



Briggs Lake Chain Association

January 2025 Lake Report

The President's Report

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Greetings & Happy New Year!!!

Though we started out December a little chilly and then an unseasonably warm up melting the snow & some of our ice, we know what happens in January here in Minnesota, it's gotten a little colder and we get SNOW, SNOW and MORE SNOW. Hahahahaha I hope everyone had wonderful holidays and were able to enjoy quality time with family, friends and neighbors making memories.

Watch your January 2025 mail for our annual BLCA Sponsorship mailing packet.

You can complete/submit your form and payment online or via mail.

If you know of any new property owners or have questions about renewing your previous sponsorship, please contact a BLCA committee member or myself so we can personally reach out and discuss membership details, water conservation and the various programs we have in place to protect our waterways through the BLCA and Health Lakes committees along with our TLID (Three Lake Improvement District).

If you do not receive your BLCA Sponsorship packet by February 1st, please contact me for assistance.

***** Also, if you did not receive an application mailing for PLM's Individual Aquatic Plant Management/Spraying and would like one as a new or returning customer, you can either contact PLM directly at 218-270-3338 or download an application from the main page of the BLCA website at www.briggslakechainassociation.com***

I would like to continue the BLCA's tradition of the annual "SHOUT OUT & THANK YOU's" to all our 2024 BLCA Board members and coordinators and acknowledge their contributions of time, materials and talent spent on behalf of us who love our lakes.

Tom Nordin – BLCA Vice President, Event sign coordinator & Elk Lake representative

Deb Stacey – BLCA co-Secretary & Elk Lake representative

Adele Munsterman – BLCA co-Secretary, Sunshine mailing coordinator & Rush Lake representative

Walt Munsterman – Water tester/transporter

Robin Uchanski – Past BLCA Treasurer

[Charrise Max](#) – Current BLCA Treasurer & Rush Lake representative
[Brad Kipp](#) – Past President, current Newsletter (The Lake Report) editor, membership mailing co-chair, Directory co-editor, Boat Parade co-chair and Briggs Lake representative
[Rosalie Musachio](#) – Past President, Two Inlets Park committee BLCA representative & Briggs Lake representative
[Margie Macaulay](#) – Past Elk Lake representative
[Pete DeJongh](#) – Briggs Lake representative and Boat Parade co-chair
[Dave Baugh](#) – Briggs Lake representative and Boat Parade co-chair
[Bre Bauerly](#) – Briggs Bayou Lake representative, Healthy Lakes co-chair, BLCA Website editor, Gentle Footprint/Healthy Lakes Plant Bank/Lake Steward programs co-chair, membership mailing & McDonald's Meats fundraiser co-chair
[Brad Thom](#) – Lake Julia representative & Hwy 25 cleanup co-chair
[Ruth Thom](#) – Healthy Lakes co-chair, Lake Steward co-chair, Hwy 25 cleanup co-chair, BLCA grant writer, Facebook editor, Healthy Lakes website editor, membership mailing, Instagram editor & Lake Julia representative
[Scott Ruiter](#) – Water tester, BLCA grant writer, High-Water sign coordinator & Elk Lake representative
[Chuck Heinemann](#) – Gentle Footprint & Healthy Lakes Plant bank co-chair and BLCA Newsletter "We Remember" co-writer
[Kenzie Phelps](#) - BLCA Newsletter "We Remember" co-writer
[Dave Jacobsen](#) – Facebook editor & BLCA newsletter backup
[Doug Solem](#) – Website TLID editor
[Lyf Titcomb](#) – BLCA Food Booth co-chair
[Forrest Brothen](#) – Ice Day on the Chain Coordinator
[Robert Sinclair](#) – Lighted Train on the Chain parade coordinator
[Gary Anderson](#) – Elk Lake grant writer, Elk Lake Boat Parade chair & Elk Lake High-Water sign coordinator
[Shelly Alger-Peyton](#) – current BLCA President, COLA representative & COLA Executive member, BLCA Food Booth co-chair, Facebook editor, membership mailing co-chair volunteer coordinator, Ice Day co-chair and Gentle Footprint/Healthy Lakes Plant Bank coordinator.



