

# BIRCHBARK

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

The Tri-Lakes Neighborhood is back in prime form with all sorts of activities and events that make this the best place to live in Lake Elmo. The winter and early spring saw great events with the Tri-Lakes Day at Green Acres, Easter Egg Hunt at Pebble Park, and Adopt-a-Highway. Now we're transitioning to our summer activities.

The Tri-Lakes Socials start this weekend with a party at Jim and Kathy Arkells. Check the Tri-Lakes website [tri-lakes.info](http://tri-lakes.info) and also the neighborhood signs for when these occur.

The Tri-Lakes Botanical Day & Tree Giveaway is on the calendar for Saturday, May 20. This is an opportunity to pick up a plant or tree, exchange plants, and enjoy some fun activities for the kids. Swim Lessons on Lake Jane and the Ski Show Practice are coming up too. If you haven't already, mark August 19, 2023 on your calendar for the Annual Tri-Lakes Day.

All of these activities are made possible by the Tri-Lakes membership. Have you considered getting involved to contribute? We'd like to especially thank Stephanie Checkley, Trisha Martens, Tony Nelson, Faye Carpenter, Jim and Kathy Arkell, Rachel Kusilek, Jean and Dan Olinger, Laurie and John Hamerly, and the Chase Family for the events mentioned above.

Daryl Seifert has been doing a great job keeping the Neighborhood Watch Program organized and keeping our residents informed. We're always looking for help and more information can be found at [tri-lakes.info/NW](http://tri-lakes.info/NW).

I look forward to seeing new faces and also familiar faces around the neighborhood this summer, so please mark your calendar and try to show up to be part of this magnificent neighborhood.

Joel

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



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## ANNUAL MEETING 2024

Mark your calendars for next year's Annual Meeting which will be held on Monday, February 12, 2024.

In years past the meeting was always held at the American Legion in North St. Paul.

In the last few years it has been primarily a remote event with the option of a social following the meeting. However, we are back to the Legion again! But, we still plan to offer an option to attend remotely and gift card giveaways for member attendees.

Look for more details in December or January via the next newsletter or the website.

## TRI-LAKES DAY & SKI SHOW

The 2023 Tri-lakes Day & Ski Show will be held on Saturday, August 19.

The Ski Show begins at 3pm and is followed by Music, Food Trucks, Waterslide, & Games for the kids!

Again this year it will be held on Lake Jane and is hosted by the Olinger and Chase families.

Ski practice starts Tuesday, July 11, and is held on Tuesdays and Wednesday evenings through the week of the show in August.

Look for registration information to follow on the Tri-Lakes website:

[www.tri-lakes.info](http://www.tri-lakes.info)

## EASTER EGG HUNT

The 2023 Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 8 at Pebble Park and included the egg hunt, raffles and a visit from the Easter Bunny! The turn out was fantastic despite the fact that there was still snow on the ground.

Thank you to Trish Martens and her 'bunnies' for organizing this successful event.



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*"The Best Memories are Made Here"*

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## MEMBER PROFILE

The Carpenters, Faye and Jim, moved into the neighborhood in 1979 on Olson Lake. Then President of Tri-Lakes Improvement Association, Ken Sovereign, recruited Jim immediately to serve on the board. From that point, Jim served over 28 years in various board positions, which is believed to be the longest serving member to date. Faye has served on multiple Tri-Lakes committees including the Welcome Committee and currently the Socials Committee. They have hosted the socials several times at their home.

More importantly, Jim and Faye have a long history and experience in water skiing. Their involvement and experience with the Ski Otters in White Bear Lake led them to start water ski lessons & ski show 28 years ago on Olson Lake using their own skis, ropes and boats. Since then, the show has matured and moved to several different beaches on Lake Jane, but Jim and Faye continue to lead the program.

For years Jim drove the ski boats and according to Faye, "No boat driver since Jim could take five skiers at a time, and then 'hot dock' and pick up five more for a total of ten skiers at a time". Faye noted that the ski show started with 15 members and now has at least 55 skiers each summer.

The best thing about Tri-Lakes to the Carpenters? The neighbors – they are the best!

Thanks to Faye and Jim for their service to the organization and their neighbors.



