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## 4th ANNUAL **ICE DAY**

### ON THE CHAIN SATURDAY, FEB 6, 2021 **LAKE JULIA**

Fishing, Golfing, Skating, Cornhole & Pond Hockey



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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.

Lake Report - The President's Letter

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Winter Greetings

I hope everyone is enjoying a hearty Minnesota winter. As a kid, growing up on a lake in Wisconsin I always enjoyed winter. The fun we had sledding and ice skating. All the kids in the neighborhood spent hours outside. I am a bit older now. In February I still love to look out my window and see all the white. I must admit these days the white I see outside is on a beach in Florida. ☺ Stay warm. Will be back in March.

Our annual membership drive for 2021 "kicked off" January 20th. Property owners on the four lakes and others near the lakes were mailed a membership form and a request to donate to fireworks, weed control & fish stocking. If you did not get our letter, please contact Debbie Stacey debjs52@yahoo.com or me. We will send you a form. If you know of any new residents on the lake, let us know. We will reach out and invite them to join the BLCA.

Often, I am asked "How many property owners support the Lake Association with a financial contribution?" The GOOD NEWS is our 2020 membership increased. This is a recap of 2020 compared to 2019.

LAKE	# of properties on lake	# of paid 2020 memberships	% residents members 2019	# of paid memberships
BRIGGS	227	104	45.8%	99
JULIA	129	59	45.7%	54
RUSH	90	44	48.9%	41
BIG ELK	103	45	43.7%	40

\*MISC 3 3

\* some members not on the lake

TOTAL 549 255 237

I am disappointed our membership is not closer to 60 - 70%. Please contact any board member with suggestions on what we can do to increase membership.

A big THANKS to all of you who supported the Briggs Lake Chain Association with a membership contribution last year. We look forward to your continued support in 2021.

Thanks ... Brad

#### Summary of the Healthy Lakes Meeting - January 7, 2021

The Healthy Lakes group meets on the first Thursday of every month at the Palmer Township Hall at 6:30 PM. This is a group of people that have an interest in the health of all four lakes. Everyone is welcome, you do not need to join, come share your thoughts and interests.

There were 9 people in attendance We discussed the following:

- TLID update
- Early Detection/Rapid Response Plan.
- Water Quality 2020 report.
- Change in Lake Spraying for Individual Property Owners.
  
- Septic Systems.
- Weise Property Update.
- 2021 Healthy Lakes Goals.

The next Healthy Lakes meeting is on February 4 at the Palmer Township Hall at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome!

**Mark your calendar...** For these upcoming meetings

T LID Meeting Monday, 2/1 6:00(1st Monday)

Healthy Lakes Thursday, 2/4 6:30 (1st Thursday)

Palmer Township Meeting Monday, 2/8 7:00 (2nd Monday)

Clear Lake Township Meeting Tuesday, 2/16 7:00 (3rd Tuesday)

BLCA Board Meeting Saturday, 2/13 8:30 (2nd Saturday)

Board of Adjustments Thursday, 2/11 5:30 (2nd Thursday)

PLEASE CHECK TO MAKE SURE MEETINGS ARE STILL HAPPENING

**PARKING HAS BECOME AN ISSUE AROUND THE LAKES  
HERE IS A REMINDER OF THE PARKING ORDINANCE**

A seasonal parking ban will go into effect on November 15th of each year and

shall remain in effect until April 15th of the following year. NO VEHICLE SHALL BE PARKED IN ANY PORTION OF A STREET OR HIGHWAY

In addition, no person shall park a vehicle in any portion of a street or highway for a period exceeding 24 hours. After 24 hours, the vehicle may be towed away and impounded at the owner's expense.

Under no circumstances shall a person park a vehicle in any portion of a street or highway in such a way as to create a hazard for the traveling public or interfere with maintenance of the right-of-way. The Sherburne County Sheriff's Department may issue a parking citation and sign a towing order.

ALSO A REMINDER TO SLOW DOWN ON THE STREETS AROUND THE LAKE.

On Saturday, January 30th there was a gathering and informational session about what is being proposed for the Weiss property on Elk Lake. It was an informal meeting with questions being raised about what will go on the property and the resident's concerns about the impact on the lake.

Will there be another boat access?

What about the increased traffic to our small lake?

Has anyone contacted the tribes about the burial ground on the property?

Will there be camping, hiking trails, a nature preserve or what is the county thinking?

There will be more informational meetings to come but everyone is invited to comment and give suggestions to the county. Please contact Gina Hugo, Sherburne County Parks Coordinator, at [gina.hugo@co.sherburne.mn.us](mailto:gina.hugo@co.sherburne.mn.us)





NO BIO'S WERE SENT TO ME SO THERE ARE IS NO BOARD MEMBER INFO THIS MONTH.



### B.L.C.A. FINANCIALS

Operating funds checking \$ 4,522.34  
Money Market Rapid Response \$ 100,013.30  
Total BLCA Cash \$ 104,535.64

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Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual Ice Day on the Chain

Saturday, February 6th, 2021

Watch facebook for more information on this popular event.

There will be activities and brats. Be sure to attend.

A big thank you to Forest Brothen and his team for doing this for the 4 lakes

PICTURES FROM LAST YEARS ICE DAY CELEBRATION





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