

Beaver Lake February 2022 News

Security Reminders

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 to get a renewal form.

(<https://www.beaverlakne.org/forms>)

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

Thank you!



GAU Renewal

Golf, ATV and UTV stickers were due January 1, 2022. All GAUs on the road need to have a 2022 sticker. Stickers are \$50.

New GAUs that have never been stickered at BLA before must register at the security office.

Beaver Lake Security

Boating season is just around the corner so please take some time to review the 2022 boating regulations and Nebraska laws.

Beaver Lake rules and regulations fall under the Nebraska state statute 37-1268 (violation of boating act regulations.) Legislature mandates that **anyone born after December 31, 1985** must pass and possess a certificate from an approved boating safety course before they are allowed to operate a boat or a personal water craft (PWC) also known as a jet-ski. This state course is also offered to anyone who wishes to learn more about boating safety. The course may offer a discount through your insurance company. Classes can now be taken online at the Nebraska Game & Parks Website under Boating Education.

Before bringing your boat in to obtain a 2022 Beaver Lake sticker, please check your boat and registration. Make sure you have your lot numbers in place, your registration, and your vessel with you when you bring it in to sticker. The primary lot owner/lessee must be the only name on the registration, and he/she must be present to sticker. If other names are on the registration, your boat sticker will be denied. In-Transits require a \$250 deposit. However, handwritten or private party bills of sale require Board approval. See BLA website. Also make sure the state and lot numbers are 3 inches or larger in size and are in the correct location. Otherwise, you will be refused. No new wake surf stickers will be issued. If you did not have one last year, you will not receive one this year. Your name can be placed on the existing wait list by calling the security office.



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We will open the Boat Ramp for weekends beginning Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 9am to 7pm. The Boat Ramp will be open full time beginning Saturday, April 30, 2022. This means 9am to 7pm on weekends, noon to 7pm Monday through Thursday, and 10am to 7pm on Fridays. Prior to that, if you wish to sticker your vessel, you can do so upstairs at the Clubhouse weekdays from noon to 4pm starting Monday, March 7, 2022. All stickering is weather dependent and the temperature must be above 50 degrees. Call the security office at 402-235-2243 with any questions.

All boats on the water must have a 2022 sticker by May 1, 2022.

Primary stickers are \$50 this year. Secondary stickers remain \$50. Stickers for wake surf boats are \$100. Only cash or checks are accepted.

Boats creating a wake must stay 90' from shore on the main lake; the old distance was 75'. Buoys on the main lake remain at 75'. Wake boats must remain 200' from shore while surfing. Please see your current boating regulations and BLA Handbook for complete boating rules and regulations.



Please be aware that your boat can be inspected for invasive species **each time you launch**. A zebra mussel questionnaire must also be filled out before stickering your first watercraft. The questionnaire is available at the office, boat ramp, and the Beaver Lake website. When you register an out of state vessel, Nebraska Game & Parks is requiring an Invasive Species Sticker to be purchased. If your vessel is from out-of-state, please check the Nebraska Game and Parks Website to obtain your sticker before stickering here at Beaver Lake. (<http://outdoornebraska.gov/boating/>)

Spot checks will be made by law enforcement for unsafe operation and underage drinking or under the influence. Remember, the legal limit of blood alcohol content is .08% for anyone 21 years of age and over. Minor under the influence will be defined as anyone under the age of 21 years of age, exhibiting the effects of having consumed alcoholic liquor by breath, possession of, or close proximity to alcoholic liquor. This means, if you're under 21 years of age and you're on a vessel where alcoholic liquor is in view, you will be checked for M.U.I. **Please boat responsibly.**

The maximum speed limit on our lake is 45 mph per State regulation. The speed is limited to 5 mph / no wake, from ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise or when the streetlights at the clubhouse are illuminated, whichever is more restrictive. Fines for speeding have increased.

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Attention Property Owners Who Lease and Lessees:

If you are leasing a property at Beaver Lake this season, you are required to come to the BLA office with your lease before stickering your vessel(s). Your current lease needs to be on file at the BLA office every year prior to visiting the boat ramp and stickering your vessel.

Remember while enjoying the beach and common areas, there are NO pets, glass bottles or smoking allowed on the beach or common areas near the beach area.

The speed limit on the roads within the Beaver Lake area is 25 mph – so please watch your speed. There are kids out playing and individuals who like to walk and jog at all hours of the day and night. As a safety concern, if you are going to be walking and jogging early in the morning or during the nighttime hours, please wear some sort of light or reflective clothing or carry a light for your protection.

There is a curfew on noise in the Beaver Lake Association area from 10:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight to 8:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Home maintenance and repair are excluded. Also, noxious or offensive noises would be classified as fireworks, barking dogs, (in a continuous pattern), loud vehicles or boats, etc. Any time one violates another's peace within reason it's classified as disturbing the peace. The disturbing the peace violation carries a fine of \$50-\$500. The extra loud fireworks or explosions that occur are classified as offensive and are cited as such. If the fireworks are found to exceed what Nebraska regulates, a state charge of possession of an explosive device could be issued, which is a felony.

Numbers to remember:

Cass County Non-Emergency #	402-296-9370
Emergency	911
Beaver Lake Security Office	402-235-2243
Maintenance Pager #	402-235-2242

Thank you and stay safe!
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BLA Election

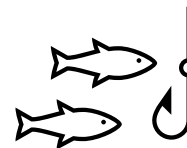
Election Procedures

Please visit the Beaver Lake website
www.beaverlakene.org
to view the latest edition of
the Beaver Lake Handbook.

