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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 the adjoining and connecting watersheds.

April Lake Report - The Presidents Letter

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Happy Spring,

Soon the "snow birds" will be heading north to their summer place at the lake. Welcome back. I see lots of the robins are already here. Its spring cleaning time.

Speaking of spring cleaning, Palmer Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday May 2nd 7:00 am- 1:00 pm at the Palmer townhall. For those of you new to the lakes area go to <https://palmertownshipmn.org> or email palmertwp@gmail.com for details. This is the time to get rid of all your unwanted stuff that is sitting in storage or cluttering up the yard. There is a small charge for electronics, tires, and a few other things. This is a chance for lake residents to be GREEN. EVERYTHING that can be recycled is recycled. Like all events these days, Clean Up Day could be postponed depending on the virus situation.

Our newsletter always includes this months upcoming meetings and events like: BLCA Board meeting, Clear Lake Township Board, Healthy Lakes, 3 lake LID meeting & Palmer Township Board meetings. Again, depending on the virus, meetings may be cancelled or postponed.

Due to the virus, the BLCA board of directors is cancelling our April 11th meeting at the Palmer townhall. Our next scheduled board meeting is Saturday May 9th at 8:30. Hoping the virus is on the down side by that time.

Our spring membership drive is in full swing. The 2020 Sponsorship (join the lake association) forms were sent out in January. If you didn't get a form you will find a pdf copy in the newsletter. I think a \$40 donation is a small investment to help promote and support our healthy lakes. In addition your donation to the 4th fireworks display is greatly appreciated. The fireworks display is 100% supported with donations and not part of dues.

If you choose not to join the BLCA, we want you to be connected and know what's happening around the lakes. We email the Lake Report newsletter to everyone we have an email address for. If you know of anyone that would like to be on the newsletter list tell them to contact Deb Stacey, our newsletter editor, debbie.stacey@comcast.net to be added to our email list. We have an active Facebook group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BriggsLakeChainAssn/> .

Encourage your neighbors, especially those who are NEW to the lake to support our lake association. Please give Deb Stacey or me some contact info and we will reach out to them.

Also in this letter is a reminder from Cole Petroske, Sherburne County Sheriff's Office - Recreational Enforcement, that any floating structure that stays on the lake overnight needs a permit. Structures may include swim rafts/mats, buoys, slalom courses, etc. The permits are FREE and the form is in this newsletter. Let's get those permit requests in early before he is busy with his other spring projects.

PS: A big shout out of Thanks to Cole. He his a big supporter of our lake associations and activities.

Many of us are working remotely, doing the "social distance" thing and maybe self quarantining. By now we are all getting a bit stir crazy. Many of you are probably too young to remember Casey Kasim, the top 40 DJ from the 70's. His sign off line after every show was " Keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars"

Take care and be well. Thanks Brad

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Mark your calendar... For these upcoming meetings

- T LID Meeting Monday, 4/6 6:00 (1st Monday)
- Healthy Lakes Thursday, 4/2 6:30 (1st Thursday)
- Palmer Township Meeting Monday, 4/13 7:00 (2nd Monday)
- Clear Lake Township Meeting Tuesday, 4/21 7:00 (3rd Tuesday)
- BLCA Board Meeting CANCELLED

Board of Adjustments Thursday, 4/9 5:30 (2nd Thursday)

PLEASE CHECK TO MAKE SURE THE OTHER MEETINGS ARE STILL HAPPENING WITH THE SHELTERING IN PLACE ORDER.....

Committes are formed on the board with a board member in all lead positions. We are always looking for people who want to get involved. Please contact a board member if you would like to take part in any of the committees. Look on our

briggs lake chain website for the committees.

Door Prizes are always appreciated. Contact Adele Munsterman if you have anything you would like to donate. Adele can be reached at munstrushlake@aol.com or by phone at 612-310-7791

If you have updates to our membership list please contact Debbie Stacey at debbie.stacey@comcast.net



BRIGGS LAKE CHAIN FINANCIALS KERRI WELCH

Financial Statement for 2/29/2020

Income to date: \$17,054.81

Expenses to date: \$6,304.75

Net Proceeds: \$10,750.06

Rapid Response Savings Account: \$41,318.45

Operating Funds: \$ 74,544.80

Checking Total Funds Held: \$ 3,442.13

Total BLCA Assets \$ 119,305.38

Questions on the financials, please contact Treasurer Kerri Welch at BLCAtreasurer@yahoo.com

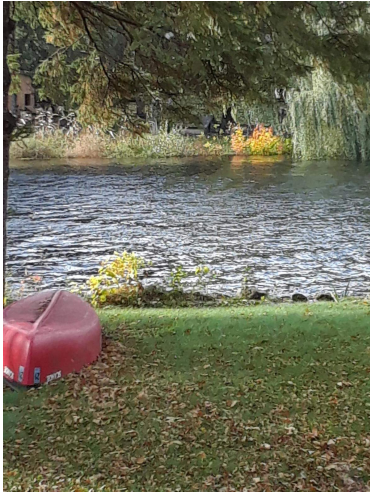


Please check the website for minutes from our board meetings. If you have any questions or comments our board members are also featured on the website with contact information.

