

Beaver Lake January 2022 News

Security Reminder

Pet Tag Renewal

It's time again to renew your Beaver Lake Pet Tags. Please come to the office or visit the Beaver Lake Website Forms Section (<https://www.beaverlakne.org/forms>) to get a renewal form.

Tags are \$10 each and are good for 2022-2023. Thank you!



BLA BEACH Club

Well, another year is in the books.

All-in-all it was a pretty good year. The poker run was a huge success. The big winner took home a very nice little chunk of change. The Boat Glow was amazing! More and more boats joined the parade as it went along. The Show & Shine was great as well and we were able to secure two food trucks for the event.

Our only big event coming up in the near future is the Super Bowl party and chili cook off. It will be Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 13th. Time of the party will be determined as we get closer to that date.



Of course, we can't do any of this without the support of the community.

Please friend us on Facebook (BLA BeachClub), and feel free to share your best drink, BBQ and dessert recipes as well as ideas for possible events.

Stay well, See you around the lake - Terry Barnes

BLA Emergency Phone Number

The direct dial phone number is 402-235-2242. If you have a true maintenance emergency such as a water line break, fallen tree on a road or power line, sewer back up, see a lift station light flashing or some other emergency, please contact the maintenance personnel at this number. If there is no answer, please try the phone number again. **Please take the time as you read this article and write the phone # down where you can easily access it.** This is a direct line will allow you immediately access a person to help you with your emergency. Again, we ask that you only use it for a true maintenance emergency.

For any security issues where you need to speak with our security officer, please dial 402-235-2243 and leave a message if no one answers. They will return your call as soon as possible.

If you have a true security or health related emergency, please dial 911. The Cass County Sherriff's Department non-emergency phone # is 402-296-9370.

Thank you and have a great 2022.

Troy Weatherby
Managing Director

Brush Site Closing Soon

Another year has come and gone here at Beaver Lake and it's time once again to close the brush burning site. **The site will be closed as of January 3, 2022 and will open up again in the spring on March 7, 2022.** This will allow us time during the winter to burn the brush and prepare the site for opening in the spring. There has been an enormous amount of brush brought to the site which means a lot of cutting and cleaning has occurred out on the properties. This year at the site things have gone pretty well with the exception of a few people violating the rules. As a reminder, we are no longer able to discard grass clippings at the burn site per the State of Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy. We appreciate everybody's cooperation with this change. We also had to make another change by separating the leaves into a designated area for composting. Please empty all your leaf bags (whether plastic or paper) and take them with you as they are not allowed to be discarded in the leaf pile per NDEE regulations. As some have found out, the area is under surveillance, and you will be fined when you are caught in person or on camera disposing of items that are not allowed in the brush site. If you notice someone violating the posted rules, please observe the license # and contact the Association security office so we may discuss the problem with them. Thank you to everyone for taking care of this area so it can remain in operation. As a reminder, do not discard anything at this site other than trees, brush, and leaves. Please dispose of all other items in a proper manner and location. Once again thank you for not abusing this area. We look forward to seeing each of you again in the spring.

Troy Weatherby
Managing Director

Nature & Garden Club

Winter greetings to everyone! I just have to say it..." where did the year go?" We had a good line up for our 2021 programs. All of the speakers did a great job. Our garden tour in June of members' homes was wonderful! A BIG thanks to all of you for attending each program.

I am always looking for topics/speakers for our programs, if you have any ideas, please let me know.

We had a wonderful fall that lasted through late-December. Many of the days were sunny and unseasonably mild, and the leaves put on quite a show. All good things must come to an end. Now we need to get prepared for the change of seasons. Winter is here and so will be the cold (and snow) weather. Have your sand, driveway de-icer and snow shovel/snow blower handy. One never knows when things are going to change around here.

Birding in the winter can be a rewarding hobby because despite the chilly conditions, birds tend to be easy to find in bare trees. Make sure you keep feeding the birds because not all of them head south for the winter. Birds must consume a lot of food in a short amount of time in order to have the energy and body warmth to survive each day. Suet feeders provide a lot of fat for this season. A little bit goes a long way. Remember the birds are depending on your feeders. They also need water for hydration and preening their feathers. You can give birds access to water by putting out a heated birdbath. I got mine off of Amazon for \$14.00 and this is the third year for it. I use it all year round but only plug it in during the winter months. I have it sitting on a picnic table, it is so much fun to see them using it.

Also, take time to look at your winter landscape, it can give you ideas for next spring. Cozy up to your fireplace (if you have one) or in your comfortable reading spot and start making your wish list from the flower and vegetable catalogues. You might want to plant some shrubs or trees to help the birds next winter. You might also want to try some new produce for your vegetable garden or new perennials for your flower garden too.

