



Tri-Lakes Improvement Association

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings Tri-Lakes Neighbors,

On behalf of our Board I welcome you to another year in the Tri-Lakes Neighborhood. We recently discovered archives from the organization dating back several years which made me think not only about the past, but also the present and future of the association.

The past holds a lot of history. In 2025 Tri-Lakes Improvement Association will celebrate its 70th anniversary. Leading up to that anniversary we will share snippets from the archives in a history column in this newsletter.

The present brings us all the activities & events we sponsor throughout the year. Check the 2024 calendar of events on page 2.

The future is about sustaining and fostering our community with support from the Association. We make service to our community and quality of living in the area the highest of priorities. We would like to see it live on for another 70 years!

Please consider joining or renewing your membership for 2024. Also, consider volunteering this year, chairing a committee or joining the Board. A membership/volunteer card is included in this mailing for your convenience.

Thank you,
Coco Dugan Early, Editor

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

BEGINNINGS

The organizational meeting for Lakes Demontreville and Olson Improvement Association was held on March 15, 1955 with sixty residents attending. As a result, thirty-six actually joined the Association on May 2, 1955 when it was officially incorporated—marking the beginning of our history.

The original purpose of the Association was to ensure lake levels, water quality and general care of the lakes. To that end, one of the first actions taken by the members was to drill a well into the aquifer and set up a pump which started running in January 1956 continuing until 1965.

In 1961, Lake Jane was added to the organization and the name was changed to the Tri-Lakes Improvement Association at the Annual Meeting.

*This will be the first in a series of the history of the Tri-Lakes Improvement Association.
Thank you to Jane Hooper for providing this content.*



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ANNUAL MEETING

Join us for the Tri-Lakes Annual Meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024 at the American Legion 2678 7th Ave E, North St Paul, at 7:00 PM.

The meeting will recap events, activities and finances of 2023. A preview of events for 2024 will be followed by the election the 2024 Board.

The formal meeting will be followed by a social in the Legion bar.

There will be gift cards drawn for a couple of lucky attendees and there will be two free drink tickets per member household.

Hope to see you there!

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY 30 YEARS

The Washington County Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) program began in 1991, while Tri-Lakes volunteered for AAH beginning in 1993.

So, we mark the 30th anniversary of this program and thank all coordinators and volunteers from Tri-Lakes for their support.

Tri-Lakes is designated two miles of roadway from 50th St on the north end of Ideal Ave, stretching down to Stillwater Blvd. Our Association cleans the area two times a year. The Public Works Department provides trash bags and safety vests for each group.

You will see AAH recognition signs installed on Ideal Ave specifically thanking Tri-Lakes for helping to keep roads and ditches clean.

Committee Chair: Tony Nelson

SANTA VISITS

The Santa Visits were led by new volunteers Carrie & John Hansen. Thank you to Debbie & Pat Dean for coordinating this effort in the past.

Over 46 kids received a special visitor from the North Pole in early December. This gives Tri-Lakes residents a great opportunity to enjoy a personalized Santa visit in the comfort of their own homes.

Thanks to volunteers who donned the red suit and their helpers.

Committee Chairs: Carrie & John Hansen



Baby Callahan and his parents with Santa.

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.

“The Best Memories are Made Here”

2024 CALENDER OF EVENTS

Annual Meeting

February 12 - Monday 7:00pm
American Legion North St. Paul
(see sidebar pg. 2)

Snow Tubing at Green Acres

February 25 - Sunday
3 to 5pm
(see sidebar pg. 3)

Easter Egg Hunt

March 30 - Saturday 10:00 am Sharp
Rain or shine at Pebble Park

Botanical Giveaway & Exchange

Saturday in May (TBD)
Rain or Shine

Adopt-A-Highway

April 20 & October 12
Weather Permitting

July 4th Boat Parade

Lake Demontreville

Certified Swim Lessons

Hamerly Beach Lake Jane
July 8—19
(see details pg. 3)

Tri-Lakes Day & Ski Show

Lake Jane
Ski practice starts in July on T & W
Ski show is tentatively August 17

Santa Visits

Early December

Board Meetings

First Monday of even numbered months:
2/6, 4/1, 6/3, 8/5, 10/7, 12/2

Tri-Lakes Socials

Dates and Locations TBD

TRI-LAKES DAY & SKI SHOW

Tri-Lakes Day & Ski Show was outstanding success again in 2023!

