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**TO THE BRIGGS LAKE CHAIN COMMUNITY**

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**The Briggs Lake Chain Association (BLCA) provides this booklet to help you transition to the wonderful world of lake community living. It is one of the many community projects that the BLCA undertakes.**

**Please read about our lake association. Hopefully, you will choose to join us as a member. Simply fill out the application included with this booklet or print an application from our website and mail it to the BLCA at 4180 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Box B, Clear Lake, MN 55319.**

**We have tried to anticipate your questions and concerns. For further information or unanswered questions, please contact any of our board members who are listed on page 14.**

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## **I. WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY**

Welcome to the Briggs Lake Chain of Lakes. We hope you enjoy being a part of our community and share in our love of the water and pleasures that lake living in Minnesota provides. This booklet contains useful information about our lake association, community resources, customs, and history.

### **BRIGGS LAKE CHAIN ASSOCIATION (BLCA)**

The BLCA's mission is to "promote the care, improvement and general welfare of the Briggs Lake Chain (Julia, Briggs, Rush, and Big Elk) and adjoining and connecting waterways.

BLCA membership is made up of property holders on and around the four lakes. Two general meetings are held each year on the second Saturday of June at Palmer Park with a picnic and the second Saturday of August at Palmer Town Hall with an Ice Cream Social. Membership drives are an annual event.

Our association is governed by an enthusiastic and hard-working all-volunteer Board of Directors composed of four officers and fifteen representatives elected from the membership. We have many active committees doing service projects, social events, and fundraisers.

The BLCA relies on its community for funding. Those that choose to become members and those who donate to our specific projects (aquatic invasive species (AIS) control, July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Display, Fish stocking, etc.) fund the organization. The BLCA is designated a 501C3 organization so all donations are tax deductible.

Our goal is to improve the water quality and habitat of the lake as well as striving to keep our neighborhoods safe and secure.

Our website, [www.briggslakechainassociation.com](http://www.briggslakechainassociation.com), contains information for members and residents, with links to related agencies and associations. We publish THE LAKE REPORT newsletter monthly and annually compile and distribute the Palmer Community Directory to residents.

BLCA has a program (paid for by area residents, fund raising activities and a grant from the DNR) to control two invasive weeds – Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and Curlyleaf Pondweed (CLP). Please see our section on invasive species for more information.

Due to a rise in the expenses and the drying up of the grant funding, residents petitioned the formation of the 3 Lake Improvement District (LID). (see page 9)

BLCA is a member of the Minnesota Lakes Association and was selected as Minnesota Lake Association of the year in 2006 and outstanding Conservation Cooperator in 2014.

### **HEALTHY LAKES COMMITTEE**

This committee does the heavy lifting for the BLCA and our lakes. It meets year-round at the Palmer Township Hall on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. The committee chair reports monthly to the BLCA board and updates the board of the Healthy Lakes Committee's activities and can act on recommendations from the committee. One does not have to be a board member to belong to this committee.

## **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.

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 with the BLCA 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.

Our lakes have an overabundance of nutrients, especially phosphorus, and frequently experience algae bloom during the summer months. The BLCA has studied and continues to study on-site run off. Lakeside properties are part of the problem, and we are working at educating residents on how to lessen their additions to the pollution in the lakes and help them finance corrective projects. Contact at BLCA Board Member listed on page 14 to arrange for a free analysis of your property.

The bottom surface of the lakes is primarily hard sand, with some layering of silt and sediment. There are shoals and sandbars (especially on Briggs, the channel between Briggs and Rush, and at the Elk River outlet area of Elk) where it is easy to damage propellers. Buoys mark many of the worst areas but ask your neighbors and use caution until you become familiar with our lakes. Lower water levels in July and August increase this problem and can make launching and docking boats a bit difficult.

All four lakes have public boat access landings. They are located at the north end of Julia, the south end of Briggs, the south end of Rush, and the east side of Elk. A canoe access is located on the west side of Briggs. Volunteers are needed to monitor boat landings and both the BLCA and Healthy Lakes are working to get plans in place. Volunteers are preferable to the expense of paid monitors.

