



The Green Sheet

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Remember, for sale ads are free to BLCA Members. Get your information to **Carol Kufner** at 743-3753 or email: jckuf@frontier.com Before the 20th of the month. Business ads are \$5 for business card size and \$10 for 1/4 sheet size/mo.

For Sale: Dried Red Oak Firewood \$160.00 per Full Cord (4ft by 8ft by 4ft high) Northwest End of Lake Julia Denny 743-2549

Sea-do Personal Water Craft Lift aluminum hand made \$35.00 Larry 743-3915

Found: Yellow/Green Rave during wind storm about a month ago 14th Ave East side of Rush Lake Arline 763-221-0359

FREE Utility Trailer 31/2 ft by 6ft Could use a little work / Jerry 763-222-3045 Elk Lake

Shores and More Seasonal Services LLC Patrick Finnegan / Phone: 320-260-7295 Fax: 320-743-5494

ATTENTION : Fall Dock & Lift Removal

Owners must call no later than Sept. 22 to have their equipment removed in Oct. If you do not call and reserve by Sept. 22 your equipment will not be taken out by Shores & More. All equipment will be removed in the month of October. November take out dates will not be available. Also, pontoon hauling will not be available the weekend of Oct. 13. Please call Pat at 743-4263 Thanks for your business

For Sale: "Vibo" 24 Foot - Aluminum Pontoon Lift (3600 Pound Capacity) Model # 36108 Cantilever Style Lift (9' Foot 1" Inch between vertical uprights) Including: Pontoon Guide Rails / 24 Foot - Aluminum Canopy Canopy Cover / Four Wheels / Price = \$2,500. Cash Only - No Checks **(320) 743 - 2549**

Troy Robinson

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For sale: 1998 20' Northwood Sundeck Pontoon with a 29HP Evinrude motor: \$4000.00 Also a 16' Lund fishing boat w/trailer (no motor) \$650.00 Warren 320-266-3902

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See reverse ..

WHAT IS A 'GROUNDTRUTHER'?

In the coming months you will hear more and more about “**groundtruthers**.” As you know, the BLCA is in the middle of a project to detect and address sources of point and non-point pollutants impacting the water quality on the chain of lakes. AWR Labs [Brainerd] was contracted by the BLCA to conduct the Aerial Lakeshore Analysis [ALA] and Ground Water Intrusion [GWI] overflights, done on June 29, 2011 and February 13, 2012. The project was funded by the BLCA with financial assistance from Sherburne County and Palmer Township.

The flyover data has been collected and analyzed. The BLCA held an introductory and general information meeting on July 14, with nearly 90 attendees. Property owners were eager to hear about their own property, and whether or not they have a potential problem. Before that happens, however, there is another step. Volunteers are being trained for “**groundtruthing**,” which is essentially an on-site validation of concerns that were identified from the aerial images.

Who does this validation of potential problems? A “**groundtruthers**,” of course. AWR Labs conducted an intensive 2 day training session for 16 dedicated BLCA volunteers on August 24 and 25, 2012. The sessions consisted of classroom training [Palmer town hall] as well as in-the-field training at the volunteers' properties. There will be four teams of trained “**groundtruthers**,” one for each lake. Their role is to present the images and analysis to the property owner, and together determine whether the identified concerns are significant. All property owners will eventually be contacted by the volunteer teams.

In cases where problems are confirmed, the “**groundtruthers**” will instruct the property owner on the need for, and implementation of, Best Management Practices [BMPs]. An example of a BMP is a vegetative buffer along the shoreline to filter unwanted nutrients from entering the lake. Another BMP solution might be an upgrading or new septic system. The BLCA, Sherburne County, Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District and the Elk River Watershed Association are exploring sources of financial assistance for those property owners needing to implement BMPs.

Please remember that “**groundtruthers**” are all volunteers, committed to improving water quality. This is a very important project in the ongoing efforts to restore water quality and have the Briggs Lake Chain removed from the state's impaired waters list. Thank you in advance: your cooperation is necessary to make this project successful.

Stay tuned, more to come!

By: Kenzie Phelps

Palmer Township News

Your help is needed! Please call one of the township supervisors (#'s listed below) when you see things that need attention; such as road damage or areas in need of repair, or when you see large branches or fallen trees on the roads after storms or if you see possible major building code issues. With the help of your eyes and ears, township issues can be taken care of quickly.

Mike Ganz 743-3479
Richard Larson 743-2800
Steve Demeules 743-4749

Parking - I know it seems too soon to worry about snow...however, please remember that Ordinance #110 prohibits parking on township roads from November 15 thru April 15.

If you have any questions about ordinances, there is a full listing on the Palmer Township website:
www.palmertownshipmn.org