

Beaver Lake April 2022 News

Security Reminders

*Security 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, 3pm to 7pm Monday through Thursday, & 10am to 7pm on Fridays. *(The first two Fridays: May 6 & 13 – will be noon to 7pm.)*

*During the week, until the end of April, if you wish to sticker your vessel, you can do so upstairs at the Clubhouse weekdays from noon to 4pm,

***All stickering is weather dependent** & 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.

Please see February News article for more in-depth boating information.



Murray Volunteer Fire News

What is Murray Fire & Rescue up to? We have been busy training!! Members participated in HAZMAT OPS training and certification. We train at least once a week and try to have additional training throughout the year. HAZMAT training was 24 hours.

With the lake melting and the temperature increasing, it is almost time to start getting out on the water. We encourage everyone to check your

lifejackets, ropes, and any other equipment. Also remember to put those orange flags in your boat and fire extinguishers for water sport safety.

Day light savings time is a reminder to change those batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors!!

With not a lot of moisture the ground is dry, we ask no open burning until we receive some moisture.

On behalf of Murray Fire & Rescue we would like to thank you for continuing to support us both financially and emotionally. We are here to serve our community and could not provide our services without you!!

If you are interested in becoming part of our team, contact Chief Chris Spangler at 402-297-5669 or Captain Steve Van Gorp at 402-297-6799.

BEACH Club News

It's a new year and looks like it's going to be a better one than the last couple. With that we will start looking toward the future and events to add some spice to the lake life.

We do have some events planned like the annual Poker Run, Car Show-N-Shine, and Boat Glow. We are also looking for new event ideas from all of you. A couple ideas that have been tossed around are a land-based poker run, and a golf cart/UTV show. All ideas are welcome.

We will begin holding our regular meetings again on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. We are as always looking for friends here at the lake to join the BEACH Club and get more involved with planning and execution of these events. We need all the help we can get.

That said, we bid a fond farewell to Lisa and Dar Mutlu, who have been instrumental in BEACH Club events since the beginning and will be hard to replace. We miss them already.

Please friend us on Facebook (BLA Beachclub), and feel free to share your best drink and cookout recipes.

Stay well, see you around the lake. – Terry Barnes for the BEACH Club

Nature & Garden Club News

Happy spring, it officially arrived on March 20th. I do hope winter is really over by the time you read this newsletter. As I sit at my desk typing this article, I am looking at the lake the ice has melted and most of the geese and ducks have left the lake for their journey up north. I heard the Trumpeter Swans made a visit to our lake this winter and of course our beautiful eagles were around too. We had a small group of pelicans visit on March 13th and some Speckled Belly geese too. We are so fortunate to have so much wild life around us!

I do not have too many complaints about our winter except for the December tornado! Our community was fortunate that no lives were lost. Since we did lack our usual snowfall this winter season, that may cause a problem for our trees, shrubs and plants this year. Although we had some great spring like temps in Dec, Jan, Feb and March...Mother Nature made sure our winter temps always came back just to remind us what season we were really in. Like the snowfall during March!



Of course, with the warmer temps we had I wanted to go outside and start cleaning up the winter debris...I didn't, but I wanted to. The forecast for the rest of March is looking good. When the temps are decent usually end of March, it will be time to look at your lawns and see what it needed; over seeding, raking, aeration, fertilizing with weed prevention, etc. Make sure you follow directions for whatever product you are putting on your lawn.

If you are pruning trees and shrubs remember the four D's...dead, diseased, damaged and dying.

Cut back perennials that were left standing over winter to their new growth. Cut back perennial grasses to 2-3 inches. As you clean up your perennial areas make sure you add more mulch if needed.

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April 1st is when I use BIOADVANCED Tree & Shrub Protect & Feed (liquid) and pour around the plants that would get infected with the ever-famous **Japanese Beetles**. This does help to kill their grubs (immature Japanese beetles) before they grow into adults and eat your roses, hibiscus, or almost anything they find. If you do this every year, there will be fewer and fewer around those plants and areas. It is a once-a-year fertilizer so it will not harm your plants, shrubs or trees. **But it does not work on Linden trees which is their favorite food source.** If you are going to plant a vegetable garden, then make sure you disinfect your garden tools first before using them this year, clear debris from the area, you might want to test your soil and/or loosen any compacted soil. You can plant cold crops now and don't forget about planting potatoes too.

Spring is time for our club season to start. A wide range of topics have been lined up for 2022. By the time you read this, we may have already had our April 14th meeting, which is a field trip to Trees, Shrubs and More.

