

This last year, we built out the interior of the Tri-Lakes Ski Team equipment trailer purchased in 2017. Boy Scout, Dylan Tischer, of Lake Elmo Troop #162 did this as his Eagle Scout project. Thank you to Dylan, scouts from his troop and Tri-Lakes volunteers to finish the interior of the trailer making for a functional trailer that also looks great!

In 2018, we established the Neighborhood Watch Program along with the Washington County's Sheriff Department and the City of Lake Elmo, as highlighted at the Annual Meeting. We implemented the first phase on the Neighborhood Watch signs in our community. I want to extend a special 'thank you' to Sheriff's Deputy, Darin Ostertag, for leading this important program for our community! We plan to expand the program in 2019 with more signs and asking for additional volunteer Block Captains. If you are interested, please let us know.

I want to extend a special "thank you" to all of the volunteers & hosts who worked on the various events in 2018. Thank you to all the Tri-Lakes Board members & the Committee Chairs for all your dedication and teamwork.

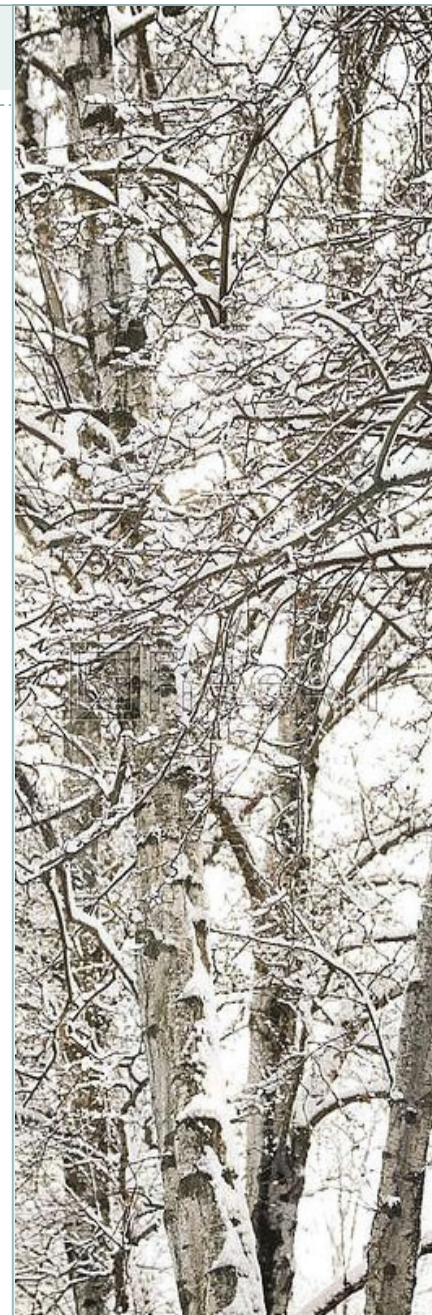
To all of our members, your support & participation is appreciated! For those of you who aren't members please consider becoming one. It is a small, but valuable investment in your community. Also, know you are invited to attend any of our events as a guest, free of charge. ALL ARE WELCOME—ANYTIME!

Please join us at the Annual Meeting on Monday, February 25, 2019. The meeting will be held at the North St. Paul Legion at 7:00 pm. It is an honor to continue to work with all of you to help keep a good thing going. I look forward to having another great year of working together with all of you to Protect, Improve, and Promote our Community!

Best Wishes,

Dave Carlson, President

"Living the Good Life"



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TRI-LAKES DAYS

The 2018 Tri-Lakes Day and Water Ski Show was well attended this past August. After six weeks of hard practice the Water Ski show entertained neighbors, families and friends.

A big thanks to the Chase and Olinger families for the use of their property and warm hospitality.

The barbeque followed and included live entertainment, games for the kids and a giant water slide, made possible by the Lake Elmo Fire Department tanker truck.



Water slide courtesy of Lake Elmo Fire Department

Lake Jane is the annual site for the Tri-Lakes Days

“The Best Memories are Made Here.”

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Tri-Lakes Association will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 25 at: American Legion, 2678 7th Ave East, N St Paul

All members and anyone interested in becoming a member of the Association are welcome to attend.

A new Water Safety Resources program will be discussed for the relevance to our community.

The Tri-Lakes Association is here for our neighborhood—not for the sake of the Association. Please plan to attend and bring your ideas and insights.

Membership registration for 2019 will be available at the meeting.

As always, the meeting will be followed by fellowship at the Legion.