Again, we encourage ALL lake residents to get involved. It's easy and you meet lots of your neighbors. Lake reps are needed on Briggs,

Rush and Julia.

IF YOU LIVE ON ONE OF THE FOUR LAKES



and you are not a member of the BLCA please consider joining.

Check the BLCA website for this years membership form or contact Debbie Stacey at Debbie.stacey@comcast.net



REMINDERS!

You can find a copy of our handy dandy 'Welcome' booklet on the www.briggslakechainassociation.com website. In January/February the Welcome booklet will be updated. If you would like a new copy please let the membership chair (Deb Stacey) know and one will be sent to you.

Briggs Lake Chain Association Contact Info

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.

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FOR SALE

3 and a 1/2 horse shallow well pumps

2 expansion TANKS

1 check valve

call Dave 320-319-0242



TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Palmer Township

The Palmer Township Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Township Hall. Let Kelly McCann 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.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

Our website is: www.clearlaketownship.org

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

THE MEMBERSHIP FORM CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE.....

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM COLE PETROSKE

1. Any
structure
places
in
the
water
overnight
and
not
extending
from
the
shore
must
be
permitted
by
the
Sheriff's
Office.
These
structures
may
include
swim
rafts/mats,
buoys,
slalom

- courses,
etc.
2. Any
events
held
on
the
water
must
also
be
permitted.
Fishing
tournaments,
parades,
contests,
etc.

The permits are free and must be updated annually.

You can download them from the Sheriff's Office Recreational Enforcement Webpage or get a copy from our website.

Any questions, please contact Cole Petroske at 763-765-3570 or email at cole.petroske@co.sherburne.mn.us



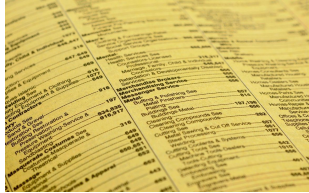
Yahoo.....Briggs Lake Chain will once again be participating in the cook out at McDonalds meats. Date to be announced and calls will be made to get volunteers to work the booth for the day. If you would like to volunteer please contact Karen Jones at karenj55319@midco.net.

Free AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) Volunteer training is being offered on March 30th from 7 to 9 pm at the City Council Chambers at Big Lake City Hall. The class is intended for both new and current volunteers. Please RSVP by March 20th to Scot Chapman at lakechappy@yahoo.com.

AIS volunteers serve a critical role in reaching out to watercraft operators about AIS prevention. Their work helps to keep our lakes free of new AIS infestations

and educates the public on this important topic.

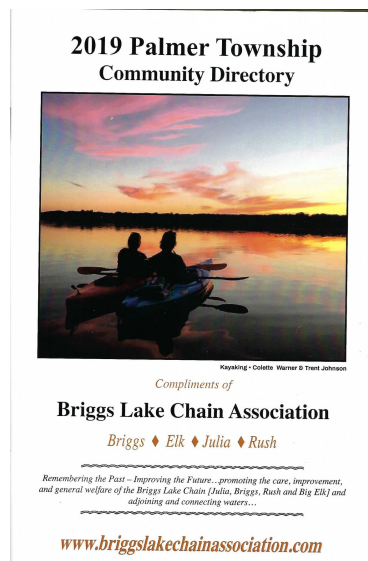
AS STATED BEFORE, BECAUSE OF THE CO-VID 19 VIRUS THIS EVENT
MAY BE CANCELLED



DIRECTORY

We are in the process of updating the Palmer Directory.

IF you have changes to your phone contact us so we can get the correct number printed in the directory. Thanks in advance.



2020 COVER PHOTO CONTEST The BLCA is seeking photos that reflect our lake community to place on the cover of our 2020 community directory. The winner will get \$25 and the honor of having his/her photo gracing the directory. The contest ends April 1, 2020 so comb through your digital files and/or snap photos. Please make your submissions as soon as possible to make sure the deadline isn't missed. Enter your PDF or JPEG files to our directory editor at mmcabin2019@gmail.com Call 320-249-6614 with questions.

There is a gentleman looking for scrap Sheetmetal. If you have any laying around that you want to get rid of, please contact Dave Bokelman at

320-293-4070

Mark your calendars and join us for the general meeting in June for a quick presentation on Lyme's disease and an update from Cole Petroski from Sherburne County as well as our annual picnic.....



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