



Briggs Lake Chain Association

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.

Mark your calendar...

Healthy Lakes— 6:30 - 07/05/2018

Palmer Twp Board—7 PM - 07/09/2018

BLCA Board Mtg—8:30 AM - 07/14/2018

Clear Lake Twp Board-7 PM - 07/17/2018

Board of Adjustment- 6 PM - 07/12/2018

TLID - 6 PM 07/02/2018

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Go Jump in the Lake!

We are ready for the celebrations to begin! Summer is the best time on the Briggs Lake Chain. The Father's Day Fishing Tournament was a great success with many thanks to the new Junior Board. Prize winning fish caught were a Walleye and a Northern no less.

Now for the parade and fireworks! This all occurs on June 30 so check the website for details. Please remember to keep your family, especially the little ones, safe throughout the Fourth of July holidays. Now is a good time to review your safe boating rules, take inventory of your life jackets and first aid equipment and review hot weather picnic food rules.

We welcome new neighbors and family friends to our homes and cottages. Please avoid lawn fertilizers and weed killers that all run into the lake at the next rain. If the lawn needs fertilizer pump up some of that green water from the lake or scoop the floating weeds for your garden bed.

Just a reminder that the annual meeting of the membership of the Briggs Lake Chain Association is the second Saturday in August at Palmer Hall, 10:00 am. We are looking for new Board members from all of the lakes and would welcome new members to volunteer for these positions. That includes the Junior Board. Great things are happening on the Chain but we need all hands-on deck to complete our projects.

Rosalie Musachio, President BLCA

Heading

BLCA Youth Advisory Board News

The newly established BLCA Youth Advisory Board held it's first event in June! They promoted and managed a fishing contest and there were 2 winners; Jacob Anderson and Nathan Bergher. Each winner received a check for \$50! Congratulations to all!

BLCA June General meeting and Picnic

On Saturday, June 9, the first BLCA general meeting of the season was held at Palmer Park pavilion with

78 members in attendance. The day was cool and a little rainy and fun was had by all. The general meeting lasted about 35 minutes during which the Minutes of the August 2017 meeting were read and the Treasurer's report was given, then the committee heads all gave their project reports for 2018.



Three speakers gave presentations: Sheriff Cole Petroske, head of the water patrol, gave a brief talk on boating rules and various things that he has seen happening on the lakes; Sheriff Roxanne Schreder, the Neighborhood Watch Liaison gave an informational talk about her program. (The BLCA will be reviving the program for the original 12 areas around the 4 lakes.) Then Alex Collins, a Scout who is working to get an Eagle Scout badge, gave a presentation about his Zebra Mussels Detection project. We had 8 people from the four lakes (2 from each lake) volunteer to put his apparatus together and hang it from their dock. They will check their detector in the fall to see if we have any zebra mussels in our lakes. The meeting was then adjourned and the door prizes were handed out. The annual BLCA picnic began and served homemade Sloppy Joes, various salads & libations, cookies and cake. Article & photo by: Charlene Langowski

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE between TLID and BLCA/Healthy Lakes?

It was just a few short years ago that the BLCA's Healthy Lakes Committee started the petition drive to form a Lake Improvement District [LID]. After a failed attempt to get Big Elk Lake as part of the LID, the Three Lake Improvement District [TLID] was formed. One of the concerns during the formation was the distinction between the BLCA and the TLID. As you may recall, the TLID's priority purpose was to manage and control Aquatic Invasive Species [AIS], especially curly leaf pondweed [CLP] and Eurasian water milfoil [EWM]. Other areas the TLID was established for was water stabilization and water quality.

While the boundaries between the BLCA and TLID continue to evolve, here are the basic distinctions and current activities:

TLID

Managing AIS in Rush, Briggs, the Bayou, and Julia: surveying for CLP and EWM, herbicide treatments for both, and hand pulling EWM; Developing and

maintaining lake management and lake vegetation management plans, including Big Elk Lake;

Exploring the feasibility of water stabilization on upper three lakes

BLCA/Healthy Lakes

Managing AIS on Big Elk Lake; Fish stocking on Big Elk Lake; Water quality monitoring of all 4 lakes; Gentle Footprint workshops and grants; Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District [SWCD] runoff grants; Maintaining Lily Creek dam

Joint Responsibility

Zebra mussel prevention, early detection and rapid response

The Other Basic Distinction Between the TLID and BLCA:

The BLCA is a voluntary organization for lake residents on all four lakes in the Briggs Lake Chain. Current membership is 223, less than half of all possible memberships. The TLID was formed by the Sherburne County Commissioners, and as per Mn statutes, all property owners on Rush, Briggs, the Bayou, and Julia are members. There are 431 properties in the TLID.

The BLCA board meets every 2nd Saturday, The TLID board meets the 1st Monday, both at the Palmer town hall.

Notice: Mark your calendars for the third Annual TLID Meeting on Saturday August 18, 10:00 AM at the Palmer Township Hall. Look for your meeting announcement sent by hard mail in July or Early August. By: Kenzie Phelps

EVENT SCHEDULE

July: 4th of July Boat Parade- June 30 Saturday / Noon start time

4th of July Fireworks - June 30 Saturday / start time Dusk

August: BLCA Annual Meeting / August 11 Saturday 10 am Palmer Town Hall

Voting on Budget & Board Members / Ice Cream Social to Follow

September: Palmer Day- Saturday Sept 8

REMINDERS!

You can find a copy of our handy dandy 'Welcome' booklet on the www.briggslakechainassociation.com website.

We will be requesting a stronger police response to illegal fireworks. The BLCA sponsors a 4th of July fireworks show worth several thousand dollars. (The beautiful colors of fireworks contain heavy metals which contaminate our lakes...let's work together to minimize the damage!)

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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.

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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

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

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