

# Briggs Lake Chain Association



# The Lake Report

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*Remembering the Past – Improving the Future...promoting the care, improvement, and general welfare of the Briggs Lake Chain [Julia, Briggs, Rush and Big Elk] and adjoining and connecting waters...*

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### Mark your calendar...

- 11.03.16 Healthy Lakes— 6:30
- 12.01.16 Palmer Town Hall
  
- 11.14.16 Palmer Twp Board—7 PM
- 12.12.16 “ “ “
  
- 11.12.16 BLCA Board Mtg—8:30 AM
- 12.10.16 “ “ “
  
- 11.15.16 Clear Lake Twp Board-7 PM
- 12.20.16 “ “ “

*The BLCA board members wish you and your loved ones a very happy thanksgiving and a joy-filled holiday season!*

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## PRESIDENTS LETTER

*“Autumn is a second spring when every leave is a flower.” Albert Camus*

I failed to mention that the last 2 months' articles were from a collection from RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc.

October started a new year for the board and as I mentioned last month we have 3 new members.; Charlene Langowski, Adele Munsterman & Lyf Titcomb. They have already selected some of the duties needed to run the association. We still have openings and you don't have to be on the board to work in an area. Talk with any board member about opportunities available.

This will be an interesting year as we help the Three Lake Improvement District get on their feet. Pay very close attention to the letter you will receive the first of the year as it will contain different items for you to review. The association will still be responsible for some items specific to Big Elk Lake residents.

This is an election year. Yes, it has been a weird one. But as U.S. citizens, we have the privilege to vote. So get out there and VOTE.

Wayne Smith, President

#### Parking Notice

Ordinance #110 was approved and signed on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This Ordinance regulates parking along Township roads. This Ordinance regulates a parking ban in effect from November 15<sup>th</sup> of each year and shall remain in effect until April 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year. During a parking ban, no vehicle shall be parked in any portion of a street or highway.

In addition to the restriction above, no person shall park a vehicle in any portion of a street or highway for a period exceeding 24 hours. After 24 hours, the vehicle may be towed away and impounded at the owners expense. Under no circumstances shall a person park a vehicle in any portion of a street or highway in such a way as to create a hazard for the traveling public or interfere with maintenance of the road right-of-way. The Sherburne County Sheriff's Department may issue a parking citation and sign a towing order.

A copy of the complete Ordinance #110 is available from the Township Office on Tuesday's between the hours of 9a.m to 4p.m.

Township Office 743-2100  
Richard Larson 743-2800

Mike Ganz 743-3479  
Steve Demeules 743-4749

#### Palmer Township

The Palmer Township Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall. Let **Kathy Miller** know of agenda items by email at: [palmertwp@gmail.com](mailto:palmertwp@gmail.com) by noon on Tuesday before the meeting or call her at 743-2100. Our website is: [www.palmertownshipmn.org](http://www.palmertownshipmn.org)

#### Clear Lake Township

The Clear Lake Township Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall. Let the **Township clerk** know of agenda items by Thursday morning before the meeting. To contact Clear Lake Township, please call 320-743-2472 or email the Township Clerk at: [clearlaketwp@hotmail.com](mailto:clearlaketwp@hotmail.com)  
Our website is: [www.clearlaketownship.org](http://www.clearlaketownship.org)

**Please attend your respective Township meeting and voice your concerns about matters relating to our lakes.**

Year's end greetings!

Our new board is already in action. There are new ideas to put into action and some big shoes to fill to keep things going. The January mass mailings are already being prepared and other projects are in the organizational process. One of these is the Palmer Directory and the fundraising from the ads placed in it.

There is a contest for the directory's cover photo. The winner is awarded \$25 and credited on the directory cover. The first & second runners up are credited on their photos inside the front cover.

Please email your jpeg digital files to:

Dan.Merchant@briggslakechainassociation.com. The contest doesn't end until mid-March but start sorting through your stash of photos from our lakes, pick out the best and send them to me. Sooner is much better than later.



Our new board members pointed out that the Neighborhood Watch program needs rejuvenation. Cedar Point and some other areas around the lakes have annual meetings but most of our neighborhoods have stopped being actively involved. Many properties have changed hands so many of us are not well acquainted with our new neighbors. The meetings and social gatherings involved with Neighborhood Watch are a great way to get to know each other, have fun and help make our community safer.



The turnover in our community and our not being proactive about maintaining the program has made us more vulnerable to criminals. A pontoon trailer was stolen, boats have been vandalized, a home was broken into, a loaded trailer stolen, cars broken into (one arrest) and maybe more this past year. Knowing each other better and keeping a lookout for crime seems like a good idea.

If you are interested in helping host a meeting please email me at: Dan.Merchant@briggslakechainassociation.com

Our association runs on volunteers and is funded by donations.

Your help is always welcome!

Dan Merchant

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The Lake Report is published for the benefit of BLCA members and lake residents. Please submit articles and feedback by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next issue.

Email or snail mail copy to the Editor.

## This 'n That

Please send news about BLCA members to **Marilyn Humble** so that a card may be sent for such things as anniversaries, illness or a death in the family.

Call her at 743-2741 or email her at:

[imhumble@midco.net](mailto:imhumble@midco.net)

Lyf Titcomb & Crew



## New Board Member Introduction: Lyf Titcomb

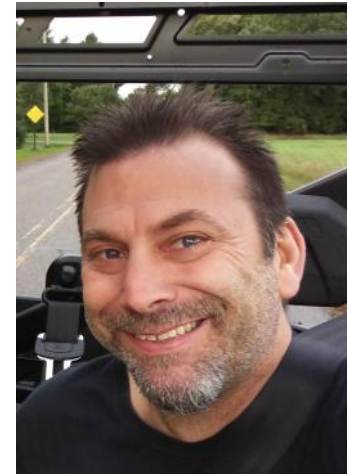
I am a father of three - two teenage daughters still at home and a son. My son is working on his PHD at University of Wisconsin Madison. My older daughter is attending St. Cloud State University (PSEO). And, my youngest daughter is an 8th grader at Becker Middle School. Our favorite activities are mostly focused on playing on the lake.

I am currently employed by DHL eCommerce based in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, leading new product development. Previous roles include Head of Quality and Security, Product Management and Network optimization.

I graduated from Bemidji State University (Go Beavers!); BS in Mathematics; Applied Professional emphasis in Actuarial Science.

My goal is to preserve/improve the lake for my kids and their kids...

My Best,  
Lyf



## Highway 25 Clean-Up Thank You

A heart felt thank you to all that helped with the Highway 25 cleanup on Saturday Oct 15. It went fast and easy as we had 18 people picking up the road side garbage. We covered the 3 miles in a little over an hour and had 16 bags of garbage and one broken lawn chair.

Thanks to Sue Chmielewski, Susie, Doug and Jason Brown, Laura Schnell, Karen Nielsen, Brad Kipp, Darrell Eagon, Sandy and Craig Hart, Michelle, Abby and Megan Gamble, Lyf, Ailee and Emily Titcomb and Juice Langowski. It was a nice day out so it made it enjoyable to walk the highway and see the colors on the trees. We will tackle the clean up again in the spring of 2017.

Charlene Langowski  
Chairperson