

Beaver Lake June 2022 News

President's Message

The election brought changes to the board officers and members. Matt Larson was welcomed as our newest member and Steve Wicht was retained. I've moved up from VP to President, Ron Prchal is now VP, with Callie Watson and Jenni Serkiz retaining their secretary and treasurer roles. I want to express my deepest gratitude to our outgoing board member and president Andy Warren. Andy worked hard to bring transparency to association actions by increasing our online presence. He also automated portions of our boat registration process. My hope is he'll continue to work with us to initiate a 100% paperless registration process for next year and online account access. Thanks for the hard work, Andy!

With Memorial Day in the rear view mirror the busy boating season is upon us. Please take the time to review the handbook on boating rules. Everyone has their own unique way of enjoying our 325-acre lake so it's imperative that we all operate our watercraft in a safe manner. The rules we have in place mostly follow state boating regulations, but to maintain a small, beautiful, multiuse lake there are rules specific to our lake so make sure you read up on the latest. Link to the handbook boating section: [Section V Lake Rules and Regs](#).

Please help protect our lake from invasive species. Clean your boat and drain all water every time you leave our lake and even more importantly when you leave another body of water. Ballast systems retain water, so if you visit a lake with zebra mussels (Okoboji, Lake of Ozarks, etc.) and the water temp is above 55 degrees microscopic zebra mussel offspring "veligers" are present in the water. Flushing and removing all water from your vessel, live wells, ballasts, and bilge along with a good cleaning and a 7-day wait before use are our best protection. Security will turn away boats that aren't clean and dry trying to launch. Your attention to this is appreciated.

The tornado damage from December 2021 has been repaired. We still have some dock damage caused by the ice on the east side of clubhouse. We'll probably need to budget for replacements in 2023. Troy and crew elongated the beach jetties this past winter. This effort will continue and is meant to slow the sand erosion of the beach. The courtesy dock at the boat ramp bumpers were repaired and is now in good shape. Just FYI, when loading or unloading the courtesy dock is meant to be the place to tie off your boat to minimize congestion on the 3 boat ramp lanes.

The Fishing Club is holding its annual Kids Derby on June 11. This event is open to the public for children 12 years old or younger. Free sign up starts at the clubhouse at 9 AM with fishing from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM. Lunch, awards, and prizes for all kids participating are provided from 11 AM – Noon. There will be raffles and food for the parents as well. Please get the word out to your family and friends. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase our community to the public.

The dredge will spend much of the season in the fishing pond across the street from Party Cove. Keeping that area cleared helps ensure less sediment makes it into the lake.

Please reach out if you have issues, concerns, or improvement ideas. The best place to start is the office and I'd also say that our committees (Infrastructure & Lake, Fish Habitat & Finance) meet monthly and having members get on their agenda is the right way to initiate ideas and suggestions. Contact info: [Contact Us - Beaver Lake Association \(beaverlakene.org\)](#)
Committee info: <https://www.beaverlakene.org/bla-committees/>.

I'm also available, so please feel free to contact me as well.

I hope everyone has a great summer!

Russ Parmer

President, BLA Board of Directors

Beaver Lake Ladies Auxiliary



Summer is here and everyone is busy and enjoying the lake! The Auxiliary has a busy summer planned as well.

The garage sale weekend starts Friday June 2nd and we are hosting our fundraiser sale at the Clubhouse.

Donations will be accepted on Thursday, June 1st, from 8am until 6:30pm.

Our Clubhouse sale hours are Friday from 8 am until 3 pm with lunch available to purchase. Saturday hours will be 9 am until noon.

We will have coffee and donuts and lunch on Friday! Come shop and grab a bite! Proceeds go to our scholarships and Lake Improvement projects.

June 8th, we will be visiting the SE Nebraska Cancer Garden in Humboldt, NE. We will meet at the Clubhouse at 9:20 am. We will have carpools available for those who don't want to drive. There is no fee, but a good will donation is appreciated. Following our tour we will enjoy lunch at the Titan Café in Humboldt.

July 12th, we will be visiting the Nebraska City's Arbor Lodge Mansion State Historical Park and Mansion for a self-guided tour and Blue Star Moms Quilts of Valor display. The cost is \$9.00. We will meet at 10:20 am at the Clubhouse, carpools will be available. Lunch will follow at the Keeping Room in Nebraska City, known for its delicious food.

August 3rd, we will be attending a history tour at the Prospect Hill Cemetery in Omaha. We will meet at 9:20 am at the Clubhouse to carpool. After the tour we will head to Spaghetti Works in the Old Market for lunch.

These activities are open to all Beaver Lake residents. If there are any last-minute updates or changes we will let you know!

Questions on these activities, feel free to email Stare Haney, President at starreann@gmail.com or Deborah Harper, Program Activities Chair at 13deborahh@gmail.com

Have a great summer! We have a busy fall planned as well. Stay tuned for that schedule in the coming months!

