

Briggs Lake Chain Association

The Lake Report

June 2016

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...

- 06.02.16 Healthy Lakes— 6:30
Palmer Town Hall
- 06.13.16 Palmer Twp Board—7 PM
- 06.11.16 BLCA Board Mtg—8:30 AM
General Mtg @ 10:00 AM
Palmer Park
- 06.21.16 Clear Lake Twp Board-7 PM

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Green Sheet Item:

Wood lateral filing cabinet.
2-drawers, oak color.
36" wide x 20" deep x 30" high
\$10.00

Call Anderson's at, [320-743-3420](tel:320-743-3420)



FYI: Fireworks will be Saturday, July 2nd

Early Summer News From Healthy Lakes

The BLCA **Healthy Lakes** Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 – 8:00 PM at the Palmer Town Hall. **Anyone interested in improving and keeping our lakes healthy is welcome to attend!**

So What's Goin' On This Month?

Three Lake Improvement District: The process for getting the proposed Three Lake LID [Lake Improvement District] is moving along! On Monday May 16 the Sherburne County Commissioners held a public hearing on the proposed LID. Required by MN statutes, the hearing allowed commissioners to hear from both supporters and opponents of the LID. Eighteen property owners spoke in favor, five spoke in opposition. In addition to oral testimony, the commissioners received a number of letters endorsing the LID.

The MN DNR also filed their advisory report for the proposed LID, which can be accessed on the county website: www.co.sherburne.mn.us. Basically the DNR report was favorable for the LID according to the criteria they use to form their report. The DNR cautioned that the LID focus their projects on problems they have some control over or impact on. The primary and immediate project the LID will address is Aquatic Invasive Species [AIS], which clearly meets those criteria.

The commissioners closed the public hearing that evening, which requires them to make a decision within 30 days of the hearing. They decided to make the decision whether to approve or deny the LID petition at their regular commissioner meeting on June 14, 2016. If approved, the effective date is 30 days after their decision, or later if specified in their decision. The commissioners have the ability to modify the petition "relating to district boundaries, functions, financing or organization" when making their decision. MN Statutes and Rules also allow property owners to petition for a referendum after the county's approval, but before the establishment date of the LID.

Stay tuned: The Three Lake LID is closer to becoming a reality!

Gentle Footprint Workshop: The Healthy Lakes Committee is proud to announce its June 17, 2016 workshop, newly titled and designed as the **Gentle Footprint Workshop**. As the name indicates, we as property owners can enjoy our lakes and take care of them at the same time by applying a **Gentle Footprint**. In addition to BBQ and Beer, provided by the BLCA and famed **Healthy Lake Grillers**, you will be treated with great practical information and suggestions for your own **Gentle Footprint**, plus information on available grant money to assist you with your own **Footprint**.



When and Where: Friday, June 17, 2016 at the Palmer Township Hall

Time: Food and beverage at 5:30, workshop from 6:30 – 9:00 PM.

Cost: Did we mention it was FREE?

Who: Anybody interested in healthier lakes and willing to leave a **Gentle Footprint**.

President's Letter

'Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished.' *Lao Tzu*

Summertime and the livin' is easy. Fish are jumping and the sunflowers are high. A long-awaited and much needed season of relaxation and rest has finally arrived. But do we relax, or do we make summer 3 months of rush and hurry? When I was growing up, my family would take 2 weeks off each summer, not together. One week was a fishing trip and one week was for traveling to sites. On the fishing trip there was one rule, morning was for fishing and afternoon for recreation. We have gotten so used to multi-tasking that we even do it on our vacations. True, there is a lot going on during summer, look at any city's regional schedule and see all the events one could go to... even our Briggs Lake Chain Association has several events planned for summer. June 11th is the general meeting and picnic, June 17th is an open house to learn about our new Gentle Footprints program and share a bite to eat (food and beverages provided). July 4th weekend will be busy with the brat sale at McDonald's, the boat parades and fireworks. In September we have our food booth at Palmer Day. Remember to take time in-between to relax as a family and enjoy all nature has to offer during the summer!

