

Tri-Lakes Neighborhood Watch Fact Sheet

Neighborhood Watch (NW) is an association of neighbors who contribute to the safety and security of their neighborhood by working together with the Washington County Sheriff's Office/Oakdale Police Department. Together, the Sheriff's Office/Oakdale Community Service Officer and the neighborhood volunteers work to implement the principles of crime deterrence and detection while encouraging the active reporting of crimes and suspicious activity. **The strength of Neighborhood Watch is the communication and dedication of the watch group members.**

Neighborhood Watch is designed to:

- Allow neighbors to get to know each other so that any out-of-place activity can be recognized, reported, and investigated
 - Develop a cohesive body of concerned citizens to address community issues
- In addition**, the Sheriff's/Police's Representative can meet with community members individually, by appointment and also with the Watch Groups to:
- Teach techniques to reduce the risk of being victimized at home or in public
 - Train home owners on ways to recognize and report suspicious activities
 - Help neighborhoods make homes more secure
 - Show citizens how to easily make records of property, so it can be identified if lost or stolen

Neighborhood Watch is not a vigilante force working outside the normal procedures of law enforcement; participants do not take personal risks to prevent crime; and participation in the program is not a 100% guarantee that crime will not occur in our neighborhood. Any observed suspicious activity should be a 9-1-1 call. Additionally, please contact your Block Captain to inform him/her of the event so neighbors can be on alert.

The Tri-Lakes Neighborhood Watch Committee has developed a structure to better support all Tri-Lakes residents. The Tri Lakes area into nine zones (see map). Each of these zones is supported by a **Zone Chair** and a **Block Captain**. **Block Captains** connect with their neighbors to gather and maintain updated contact information for each household. This information is held by the Block Captain and is confidentially shared with the Washington County Sheriff so that residents can be quickly notified of neighborhood issues.

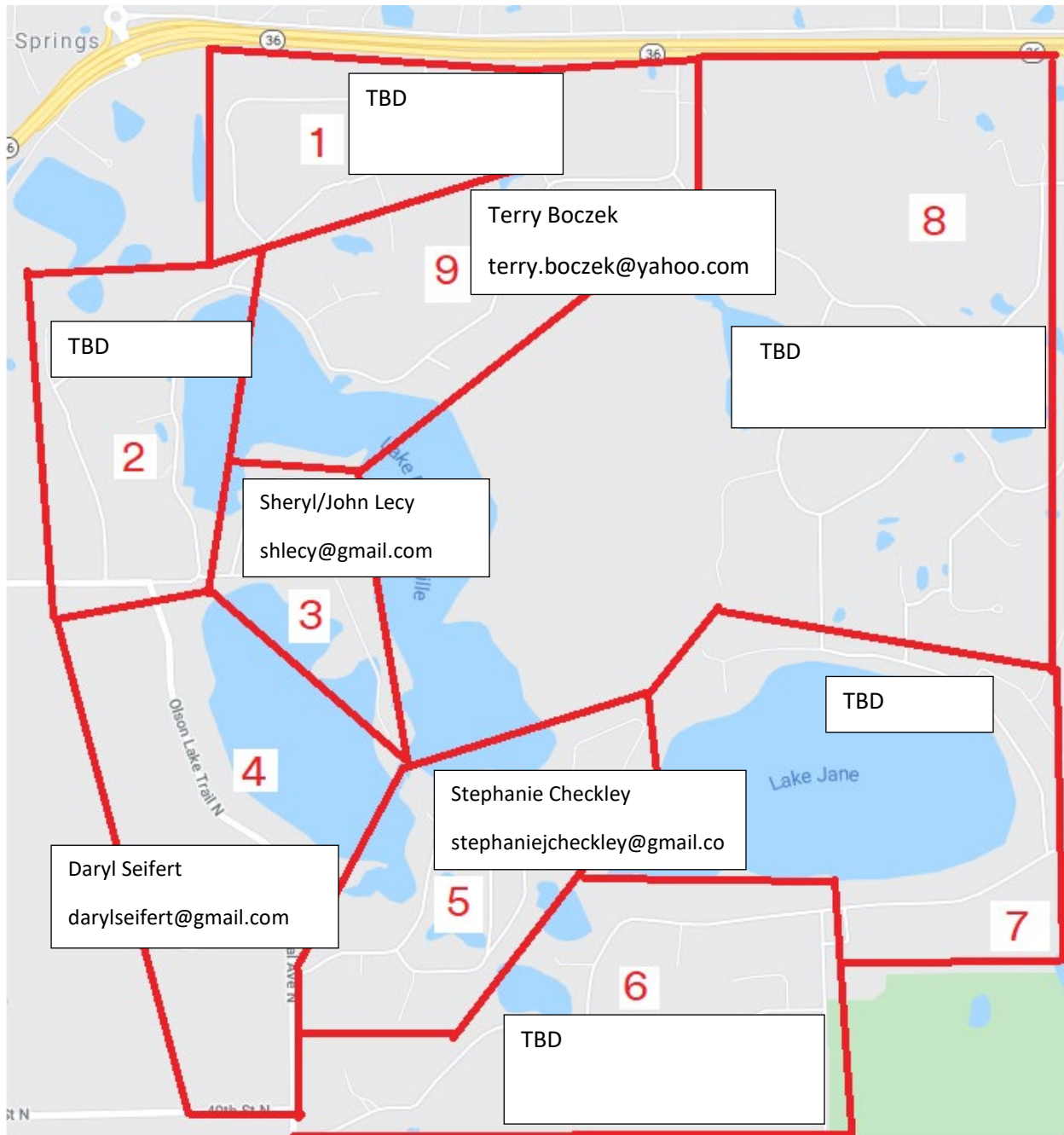
If you have questions regarding the program or would like to volunteer as a Block Captain for your block or a Zone Chair for your area contact:

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Zones and Zone Chairs



If you have not had an opportunity to renew your Tri-Lakes membership yet, please visit the website for details and join the Facebook site for updates.

<https://tri-lakes.info/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheTriLakesAssociation/>

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