A special thank you to the Donovan, VanDemmeltraadt and Olinger families and Tara Brash for coordinating and hosting this event.

Over 30 Tri-Lakes kids (and a few adults) showed off the skills they gained over the summer to ski confidently and impressively.

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 County Sheriff's Deputy Danelle Erickson.

Look for details on this summer's program in future communications.



Slip & Slide courtesy of the Lake Elmo Fire Department

“Living the Good Life”

SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons were held at the Hamerly beach on Lake Jane last July and will continue again into 2024.

A new teacher, Mallory, taught 70 kids at multiple levels during the two week session. Mallory is Red Cross Certified and focuses on safely swimming in a lake which is different than safety in the pool. A must for Tri Lakes children. She will return as our instructor in 2024, Yeh!

This summer's lessons will be held July 8–19th, again at the Hamerly beach.

Emails will go out to previous participants in February and registration will open in March.

Registration can be done online at <https://tri-lakes.info>

Resident Isabella served as an aide to Mallory, thank you. If you are interested in being an aide—especially if you have been through the program—please reach out to Laurie



Young swimmers in Lake Jane with Instructor Mallory and her aides.

GREEN ACRES TUBING

Tri-Lakes Day at Green Acres is scheduled for Sunday February 25, 2024, 3 to 5PM

For complimentary tickets visit <https://tri-lakes.info>

When those run out residents can buy their own tickets online and join in the fun at www.greenacresrec.com

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!

Committee Chair: Stephanie Checkley

NEIGHBORHOOD WELCOME SIGNS

Wind storms this summer damaged two of the seven neighborhood signs!

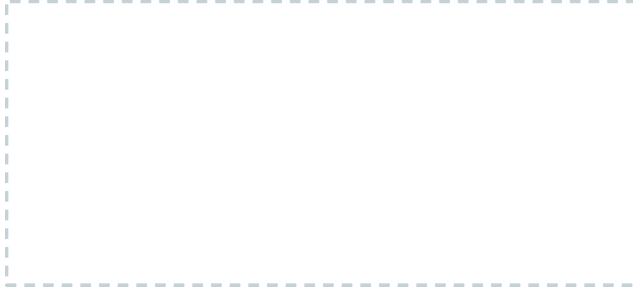
Not to worry, the ad hoc Tri-Lakes Sign Committee of Tony Nelson, Ron Warner, and new recruit, Larry McMurtry answered the call and repaired the Hidden Bay Trl and Highlands Trl signs in quick order.

You may have noticed a small plaque that reveals these signs were upgraded as part of an Eagle Scout project by Nate Farmer in 2015.

We did not install new plaques to recognize Tony, Ron, and Larry, but want to cite their names here because their work is greatly appreciated. Thanks guys!

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Lake Elmo, MN 55042

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Next Door

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BOARD MEMBERS

2023

Joel Gardner, President
Lane Hinsperger, Vice
President
Elise Ostarello, Treasurer
Dana Boyer, Secretary
Coco Dugan Early
Mark Vandemmeltraadt
Tony Nelson
Stephanie Checkley

**New Board Members to be
elected at the February 12
Annual Meeting**

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Neighborhood Watch is a safety program where neighbors, the Washington County Sheriff, and the Oakdale Police Departments work together to increase public and community safety.

If you are interested in helping with the program and learning more details, please contact:
Daryl Seifert, darylseifert@gmail.com

Neighborhood Watch URL: <https://tri-lakes.info/NW/>



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Isaac & Roselyn Zhangazha - 5440 Hilltop Ave N
Tim Hulett—8390 Deer Pond Trl N
Anthony & Ama Hartmann—8239 Deer Pond Ct N
Andy & Rima Fraser—7680 50th Street N
Chad & Christine Osgood—8281 Deer Pond Trl N
Ben & Liz Wallace—7851 50th Street N
Jacob & Ashley Murray—4603 Hillvale Way N Oakdale

Please consider renewing your annual membership or becoming a new member with the enclosed membership form and return envelope.