Remember, even though the calendar says its winter, it's always the right time to think about joining the Beaver Lake Nature and Garden Club. We meet on the second Thursday of the month, April through October. Meetings this year will begin on April 14, 2022 at 7:00PM in the Beaver Lake Clubhouse. We look forward to seeing all our dedicated members at that first meeting, and hope to see new members, too. If you like gardening or learning more about the wildlife that lives around us, think about becoming a member. Beaver Lake Nature and Garden Club dues are \$10.00 for the year. If you would like more information, you can email me at janet.m.houston@gmail.com Always feel free to just come to a meeting and join.



The meeting dates and topics for 2022 are:

April 14th, 2022 Trees, Shrubs and More (field trip)

May 12th, 2022 BD Floral

June 9th, 2022 Garden Tour

July 14th, 2022 The Big Garden

Aug 11th, 2022 NE Wildlife Refuge

Sept 8th, 2022 TBD

Oct 13th, 2022 Social event

Hope to see you at the first meeting on April 14th. Feel free to bring a friend or neighbor, and join us for a pleasant, yet informative, evening.

Janet

Beaver Lake Ladies Auxiliary News

Scholarship Opportunity

The Beaver Lake Ladies Auxiliary is offering two \$300 scholarships for students living in the Beaver Lake Community. You must have a minimum 2.5 GPA, be a dependent of a Beaver Lake property owner in good standing and will be attending a college or technical school during the 2022/23 school term.



If you are interested in receiving an application form, please contact **Ann McGee**, by emailing annmcgee.mcgee@gmail.com by February 15th.

BLA Website Advertising

Now that the Beaver Lake Online News is our only source of official BLA News, we'd like to offer all area businesses a chance to advertise on the BLA Website.

Yellow Page ads can link directly to your company's website are very inexpensive.

Rotating Banner ads are also a great option & show on every page of the BLA Website.

Check out the BLA Website at <https://www.beaverlakene.org>.

Contact Jill at the BLA office for more information: jillp@beaverlakene.org

2022 Board of Directors Election Reminder

This serves as your public notice of these important election dates.
Please keep these important dates in mind!

Friday, March 25, 2022 4:00pm BLA Office
Final date and time for BLA property owners to declare candidacy for BLA Board of Directors

Thursday, April 21, 2022 7:30pm Board Meeting – BLA Clubhouse
Board acceptance of candidates and Three-minute speeches by Board Candidates

Sunday, May 15, 2022 3:00pm Annual Meeting – BLA Clubhouse
Balloting closed at call to order of BLA Annual Meeting.
Election results announced prior to the close of the BLA Annual Meeting

Please see the Beaver Lake Association Handbook on the website for complete Election Procedures

Murray Volunteer Fire & Rescue

2022 is already here, hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

2021 was a very busy year for Murray Fire & Rescue and we are very thankful for the support from all of you so we can continue to train and have the equipment to serve you all.

Murray Fire & Rescue had the privilege of having Santa and his elf stop by with Cass County Behind the Badge for breakfast. This will continue to be an annual event in December. Hope to see you next year.

Just a couple reminders since Winter is upon us, please be cautious of the snow and ice when out and about. Falls and accidents increase this time a year and we want everyone to stay safe. Also make sure you are checking your Carbon Monoxide monitors and fire alarms. Change the batteries if needed for that added protection.

If you're interested in joining our department, please contact Chris Spangler at 402-297-5669 or Steve VanGorp at 402-297-6799.

Thank you for your continual support of the department!!



From Your Friends at the BLA Office

2022 Dues and Water Rates

Water rates will remain the same for 2022.

Dues rates will be determined closer to mid-January. Stay tuned to the website!

2022 Calendar Reservations

2022 Clubhouse reservations can be made now.

2022 Pavilion reservations can be made starting Monday, January 3, 2022. Pavilion rates are going up this year. Rates will be \$50 for each rental with a \$100 deposit.

2022 Campground reservations can be made starting Monday, January 31, 2022. The BLA campground will open Mid-April to the beginning of May, depending upon the weather.

Call the BLA office and speak to Heather about your reservation!

BLA Website: www.beaverlakene.org

The BLA Website is now your home for all official Beaver Lake News, Calendar info, Advertising, Handbook, Documents, Board & Committee minutes, and Information Make sure to check it out regularly!

Online Payments

Don't forget you can now pay your Beaver Lake bills online now by clicking [Pay Online](#) from the main menu!