

the tri-lakes birchbark

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Water Testing

We had another successful annual meeting this past February. Once again, we had free water testing available for members and the results were encouraging.

Please see the chart below. Out of 26 samples, none were above 10 mg/L which is the EPA drinking water standard for Nitrate.

count	26
average	1.5
median	0.40
max	6.75
% >10	0

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fellow Tri-Lakes Community,

It is with great sadness my first President's Letter contains the unfortunate passing of our past president, Bob Van Zandt. Bob was an integral part of the Tri-Lakes Association as well as the broader Lake Elmo community and he will be missed dearly. If anyone wishes to lend assistance to his widow, Maureen Van Zandt, I will put you in contact with her. I am sure Maureen would appreciate our support during this difficult time.

It is an honor and privilege for me to serve as the Tri-Lakes Association President, Bob's hard work and dedication to this position will inspire me. I am excited to lay out in this issue of the Birchbark many exciting activities planned for this year. Thanks to Karen Slakey, Women's Bunco is back in full force. The Board is also discussing a Men's Card Club to compliment Bunco beginning in the Fall. If anyone would be interested in organizing this monthly event, please let me know.

In the next week we will host the Easter Egg Hunt at Pebble Park, which is always a great gathering of the community and enjoyed by the children. The Annual Tree Giveaway is just around the corner as well. We will be hosting swimming lessons in July on Lake Jane, there is a Triathlon on Lake Olson (please read the article—it's not your typical Triathlon!) and the summer will culminate with the Tri-Lakes Days. This year immediately following the Water-Ski Show will be a pig roast and live music by Wheelhouse where all are welcome.

For those of you I have not met yet, I look forward to introducing myself to you in the coming months. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions.

Best Regards,
 Justin Bloyer, jwbloyer@aol.com

TRI-LAKES TRI-FEST FOOD-MUSIC-FUN



Saturday, August 4, 2012 - 3:00 PM at Charlie and Marcia's, 4709 Olson Lake Trail N

You are invited to this great Tri-Lakes event! This one is sure to showcase the best that a Minnesota Summer has to offer! From 3:00 to 7:00, a Volleyball challenge will happen, pitting the Spikers of Lake Jane against the Diggers of DeMontreville/Olson. The 3-7 time will focus on family "Fun in the Sun" activities (beach/water volleyball, swimming, etc.) with dinner about 5:00 (bring your own meat and drinks and a dish to pass).

Then, as the afternoon activities wind down, the "adults only" time begins with "LIVE MUSIC BY THE LAKE" from 7:00 to 10:00. You can spend big bucks on gas money to go to a resort in Northern Minnesota; or, you can get the same entertainment right here in the Tri-Lakes with your friends and neighbors!

For more information, contact Charlie Schultz or Marcia Anderson @ 651-748-9299
DON'T MISS IT AND DON'T FORGET THE SUNSCREEN!



TRI-LAKES WATERSKI SHOW

Saturday, August 18th at 3pm
Vandemmeltraadt's Beach • 9399 Jane Road N
Practice starts Tuesday, July 10th at 6:30pm

The time to gather your courage and learn how to ski is fast-approaching! Everyone is invited to participate in the Annual Water-Ski program on Lake Jane ... and put your water-sport skills on display at the show on Saturday, August 18th. Many folks in the community dedicate their time and talent to making sure this program is a success year-after-year. We'd love for you to participate in the program or give support by attending the show. The community's expert skiers will impress you with their pyramids, Line of 10, Ballet Line, etc. and those little kids on their skimmers will make your hearts melt! Ski practices are held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings starting July 10th and will take place at 6:30pm until dusk. On Wednesday nights, after skiing and clean-up, there is also a pizza party! Participation costs \$40/person/member or \$45/person/non-member.

Swimming Lessons

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY - JULY 16
THRU JULY 27. Mark your family calendar for swimming lessons, which will take place on Vandemmeltraadt's beach this year. Registration Forms will be available on the website, www.tri-lakes.info, in June!



