



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 the adjoining and connecting watersheds



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June Lake Report – THE PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Greetings and Happy National Flag Day on Tuesday June 14th,

I know April showers bring May flowers. Who would guess that May showers bring floods? I hope you are "high and dry" and all the lost dock tops found their way back home. For those of you who are new to the lake and wondering, "How and why did this happen?".

HISTORY OF OUR LAKES

The four lakes are spring fed but also receive inflow from several other sources. Since 1932 there has been a dam in place at the south end of Rush Lake that helps regulate the water level in the upper three lakes. The BLCA and volunteers maintain the dam. The dam, also called a weir, is still there. A couple years ago the carp barrier was removed (not the dam) so water could leave faster during high water events.

Channels connecting Julia, Briggs, and Rush allow access to all three lakes. Briggs Creek, which flows into Briggs Lake, is the major source of water coming into the upper three lakes.

During periods of high water (High Water Events) the Elk River overflows into Briggs Lake via Briggs Bayou. Lily Creek connects Rush to Elk but the water control dam at the outlet of rush prevents traffic to and from Elk. The Elk River flows into and out of Elk Lake and eventually flows into the Mississippi River at the City of Elk River.

Residents may sign up on the BLCA website for e-mail notifications of High-Water Events to be alerted to rising water conditions, so they are made aware of when the slow-no-wake ordinance goes into effect and when it is lifted.

In June and August we have our annual general membership meetings. The June meeting is Friday the 10th starting at 6:30 in the Palmer Pavilion in Palmer Park.

The agenda includes a recap of our 2022 financials year to date. We will have committee reports on membership, communications, Healthy Lakes, and gentle footprints. At the August meeting we will present the proposed budget for 2023. If you have suggestions or recommendations for 2023 you should bring them up at the June meeting.

After the meeting we will have some ice cream and socialize. There will be drawings for gift baskets as we hand out ice cream.

Even if you are not a member of the BLCA we invite you to join us. There are a lot of new people on the lakes. This is a nice opportunity to meet and greet a neighbor.

The June board of directors meeting will be in the pavilion from 5:00 - 6:00. Guests are always welcome to attend board meetings.

Our annual summer fundraiser is selling Brats, pork chops and more at **McDonald's Meats in Clear Lake. Our sidewalk cookout this year is:**

Thursday, June 16th 9:30 am to 6:30 pm

Friday, June 17th 9:30 am to 6:30 pm

Saturday, June 18th 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

All of us working at the booth are BLCA volunteers. Stop in, have some food, and introduce yourself. Let us know you support our healthy lakes.

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads, Grandads and Great Grandads. Enjoy your day.

Thanks ... Brad



BLCA FINANCIALS

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| OPERATING CHECKING | \$ 26,125.02 |
| APRIL DEPOSIT | \$ 3,105.90 |
| MONEY MARKET | \$ 101,707.43 |
| TOTAL CASH | \$ 130,938.35 |

Zebra Mussel Plates

There are a number of residents on all 4 lakes that have the zebra mussel plates attached to their dock or boat lift. **IF YOU ARE ONE OF THEM** please contact Scott Ruiter and let him know if you are or are not putting that plate out again this year.



water skiing



boat parade



Fishing



relaxing



paddleboarding

LET'S ALL BE SAFE AND HAVE FUN ON THE WATER

Garage Sales around the lake are done, lake treatment is happening, June Annual meeting will be Friday June 10th at 6:30 followed by an ice cream social and door prizes, the brat sale at McDonald's meats is coming up June 15, 17, and 18th,

4th of July fireworks will be Friday, July 1st at dusk, and the Boat parade Saturday, July 2nd

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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| TLID | 6/6 | 1st Monday |
| HEALTHY LAKES | 6/2 | 1st Thursday |
| PALMER TOWNSHIP | 6/13 | 2nd Monday |
| CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP | 6/21 | 3rd Tuesday |
| BLCA ANNUAL MEETING | 6/10 | 2nd Friday |
| BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS | 6/9 | 2nd Thursday |