To help control trash and improve the environmental quality of the accesses, the Palmer Township pays for refuse containers at each of the major landings and provides portable toilets at the Briggs and Rush accesses.

## **LIFE-STYLES**

Much of the lifestyle around the lakes is geared to casual living. Traditionally, our community is friendly, outgoing, welcoming and a pleasant place to live. Since many of our lake homes are located on relatively small lots, common sense suggests that controlling noise and volume levels of music, and showing courtesy when boating, will help build and preserve a friendly community spirit.

## **LAKE INFORMATION AND MAPS**

Much information about each of the four lakes can be found at <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefinder/index.html>.

Also, the Palmer Community Directory has maps of our lakes and the surrounding roadways. For other maps and

information on each of the lakes go to [www.mnlakes.org](http://www.mnlakes.org) or the MN Department of Natural Resources ([www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us)). A plastic map showing water depth and structure of the four lakes can be purchased at Briggs Lake General Store and other area locations.

### **PALMER COMMUNITY DIRECTORY**

Each year the BLCA compiles and publishes a telephone directory covering all of Palmer Township and the part of Clear Lake Township that is around Big Elk Lake. The proceeds from directory ads go towards funding BLCA projects. **New residents are encouraged to provide the BLCA Membership chair with their name and other contact information.** The membership chair is listed on page 14. The Directory is distributed to all residences surrounding the lake free of charge. If you don't receive a copy, ask for one at the Briggs Lake General Store, Kinitski's Grill, or a BLCA general meeting, or request a copy from your lake representative. Your lake representative is listed on page 14.

### **SHOPPING AREAS**

The closest location for convenience food, hardware, gas, food and liquor is in Palmer. Other stores are located in Becker, Clear Lake, Clearwater, Foley, Monticello, and St. Cloud.

### **PARKS**

Palmer Park is a public park operated by Palmer Township and located south of Palmer Town Hall on County Road 6. There is a playground, an enclosed pavilion, a new building with kitchen facilities, toilets, tennis courts, a baseball diamond, horseshoe pits, a basketball court, a blacktop parking lot, and an open playing area. Both the Town Hall and the Park Pavilion can be rented for personal use. For more information, contact the township clerk listed on page 15.

### **PROPERTY ADDRESS NUMBERS**

Every residential property in Palmer and Clear Lake Townships is identified with a street address marker located at the roadside. These signs are uniform in size, reflective color (which is different for each township), height, and distance from the roadway.

Because these signs are so important to identify our property in case of emergency, please do not remove or relocate them. Keep brush trimmed away. They are also helpful for visitors searching for an address, particularly at night.

**PLEASE keep your mailbox area clear of weeds and debris and empty and clean them on a regular basis.**

**Also lets all work at keeping our lots and shorelines looking beautiful so we all can enjoy the view as we drive by on our boats and pontoons.**

## **II. Environment**

### **Fishing**

Our lakes provide good fishing for pan fish, bass, pike, and walleye. From time to time the DNR surveys our lakes for game fish population and stocks the lake. For further information, visit the DNR site at [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us).

## **LAWN CARE**

It is illegal to use fertilizers containing phosphorus on established lawns, even though it is still legal to sell these products. It is best not to use fertilizer on your lawn, to avoid run-off to the lake. Consider using lake water for lawn irrigation and utilize the natural nutrients present in the lake water. There is an abundance of phosphorus in the lake water. On your lawn, it will grow grass rather than be available for algae. If you choose to use commercial fertilizer, ensure that it is phosphorus-free.

Nobody likes weeds or insects, especially mosquitoes, but if herbicides and insecticides are used extensively, they also will eventually seep into the ground and well water supply.

Our sandy soil and tree cover make growing grass a challenge. If you seed, try using a grass seed mix of 50% creeping red fescue, 25% Kentucky Bluegrass, and 25% perennial rye

The DNR, along with the BLCA, encourages shore land planting with native plants to create a buffer strip of wild, un-mowed grasses along the lakeshore portion of your property to serve as a filter to slow run-off and to reduce transfer of chemicals into the lake water. **Watch for the BLCA sponsored workshops that include how to get a DNR grant to subsidize your lake front restoration.**

Please make every effort not to blow your grass clippings into the lake because this only adds further nutrients for algae growth.