In case you may have missed the first meeting it doesn't mean you can't still join. You can join anytime! We meet on the second Thursday of the month, April through October. Meetings are usually at 7:00 in the Beaver Lake Clubhouse. If you are interested in gardening or in learning more about the wildlife that lives all around us, stop in. Bring a friend or neighbor, and join us for a pleasant evening. Dues are \$10.00. Here are the dates and topics for our 2022 meetings.

April 14th, 2022	Trees, Shrubs and More (field trip)
May 12th, 2022	TBD
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

You can contact me at janet.m.houston@gmail.com or just come to a meeting and sign up there. Hope to see you this year.

Submitted by – Janet Houston

2022 Spring Clean Up Day

Saturday, May 7, 2022 * 8 am to 5 pm
Parking Lot at the end of Weeping Water Ct

The Association is providing dumpsters for free disposal of unwanted materials. This is open to Beaver Lake Property owners only. We will also take metal products for recycling.

Please, No concrete, tires or batteries. No fluids allowed – ie: oils, fuels, cleaning agents, poisons, and etc.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to clean up around your house, in your garage or in your basement.

There will be Beaver Lake staff on site to help you dispose of your materials.

2022 Board of Directors Candidates



My name is Matt Larson. I have been a resident here at Beaver Lake for over 20 years. My wife, Heather, and our four girls have been serving the community, schools and neighbors for all of those years.

My objective, once on the board, is to create balance and keep in mind what is best for the community for the future. We must seek to understand the past, work together and value the knowledge others have for the better good of our community.

Trust, Mutual Respect and Accountability are my core values that I use to base my decisions and hold myself to. I don't hesitate to venture into unfamiliar territory or go against the grain when necessary for our community. I believe that my efforts will result in sound decisions that are in the best interest of our residents.

Your voice matters and your vote is important. I would appreciate your support and ask for your vote as candidate for the Beaver Lake Board of Directors.

Thank you for your support. – **Matt Larson** mattlarson4bla@gmail.com



My name is Steve Wicht. My wife (Jill) and I moved to Beaver Lake in 2015. We have 4 grown daughters and are enjoying the empty nest at Beaver Lake. I always wanted to live on a good fishing lake and Jill grew up going to her cousin's lake, so we decided to make what has been a great move.

I have served on the Appeals Committee and am currently serving on the Board of Directors. I have enjoyed learning more about how our community works and look forward to helping keep Beaver Lake a great place to live. I don't like to make quick decisions that may need changed later. I like to listen, think, ask questions, think again, then make an educated decision that is best for the majority.

I work from home helping people with their health and wellness and am pretty easy to get a hold of to listen to any concerns from our Beaver Lake community.

Thank you. – **Steve Wicht** rhinoup@gmail.com



For those of you who don't know me please allow me to introduce myself. I am Andy Warren, current director, and President of the Board. I consider myself lucky to have a wonderful family (Hannah, Amelia, and Willow) who supports me in everything I do including my time and efforts given in support of Beaver Lake. In my professional career I am currently with Data Axle as a Sr. Front End Developer leading development and maintenance of several multi-million-dollar customer facing product websites. In my free time (which is slim these days!) I enjoy bowhunting, boating, golfing, and some occasional video games.

It's been an honor to represent the membership as a director and more importantly as the President of the Board for the past two and

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half years. I saw the need for change and progression when I initially decided I should run for the Board back then. I had a vision to modernize decision making and technology, increase engagement from the Board to the membership, increase accessibility to the Board, curb unnecessary spending, and to start bringing the way things are done into modern times. Part of that vision was quite simply to just break the status quo of doing just enough to get by and not actively pushing for advancements in all aspects of what the Board of Directors and Beaver Lake Association does. Looking back on my time with the Board of Directors and as President I can say that I have made significant progress in accomplishing what I set out to do, but I am not ready to move on from the Board of Directors as there is much still to do. This May I am asking for your vote so that I can continue moving the Association forward and finish the work I started.

To help modernize the Association I have led several technical initiatives of note. The Association was in dire need of a new, modern website that would allow bringing services online for the membership. As a senior developer in my day-to-day job, I jumped at the opportunity to do this. Starting from the ground up I developed the BLA website adding functionality to allow for online boat registration, direct contact methods to reach each Board member, searchable handbook, email and text alert signups, and more. In 2021 I spearheaded the initiative to bring the much requested and long overdue online bill pay to the membership. This allowed members to pay dues, water/sewer bills, stickers, rental fees, and more via credit or debit card and ACH.