Following the Ski Show on Saturday, August 18th will be live music and a Pig Roast on the Olinger/Chase beachfront on Lake Jane. GO TO www.tri-lakes.info FOR DETAILS!



4th of July Parade

The Tri-Lakes Boat Parade is a nice family event on a lovely summer day, so hopefully we get some rain soon so the channel is navigable! Whether you are watching from shore, or decorating your boat to try to win some great prizes, it is an enjoyable day for all.

Wednesday, July 4th, at 12:00 noon, we will begin at the Lake DeMontreville boat launch (line-up at 11:40 a.m.) and parade along the shores of lakes DeMontreville and Olson. We plan to select a Grand Marshall, have a judge's stand for awards (trophy for best presentation), and of course, we'll gather for awards following the parade. Please plan to participate in this fun summer event or just enjoy the parade from boat or shore! The new time this year (12:00) should give your guests time to arrive and set up their chairs on your beach, so ENJOY!

For more information, contact:
Steve Iverson, 651-455-2347

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

**APRIL 7, 2012, 10:00 A.M.,
PEBBLE PARK, RAIN OR SHINE**

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! The hunt takes place rain or shine. 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.



WHAT IS BUNCO?

Bunco is a game played in teams with three dice. It is a social dice game involving no skill, only 100% luck. Bunco began in England in the 18th century. It was introduced to San Francisco as a gambling activity in 1855. Following the Civil War, Bunco became a popular parlor game. Bunco squads, law-enforcement groups, began raiding Bunco parlors during the 1920s and Prohibition to break up the gambling associated with Bunco. The game lost its popularity until the 1980s. It is currently estimated that nearly 27 million people in the USA play Bunco on a regular basis!

TRI-LAKES NEIGHBORHOOD BUNCO is held the third Friday of every month at 7:00 pm. Check the Birchbark, Tri-Lakes Website and the signs for the location.

Come out ladies and experience the fun of Bunco! Any questions, contact Karen Slakey at 651-344-4955.



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TRI -LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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

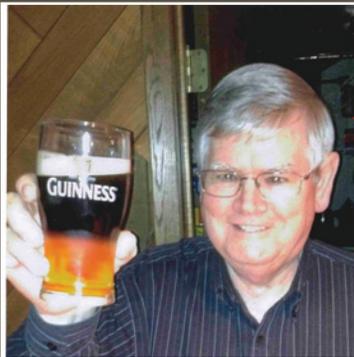
2012 TRI-LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

Justin Bloyer – President
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Steve Iverson
John Hamerly
Jim Carpenter
John Mayek
Mark Vandemmeltraadt

Tri-Lake Tree Give-A-Way

Earth Day Weekend, Sat. April 21, 2012, 9:00 a.m at Charlie and Liz Brady's
7680 50th Street North (corner of Hilltop and 50th), (651) 773-3171

Please take advantage of your membership perk and stop by Charlie and Liz Brady's home on Saturday morning, April 21st to pick up a FREE small flowering shrub in various colors that will grow to be about 4 feet tall. Contact the Brady's with any questions.



Bob Van Zandt

It is with sadness and loss for our Tri- Lakes community that we say goodbye to our friend and neighbor Bob Van Zandt. Bob died suddenly on March 18, 2012 and was buried on March 24, 2012.

For those that knew Bob my comments are redundant. Bob was a driving force in our lakes association, in our city of Lake Elmo, in the Metro area for the underserved and as a leader in the Native American community. He was a successful business owner, a family man, and had an extensive network of friends. His energy and passion,

coupled with his detailed work, will be greatly missed. I had the privilege to know Bob as a neighbor, as a board member, as a patient and as a friend. He was generous of time, spirited in his beliefs and compassionate to all. He is the past president for our Tri-Lakes Association and did an exceptional job. In the relatively short time that he was in our community, I think he set a high bar for a standard of conduct, accountability, community activism and was a champion for neighborhood development. He is survived by his wife and children to carry on his legacy on Hidden Bay Trail. He will be missed. - John Hamerly, MD