

BIRCHBARK

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Tri-Lakes Neighbors,

Looking back at 2022, it was “back to normal” for many of the Tri-Lakes activities, but looking forward to 2023, it’s shaping up to be another great year in the best neighborhood in Lake Elmo. That’s right, the Tri-Lakes is the best place to be in Lake Elmo and it’s because of the outstanding events that the Tri-Lakes Improvement Association sponsors and the great residents who make them possible!

The Tri-Lakes organization has evolved over the years to not only include lake shore owners but everyone who resides in this wonderful neighborhood. We make service to our community and quality of living in the area the highest of priorities. Our programs and activities make our community unique and special!

There are many opportunities to participate and volunteer. Opportunities include assisting in the organization at the many events, hosting a monthly party for neighbors, providing gardening support for the neighborhood signs, or being part of the board of directors. The board is always looking for new residents to join them to keep these events active and sustained for the next generation of Tri-Lakes residents.

The Tri-Lakes activities are supported by an annual donation of \$25 to the organization. This can be either paid to the treasurer, or online via PayPal at [tri-lakes.info](https://www.tri-lakes.info). We would greatly appreciate your financial support, but more importantly, your participation in these activities.

Many of the events are in need of new volunteers and new leaders to help organize them. Please thoughtfully consider whether 2023 might be the year you volunteer to be part of the team that makes this the best place to be in Lake Elmo.

Joel Gardner

President, Tri-Lakes Improvement Association

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



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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2023 and will be semi-remote.

The American Legion wasn't available, so the annual meeting will occur online starting at 7:00 PM (see Microsoft Teams information).

The remote portion will give a recap of 2022 events and a preview of the 2023 events while also electing the Board. Once that is complete, there will be an informal gathering at the Twin Points Tavern.

As an incentive to attend remotely, there will be gift cards given to a couple of lucky attendees AND THEN there will be **two free drink tickets per member** household at the Twin Points Tavern after the meeting (starting around 8 PM). Given the hiccup in scheduling, the Annual Meeting for 2024 is already booked at the Legion for 2/12/24.

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join on your computer, mobile app or room device
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 265 382 911 694
Passcode: 7NnEjt

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SANTA VISITS

The Santa Visits were back to in-home visits in 2022 after a few successful COVID years outdoors at Pebble Park.

Over 60 kids received a special visitor from the North Pole in early December and gave Tri-Lakes residents a great opportunity to avoid suiting up the kids and getting a picture at the mall.

Thanks to Debbie Dean for coordinating this yet again and to all of the unnamed volunteers who donned the red suit.



“The Best Memories are Made Here”

2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Annual Meeting (semi-remote)
February 13 - Monday 7:00pm
(see sidebar pg. 2)

Snow Tubing at Green Acres
February 19 - Sunday
3 to 5pm
(see sidebar pg. 3)

Easter Egg Hunt
April 8 - Saturday 10:00 am Sharp
Rain or shine at Pebble Park

Botanical Giveaway & Exchange
Saturday in May (TBD)
Rain or Shine
Bring the kids for activities

Adopt-A-Highway
May & Sept
Dates TBD

July 4th Boat Parade
Lake Demontreville

Certified Swim Lessons
Hamerly Beach Lake Jane
July 10–21

Tri-Lakes Day & Ski Show
Lake Jane
Ski practice starts July 11 on T & W
Ski show is tentatively 8/19

Santa Visits
Early December

Board Meetings
First Monday of even numbered months:
2/6, 4/3, 6/5, 8/7, 10/2, 12/4

Tri-Lakes Socials
Dates and Locations TBD

TRI-LAKES DAY & SKI SHOW

Tri-Lakes Day & Ski Show was outstanding success again in 2022! A special thank you to the VanDenneltraadt and the Olinger families for coordinating and hosting this event. And, thank you to Faye and Jim Carpenter for leading this effort for over 28 years.

Over 30 Tri-Lakes kids (and a few adults) showed off the skills they gained over the summer to ski confidently and impressively. This is always exciting to see the next generation take to the waves.

It was a great turnout for the event including two food trucks, live music, and of course the Fire Truck providing water to the slip and slide. Thanks to Lake Elmo Fire Chief Dustin Kalis for providing the fire truck and the crew as well as Washington Sheriff's Deputy Darin Ostertag.



SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons were held at the Hamerly beach on Lake Jane last July and will continue again into 2023!

The Red Cross Certified instructors focus on safely swimming in a lake which is different than safety in the pool. A must for all Tri-Lakes children!

Laurie Hamerly has graciously agreed to host Swim Lessons again this year. Registration will be open exclusively to Tri-Lakes members until April 1, so don't wait to sign up!



GREEN ACRES TUBING

Tri-Lakes Day at Green Acres is scheduled for Sunday February 19, 2023, 3 to 5PM.

Free tickets have been accounted for, but residents can buy their own tickets online and join in the fun.

Green Acres Tubing is a great local business and it's right in our backyard. Come meet some of your neighbors at this outdoor event!

www.greenacresrec.com

COMMUNICATIONS

If you aren't getting Tri-Lakes e-mails, please sign up to receive them! Your name isn't shared with large mailing lists and reminders are only sent ahead of big events.

Sign up at:

<http://eepurl.com/g8Rqmqz>
to get on the MailChimp list.

Stay Classy Tri-Lakes

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BOARD MEMBERS

2022

Joel Gardner, President
Elise Ostarello, Treasurer
Dana Bloyer, Secretary
Jonathan Early
Sharon Vandemmeltraadt
Tony Nelson
Lane Hinsperger
Stephanie Checkley
Patrick Hermans

New Board Members to be
elected at the February 13
Annual Meeting

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Neighborhood Watch is a safety program where neighbors and both the Washington County Sheriff, and the Oakdale Police Departments work together to increase public and community safety. The Tri-Lakes area is divided into 9 zones of which 5 zones already have Zone Chairs. These Chairs are working to contact neighbors to obtain email and phone information to increase neighborhood connections in case of emergency situations.

Currently, we are looking for Zone Chairs and Block Captains for Zones 1, 2, 6 and 7. You can see the location of these Zones on the URL attached below. Zone Chairs recruit Block Captains for their zone and provide them with materials to share with neighbors.

If you are interested in helping with the program and learning more details, please contact:

Daryl Seifert
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator
952-836-5744
Neighborhood Watch URL: <https://tri-lakes.info/NW/>