## **TREE PRUNING**

Oak trees are the most abundant tree and occasionally need pruning. Beware of how and when you trim because Sherburne County is infested with Oak Wilt that is fatal to Oak trees. The disease spreads through roots or by insect carriers from infected trees over a mile away. See [www.briggslakechainassociation.com](http://www.briggslakechainassociation.com). The highest danger season for spreading Oak Wilt is April, May, and June. Google Oak Wilt for more information. If you are contemplating cutting down a tree you must check with the zoning department.

## **COMPOST SITES**

Compost sites are available at Becker, Big Lake, Elk River and Zimmerman. The Becker site is closest and open 24/7. An access card is required and available at no cost at the Becker City Hall. The address is 12060 Sherburne Avenue. The phone is 763-200-4239.

## **LEAF AND BRUSH BURNING**

Burning of leaves, limbs, and brush is permitted. A burning permit is required prior to any fires. Permits are available free of charge and may be obtained at McDonald's Meats in Clear Lake. Permits may be issued in other areas, but your local address must be on the permit.

The permits cover a defined period and generally allow burning only between 6 pm and 6 am. In dry weather permits may be restricted until conditions for burning are more favorable. The DNR enforces burning rules- penalties can be costly.

To protect our lakes from the drainage of dissolved ashes, burning sites should be at least 200 feet from the lakeshore, or the ashes should be gathered and transferred to a remote location. Also, don't burn leaves in ditches, and we discourage any burning on the shore as the water run-off can carry the ash residue into the watershed which is bad for the lakes.

Recreational fires do not require a permit if located in an established fire pit. We discourage any burning on the shore as the run-off carries the ash residue into the watershed.

### **SEPTIC SYSTEM GUIDELINES**

Septic disposal systems must be designed to meet code requirements and properly maintained to prevent contamination of ground water and our lakes. Any repair or replacement of existing systems, other than periodic pumping, requires obtaining a permit from the Sherburne County Zoning office. The county website, [www.co.sherburne.mn.us](http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us), has more information and sources for assistance.

The University of Minnesota Extension Service conducts seminars on septic systems and has prepared a booklet describing proper construction and maintenance of on-site sewage disposal systems available from Sherburne County Zoning or from the U of M. Look at [www.extension.umn.edu](http://www.extension.umn.edu) or <http://septic.umn.edu>.

### **BUILDING PERMITS**

#### **Permits are needed for the following:**

- Any alterations to your property or buildings. (Sherburne County Zoning Office)
- Any additions to your property or buildings. (Sherburne County Zoning Office)
- Burning of bushes, leaf and brush. (Permits obtained at McDonalds meats in Clear Lake)

In the past, projects often were done without permits, a fine issued and paid after the fact. County officials are now less lenient about violations and may even require demolition and removal of unapproved structures in addition to a fine.

Always contact the Sherburne County Zoning Department to determine if a project requires a Shoreline Alteration permit prior to commencing any work.

### **SHORELAND ORDINANCES**

In addition to county zoning ordinances, all lake properties are subject to State of MN shoreland ordinances. These govern placement of structures on building sites, septic systems, boathouses, shoreline alteration, cutting of trees, retention of bluff areas and recreational use of water surfaces. A copy of the ordinance is available from Sherburne County Zoning office or the DNR.

### **WATER WELLS AND TESTING**

Most residences have individual water wells for drinking and other uses. To ensure a safe water supply, regulations must be followed in locating or maintaining a private well.

Generally, any drilling of wells (new or replacement) requires a permit from, and inspection by, the Minnesota Department of Health. Wells which are abandoned require filling and capping by a licensed well drilling company. Contact the Minnesota Department of Health if you are planning a new or replacement well on your property.