One other topic I wanted to share. Green aliens are invading our lakes! These aliens are not from a different planet, but from different continents, mainly Eurasia. Throughout the summer I will talk about some common aquatic invasive plants, why they are harmful to our lakes, what the status is in this area and what you can do to protect our lakes.

I'll start out by defining some commonly used terms. The terms "exotic", "alien", and "nonnative" can all be used to describe a species that does not naturally occur here, and has been brought here either accidentally or intentionally. In contrast, "native" plants occur naturally and are fully integrated into the ecosystem. Native aquatic plants provide necessary habitats for fish, birds and other aquatic organisms.

Not all alien plants are harmful, but those that are can disrupt the natural ecosystem, out-compete native plants and take over large areas. These plants are considered "invasive" and "nuisance" species. Invasive aquatic plants can get out of control because there is nothing in the ecosystem naturally to keep the population in check. When invasive plants take over a lake or wetland, the biodiversity in the ecosystem can decrease, meaning that there are fewer different kinds of plants and animals that can live there. When invasive plants form dense mats, they change the habitat and make it unsuitable for fish, birds and other aquatic organisms. Our mission is to protect our lakes to the best of our ability! That's it for this month, more later...

Wayne Smith, President Briggs Lake Chain Association

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 by noon on Tuesday before the meeting or call her at 743-2100. Our website is: www.palmer-townshipmn.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
Our website is: www.clearlaketownship.org

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

Here is a copy of our membership/sponsor form—
you can also go to our website; briggslakechainassociation.com



BLCA 2016 Sponsorship Form

Become a BLCA Sponsor • Enroll on E-mail List for Lake Report, High Water Alerts & Other Timely Notifications

BLCA 2016 Member

We Support Healthy Lakes

Briggs - Big Elk - Julia - Rush

Join lake our association at www.briggslakechainassociation.com

IMPORTANT: Send this completed Form &, if you choose to sponsor, your Tax Deductible Check for \$30.00 payable to Briggs Lake Chain Association to:

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BLCA, Box B
4180 105th Ave
Clear Lake, MN 55319

Please fill in the requested information:

Lake Address and Lake Contact Information:

Last Name(s): _____ First Name(s): _____

Lake Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ (For the Palmer Community Directory)

E Mail Address (Print Clearly): _____

I wish to be a BLCA Sponsor and am including my \$30 check

*Sponsors will be mailed small laminated signs,
advertising sponsorship, to place at their property.*

Signs Requested

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If you prefer to receive mail at a different address than the Lake Address above, please complete the following:

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

If you have moved, please tell us who the new owners are so we may tell them about the BLCA.

New Owners Name(s): _____

Address if known: _____

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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.

EVENTS



BLCA GENERAL MEETING AND PICNIC:

Saturday June 11 at 10 am @ Palmer Park

This is a great time to get to know your lake neighbors!

Come join us for an informational meeting and stay for the complimentary picnic.

The Municipal Band will not be there this year.

GENTLE FOOTPRINTS WORKSHOP: Friday, June 17th 5 pm @ Palmer Town hall. Food and beverages provided.



This 'n That

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

Call her at 743-2741 or email her at:

imhumble@midco.net



United Way

First Call For Help 2•1•1 (651-291-0211-if dialing from a cell phone)

Free 24/7 information referrals for available community services

Encounter a problem or someone else who needs help, try this number.

It's a great place to start your problem solving.

This number gives you free access, 24/7, to all the databases for community services that are available in our community. Basic needs (food, shelter, clothing) transportation (maybe to & from chemo) domestic violence, help with utility bills are just a tiny smattering of services you can be connected with. It's a quick and simple way to find out what help is available and how you can quickly connect to it. Tell the operator you situation and he/she will search for resources you can rely on for help. Just dial 2•1•1.

(The operator suggested dialing 651-291-0211 if you are dialing from a cell phone)