Jim & Faye Carpenter May 2023

## SWIM LESSONS AND LAKE SAFETY

**Open to Everyone! Don't miss this fun opportunity!**

Swim lessons will be held on Lake Jane, hosted by Laurie and John Hamerly, at their beach again this year. (See sidebar for details).

For decades, the Tri-Lakes has offered swim lessons every summer. Learning lake safety in addition to swimming skills is a valuable experience.

All levels follow certified curriculum.

Registration Form, Swim Level Guide, and Lesson Schedule can be found at: [www.tri-lakes.info](http://www.tri-lakes.info)



*Please note Lake Safety will be addressed during all 8 sessions and in the event of a rainy day, a Friday session will be added.*

## 2023 CALENDER OF EVENTS

### Botanical Giveaway & Exchange

**Saturday, May 20 8:30—10:30 AM**

Hosted at Olinger's 9057 Lake Jane Trl N

Rain or Shine

Bring the kids for activities

### Adopt-A-Highway

September Date TBD

### Fourth of July Boat Parade

Hosted by Jim & Jan Douglass

Lake Demontreville 12PM

Line up at boat launch

### Certified Swim Lessons

July 10—21

See pg. 3 for more details

### Tri-Lakes Day & Ski Show

**Saturday, August 19 at 3 PM**

Lake Jane

Hosted by the Olinger & Chase Families

See sidebar pg. 2 for more details

### Santa Visits

Early December

### Tri-Lakes Socials

*Bring your beverage of choice and a dish to share. All adults are welcome to these events.*

Saturday, May 13 at 7 PM

Hosted by Jim and Kathy Arkell

8131 Hidden Bay Trl N

Saturday, June 24 at 7:30 PM

Hosted by Tony Nelson & Jeanne Anderson

4535 Olson Lake Trl N

Saturday, July TBD at 7 PM

Hosted by Rich and Gretchen Tims

4575 Olson Lake Trl N

Saturday, August TBD at 7 PM

Hosted by Jim and Jan Douglass

8001 50th St N

Saturday, September 23 at 7:30 PM

Hosted by Roger and Judy Knutson

4240 Irvin Court N

Saturday, October TBD at 7 PM (Halloween Social)

Hosted by Karen Slakey

7872 Demontreville Trl N

Saturday, November 25 at 7 PM

Hosted by Jim and Faye Carpenter

4816 Olson Lake Trl N

Saturday, December 9 at 7 PM (Holiday Social)

Hosted by Tom and Daryl Seifert

4849 Olson Lake Trl N

## CERTIFIED SWIMMING LESSONS

8 Sessions

Monday—Thursday

July 10-21

Hamerly Beach

East-side of Lake Jane

9429 Jane Rd N

FEES

Members: \$40

Non-Members: \$55

Space is limited! Register NOW

[www.tri-lakes.info](http://www.tri-lakes.info)



The Jesuit Retreat Center on the eastern shore of Lake Demontreville opened for retreats in 1948 and is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. Tri-Lakes members are invited to an open house on June 27th from 3PM to 7PM to tour the grounds and houses and learn about the history of Demontreville.

There will be food and beverages and an opportunity to socialize with other visitors.

A short prayer service of thanksgiving will be held at 5PM.

In order to plan for the event, please RSVP by Tuesday, June 13 by contacting the Demontreville Office at 651-777-1311, We hope to see you there!



## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Saturday, April 29 members of the association, including lots of children, participated in Adopt-A-Highway for Tri-lakes Improvement Association. What a way to improve the neighborhood!

Thank you to all volunteers and to coordinator Tony Nelson.

The second Adopt-A-Highway day will take place in September with the date TBD. Watch the website and neighborhood signs for more information.



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Tri-Lakes Improvement  
Association

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



*"Living the Good Life"*

### BOARD MEMBERS

2023

Joel Gardner, President  
Lane Hinsperger, Vice President  
Elise Ostarello, Treasurer  
Dana Bloyer, Secretary  
Linda Carpenter, Communications  
Coco Dugan Early  
Sharon Vandemmeltraadt  
Tony Nelson  
Stephanie Checkley

### Board Meetings

First Monday of even numbered  
months:

2/6, 4/3, 6/5, 8/7, 10/2, 12/4

## 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/>