The Sherburne County Public Health Department periodically sponsors a program to test nitrate levels in well water. For more complete testing, you may purchase a water testing kit from the Sherburne County Zoning



office for a small fee.

## **WATER WEEDS/AQUATIC VEGETATION**

Native weeds are desirable and beneficial to our lakes. They provide habitat for fish and generate the oxygen necessary for the fish population. It is unlawful to cut or remove native weeds from any of our lakes without first obtaining a permit from the DNR.

Non-native invasive weeds (AIS) are not beneficial and can seriously damage the fish population and the water quality of our lakes. In 2014, Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) was detected in Rush Lake. There are high concentrations of Curly-leaf Pondweed on Briggs, Rush and Julia. So far Elk hasn't had problems with these non-native invasive weeds. Left uncontrolled these AIS can spread across entire lakes.

Each year residents of Briggs, Rush and Julia are asked to contribute financially to a special fund to support the AIS herbicide spraying. The BLCA hires surveyors to locate infestation sites and determine concentration of plants. The BLCA then obtains the DNR permit and retains a commercial contractor for the treatment. The BLCA manages the treatment of offshore AIS (no closer to shore than 150 feet).

Property owners can control nuisance native weeds and AIS near shore (within 150 feet from shore). Both nearshore and offshore treatments require permits that must be applied and paid for before the end of February each year. The DNR limits the total amount and type of chemicals used in lakes so they need to know how much near shore treatment there will be before granting the BLCA a permit to treat the offshore AIS. The BLCA coordinates this activity through a packet, enclosed in a mailing to all lakeshore property owners, sent each January. Thus, we can ensure maximum effectiveness of management programs at a greatly reduced cost for all participants. The packet also includes BLCA membership information.

The BLCA is very concerned about preventing the spread of AIS, including zebra mussels, another aquatic invasive species that is spreading in Minnesota lakes. AIS is easily transmitted on trailers, boats and live wells. Lake residents are known to have spread AIS by not properly sanitizing used docks, rafts, swimming platforms, boats, etc. that they purchased in infected areas before they put them in the water at their own lake. The state law requires that all craft entering or leaving the lakes be checked and cleaned of weed residue. Please check your trailers and boats and acquisitions carefully. (see: Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers at [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us)).

Residents who live on Rush, Julia, and Briggs Lakes are members of the three lake LID (Lake Improvement District). This group monitors and pays for expenses related to the invasive species that are present in these three lakes.

## **Earth Day**

In the spring, Palmer and Clear Lake Townships each sponsor a major community cleanup effort. This provides property owners an opportunity to dispose of junk, debris, appliances, tires, scrap iron, batteries, and other items.

## **RUNOFF ANALYSIS**

The BLCA provides owners with an opportunity to evaluate their property for issues affecting water quality of our lakes. There is no obligation to do anything to your property, but it is a great chance to learn about issues affecting our lakes and how you might be able to help. It is interesting, fun, and doesn't take long. You will also become aware of grants and funding that help finance projects that help water quality.



## **T-LID**

The TLID (3 Lakes Improvement District) manages the control of Invasive Species like Curly-leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil. A project undertaken in 2018 to study these requires an ongoing expense which is managed by the TLID. The LID assesses the expenses for major projects and the cost is shared equally by Lakeshore property owners. We monitor the boat landings at all three lakes. Volunteers are needed for this project. If you would be willing to monitor this, please contact the BLCA board.

## **Rubbish Pick Up**

Garbage may not legally be burned, buried, or allowed to stand. Each resident is responsible for his or her own rubbish pickup. Several rubbish hauling contractors serve our community. See your phone directory or newspaper for phone numbers and information.

Waste Management services our community.

## **Recycling Program**

Recycling many materials instead of throwing them in the garbage is good for our environment. See the Environmental Educator for recyclers in our area along with a list of materials accepted and days and hours of operation. As an option, many of the rubbish haulers also provide recycling pickup service.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Libraries**

There are public libraries in St. Cloud, Becker, and Clearwater. See your phone directory for more information. There is also a lending library at the Palmer Township Hall.