Election Procedures are in Section VII.

Fishing Club

First, I would like to say thank you to all of the fishing club members for the support and the opportunity to serve as the Beaver Lake Fishing Club President.



There has been some great past Presidents of the Fishing Club and I hope to continue the representation.

As a property owner since 2009 and permanent resident since 2016, Beaver Lake and the community mean a great deal to me and my family as we are recreational boaters and avid fishermen.

With winter upon us and ice activities taking place, please remember there is NO such thing as safe ice no matter how thick it is. Take all necessary precautions, check ice often and always go with a friend. We are hoping to have another ice fishing tournament this year depending on ice conditions in February, and we will discuss at the next Fishing Club meeting.

For anyone wanting to join the Fishing Club, we meet the first Thursday of the month in the clubhouse at 7pm. We discuss fishing techniques and sometimes have a speaker giving demonstrations and Q&A which is very helpful to all.

Here is the 2022 Beaver Lake Fishing Club Event and Tournament Schedule:

Mar 5th – Spaghetti Feed 5-8 pm

Apr 16th Bass

Apr 30th Crappie

May 7th Carp

May 14th Bass

Jun 4th Bass

June 11th Kids Derby

Jul 16th Membership Fish Fry

Jul 29th Evening Bass

Aug 12th Evening Bass

Aug Catfish TBD – if interested

Sep 10th Bass

Oct 1st Crappie

Oct 15th Bass

Nov 5th Crappie



I will also be trying to put together a Drum/Sheepshead tourney for mid-summer and will discuss at a later meeting.

Again, I thank all the members of the fishing club and if anyone has any questions feel free to contact me directly at tcota67@yahoo.com

Tom Cota – President

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

Murray Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser

The Beaver Lake Association is excited to help host the 15th annual Beach Party and fundraiser for Murray Volunteer Fire & Rescue. The event this year will be held on **Saturday, August 20, 2022**. More information will be available in the June and July News. Thank you for supporting this outstanding event!

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

Friday, May 6, 2022 4:00pm BLA Office

Final date and time for BLA members to declare write-in candidacy for BLA Board of Directors

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

Infrastructure Committee News

Beaver Lake Association Storm Damage

By Sandy Battreall and the Infrastructure Committee

The December 15, 2021 tornado and extended high winds damaged some of our Beaver Lake Association property.



Pavilion 1 was completely demolished and must be rebuilt. The structure was insured and we will be rebuilt by this coming May 1. The Association operations manager is currently seeking bids from private contractors to do the rebuilding of Pavilion 1.

The east clubhouse steps and the fences around the propane tank and furnaces were ripped away. Storage sheds were tipped over and battered. The picnic tables, signs, and grills also sustained damage.

The upstairs east door of the clubhouse was thrust open and impaired by the force of the winds. Water also leaked into the downstairs hallway and made its way to the offices. The clubhouse roof took a hit as well, along with the boathouse roof.



All but one of the evergreen trees along the east & north sides of the parking lot is gone, as well as many oak trees to the west & south sides of the parking lot. The Coconuts had a broken window and ended up with tree branches on the roof.

Due to the storm's subsequent and extended power outage, lift station 5 required the rental of a pump truck and generator (which was quite pricey) for several days. We were fortunate to find a generator at all since they were in high demand at the time.

Many repairs will be covered by insurance – which is very fortunate.

For the most part, Beaver Lake's infrastructure was quite lucky, because despite the number of items affected, the degree of damage was limited in both area and scope. And, thankfully, that damage did not halt or impede operations.



Important Sewer Information

Important Information! Please Read!!

Hello All, I would like to give you some important information concerning our wastewater system here at Beaver Lake. The sewer system is made up of a gravity and pressurized system. If you're on a gravity flow sewer main system, it's very important that you consider what you put down your drains and flush down your toilets. We ask that you avoid trying to flush any materials such as clothing, sweeper pads, personal hygiene items, large pieces of food, or anything that does not readily breakdown or dissolve. Discard those items in the household garbage. The reason for this is to avoid any blockages in the sewer mains or lift stations.

In addition, all Beaver Lake Association homes are recommended to have a working sewage backflow prevention device located between the main sewer line and the house or the owner will assume the responsibility of flood damage inside the home should there be a sewer system malfunction. All newly constructed homes are required to have a backflow device before the house is connected to the system.

The pressurized system is very important in disposing of the sewage. We have 16 pump stations positioned strategically around the lake. These stations operate 24 hours a day 7 days a week. However, they are mechanical and can potentially fail due to various reasons. If you pass by one of these stations and see a red light on, we ask that you please notify us as soon as you can. If notified immediately we can avoid a possible sewage backup into nearby homes. The phone numbers to call are **402-235-2241** (Association office) or **402-235-2242** (Emergency Phone). If you live near a lift station and have any questions, please contact me at 402-235-2241 so we may address your concerns. With everyone's help and observation, especially after hours, the sewer system will work efficiently and serve everyone's needs. Thank you for your help.

Troy Weatherby, Managing Director

From Your Friends at the BLA Office

2022 Dues and Water Rates

Water and Sewer rates will remain the same for 2022.
Dues rates will be \$268.46 quarterly or \$1073.84 for the year.

2022 Calendar Reservations

2022 Clubhouse reservations can be made now.

2022 Pavilion reservations can be made now. 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!

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Brush Site

Stay tuned. BLA should be able to open the brush site sometime in February instead of waiting until March. We will post on the Website when it opens!

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!