Generating this "thank you" list can be a little tricky, so please do not be offended if I missed someone, it is not intentional, and I apologize in advance if I missed you. We so appreciate ANYONE & EVERYONE'S time and talent that has volunteered in any capacity. INCLUDING, ALL of our amazing volunteers throughout 2024 who helped with the Palmer Day BLCA food booth, Palmer Day parade float, Boat Parade

entries/registration/judging/parade leads, fireworks, water testing, grant writing, Hwy 25 ditch cleanup, ice fishing/ice out cleanup, high water sign posting, Ice Day on the Chain and the many other events the BLCA is involved in. This non-profit would NOT be possible without EACH AND EVERY volunteer!!!!

I look forward to volunteering alongside you to conserve our waterways in 2025!!!!



- Shelly



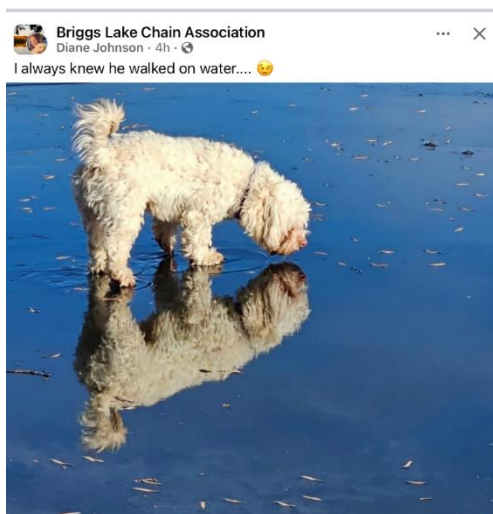
Upcoming Winter/Spring events around The Chain & Palmer: Ice Day on the Chain

Saturday, February 8th, watch the BLCA Facebook page for details. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for setup on Feb. 7th later afternoon and Clean-up on Feb. 9th at 9am

Contact Shelly to sign up!!!!

[McDonald's Meats Pork Chop/Brat fundraiser](#) – May/June TBD,

[Spring Garage Sale weekend](#) – May TBD, watch the BLCA Facebook page for details.



Happy New Year from Lake Julia!



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BRIGGS LAKE CHAIN ASSOCIATION 2025 BLCA SPONSORSHIP FORM

Briggs – Big Elk – Julia – Rush Lakes

Remembering the past – improving the future...promoting the care, improvement, and general welfare of the Briggs Lake Chain and adjoining and connecting watershed.



New to the Lakes: A BLCA sponsorship (membership) donation is a Tax Deductible 501C3 non-profit.

Do you have to pay \$40 sponsorship to receive the monthly newsletter, high water alerts and other notices? No, the BLCA will email the **BLCA Lake Report Newsletter and notifications** to all residents that have provided an email address below.

Complete the Information Below

Or register with payment online at www.briggslakechainassociation.com (click the green box on the homepage)

Sponsors will receive a document for tax purposes and a membership placard to display.

Name(s) _____

Lake Address _____

Own: _____ Rent: _____ If Renter, Owners Name(s) _____

Mailing Address (if Different) _____

Phone Number #1 _____ #2 _____

The first phone number will be listed in 2025 Palmer Directory

Email Address #1 _____ #2 _____

BLCA Membership Donation	Recommended Donation of \$40	Your Donation: _____
Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)	Recommended Donation of \$40	Your Donation: _____
<small>The Three Lake Improvement District will treat and manage AIS (Curley Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Milfoil) in common areas of the upper lakes for 2025. Your AIS donation helps the BLCA pay to survey all lakes for AIS and spray for milfoil in Big Elk Lake. Other BLCA prevention includes boat inspections, volunteer milfoil hand pulling, monitoring signs of zebra mussels, golden clams and AIS education.</small>		
Briggs Lake Fireworks – 2025 TBD Donations and BLCA Funded		Your Donation: _____
<small>Donations for the fireworks display on Briggs Lake are extremely important and must be received by June 1, 2025. Donations received after that date will be credited to the 2026 display.</small>		
Fish Stocking - The BLCA will match up to a total of \$600 in donations to stock our lakes		
Big Elk Lake Walleye/Sunfish stocking - BLCA stocks the Walleye and Bluegill		Your Donation: _____
Upper 3 Lakes Fish Stocking - Sunfish (DNR stocks Walleye in the upper 3 lakes)		Your Donation: _____
Ice Day on the Chain – February 8, 2025 - Donation and BLCA Funded		Your Donation: _____

THANK YOU for your SPONSORSHIP

TOTAL: \$ _____

or Mail completed forms & payment to: BLCA, 4180 105th Ave, Box B, Clear Lake MN 55319

Please see the other side for volunteer opportunities.