### **School Districts and Bus Transportation**

There are 2 school districts serving our area. Becker District 763 and St. Cloud District 742. Please call the district office.

## **BLCA SPONSORED PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

In addition to our two general meeting, our lake association sponsors many programs and events. Activities include:

- Ice Day on the Chain
- An all-volunteer lake clean-up before the ice goes out in the spring
- Community wide garage sale in May
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities (fireworks, boat parade with prizes)
- Flotillas in the summer on the lake
- Palmer days in September
- Neighborhood watch
- Shoreline restorations

- Brat sales at McDonald's meats
- Fishing Contests
- Educational programs

See our monthly newsletter for more information. These events are volunteer staffed, so volunteers are always needed. It's a good way to get to know your neighbors.

## **GOVERNMENT**

Your lake property is located in Sherburne County and the county offices are located on the west edge of Elk River on Highway 10. The toll free 800 numbers are listed at the back of this booklet. The county website is [www.co.sherburne.mn.us](http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us).

Briggs, Julia, Rush and the northeast ½ of Elk Lake are located in Palmer Township. Elk Lake is in Clear Lake Township. Each township has a board that meet monthly. Palmer township meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Palmer Town hall and the Clear Lake Township meeting is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Clear Lake Town hall. Both meetings are open to the public.

## **DOG ORDINANCES AND CONTROLS**

Both townships have leash laws. Please check with your town clerk for a copy of the ordinance covering your area.

## **SLOW-NO WAKE ORDINANCES / HIGH WATER EVENTS**

There are ordinances in effect in both townships to protect our shorelines and reduce pollution when the water levels are high. Fines for exceeding 5 mph are in effect. Signs are posted at all lake accesses and notices are sent by email if we have your email address.

## **WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE**

Because roadways are narrow in the winter they must be kept open for buses and emergency vehicles. Vehicles blocking roadways or parked for long periods on the road may be fined or towed.

## **MEDIA**

### **Newspapers**

Please check with your preferred newspaper to see if they deliver to your area.

### **RADIO/TV STATIONS**

Generally, all AM/FM radio stations and TV stations broadcasting from the Twin Cities and St. Cloud are available. Many residents choose cable or dish for better reception. The following provide service in our area.

Midco 800-888-1300                      Frontier                      Exede 855-627-2553                      Palmer Wireless

## **MEDICAL, DENTAL AND VETERINARY CARE**

Medical, Dental, and Vet facilities are located in Becker, Clearwater, Monticello, Foley and St. Cloud. Please check your local directory for phone number and addresses.

CentraCare Hospital St. Cloud 1406 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North St, Cloud 320-251-2700

CentraCare Hospital Monticello 1013 Hart Boulevard Monticello 763-295-2945

CentraCare Clinic Becker 12800 Rolling Ridge Road 763-261-7000 [www.centracare.com](http://www.centracare.com)

Clearwater Clinic 615 Nelson Drive Clearwater 763-295-2945 [www.centracare.com](http://www.centracare.com)

Urgent Care is located in Monticello and several locations in St. Cloud. Contact the hospitals for locations.

Dental clinics are in Becker, Monticello, Big Lake, Clearwater, and St. Cloud.

Vet services are available in Becker, Clearwater, Foley and St. Cloud.

## **VIII. ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Fraternal and Service Clubs**

Lions Lioness, Rotary, American Legion, Elks, Eagles, etc. are located in St. Cloud and the surrounding areas. There are also gardening groups, quilting guilds, and sportsman clubs available. Many organizations offer programs for seniors. Becker Community Center and The Whitney Senior Center are two. See local newspapers and phone directories for others.

## **IX. RECREATION**

Golf courses are located within easy driving distances. Please see your local directories for locations.

Health Clubs and Rec Centers are in St, Cloud, Becker, and Monticello. Annual and day passes are available. See your local directories for locations.

Boats, ATV's, and snowmobiles are all licensed by the Minnesota DNR. Their website is [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us). Our area has snowmobile and ATV trails. Maps are available at Kinitzki's and Jack and Jim's. ATV's may not be ridden in ditches in our area from April 1 to August 1.