2019 TRI-LAKES SOCIALS

February

Deb & Gary Zeien
Feb 16 @ 7:30 pm
8040 Demontreville Tr Circle N
Lake Elmo

MARCH

Mike & Linda Carpenter
Mar. 23 @ 7:30 pm
8050 Demontreville Trl Cir N
Lake Elmo

APRIL

Stan & Jane Hooper
Apr. 6 @ 7:30 pm
8080 Hidden Bay Trail N
Lake Elmo

MAY

Daryl & Tom Seifert
May 11 @ 7:30 pm
4849 Olson Lake Trl N

JUNE

Tony Nelson & Jeanne Anderson
TBD @ 7:30 pm
4535 Olson Lake Trl N
Lake Elmo

JULY

Dean & Bonnie Wilson
July 13 @ 7:30 pm
7890 44th Street Court N
Oakdale

AUGUST

Tri-Lakes Days WATER SKI SHOW
Donaven & Trisha Chase
9125 Jane Trl N
Date TBD

SEPTEMBER

Roger & Judy Knutson
TBD @ 7:30 pm
4240 Irvin Ct N
Lake Elmo

OCTOBER

HALLOWEEN PARTY
Karen Slakey
Oct. 5 @ 7:30 pm
7872 Demontreville Trl N
Lake Elmo

NOVEMBER

Jim & Faye Carpenter
Nov. 30 @ 7:30 pm
4815 Olson Lake Trl N
Oakdale

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Terry & Denise Boczek
Dec. 14 @ 7:30 pm
8110 Demontreville Trl N
Lake Elmo

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www.tri-lakes.info
Tri-Lakes Facebook Page
Neighborhood Signs



Easter Bunny and Tri-Lakes attendees with Washington County Sheriff's Deputies

2018 EASTER EGG HUNT

The 2018 Easter Egg Hunt on March 31 was a winter wonderland with 6+ inches of snow and windy, cold temperatures. That did not stop the committed Easter egg hunters divided by ages 0-3, 4-6, 7-9 years old. Approximately 120 children attended and were able to hunt 1400 eggs that were stuffed with delightful treats and toys.

This year the Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 am. We plan to welcome all the excited egg hunters with enjoyable hunting including an Easter egg basket raffle. The raffle tickets for the baskets will be \$1 and each age group will have a basket. Look forward to local gift cards as part of the baskets. The Easter Bunny will attend again this year, and will be available for pictures with the kids after the hunt.

Please be aware that there is limited parking so feel free to car pool or park on the street. We start promptly at 10:00 am and cannot wait for late arrivals. A representative from Tri-Lakes will be collecting annual renewals, so bring cash or check.

SKI TEAM EQUIPMENT TRAILER BUILD OUT

The ski team trailer, purchased in 2017, required interior customization to accommodate the Tri-Lakes Ski Team equipment. This included building ski racks, a dividing wall, storage shelves and installing hoods for storing ski ropes. This was done with the help of Boy Scout Dylan Tischer, who made this his Eagle Scout project with the Lake Elmo Troop #162.

Thank you to Dylan, the other scouts from his troop and Tri-Lakes volunteers who worked hard to complete this project. It was great to work together with the Scouts to build the interior of the trailer which is very functional and looks great!



Boy Scout Dylan Tischer, fellow scouts and member volunteers in front to the completed Ski Equipment Trailer

2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Adopt a Highway

Spring & Fall—Dates TBD

Easter Egg Hunt

Featuring the Easter Bunny

April 20, 10:00 am Sharp
Rain or shine at Pebble Park

Botanical Giveaway & Exchange

Spring TBD

9057 Jane Trl N

Bee-friendly plants free to paid
Tri-Lakes members

Split a plant from your garden and
exchange with a neighbor

Rain or Shine

Bring the kids for activities

July 4th Boat Parade

Olson / Demontreville

Certified Swim Lessons

Lake Jane

July 8—July 18

Ski Show Practice & Lessons

Date TBD

Lake Jane

Tri-Lakes Days & Ski Show

Saturday in August - Date TBD

3:00 pm Ski Show

Barbeque Party to follow with kid
games, water slide and music

Movie on the Beach

TBD

Family Outdoor Fall Festival

September 28, 4:00 pm

8032 Hidden Bay Trl N

Lake Elmo

Santa Visits

At your home!

Mid-December

Look for announcement dates via
membership email blasts and on the
website

Tubing at Green Acres

Jan/Feb 2020—TBD

2019

BOARD MEMBERS

Dave Carlson, President
Brian Pitzen, Vice President/
Communications Director
Joel Gardner, Treasurer elect
Dana Boyer, Secretary
Jonathan Early
Jim Arkell
Tom Burns
John Hamerly
Tony Nelson
Dan Olinger
Daryl Seifert
Karen Slakey
Dan Stoudt
Sharon Vandemmeltraadt
Lane Hinsperger, Proposed new
Board Member

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

The annual Family Fall Festival was held on Saturday, September 29, 2018. Jonathon and Coco Early hosted at their home on 8032 Hidden Bay Trail for an evening of family fun and neighborhood camaraderie.

Kids enjoyed lawn games and a scavenger hunt including prizes for the participants! The adults enjoyed conversation while sitting around the fire pit. Jon provided his delicious smoked brisket while ‘dishes to share’ were brought by all families.

The Festival was well attended, and many new families showed up. Look for this event again in September 28, 2019.

A big thanks to the Early’s for sponsoring this event!



Members enjoying the Family Fall Festival last September

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