BLA Annual Election Results

Steve Wicht & Matt Larson were elected to the Beaver Lake Board of Directors on Sunday, May 15, 2022

Results:

346 Matt Larson

354 Steve Wicht

245 Andy Warren



2022 BLA Swim Lessons

Monday, July 18th – Friday, July 22nd, 2022

Beaver Lake Clubhouse Swimming Pool – 9410 Clubhouse Circle

Advanced Beginners (ages 10-13) 9:00am – 10:00am

Beginners (ages 5-9) 10:00am – 11:00am

Cost = \$30 per child

Please contact Heather at the BLA office to sign up / 402-235-2241

Private Lessons are also available – Ask your favorite lifeguard or contact the BLA office if interested

MVFD Beach Party Fundraiser

The Beaver Lake Association is excited to help host the 16th 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!



Swimming Pool & Coconuts Open

The swimming pool and Coconuts snack shack opened Saturday, May 28, 2022

Hours for both are Noon to 7:00pm, 7 days per week, weather permitting.
(It must be above 70 degrees, not raining, etc.)



We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Lifeguards: Kallie, Gavin, Aaron, Lindee, & Alyssa
Coconut Workers: Delaney, Shelby, Kyler, Elliott, & Josey

BACKFLOW PREVENTION AND THE CUSTOMER

Helping Keep Our Water Safe!!



Nebraska's Safe Drinking Water Act requires water systems to implement an on-going cross connection control program. An important part of this program is public education. It is believed that a well-informed public will be more aware of the possibility of cross connections within their property and will take reasonable and sensible precautions to avoid creating cross connections on their property. This brochure is intended to explain what a cross connection is, what causes it, what some of the consequences can be, and how it can be prevented.

What is a cross connection?

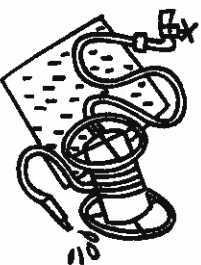
A cross connection occurs whenever there is an actual or potential physical connection between the public drinking water system and any possible source of contamination. Sources of contamination can include illness or death, and low or non-hazardous materials which are mainly just a nuisance and can cause the water to look, taste or smell unpleasant. Although the high hazards are the primary concern in a cross connection control program, your water utility strives to provide both safe and good quality water to its customers. Whenever there is a loss of pressure in the public water supply, these cross connections can allow unsafe substances to enter the public water supply.



What causes cross connections?

Cross connections can be caused by both permanent and temporary "piping". An

example of a cross connection being permanently piped in is the drain on a water softener. Many times these discharge lines are connected directly to the sewer line without any type of protection. Hot tub and whirlpool fill pipes and swimming pool and boiler make-up lines are other examples of permanently piped cross connections.



The most common example of a temporary piped cross connection is the common garden hose. It is estimated that 90% of all cross connections are caused by the inappropriate use of garden hoses. Garden hoses are frequently used to apply fertilizer and pesticides to lawns and gardens. They are also used to fill swimming pools, wash cars, and in rural areas, they are often used to fill stock tanks for watering cattle, horses, and other livestock. Other temporary piping cross connections occur when hoses are used to fill waterbeds or are connected to utility sinks to fill wash tubs or mop buckets.

What are the consequences of cross connection?

The consequences of cross connections can range from something as simple as "dirty water" to something as severe as serious illness or even death. There are many recorded instances of non-hazardous contamination of public water supplies caused by cross connections. In one case, a line used for cleaning a distilling vat in a wine bottling company was left open and an entire vat of wine flowed back into the public water system. Although this was not a health hazard, and most of the customers liked the

water they drank, this cross connection could have had far deadlier results if it had been something other than wine in the vat.

There are many instances recorded where people have been made seriously ill or even died due to cross connections. There have been cases where dysentery, diarrhea, hepatitis and even polio have been contracted as a direct result of a cross connection.



How can cross connections be prevented?

The best way to prevent cross connections is for each customer to examine the plumbing on their premises and look for any permanent or temporary piped cross connections. Any time there is the possibility of a cross connection between the water supply and any hazardous or unknown substance, there should be an air gap between the faucet and the questionable use. In cases where this is not possible, as with a garden hose, a proper backflow prevention device or assembly should be installed on the supply faucet. This will protect both the public water supply and the inhabitants of the building from contamination. In situations where extremely high hazards exist in a building or location, it is sometimes necessary to contain that entire system from the public water supply with a backflow preventer to protect the public water supply from the substances being used on that site.

What you can do to prevent cross connections and keep your drinking water safe.

1. **Check your faucets** to be sure that all faucet endpoints are above the flood level of the sink, tub, basin, or other apparatus they supply.
2. **Protect faucet extensions** by installing proper backflow prevention devices (i.e. hose bib vacuum breakers) on all faucets capable of having a hose or other extension attached.
3. **Check drain lines** (refrigerator drink dispensers, water softeners, heat exchangers, etc.) to be sure there is an adequate air gap between the drain line and the floor drain or sewer line into which they discharge.
4. **Never use unprotected faucets** to fill non-drinking water containers (i.e. water beds, wading pools, stock tanks, hot tubs, etc.)

Following these guidelines and using common sense will help to eliminate the possibility of you contaminating your drinking water, your neighbor's drinking and your community's drinking water. This not only affects the residents of your community, but their visitors and those people who are passing through.

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 the Website 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!