Fishing and Hunting licenses and copies of current Minnesota Regulations can be obtained through the DNR or at Briggs Lake General Store.

Palmer Park has groomed cross-country ski trails. Find more trails at county and city parks in Becker, Clearwater, and St. Cloud.

Shooting ranges and gun clubs for recreational shooting ranges are in Palmer and St. Cloud. Two of them are Wild Marsh in Palmer or Del-Tone in St. Cloud. Discharge of firearms in populated areas is illegal.

## **X. SAFETY AND SECURITY**

**In an emergency call 911.** In Sherburne County 911 is the point of contact for police, fire, medical and other emergencies. For non-emergencies, information or questions the number is 763-765-3500 or 1-800-433-5245.

### **Sheriff and Police**

Sherburne County Sheriff is located in Elk River. Our roads are routinely patrolled, and response is quick. They also have an office in Palmer Town Hall.

### **Home Security**

We have neighborhood watch on all the lakes. We also suggest you exercise protective caution. Alert neighbors if you will be gone and leave contact numbers with them.

### **Fire**

Palmer Township Fire Department is located next to Palmer Town Hall. Use the 911 number and give clear and concise address and direction.

### **Tornadoes and severe weather**

In the event of severe weather warnings are broadcast on local radio and tv stations. Warning sirens will be sounded.

### **Nuclear Emergency**

There is a nuclear power generating plant in Monticello. An emergency planning guide has been developed and distributed to households that may be affected in the rare event of a nuclear emergency. A copy may be obtained from the power plant.

## **XI. SERVICES**

Snow removal and plowing varies by type of road. Questions or concerns please contact the respective township.

Driveway snow removal is up to the individual. It is illegal to deposit driveway snow on township roads, right of ways or ditches.

### **Post Office**

The local post office is located at 8698 Main Avenue in Clear Lake. Hours are posted on the door and their number is 320-743-2505.

Mail will be delivered only to an approved mailbox located on the roadside.

Additional post offices are located in Becker, Clearwater, and inside Coborn's grocery store in Clearwater.

## **XII. TRANSPORTATION**

### **Airports**

In addition to Minneapolis/St. Paul there is an airline service located in St. Cloud. Their number is 320-253-1500. A private airport on County Road 55 east of Highway 10 provides facilities for private planes

and offer flight instruction.

### **North Star Commuter Rail**

This service to and from the Twin Cities is available from Big Lake. Bus service to connect to this commuter rail is available from St. Cloud and Becker. Information is available at <https://www.metrotransit.org/northstar>.

St Cloud Metro Bus Terminal also has complete schedule information at 320-251-7433.

### **Bus/Van Service**

Jefferson lines operates out of the St. Cloud Metro Bus facility located at 510 1<sup>st</sup> Street South. Call 320-251-5411 for more info.

Van service is available from St. Cloud to the metro area and airport through Groome Transportation. Their number is 320-316-0943, see [groometransportation.com](http://groometransportation.com) for schedule.

## **XIII. UTILITIES**

### **Gas Service/LP gas**

Home delivery of LP gas is available in our area and several stores fill cylinders and tanks. See your phone directory.

### **Natural Gas**

Provided by Xcel Energy. To obtain service call 1-800-895-4999. To report a gas leak or odor call 1-800-895-2999.

### **Phone Service**

Frontier Communications provides local telephone service. See the Palmer Community Directory for telephone numbers of residents and businesses.

### **Electric Service**

Provided by Connexus Energy which has offices in Ramsey, Minnesota. For emergency service call 763-323-2660. For other questions or other services call 763-323-2600.

If you are digging in your yard or planning excavation, be sure to call 1-800-252-1166 or visit the website at [www.gopherstateonecall.org](http://www.gopherstateonecall.org).

