



Briggs Lake Chain Association

October 2023 Lake Report

The President's Report [Shelly Alger- Peyton](#)

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Greetings & Happy Fall,

I don't know about you, but I am not ready for Fall, I feel like I just got everything out for Summertime festivities and now Fall is here and our wonderful Minnesota winter is around the corner, nope I am not ready!! Hahahaha



I want to introduce myself to community members that do not know me. I am Shelly Alger-Peyton and I am the new BLCA President, I took over for Brad Kipp our Past-President. I have been a resident of Palmer Township and have lived on Briggs Lake for the last 5 years with my husband Rick. We have 6 children, 2 sons/daughter in-laws, 4 grandchildren, 1 grand puppy, 2 dogs and 12 chickens between us!!! Yep, it's the funny farm over here on 42nd St. Hahahaha

I have been a BLCA committee member for Briggs Lake for the last 5 years and I am very involved in the BLCA as the volunteer coordinator for our numerous amazing BLCA events, I am one of three BLCA Facebook page administrators keeping residents informed of lake activity/restoration efforts, I am the coordinator for the BLCA's Gentle Footprint & Healthy Lakes Plant Bank Programs, I am one of the co-chairs for the best little town festival around, "Palmer Day," including the BLCA Food Booth and I am an executive board member/secretary for the Coalition of Lakes Association (COLA) that the BLCA is a member of for additional lake conservation efforts.

First off, I would like to thank Brad K. for being a great president for the past several years and mentor to help me get adjusted to all the duties the BLCA President has to oversee. I would also like to thank Deb Stacey our retired Secretary for all her years and hours of volunteer work keeping our memberships organized, meeting minutes up-to-date and any other event involvement. As well as, committee members Deb Affeldt, Adele Munsterman as our out-going vice president and Roger & Lynn Miller as our website administrators and directory editors. And to Tom N. – new Vice President and Robin U. – new Treasurer for signing on to help and all our amazing volunteers & volunteer programs!!! THANK YOU!!! If there is anyone I am missing, THANK YOU!!!

I initially got involved in the BLCA to help with lake conservation efforts and to learn how our lakes and seasons evolve. I also wanted to get lake property owners involved in the lake chain management plan and to distribute conservation information/materials to new and seasoned lake property owners, so we are all aware of how our lakes thrive, survive, and evolve and what we can do every season of the year to protect our lakes and lake fronts properties. We cannot conserve our waterways if we don't work together and learn how they work with the ever-changing environment and have conversations about new and old ideas.

With ALL of that being said, I would like to ask all BLCA members to continue to support the BLCA and to reach out to myself and/or another committee member with your volunteer preferences such as water sample gathering, grant writing, shoreline restoration/planting, website/social media management, directory editing, etc. and join us in our conservation efforts. And to our non-members please consider signing up to be a paid sponsor of the BLCA and work with us to heal our lakes.

Watch the BLCA website, Instagram, BLCA monthly newsletters & Facebook page for upcoming events, seasonal conservation information and other useful tips.

Feel free to reach out to me directly at 612-283-8362 via phone/text or via email at sdreimer@frontier.com to discuss lake ideas/solutions and to get involved.

Warmest regards!!!

Shelly



BLCA Financials through August 31, 2023



Income to date: \$26,585.62

Expenses to date: \$24,658.47

Operating checking \$21,902.60

Money Market/ rapid response fund:
\$103,494.43

Outstanding deposits: None

The 2024 budget was presented and approved at the August general membership meeting. You may request a detailed year to date 2023 budget or the 2024 budget. Email your request to bradkipp1@gmail.com . Include your name, email address, lake address and phone number.

A **BIG THANKS** to all the Palmer Township, Lions, Briggs Lake Chain & other groups whose volunteer efforts and support always make Palmer Day a huge success. Rain or Shine.

Nash & Nellie in the fish hats were a crowd favorite. It is a hard act to follow when you have a dad with green hair.

Shelly & Brad say Thanks to the everyone for supporting the BLCA.



Upcoming Fall volunteer opportunities/events in the area are:

- BLCA sponsored Hwy 25 ditch cleanup on Saturday, October 28th @ 10:00am, contact Ruth Thom or myself to volunteer and for more information.

- **Halloween/Trick-or-Treating mapping – look at the BLCA Facebook page for the link to submit your address if you would like to be placed on the map/list as a residence that will be handing out Halloween goodies.**

Summary of Healthy Lakes Committee September 7th, 2023, Meeting Reports: BLCA - No update TLID - The annual

meeting was held on August 19th, where they elected two new members. Bob Sass (Julia) and Doug Solem (Briggs) were welcomed during the September meeting. - New items brought forth at the annual meeting were discussed, and the assessment resolution was passed which will be sent to the county. - Officers were selected. Gentle Footprints/HL Plant program - Another project is near completion after the seeding and planting of shoreline and ravine areas at the Vosika property in September. - Other projects are being considered for spring 2024 funding. - Additional seed and plant orders were fulfilled using Plant Bank funds Water testing / Alum Feasibility Grant - Alum Grant funding is in; the water testing team is tracking their hours for their efforts. - Meeting next week to discuss future grant work including Carp survey and core testing. New Business: - Plan to create educational content on lake friendly fall/winter yard prep for residents and winter cabin prep for seasonal residents.

Ruth Hanson Thom Admin · 1d · 🌐

Mark your calendars now for our fall ditch clean up on October 28.

SAT, OCT 28 AT 10 AM
**Adopt a Highway(25)
Ditch Cleanup** ★ Interested
Created for Briggs Lake Chain Association

Topics to include [not blowing leaves and clippings into the lake](#), [cleaning up pet waste](#), [skipping fall fertilizer applications](#), and [leaving shoreline vegetation standing tall until spring](#). - Ideas for expanding dumpster and porta potty use on lake and landings for winter ice visitors. Including creating temporary signage indicating the issues with waste and garbage entering the lakes. Next meeting: Update on algae decay as the weather cools.

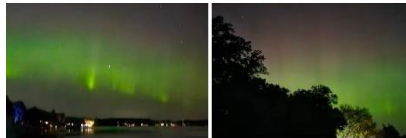


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healthylakes_blca Let your gardens sleep until spring, and remember not to blow leaves toward the lake!

Healthy Lakes Submitted by co-chairs Ruth Thom & Bre Bauerly

Please join us at our next BLCA meeting **Saturday, October 14, 2023 @ 8:30am at Palmer Townhall** and will be held every 2nd Saturday of each month at the same time/place.



The look and feel of Fall is in the air.

Happy Fall Happy Halloween