Being fiscally conservative with the membership's money is highly important to me. Unnecessary spending or just not always looking for the absolute best option leads to an increase in costs to the membership. The Association recently completed a purchase of a new backhoe replacing a 25-year-old machine. From the start the initial proposal didn't make sense so I tasked the Board and Finance Committee with coming up with better options. After much work and searching the machine was able to be purchased on a zero percent interest loan saving the Association, and in turn the membership, thousands of dollars. By doing this the Association was also able to make an \$80,000 one-time lump sum payment towards the principal on the water treatment plant loan using funds that had been earmarked to purchase the backhoe. Smart spending led to a decrease in overall interest being paid on the water treatment plan loan and shortened the remaining term of the loan while also being able to purchase the backhoe without interest on the loan. Should I be re-elected I will continue to push for smart spending and being fiscally conservative with the membership's money.

More recently I oversaw the modernization of the BLA handbook which was a multiple months long project involving all BLA committees and the Board. It had been around 25 years since entire handbook had been gone through and modernized, deduped, and standardized. Taking on this task was unique in complexity and scope, and I'm happy that I was able to push this through to completion with the help of the Board, committees, and office staff.

These are just a few of the things worth noting that I have had the pleasure of being a part of while leading the Board of Directors as President. I'm grateful for the opportunity to have served my community these past few years. 2022 looks bright for Beaver Lake Association, and with your vote I will continue pushing forward and advancing everything the Association does. I look forward to continued success as a director with this outstanding Board. If you have any questions or concerns, please, as always, feel free to reach out to me directly through Facebook Messenger, email, or the BLA website.

Thank you for your consideration. Vote **Andy Warren!**

Notice of Board of Directors Election

The Beaver Lake Election is Sunday May 15, 2022

The Annual Meeting of the Regular Members of the Beaver Lake Association will be held Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at the Beaver Lake Clubhouse for the following purpose(s):

- **To elect two (2) Directors to serve a three (3) year term**

You may vote before May 15, 2022 by proxy ballot, or in person between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on the day of the election. You may vote for two candidates total, among those listed and/or any you write in.

In the mail, you will receive an official notice plus a mailing envelope, labeled **A**; a confidential envelope, labeled **B**; and a proxy ballot, labeled **C**. Use these to vote by proxy.

Here's how the envelope system works. Envelope **A** is pre-addressed from you to the Beaver Lake Association. On the day of the election, the Election Committee will use Envelope **A**, which contains the member's name and lot number, to determine that the member is in good standing (as defined in Section VII, Election Procedures). If the member is not in good standing, the ballot will be deemed invalid, left sealed, and not counted. If the lot owner is in good standing, envelope **A** will be opened and set aside, and the sealed confidential envelope **B** with your proxy ballot **C** enclosed, will be placed with all other sealed confidential envelopes to be opened and counted later.

Envelope **B** must contain one proxy ballot **C** only. Envelope **A** must contain one envelope **B** only.

To vote by proxy ballot:

1. Mark proxy ballot **C**.
2. Place proxy ballot **C** inside confidential envelope **B**.
3. Place confidential envelope **B** inside mailing envelope **A**.
4. Return mailing envelope **A** to Beaver Lake Association.

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Three methods of delivery of proxy ballots are available:

- Send by U. S. Mail, mailed at least five (5) days in advance of the Annual Meeting and received by 4:00 p.m. on the Friday before the Annual Meeting.
- Drop in the BLA payment drop box before 12:59 p.m. the day of the election.
- Hand personally to staff at the Beaver Lake office during office hours by 4:00 p.m. on the Friday before the Annual Meeting.

To vote in person: Polling will be open for voting at 1:00 p.m. on the day of the Annual Meeting at the clubhouse. The poll will remain open until ordered closed by the Director in charge of the Annual Meeting, at the meeting's call to order.

Only votes by members in good standing will be allowed. If in doubt, call the Beaver Lake office to confirm you are in good standing: 402-235-2241.

Membership in Good Standing:

A Regular Membership in good standing shall be one for which all membership fees, special assessments, and any other charges applied to the member have been paid through and including the previous quarter as indicated by Association records.

Reasons to deem a ballot invalid:

- Member is not in good standing.
- Mailing envelope **A** is missing.
- Confidential envelope **B** is missing.
- Mailing envelope **A** contains anything other than one confidential envelope **B**.
- Confidential envelope **B** contains anything other than one proxy ballot **C**.
- Voting for more than two candidates.
- Voting for a candidate more than once on the same ballot.

For complete election procedures, please refer to our Handbook Section VII and the Election Committee Manual.

If you have questions regarding election procedures, contact Carol Goller at cggoller@gmail.com.

MVFD Beach Party Fundraiser

The Beaver Lake Association is excited to help host the 15th annual Beach Party and fundraiser for Murray Volunteer Fire & Rescue. This year's event 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!

From Your Friends at the BLA Office

2021 Water Quality Report Posted

The new 2021 Water Quality Report can be found in the Forms section of the Website, (under Information.) [2021 Water Quality Report](#)

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!