**ELECTRIC EMERGENCY -CONNEXUS**

**763-323-2660**

**ELECTRIC NON-EMERGENCY -CONNEXUS**

**763-323-2600**

**GAS EMERGENCY -XCEL**

**800-895-2999 or 911**

**GAS NON-EMERGENCY**

**800-895-4999**

**UNITED WAY – FIRST CALL FOR HELP**

**Dial 2\*1\*1 or 651-291-0211**

For immediate free referrals to community service available in your community in your zip code. This is a 24/7 service. Help for you or someone else with basic needs, it's a quick and simple way to find what help is available. Tell the operator your situation and they will direct you to a resource.

**BLCA GENERAL MEETINGS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in June at 6:30pm - Palmer Park - General Meeting and Ice Cream Social

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in August at 10:00am - Palmer Township Hall - General Meeting and Picnic

**BLCA BOARD MEETINGS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month - 8:30am - Palmer Township Hall

**HEALTHY LAKES COMMITTEE**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month - 6:30pm - Palmer Township Hall

**HIGH WATER ALERTS**

Email notices are sent to those whose email address we have. Contact a board member to be added to the list.

**PALMER COMMUNITY DIRECTORY**

Contact Roger & Lynn Miller at 952-237-3348 or mmcabin2019@gmail.com to update your contact information.

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**BLCA BOARD MEMBERS**

President:	Brad Kipp	612-810-6738	Briggs
Vice President:	Adele Munsterman	612-310-7791	Rush
Treasurer:	Diane Tiegs	763-464-4739	Briggs
Secretary:	Deb Stacey	651-226-4069	Elk
Membership:	Deb Stacey	651-226-4069	Elk
Past President:	Rosalie Musachio	419-290-1176	Briggs

**LAKE REPRESENTATIVES**

Debbie Affeldt	320-249-7442 – Elk
Shelly Alger-Peyton	612-283-8362 – Briggs
Margaret Macauley	218-485-1745 - Elk
Lynn/Roger Miller	952-237-3348 - Julia
Scott Ruitter	320-743-3365 – Rush
Pamela Simonson	612-723-2292 – Julia
Cameron Graber	320-761-5098 - Briggs

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

### **Sherburne County Numbers**

Government Center in Elk River 800-433-5228 763-765-3000

[www.co.sherburne.mn.us](http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us)

Administrator	800-433-5229	or 763-765-3001
Assessor	800-433-0577	or 763-765-4900
Attorney	763-765-4725	
Auditor/Treasurer	763-765-4350	
Community Corrections	763-765-4550	
Health & Human Services	800-433-5239	
Public Works-Highway	763-765-3300	
Sheriff	<b>911</b>	
Non-emergency	763-765-3500	
Tip line	1-800-255-1301	
Water Patrol - Deputy Sheriff – Cole Petroske	- 763-765-3500	
Welfare Fraud Prevention	800-433-5239	or 763-765-4000
Surveyor	800-594-5208	
U of M Extension	320-203-6050	
Veterans Services	763-765-3100	
Planning and Zoning	800-438-5228	or 763-765-4450

### **PALMER TOWNSHIP**

Town Hall

4180 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue Clear Lake, MN 320- 743-2100 - 8am to 4 pm (Tuesday only)

[palmertwp@gmail.com](mailto:palmertwp@gmail.com)      [www.palmertownshipmn.org](http://www.palmertownshipmn.org)

Township Supervisors

Mike Ganz	320-743-3479
Richard Larson	320-743-2800
Steve DeMeules	320-743-4749
Township Clerk - Amy Bragelman	320-743-2100
Township Treasurer - Roger Johnson	320-743-2792

### **CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP**

Township Hall

7684 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West Clear Lake, MN

[www.clearlaketownship.org](http://www.clearlaketownship.org)

[clearlaketwp@hotmail.com](mailto:clearlaketwp@hotmail.com)

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Supervisor	Ross Imholte	<a href="mailto:cltwpsupervisor@hotmail.com">cltwpsupervisor@hotmail.com</a>
Treasurer	Paul Goenner	<a href="mailto:cltwptreasurer@hotmail.com">cltwptreasurer@hotmail.com</a>
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Township Deputy Clerk	Gary Anderson	<a href="mailto:cltwpdeputy@hotmail.com">cltwpdeputy@hotmail.com</a>