



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

THE LAKE REPORT

JULY 2022

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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Happy July 4th weekend,

Everyone has a favorite holiday and mine is the 4th of July. I grew up in a small town in northern Wisconsin. My parents owned a resort on a chain of lakes. For all of our guests and family July 4th was the biggest weekend of the summer. The fireworks, boat parades, grilling out & all of the other festivities on our lakes bring back great memories of 60 + years ago in Wisconsin. The best thing is being with our kids and grandkids as they create their memories of summer on the lake at The Briggs lake chain.

The annual June general membership meeting at the pavilion was well attended. I think attendance was about 65 people. Maybe it was the FREE ice cream that drew a crowd. We want to give a **BIG THANKS** to Jen & Mitch at the Briggs Lake General Store for being partners with the BLCA and donating FREE ice cream coupons at the June meeting.

The general meetings are your opportunity to meet and greet neighbors and board members. Mark your calendars. **The next and last general meeting of the year is Saturday August 13th.** At the August meeting the 2023 BLCA financial budget is up for review and approval. In addition, nominations for the 2023 board of directors are on the agenda. New terms will start at the October meeting.

Looking forward to the holiday weekend.

The fireworks are Friday the 1st at dusk (around 9:30 or so) on Briggs Lake. Thanks to everyone who donated to the fund. We reached our goal of \$9,500. That should put on a really nice show. Our vendor, ResPyro, is one of the biggest in the state. They do the Twins games, State fair, Vikings games and many more. We get a discount if we don't do our event on the 4th. Although prices did increase from last year... Our budget allows for us to have a show equivalent to last year's presentation.

The boat parades on Big Elk & Briggs, Rush & Julia start at noon Saturday the 2nd

You do not need to pre-register to be in the parade. Floats on Big Elk should meet at the landing around 11:45 to get a boat number and registration form. Floats on the upper three lakes should meet at the Briggs - Rush channel around 11:30 to get a boat number and registration form

For all the lakes the boats go around clockwise. The Briggs parade will start on Rush. Anticipated times for the parade on your lake will be:

Rush Lake Start at 12:00. Time to circle Rush 20 minutes

Briggs Lake ... Arrive from Rush about 12:20. Time to circle Briggs 40 minutes.

Lake Julia Arrive from Briggs approximately 1:00. Time to circle Julia and exit at Speedboat bay 30 minutes. Parade to end at 1:30.

1st place wins \$100, 2nd place wins \$75, 3rd place wins \$50, 4th place is honorable mention. Every lake has a group of judges. Put on your best show. They are watching you. Good Luck and have fun.

The 2022 Palmer Area Directories are printed and done. Our printer is Rengel Printing in St Cloud. Peter & Lerae own the company and are residents of Briggs. Our printer is local and so are our advertisers. Please support them.

We print over 1300 directories and deliver them to residents around the lakes area. Due to postal regulations, we cannot put them in mailboxes. We only put them in the boxes for newspapers and other flyers. **We anticipate all directories will be delivered by July 1st. If you didn't get a directory, copies are available at the Briggs Lake Store.**

Summer is great. Enjoy the lake. 😊 Thanks Brad



ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL EVENING SHOT OF OUR LAKES. NO WONDER WE LOVE TO LIVE HERE.
KEEP POSTING PICTURES ON THE BRIGGS LAKE PAGE AND I WILL COPY THEM TO PUT IN THE
LAKE REPORT



BLCA FINANCIALS

OPERATING CHECKING	\$ 22,136.25
MONEY MARKET	\$ 102,727.25
TOTAL CASH	\$ 126,431.50

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



4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS WILL BE FRIDAY, JULY 1ST AT DUSK

IT'S TIME FOR THE BOAT PARADE...IS YOUR BOAT READY?

IF YOUR BOAT COMES IN IN FIRST PLACE WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO PULL IT FULLY DECORATED IN THE PALMER DAYS PARADE SO DON'T THROW THOSE DECORATIONS AWAY

UPCOMING MEETINGS

TLID	7/4	1st Monday
HEALTHY LAKES	7/7	1st Thursday
PALMER TOWNSHIP	7/11	2nd Monday
CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP	7/19	3rd Tuesday
BLCA ANNUAL MEETING	7/9	2nd Saturday
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS	7/14	2nd Thursday

Summary from the June Healthy Lakes meeting

There were 5 Residents in attendance. We discussed the following

- **BLCA update:** BLCA is in support of #NoMowMay but doesn't feel the need to officially endorse it.
- **Shoreline best practices and Hydrojet Infographic flyer** will be distributed with the directory and copies will be available at BLCA events.
- **TLID update:** Two new members are needed to replace outgoing board members. Commitment would be one Monday night meeting a month for 3 years.
- **Big Elk LID status:** Nothing new
- **Gentle footprints Projects and Grants:** There are 6 projects.
Three are ready to go, one resident is doing his own planting, and 2 are considering options following engineering reports on projected costs. Project requests for next year can be submitted now to allow planning time.
- **2022 Water Quality Data Report:** The first samples have been taken and delivered. Clarity depth on Briggs was 6 feet and 4 feet elsewhere.
- **Sherburne County Park on Big Elk:** no new developments on park progress but there have been numerous calls regarding vandalism and suspicious persons on the property.
- **Fish stocking:** The BLCA has stocked walleye in Big Elk. The DNR is responsible for the upper 3 lakes and it's unknown whether they will be stocking this year or not. Blue Gills have been stocked in all 4 lakes.
- **Education:** There was considerable discussion regarding how to better promote and educate our members and visitors regarding best safe practices for our lakes. A recommendation is being made to the BLCA board to place this as a priority.
- **Other:** A partnership with RSVP Americorps Seniors and the BLCA is being established. This is an organization that can help us recruit volunteers when needed and may give us broader community connections.
- **Steve reported that this was the first time that we went over the high water ordinance mark with just rain, before any run-off reached us.**

