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Tri-Lakes Swimming Lessons

The kids had a lot of fun this year—and the first week of lessons turned out to be toasty HOT. Swim Instructor Maggie Hamerly and assistant Josie Vandemmelraadt taught Beginners through GuardStart every weekday for two weeks. Fantastic job, ladies! Special thanks to the Vandemmelraadt family for letting the Tri-Lakes use their beach again this year.

Mark your calendars for 2014 lessons: July 14 thru July 25.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings to my neighbors in the Tri-Lakes area:

I'm certain I am not the only one putting on long sleeves in the morning and wondering what happened to the summer. It seems like last week we were putting the plans in place for summer activities and anticipating the rewards they would offer while hoping that the weather would eventually turn to summer from its wet, stormy beginning. Everyone have enough fire wood?

We were on vacation when the big storm took down all the trees in June and thanks to some great neighbors we came home to a cleared driveway. It's a good feeling knowing that the spirit of neighborliness is well fostered in the Tri-Lakes area. The annual Christmas Party is a great venue for getting out and meeting neighbors. It is one of the best attended Diner's Club events and we once again look forward to the festive venue that Marilyn and Mick's house offers.

July and August were full of "Living the Good Life" in the Tri-Lakes area. The creativity and artistic efforts of all participants in the boat parade were once again a great contribution to the celebration of Independence Day. The summer Diner's Clubs provided the time honored tradition for adults to socialize with neighbors and get away from the kids for a couple of hours. Look forward to October for the annual adult Halloween costume party. For anyone shy about attending a Diner's Club this is your opportunity to show up anonymously.

We now have another group of new swimmers thanks to the summer swim lesson program while the water ski lessons and show were once again a great success. Culminating the summer is the now annual Tri-Lakes Days party on the shores of Lake Jane. This has become the envy of any neighborhood association with attendance of over 250 neighbors and friends enjoying a barbecue dinner and live entertainment on a beautiful lakeside venue. Thank you to everyone who volunteered time, effort and resources for this event. We often think about the fun or the opportunity to know and visit with neighbors as the motivation for the Tri-Lakes Association activities. Of equal or greater importance is the example that we set for the young people in the neighborhood; our children, grandchildren or those of our neighbors. It is the dedication to celebrating community, the spirit of volunteering and the many rewards from a group effort that teaches our young people the valuable lesson of contributing to the community and enjoying the rewards of those contributions. On behalf of the entire Tri-Lakes area I want to thank the many volunteers and participants for their unselfish contributions to building a better community and setting an example that will benefit the future of all communities as our children become ambassadors of "Living the Good Life".

Jonathan Early
President, Tri-Lakes Association

TRI-LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Family Membership - \$25 per year- under 65 years of age or \$20 per year over 65 years of age.

Mail to: Dana Bloyer, Tri-Lakes Association, 8881 Jane Rd N, Lake Elmo, MN 55042

Tri-Lakes Day



What a spectacular day—Tri-Lakes Day 2013! The weather was beautiful and the Annual Ski Show showcased great talent. We had 50 participants in the show this year; special thanks to Brenda Jo Carlson and Faye Carpenter for organizing the lessons, overseeing the show acts, and sharing their knowledge of the sport. The 10-person pyramid, the bare-foot skiing, the bar act, the 3-year-olds on Skimmer-boards... it all went off without a hitch. It's wonderful to see the participants' smiling faces and their enthusiasm...and it is such a great way to connect with others in the Tri-Lakes

neighborhood and those that venture in from the surrounding area. Please join us next year as we continue this wonderful activity made possible by folks in our neighborhood. Thanks to the Vandemmelraadt family for hosting and also to our boat drivers and countless other volunteers!

Live Music provided by Wheelhouse and a BBQ rounded out the day's events. The evening gathering was a great turnout: 250 neighbors! Members of the Tri-Lakes enjoyed food and music free of charge. Gift Certificates and items from our local businesses were given away in the raffle drawing. Special thanks to the Verbeek family for orchestrating the games, the kids had a fantastic time! The kids ended the evening running through the water spray from the Lake Elmo Fire Truck that was on-site.

The entire Tri-Lakes Day is priceless entertainment and is something quite rare in today's time. Thanks to everyone who made this day possible and to those who came out to support the skiers, watch the band, and visit with their neighbors. Thank you to the Olinger/Chase families for hosting the evening event on their beautiful lake front.



ATTENTION FOLKS:
Join the Tri Lakes Improvement Association on Facebook!
Search for Tri- Lakes Improvement Association to join the group!



Adopt A Highway

Thanks again to Marcia Anderson and Charlie Schultz for organizing the Adopt-A-Highway event. This Fall's clean-up was well attended and the volunteers made short work of the clean-up and returned to Marcia and Charlie's for refreshments and pizza. Thanks to everyone who showed up. If you missed the opportunity this clean-up event is held in the spring and fall and offers an opportunity to contribute to the organization while spending time with your neighbors.

New Neighbors to Tri-Lakes

Please welcome the following new neighbors:

Jason & Tara Brash & family
9030 Jane Rd. N.

Thomas & Abigail Dodds
5855 Highlands Trail N.

Alex & Emilie Eilts
4548 Olson Lake Trail

Mike & Anna Hilleren
4455 Olson Lake Trail

Jim & Tami VanOverbeke & family
8544 Demontreville Trail



BOAT PARADE

There were 8 boats decorated for the parade, with top honors going to our new neighbors, the Gimpels. They decorated their boat with the theme of honoring the branches of our nations Military. The second spot went to Vickie Iverson (with the help of sister-in-law Tanya Iverson and niece and nephew Kjerstin and Colin) - they created a floating Pac-Man game.

From the generosity of our parade sponsors, all participants received prizes!

Special thanks go to our parade sponsors:
Gormans Restaurant Lake Elmo Inn

They are good to us, so remember them next time you go out to eat!

Steve Iverson

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Tri-Lakes Improvement Association benefits from many volunteers who understand and believe in the value that the organization brings to the neighborhoods in the Tri-Lakes Area. This year we have had a couple of resignations from the board due to time conflicts. The board is in need of at least 2 neighbors to step forward and help with the leadership of the organization. Please consider stepping forward to help continue the legacy and tradition of this great organization. Many hands make small work for everyone. Contact Jonathan Early 612-366-2470.

The Learn to ski and ski show program needs volunteers to help re-varnish the show skis. We are working on a planned work day, (date to be announced in the next Birchbark) after the first of the year and will be looking for some volunteers. First we need a heated garage where we can work. Please let Jon Early know if you have a garage available for the work day.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

DECEMBER

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

Light Up Lake Elmo -
December 7, 4-7 PM ,
Tree lighting at 6 PM.
More info at lakeelmo.org
or the Tri-lakes facebook page.



**Check the website for
any changes to the
Event Schedule!**

Santa Visits

Santa will be making his yearly pilgrimage to the Tri-Lakes Area December 9-11. We have divided the area into three neighborhoods.

- Lake Jane area
Anne McGee 994-1956,
- Hidden Bay area
Dawn Blaney 779-9121
- Lake Demontreville
Debbie Dean 770-9430

Please contact the appropriate person to set up your visit. We usually start our visits around 6PM and we are finished by 9PM. If you have any questions or new ideas please contact Debbie Dean 770-9430.