

## 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...

- 09.01.16 Healthy Lakes— 6:30  
Palmer Town Hall
- 09.12.16 Palmer Twp Board—7 PM
- 09.10.16 Palmer Day
- 09.17.16 BLCA Board Mtg—8:30 AM
- 09.20.16 Clear Lake Twp Board-7 PM

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## Why Should We Be Concerned about Glyphosate?

Editor's note: Lake Erie algae blooms are being linked to *Glyphosate* herbicides (found in RoundUp and Rodeo, etc.), which is extremely troubling given what we are experiencing on our own lakes. I have included a list of resources for you to explore some studies and provided some alternatives to glyphosate products for lakeshore use....how we get the farmers to buck Monsanto and change to more natural practices is beyond my comprehension...

[articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2016/.../toxic-blue-green-algae-blooms.aspx](http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2016/.../toxic-blue-green-algae-blooms.aspx) Jul 19, 2016 - Blue-Green Algae Is Dangerous to People, Pets and the Environment. The algae .... Lake Erie Algae Blooms Linked to *Glyphosate* Herbicides.

[healthimpactnews.com/.../alert-certified-organic-food-grown-in-u-s-found-contaminated](http://healthimpactnews.com/.../alert-certified-organic-food-grown-in-u-s-found-contaminated):

Glyphosate is in 80% of our food supply in the U.S., and some scientists believe it may well be the most toxic chemical ever approved for commercial use. Glyphosate is now linked to kidney disease, antibiotic resistant bacteria, inflammatory bowel disease, obesity, depression, ADHD, autism, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, ALS, multiple sclerosis, cancer, cachexia, infertility, and developmental malformations. It destroys the microbiome of humans and plants, which is the root cause of many modern diseases.

To learn more about the dangers of glyphosate, see:

[Glyphosate Herbicide Causes Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria, Kidney Disease, and Infertility Is Glyphosate Responsible for your Health Problems?](#)

[Common Weedkiller Used in Modern Agriculture Could be Main Factor in Gluten Intolerance Gluten Intolerance and the Herbicide Glyphosate: A National Epidemic](#)

[MIT Researcher: Glyphosate Herbicide will Cause Half of All Children to Have Autism by 2025](#)

(and for you beer lovers out there here is further troubling news...)

Health Impact News ([Source](#).) ...beer brewers are having a problem with glyphosate. A few years ago, when one of my colleagues wanted to get more Abraxis test strips for testing materials for glyphosate residue he was told that they had a 3 month backlog. He asked, what was causing this? He was told that every load of malt barley coming out of North Dakota has to be tested, because the glyphosate levels were so high that it kills the yeast in the brew mix.

*Safer alternatives to RoundUp and Rodeo and other Glyphosate containing products:*

[www.gcbl.org](http://www.gcbl.org) › Live › Home › Landscaping

[www.EarthEasy.com](http://www.EarthEasy.com): Burnout Weed & Grass Killer Concentrate



What is our legacy for future generations ...

## President's Letter

*I believe the world is incomprehensibly beautiful-an endless prospect of magic and wonder.*  
**Ansel Adams**

We had our annual meeting in August and there were 3 new members elected to the board; Adele Munsterman, Charlene Langowski, and Lfy Titcomb. Welcome aboard!

We also approved a budget for the 2016 – 2017 year. I would like to say a couple of things about the budget. It is a guide line and a goal. It carries no penalties if not met on every item. This year we have to be prepared for differences, the biggest is the issue of the new Three Lake Improvement District.

The board has been formed and their first annual meeting has been scheduled (Saturday 8/27/2016 at 10 am in Palmer Town Hall). At that meeting they will set up their budget and projects for 2017. Because they will not receive any money until the 1<sup>st</sup> tax receipts are received from the county in 2017, we have agreed to help them cover any financial short fall until they are in position to assume the expenses for 2017. AIS projects are the main goal for 2017, which means that some of the expenses in our budget will most likely be transferred to the Three Lake Improvement District's budget.

For the first year we will work with them and then they will be run as a separate organization.

Wayne Smith, President  
President Briggs Lake Chain Association

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### 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.**

## News from Healthy Lakes September 2016

### Eurasian Watermilfoil Update

The Healthy Lakes committee hired James Johnson of Freshwater Scientific Services to survey Briggs, Julia, Rush and Big Elk for Eurasian watermilfoil [EWM] in July 2016. As you may recall, James Johnson first found EWM in Rush in 2014. The good news and the not-so-good news: EWM has not spread into Briggs through the channel or into Big Elk via Lily Creek. The not-so-good news is that EWM has spread in Rush Lake from approximately 14 acres to 17.5 acres. Johnson identified 6 potential treatment areas: 3 on the west side, 1 on the northeast shore, 1 on the south-east shore and 1 in the bay to the west of the public landing. For the full report go to [briggslakechainassociation.com](http://briggslakechainassociation.com) and scroll down on the Home Page to find EWM report 2016.

