

# 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...

- Healthy Lakes— 6:30 10/05/2017
- Palmer Twp Board—7 PM 11/02/2017
- Palmer Twp Board—7 PM 10/09/2017
- BLCA Board Mtg—8:30 AM 11/06/2017
- BLCA Board Mtg—8:30 AM 10/14/2017
- Clear Lake Twp Board-7 PM 11/11/2017
- Clear Lake Twp Board-7 PM 10/17/2017
- Board of Adjustment- 6 PM 11/21/2017
- Board of Adjustment- 6 PM 10/12/2017
- Board of Adjustment- 6 PM 11/09/2017

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BLCA President Rosalie Musachio in Board member Brad Kipp's 'Big, White Caddy!'



From front to back: Lucas, Caden, William & Clara

## Go Jump in the Lake!

Palmer Day was a big success. We had beautiful weather, a great parade & car show, and lots of booths. I got to ride in the 'Big White Caddy' chauffeured by Board member Brad Kipp. He was towing an old fishing boat complete with a very old 3.5 HP motor and young volunteers throwing candy to the crowd. I proceeded to the BLCA Food Booth to find Karen Jones, BLCA Treasurer and fund raiser extraordinaire and Board member Lyf Titcomb, along with cooks, counter help, meal assemblers and young and mature food runners. Volunteers working in four hour shifts, a set up crew, tear down crew, persons doing all of the planning, purchasing and hauling of inventory and cooking equipment, made this a most successful year. Thank you all for your cheerful and gracious hard work. BLCA had several inter-generational families (including the younger generation) all working together, throwing candy, delivering food and working the booth with their parents and grandparents. Our members made a large effort to make this community event a success. We all had a great time and we so appreciate your support (& patience!). Thank you all! As we all finish our fall yard maintenance, please consider what you can do for our lakes this fall and winter.

- Rake leaves away from the water,
- Pump out the septic system,
- Skip the lawn fertilizer,
- Plant some native plants using the BLCA plant bank.
- Get in contact the Neighborhood watch and meet a few neighbors.
- Study up on Oak Wilt, curly pondleaf, Eurasian milfoil, and zebra mussels
- Check out lake shore zoning rules

Mike Flanery, our new LID Board member and BLCA volunteer, has rebuilt our web site:

[briggslakechainassociation.com](http://briggslakechainassociation.com)

Take a look and get the latest information on lake science, shoreline care, and BLCA activities.

We welcome Hattie Edwards, a resident of Big Elk Lake, who has become a new board member. She has taken on the responsibility of leading our first Winter Fest event! She will be forming a committee of volunteers to plan winter outside activities so consider making this a family event. Watch for information on our Facebook page. Each time I write this letter, I am so thankful that I have the opportunity and privilege to live on our lakes. What a blessing.

So go jump in the lake. It is a quality of life issue for us all! Rosalie Musachio, President

### 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](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.**

## Updates from Three Lake Improvement District and Healthy Lakes

### TLID

As reported in the last issue of the Lake Report, the TLID held its second Annual Meeting in August. TLID members unanimously passed the TLID budget of \$55,970 for 2018 which included approval for aquatic invasive species [AIS] projects, plus a feasibility study for water stabilization. The feasibility study will be conducted by WENCK associates, an engineering firm familiar with the Briggs Lake Chain and extensive experience in this area. One of the appealing things about WENCK's approach is that they also look at water quality issues while completing the feasibility study for water stabilization. As we all know by now, water quality on the lake chain needs continued attention. It would be nice if water quality were improved to the point that the Mn Pollution Control Agency would take the lake chain off their "impaired waters" list.

For those of you who read the Citizen-Tribune, you may have seen the column this week by Gary Meyer, the paper's editor, entitled **When Taxes Could Make A Difference**. Summarizing the TLID budget, and its approval by the Sherburne County commissioners, he said *"It couldn't be money better spent – if one believes it is our duty to ensure our precious lakes are left in better condition than when we moved onto their shores."* He continued by advocating that other lake associations in the county follow suit, especially if they can't meet their goals through voluntary contributions. The Healthy Lakes committee, the BLCA Board and now the TLID organizers have all been preaching the same message: it is our collective duty to be good stewards of these precious waters. The Three Lake Improvement District provides another way for all us to be good stewards. *Thanks for the support, Gary.*

### Healthy Lakes

The Healthy Lakes Committee continues to meet the first Thursday of the month.

Rosalie Musachio, president of the BLCA Board, is the interim chair until a full time chair volunteers or is appointed. Notes from the last meeting:

- Three volunteers [Flanery, Musachio and Phelps] met with the Sherburne County Zoning Administrator and Assnt Administrator to discuss various septic issues raised by Healthy Lakes. After zoning responds to the issues, Mike Flanery will summarize their response for the next Lake Report.
- The testing for zebra mussel veligers [very tiny, baby mussels], sponsored by the Sherburne Soil and Water District, and conducted by volunteer Scott Ruiter, found no evidence of zebra mussels in the lake chain. Good news so far.
- The plant bank still has \$1566 in the account, waiting to be used.
- Water testing is about over for the year. Sherburne SWCD will provide a summary after all data is in.
- Healthy Lakes committee is working on a recommendation to the BLCA Board for using \$6000 in the 2018 budget allocated for water quality projects.
- Healthy Lakes is still looking for a full time chair. The hours are great, benefits plentiful, a great learning opportunity, wonderful hardworking lakers to work with, and what a terrific cause to work for!

Kenzie Phelps

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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 **Adele Munsterman** so that a card may be sent for such things as anniversaries, illness or a death in the family.  
Please email her at: [wmunst1007@aol.com](mailto:wmunst1007@aol.com)

## HWY 25 CLEAN—UP

Please meet in the parking lot of the Palmer Town Hall on Saturday October 28th @ 9 am  
To volunteer for this great activity!  
Bring your gloves and wear your walking shoes, safety vests and garbage bags provided!