Resident(s) Name(s):

www.briggslakechainassociation.com

Facebook: [briggslakechainassociation](https://www.facebook.com/briggslakechainassociation)

Instagram: [Briggs Lake Chain Assoc.](https://www.instagram.com/Briggs_Lake_Chain_Assoc)

Dear Briggs Lake Chain and Surrounding Residents,

This is our annual mailing requesting your assistance and generosity with our BLCA mission.

1. BLCA Membership/Sponsorship

Join your local lake association. We are a 5013c non-profit which makes your donation tax deductible.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES needing volunteers:

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| - Neighborhood Watch Parties | - Ice Day on the Chain, February 8, 2025 |
| - Membership Meeting & Picnic - June 2025 | - Hwy 25 Clean up – Spring & Fall 2025 |
| - Fireworks and Boat Parade - July 2025 | - Palmer Area Community Directory editing |
| - Annual Meeting/Ice Cream Social - August 2025 | - Garage Sale – May 2025 |
| - Brat Sale at McDonalds Meats, Clear Lake - TBD | - Shoreline Planting - varies |
| - Palmer Day Food Booth & Parade float – September 6, 2025 | |

2. Aquatic Invasive Species Control (AIS)

We are asking for donations for AIS for other than the Three Lake Improvement District (TLID) which covers the upper three lakes to manage Curly Leaf and Eurasian Water Milfoil in common areas. Your AIS donation will help the BLCA to monitor Lily Creek and Big Elk Lake for AIS spreading from the upper lakes. There are other AIS prevention activities the BLCA provides such as boat inspections, volunteer milfoil hand pulling, monitoring for zebra mussels, golden clams, and general AIS education. The objective of these projects is to keep the TLID expenses to a minimum by promoting prevention along with the assistance of unpaid volunteers.

3. Fourth of July Fireworks

The 4th of July Fireworks display is TBD, due to the 4th falling on a Friday in 2025. The BLCA receives a large discount from "Res Pyro", which is one of the largest fireworks display companies in Minnesota. They provide fireworks displays for the St. Paul Saints, MN Twins, MN Vikings, MN State Fair, Minneapolis Aquatennial, Minneapolis & St. Paul 4th of July displays and many more.

4. Fish Stocking - The BLCA matches up to a total of \$600 in donations to stock our lakes

Big Elk stocking - Walleye and Sunfish (which eat carp eggs) are stocked and paid for with BLCA donations dedicated to Big Elk.

Upper Three Lakes Stocking - When Walleye are stocked the DNR stocks and pays for stocking. Sunfish are stocked annually and paid for with BLCA donations. Dedicated to the Upper Three lakes.

**** A survey of the upper 3 lakes was completed this fall. We have three times the number of carp in the lakes then is healthy for our lakes. Carp turns up the bottom and release phosphorus that is bad for the lakes. More Bluegill's are needed to eat carp eggs.**

Please consider volunteering with the BLCA fundraising and/or with other events. Below is a list of events in need of your help. Please select which events you are willing to volunteer with below.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to Help at these Events and Fundraisers

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| <input type="radio"/> Ice Day on the Chain - February | <input type="radio"/> Neighborhood Watch Party |
| <input type="radio"/> Highway 25 Cleanup – Spring & Fall TBD | <input type="radio"/> Annual Meeting/Ice Cream Social - August |
| <input type="radio"/> Fireworks Setup - July | <input type="radio"/> Palmer Day Food Booth - September |
| <input type="radio"/> Membership Meeting & picnic - June | <input type="radio"/> Palmer Day Parade Float - September |
| <input type="radio"/> McDonalds Brat/Pork Chop Sale - TBD | <input type="radio"/> Shoreline Planting - varies |
| <input type="radio"/> Boat Parade – July TBD | |

*Please contact Shelly Alger-Peyton, BLCA Volunteer Coordinator for details: sdreimer@frontier.com - 612-283-8362

REMINDERS:

- We are **ALWAYS** in need of additional BLCA committee members/lake representatives on all our 4 lakes (Briggs, Elk, Julia and Rush). We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers, fresh ideas and solutions to continue our water conservation to heal our lakes and evolve with the ever-changing environment.
- **The BLCA is still in need of Palmer Directory editor(s) to join the editing/advertising team.**
- **Please plan on attending** your monthly BLCA meetings at the Palmer Townhall, on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 8:30am. To learn about and assist with water conservation, enriching activities and fellowship. **NEXT MEETING: Saturday, January 11th at 8:30am.**
- See www.briggslakechainassociation.com for all committee meeting details for your BLCA & Healthy Lakes committee's and the TLID Board. As well as, previous meeting minutes, water testing results/details, budget documents, upcoming events and tips and tricks for seasonal lake conservation.
- **ALSO look for informative posts on our BLCA Facebook page and the BLCA on Instagram.**



BLCA - BRIGGS LAKE CHAIN ASSOCIATION

Goals & Objectives for 2025

1. **Budget & Financial - Treasurer – Charisse Max**
 - a. Manage a balanced budget.
 - b. Present and review budget at monthly board meetings.
 - c. At the August general meeting present budget for upcoming calendar year.
2. **Fund Raising Events - BLCA Committee members**
 - a. Palmer area directory – Dave Maiers
 - Publish and distribute 2024 directory by May 31st.
 - b. McDonalds Meats Brat/chop sale cookout - Bre Bauerly
 - Request a date for our booth. NEED co-chair
 - Shelly Alger-Peyton, our volunteer coordinator, schedule volunteers to work.

- c. Palmer Day Food Booth – co-chairs Lyf Titcomb & Shelly Alger-Peyton
 - Pre-plan, manage, organize & recruit volunteers to work event, Sept. 14, 2024
- 3. **Membership – Co-Secretaries for 2024-2026 – Deb Stacey & Adele Munsterman & BLCA Committee Members**
 - a. Manage January mailing to approximately 650 area residents.
 - Mailing to include cover letter, membership forms including request for volunteers.
 - Mail BLCA signs & receipts to members who paid sponsorship dues.
 - Maintain and update master membership list & spreadsheet.
 - b. Promote membership to meet goal of 250 member minimum and promote membership on social media websites, Facebook, BLCA website, Instagram.
 - d. Promote and participate in board/committee members door knocking to neighbors to gain members.
 - e. Give “Welcome Packets” to area realtors to promote BLCA sponsorship /conservation during property showings/open houses.
 - f. **NEW FOR 2025 Host /Plan 4 Membership Get-Together Meetings with guest speakers and/or presentations during summer months; May, July, July & August.**
- 4. **Marketing BLCA to area residents**
 - a. The Lake Report newsletter – Brad Kipp. Publish via email 12 monthly newsletters.
 - b. Facebook – Shelly Alger-Peyton/Dave Jacobsen/Ruth Thom. Manage Facebook postings & members, post relevant articles & promote BLCA events and conservation efforts/programs.
 - c. BLCA Website – Bre Bauerly & Doug Solem - Keep website & other tabs updated and current.
 - d. Instagram – Ruth Thom – Post relevant videos about conservation efforts/programs.
 - e. January Membership mailing – Brad Kipp, Secretary and committee members.
- 5. **Water Conservation efforts & Education - BLCA Committee members**
 - a. Promote involvement of committee members in approved and agreed upon conservation programs.
 - b. Volunteer to assist with various project and/or conservation events throughout the year.
 - c. Promote the release of educational materials, via approved signage, social media, brochures, mailings, door knocking, etc.
 - d. Research new conservation programs to participate in.

BLCA Mission statement: 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 watershed.

Editor's note: Below is a repeat from the December newsletter.

PLM Lake and Land Management Corp is the Company the BLCA and TLID (Three Lake Improvement District) which both organizations use for weed control of invasive species. The TLID manages and pays for weed control in the Upper Three Lakes. Funds are generated from the TLID portion lake shore property owners pay on their Sherburne County tax statements. The BLCA manages weed control for shoreline properties in all four lakes. The individual property owners pay for weed spraying on their shorelines.

