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Registration begins at 11:30 am Wed 7/4
on the Rush Lake side of the channel.

Elk Lake: Registration

Questions? Contact: Jolene Henning at 320-743-5958 OR: jodean3@state.tx.us

President's Letter

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Now we know, our lakes are on the state's impaired water list. Our chain of lakes is ill, thankfullness, yet. We're not sure what is the cause of the situation, but there are many at work.

When you get sick and the cause is unknown, the doctors will run tests to eliminate the variables, eventually pinpointing the cause of your illness. The lake association has started tests to figure out what is causing the increase in poor water quality on the Briggs Lake. Because the watershed area for our lakes is huge, it makes for a large number of possible contributors to the water quality. We have decided the best place to start is as close to the source as we can and work our way out. The fly over was the first test.

We found that this test did not provide us with instant answers. The flyover has provided us with a lot of information and the more details and information to sort through, the longer it takes to get a final conclusion and a direction in which to go.

At the same time, we can do all the little things that when added up make a huge impact. Follow best management practices and prevent runoff of soil, nutrients and contaminants into the lake. Recently, a neighbor called me over to look where a neighborhood was dumping their grass clippings during the fall. They were being dumped in a wetland area adjacent to Rush Lake and this year they were sure to decompose quickly and add to the nutrient content of the lake. What a smorgasbord! The most interesting part was that there were signs that said "No Dumping". This is what makes me want to throw a tantrum like a two year old and yell "what is wrong with you? Why would anyone do this?"

With issues like this, we can't give up on the overall cause. Heck, a spaceship to the moon is still a long way off the time. The crew back at the space center are constantly adjusting the ship's direction to reach its destination. The BLCA board and volunteers are doing the same thing, constantly adjusting as needed to reach their ultimate goal: our lakes cleaner, clearer and off the impaired list.

To help and do your part, attend the BLCA summer meetings, visit the BLCA website for more information or attend a BLCA Healthy Lakes meeting. We may not be headed to the moon, but with our help we can make some pretty amazing things around the lake.

Wonderful 4th of July! Barb Aaberg, BLCA President

Palmer Township

Palmer Township Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall. Let **Mary Miller** know of agenda items by email at: **palmertwp@gmail.com** by noon on the 1st of the month or call her at 743-2100. Our website is: www.palمرتownshipmn.org

Clear Lake Township

Clear Lake Township Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall. Let **Mary Mathison** know of agenda items by Thursday morning before the meeting. To contact Clear Lake Township, please call the Clear Lake Township Hall Tuesday–Friday between 11 AM and 4 PM or email the Township Clerk at marymathison@clearlaketownship.org or visit our website www.clearlaketownship.org.

Attend your respective Township meeting and voice your concerns about matters relating to the lakes.

next time you see or hear of a high water event that states NO WAKE, here

“No Wake Ordinance”

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ake over entire surface of the lake.
ders are committing a misdemeanor.
\$700.00 fine.
90 days in jail.

The *WAKE* is the waves coming off the back or bow of a boat
that creates a break, curl or white water.

ATTENTION BCLA MEMBERS- IMPORTANT ME
Mark your calendars for July 14th at Palmer Tow

Events Calendar

at Sale @ McDonalds Meats

at Parade

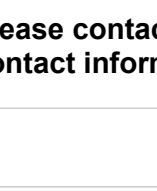
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LCA General Mtg 10 am

A review of the Fly Over results will be presented at
BLCA general meeting at 10:00 am on July 14th.

The Healthy Lakes committee will be outlining the p
presenting the immense amount of data to homeow
beginning at this meeting. We want to ensure that e
that can be done to improve our water quality is add

PLEASE ATTEND - THE FUTURE OF OUR LAKES DEPENDS ON YOU

<p>Issue 5—July 2012</p> <p>The Lake Report</p> <p>Chain Association Web at briggslakechainassociation.com blca@briggslakechainassociation.com Mike Flanery</p> <p><i>The Lake Report</i> Editor 4 or Email: kmn@midco.net</p> <p>BMP contributor</p> <p><i>The Green Sheet</i> Editor 743-3753 or jckuf@frontier.com</p> <p>eules, Palmer Directory and Data Updates: vdemeules@aol.com 743-4749</p> <p>port is published for the benefit of BLCA d lake residents. Please submit articles k by the 20th of the month for inclusion ssue. Email or snail mail copy to the</p>	<div><h2>BLCA Photo Cont</h2><p>The BLCA is again holding a photo cont find a picture for the cover of the 2012 Palmer Community Directory. The cont open to BLCA members. Limit of 3 imag Please submit your photos in a .jpeg form larger than 1mb to barb@bluebikestudio.com</p><p>Deadline is August 1, 2012</p><div><p>Please remember that the BLCA relies on y cial support to improve the quality of our la ourselves and for the benefit of future gene</p><p>We have been granted 501.C3 status and y donation is now TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!!</p><p>Please contact any BLCA Board member to contact information is in the Palmer Directo</p></div></div>
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who support the BLCA through dues, donations, and volunteering.

news about BLCA members to **Marilyn Humble** so that a card may be sent for such things as b
family. Call her at 743-2741 or email her at jmhumble@midco.net

out for new neighbors and let a BLCA board member know so he or she can welcome them to

board meets year 'round. Meetings are on the second Saturday of the month at the Palmer Town
8:30 AM. You're welcome to attend if you'd like. If there are items you'd like the Board to consid
member know. If you'd like to serve on a BLCA Committee or help with BLCA programs or pro
your help—simply email us at blca@briggslakechainassociation.com or let any of the board me
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y Lakes meetings are on the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at Palmer Town Hall.

port group assist you in achieving your wellness goals? If this idea is of interest to you, please
ll @ 320-743-5698 Or e-mail at jrlmschnell@midco.net

The June 'This We Remember' article was contributed by Dan Merchant.

THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteers who made the picnic and Band Concert such a great