



# the tri-lakes birchbark

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## Tri-Lakes Swimming Lessons

Enroll in this year's annual Tri-Lakes Association tradition of learning to swim in the lake! Give your children or grandchildren something to remember all their lives. Come and socialize with the neighbors while watching the lessons. The final day is the annual pot luck!

Monday thru Friday — July 15 thru July 26

Sharon and Mark Vandemmeltraadt's beach  
 9399 Jane Road North  
 \* Lake Jane \* East-side of the lake

Beginners ..... 10:00 – 10:30 .....(30 minutes)  
 Level 1: ..... 10:30 – 11:10 .....(40 minutes)  
 Level 2: ..... 11:10 – 11:50 .....(40 minutes)  
 Level 3: ..... 11:50 – 12:35 .....(45 minutes)  
 Level 4: ..... 1:15 – 2:00 .....(45 minutes)  
 Level 5 ..... 2:00 – 2:45 .....(45 minutes)  
 GuardStart: ..... 2:45 – 3:30 .....(45 minutes)

\$30 for Tri-Lakes Association Members  
 \$35 for non-members

For more information,  
 call Dana at 651-331-6971 or  
 email [dana@nationalchecking.com](mailto:dana@nationalchecking.com) or  
 visit the website for info and  
**Registration Form!**

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings to my neighbors in the Tri-Lakes area:

By the time this edition of the Birchbark arrives in your mailbox I hope we have put this drawn out winter and anemic spring to the back of our minds and are enjoying the fruits of summer! Due to a couple of resignations, the Tri-Lakes Board has been rearranged and I find myself in the position of President while Dana Bloyer has capably grabbed hold of the Treasurer position. Our first order of business put the books in order, funded the Tree-Giveaway and put the plans in motion for an eventful summer.

If the Diners Clubs serve as an excuse to get out of the house and visit with our neighbors over the long winter, it is the fun packed summer events that we all look forward to. Whether you live on one of our gorgeous lakes or the surrounding neighborhood, be certain to know that you are welcome at any of the Tri-Lakes events. Please look over the calendar and set aside the dates to take advantage of the many fun filled summer activities.

The Tri-Lakes Association has a history of nearly 60 years going back to its inception in 1955. I am happy to say that was before my time, but not by much. The goal of the organization, at its inception, was to improve the quality of lake living in the tri-lakes area. The specific activities over the years have been geared to address whatever issues the members of the Tri-Lakes Association deemed important, but the one thing that has remained constant is unification of the community. There are over 600 households within the tri-lakes borders and to have an organization provide such a variety of community building activities and opportunities to know our neighbors is more significant than we all realize. I know our family has received much more than we have put in to the organization since we moved into the area 13 years ago; the most significant of those benefits has been a new and diverse group of friends and a sense of trust in knowing who our neighbors are.

To all of our volunteers, a big thanks for your efforts and for opening up your homes and sharing your resources to make this organization a success. If you are not yet a member or have let your membership expire I want to personally invite you to join or rejoin. The small fee that you pay, regardless of your level of participation, goes a long way toward adding value to the neighborhood and keeping this a desirable place to reside. I look forward to seeing everyone over the summer and hope to meet a lot of new neighbors.

Best regards,

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 Tree Give-A-Way



The Tree Giveaway 2013 welcomed in the first warm and sunny weekend of Spring this year, after an extenuated Minnesota winter. Approximately seventy Tri-Lakers came out to socialize and get their free Serviceberry (great for shade) and Prairie Red Fire Plum trees (tolerates partial shade) along with some Birches. This year Washington Conservation provided us with healthy plants with

labels so we all could take them home (and perhaps get them planted later when the shaded ground finally thaws!)

Master Gardener, Nancy Hansen, was on hand to describe best planting practices as well as tips for battling the infestation of ravenous Japanese beetles, and the ubiquitous (though harmless) Box Elder Bugs. The Buckthorn puller is still available for Tri-Lakers to borrow, to aid in ridding our neighborhood of the pernicious tree. Call 651.773.3171 if you want to facilitate taking out the bigger buckthorns with this tool. If you are pulling buckthorn, it helps to pull after a rain.

Thanks to the members of the Tri-Lakes Board who were present, as well as several helpful neighbors volunteering their time to prepare for the event. Thank you, Jan, Marcia and Charlie, Mary Ann and Ron!

The turn-out this year and last was significantly less than previous years when we used to provide trees for approximately 150 residents who would show up. Planting trees and shrubs in our neighborhood continues to be important to the health and beauty of our Tri-Lakes as well as a habitat for wildlife. Many older mature trees that are safety hazards need to be removed or replaced. However, dying trees can still provide "bed & breakfast" for the birds. Our landscapes are constantly changing. We will continue with the annual Tree Giveaway next year as always, but will adjust to the fewer numbers by purchasing fewer trees for next year.

The choice for next year's tree is yet to be determined. Any requests?



## Tri-Lakes Improvement Association Proudly Presents... Water-ski Lessons & Ski Show Practice

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings  
6:30pm to 9pm

Starting Tuesday, July 9th  
2013 Session will run 5 weeks

**The Annual Ski Show will be held  
at 3pm on Saturday, August 10th  
and all participants will be in the show acts!**

All practices and the Ski Show are hosted  
at Sharon and Mark Vandemmeltraadt's beach  
9399 Jane Rd N on Lake Jane



### ATTENTION FOLKS:

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



## Adopt A Highway

After 2 postponements due to weather (snow), the Adopt a Highway Volunteers got their chance to clean up Olson Lake Trail and Ideal Ave from 50th street to Stillwater Blvd on May 16. The turn-out was predictable and consisted of the usual stalwarts along with some new faces. Marcia Anderson, the coordinator for Adopt A Highway says "Thanks to all that helped clean up on a cold Thursday eve. There seemed to be a lot of garbage this year. NEXT ONE!"

In addition to the garbage a few small rewards of dollar bills were discovered and contributed to the pizza and refreshments afterward. The roadside looks a lot better. Look forward to the next clean-up in the Fall.

## New Neighbors to Tri-Lakes

*Please welcome the following new neighbors:*

Gary Fields  
4751 Olson Lake Trail No.

Eric & Colette Gilbert  
8371 59th St. N.

Sarah Lockwood & Paul Marshall  
9399 Lake Jane Trail

Bryce & Donna Wickstrom  
4275 Ivy Ct. N.



## Tri-Lakes Boat Parade

### 4TH OF JULY PARADE

The Tri-Lakes Boat Parade is a nice family event on a nice summer day. I think that after this past winter and lack of spring, everyone will agree that Minnesotans should be taking advantage of every summer activity possible. This event is on the water and on the 4th – both are classic summer activities. Whether you are watching from shore, or decorating your boat to try to win some great prizes, it is an enjoyable day for all. Thursday, July 4th, at 12:00 PM, we will begin at the Lake DeMontreville boat launch (lineup at 11:40) 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, gather for awards following the parade. Please plan to participate in this fun summer event or just enjoy the parade! The start time (12:00) should give your guests time to arrive and set up their chairs on your shore, so ENJOY!

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

## SAVE THE DATE!

2nd Annual Tri-Lakes Day

### BBQ

Saturday, August 10th

Starting at 6pm

Save-the-Date for this fun evening of neighborhood socializing, delicious Hagberg's food, rockin' band Wheelhouse, and games! Watch the website for details and a Postcard to arrive in the mail later this summer!



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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

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

### 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: Terry & Denise Boczek  
8110 Demontreville Trl N • 651-748-1906

### Diner's Club

Saturday, July 20th 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

### BBQ & Live Music by Wheelhouse 6pm

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

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