PLM mailed the 2025 Aquatic Plant Management cover letter and form to everyone who used their services in 2024. Every year several properties change hands. **At the end of this newsletter is the cover letter and form if you didn't get one in the mail.**

Editor's note: I was curious how many properties use PLM for shoreline spraying so I reached out to Kristy. Here is her email reply:

Hi Brad,

We've observed an increase in the number of properties treated since the initiation of the project in 2022 through the current treatment year (2024). Below is the breakdown of properties treated across the four lakes:

Lake	2022	2024
Briggs	40	43
Julia	20	27
Rush	7	9
Big Elk	6	0

The numbers are accurate, reflecting a net increase in treated properties. Winter and spring conditions contributed to excess weed growth across the state, which created additional challenges this year. We worked diligently to manage the growth, but unfortunately, we didn't receive any feedback from BLCA homeowners regarding concerns about the effectiveness of the treatment. Please let me know if you have any questions or need further clarification.

Best,

Kristy Hoge email: mnadmin@plmcorp.net

PLM Lake and Land Management

Minnesota - Brainerd Region

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Editor's note #2: *Kristy* is our contact. Reach out to her any time you have questions. The forms and letters at the end of the newsletter have been reduced in size to fit our newsletter format. If you want full size pages let Kristy know. She can email them to you.

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SUBJECT: BLCA 2025 Individual Aquatic Plant Management

Dear BLCA Property Owner,

We at PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. hope this message finds you well, that you had an enjoyable season at the lake in 2024, and are starting to prepare for the 2025 season.

The BLCA is pleased to announce that they will again be using PLM for shoreline aquatic plant control in 2025. PLM is offering a one or two treatment program for individual shoreline management during the summer. The first treatment is expected to occur in early June and the second follows approximately four to six weeks after.

PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. is offering a reduced price to BLCA property owners. PLM will also pay for your \$35.00 MN DNR permit in 2025 for new customers.

• **Pricing Information:**

- BLCA Price - **\$5.60** Per Foot along shore, Per Treatment
- You may request to treat half of your shoreline owned up to 100', whichever is less, and up to 100' lakeward.
- All customers will be assessed a **\$5.00** fuel surcharge
- **Pricing Example:** You own 100' of shoreline, so you request to treat 50' along shore, 100' lakeward, and you chose to have two treatments:
 - $50' \times \$5.60 = \$280.00 \times 2 \text{ treatments} = \560.00
 - add \$5.00 fuel surcharge = **\$565.00 Season Total**

• **Provided Documents:**

- 2025 New Customer Form and Map
 - Please review the requested fields on the blank form and complete in its entirety.
 - Please remember to draw a general sketch of where you prefer treatment at your lakefront property.

• **Other Notes:**

- Final approved area will be determined by the DNR and an issued permit.
- Upon receiving your New Customer Form, **PLM will send you a One Year Service Agreement**, which we will need signed and returned with payment by our due date of April 15th to help ensure a timely and valid MN DNR permit.
- For any special treatment requests, or questions about sizing/locations/weeds treated, please call our office.

We at PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. look forward to the opportunity to work with you and please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

PLM Lake and Land Management Corp.
Midwest Region
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**PLM Lake and Land Management Corp
2025 Aquatic Plant Management
BLCA New Customer Form**

Mailing and Billing Information	
First Name	Last Name
Street Address	City, State, Zip
Phone	Email Address

Lake Front Property Information		
Lake Name (and bay if applicable)	County	
Lake Address Street (if different from billing)	City, State, Zip	
Lake Address Phone	Frontage Owned	
Lake Home Color	Frontage to be treated (shore x lakeward distance)	
Identifying features from the lake (dock features, decor, flags, etc.)		
# of Treatments	Permit Fee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$35 permit fee waived for first year	Program Cost (Quote) Leave Blank
Treatment Type (if known) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Submersed Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filamentous Algae <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snails(swimmers Itch) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chara <input type="checkbox"/> Floating Leaf <input type="checkbox"/> Emergent		
Please fill form completely and return to PLM to receive One Year Service Agreement and Invoice. Contact us if you have any questions.		



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PLM Lake and Land Management Corp.
Aquatic Plant Management New Customer Form Property Sketch

Please include: North arrow, treatment area location, dock, and any notable landmarks

Home-owners may also send photos of their lakefront property to servicemw@plmcorp.net

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