As a result of the survey the Healthy Lakes committee hired Waterfront Restoration to hand pull EWM in the designated plots, completed in early August. Herbicide treatments will be applied in the fall 2016 by Lake Management. The HL committee is coordinating the EWM surveys, treatments and hand pulling in 2016, and in 2017 the Three Lake Improvement District [TLID] will take on all Aquatic Invasive Species [AIS] activities, including EWM and curly leaf pondweed [CLP].

### Shoreline Restoration Update

Over the past 10 years or so the BLCA has promoted several Best Management Practices [BMPs] as ways to improve the health of our lakes, or to at least prevent them from getting worse. One of the more visible BMPs is referred to as shoreline restoration, also called buffer strips. Some property owners have allowed their shorelines to go natural by letting native plants grow. Others have taken advantage of various grants the BLCA has received from MN DNR and the Sherburne SWCD.

The Healthy Lakes Committee has been responsible for administering the grants to property owners for their restoration projects. On August 18 a small group of Healthy Lakes volunteers [Barb and Daryl Tucker, Mike Flanery, Gary Anderson, Kenzie and Mary Ann Phelps] did a lake tour of 37 projects for an informal assessment of the projects' status. The group is happy to report that only 4 or 5 projects were in poor to bad shape, needing to be replanted or maintained by selective weeding. The other 32 projects were in good to great shape. In addition to the 37 "projects" there were numerous properties where owners have allowed their shorelines to go natural.

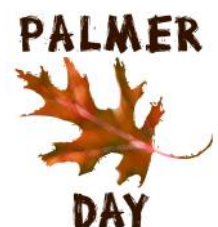
Unfortunately there were also numerous properties with manicured "lawn to water" shorelines, often with the ubiquitous bare rip rap. Although this is the desired look of the urban lawnscape, it does nothing to filter nutrient runoff, and very little to prevent erosion. As we learned from the fly-over study a few years ago, one of our most pressing preventable problems is runoff. The more we can stop runoff, both from impervious surfaces and from street to water, the greater our ability to improve water quality.

So a big **Hats Off! Kudos! Thank You!** to all those who have done their share with shoreline restorations!

Kenzie Phelps

### **PALMER DAY 9/10/2016 Parade at Noon**

9:00am start: 5K Fun Run/Walk [Registration Form](#)  
 9:00am - 3:00pm: Top 20 Car Show [Flyer](#)  
 1:00pm - 3:00pm: Kids Games  
 1:00pm - 5:00pm: DJ Bob Weber  
 1:00pm - 5:00pm: Giant Raffle  
 2:00pm - Horseshoe Tournament Same Day Registration  
 2:00pm - BINGO, Bean Bag Tourney [Registration Form](#)  
 7:00pm - 11:00pm: Live Music by Outside Recess!



# The Lake Report



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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)

## First Annual Three Lake Improvement District (TLID)

The first annual TLID member meeting was held Saturday, August 27, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at Palmer Township Hall.

The Board of Directors were introduced and the agenda, goals and 2017 budget were approved.

The 2017 Proposed Budget is as follows:

Newsletter:	\$600.
Web set up and maint.	\$300.
Board training	\$400.
Annual mtg, mailings,	
Rent & Refreshments:	\$900.
Director Mileage	\$500.
Insurance:	\$1200.

Project: AIS Management

Lake Surveys:	\$3650.
AIS herbicide treatments:	\$21540.
Hand pulling:	\$5000.
Lake vegetation mgmt.:	\$5000.
Estimated total:	\$39090.

Income:

BLCA	\$1000.
DNR Grant:	-0- (beyond 2016 deadline)
Indiv. Weed donations:	-0-
TLID assessment:	\$38090.
Estimated total:	\$39090.

Est. 2017 assessment: \$38090 over 435 parcels = \$88/parcel



## Neighborhood Watch Event on Big Elk Lake

The annual Neighborhood Watch Gathering was held on Friday, August 5 for the residents on the west side of Big Elk Lake. Twenty-four family members attended this event to hear Chief Deputy Don Starry, from the Sherburne County Sheriff's office, talk about crime statistics in Sherburne County and statistics immediate to our area in the city and township of Clear Lake. Chief Deputy Starry also took questions from the attendees.

This event on Big Elk Lake closely coincides with the National Night Out events across the state held earlier in the week. This Neighborhood Watch event was scheduled for Friday to allow the residents who only come to the lake on weekends to also attend.

Gary Anderson