

Beaver Lake January 2023 News

Happy 2023
from your
friends at the
BLA Office!



BLA Introduces Electronic Voting

New in 2023, for our annual Beaver Lake Association meeting and election, we will offer electronic ballots via email. E-voting will be available for all regular members if they so choose.

Information with details and instructions will be sent via U.S. Mail to members in January 2023.

Paper ballots to fill out manually will still be available for those who decide not to take advantage of e-voting.

All regular members get one ballot per lot owned, whether voting by email or by paper ballot. Either way, your vote is confidential.

2023 Board of Directors Election Notice

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

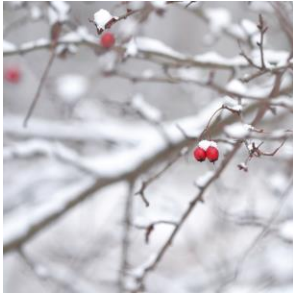
Friday, March 24, 2023 4:00pm BLA Office
Final date and time for BLA property owners to declare candidacy for BLA Board of Directors

Thursday, April 20, 2023 7:30pm Board Meeting – BLA Clubhouse
* Board acceptance of candidates and Three-minute speeches by Board Candidates

Friday, May 12, 2023 4:00pm BLA Office
Final date and time for BLA members to declare write-in candidacy for BLA Board of Directors

Sunday, May 21, 2023 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***



Nature Club News

Winter Greetings! Hoping you had wonderful holidays. I am not sure what happened to 2022...but it really flew by. Although the week of Christmas is one, I think we all will remember with those artic temperatures we had! Heres' hoping our winter weather brings us normal winter temperatures and the much-needed moisture (dare I say snow) to insulate our plants, lawns, shrubs and trees.

Since winter is settling in you might be wondering...how do you attract birds in the winter? They need the basics just like we do...water, food and shelter.

They need water because dehydration can be the biggest threat to birds in the winter than starvation. It would be great to invest in a heated birdbath, if you don't have one yet. They need the water to drink and to preen their feathers. They fluff those feathers up to stay warm at night.

They need food from us because the natural food they eat in the spring, summer and fall becomes sparse in the winter...black sunflower seeds and suet are excellent for winter feeding.

They need shelter and sometimes our trees and shrubs are not enough to help them during the colder nights. Your leaves left in a pile, roost boxes and bird houses can help provide them the shelter they need to survive our winter weather.

Birds have done a great job to survive the freezing months. But they have also learned to rely on humans for food, water and roosting. The more we can help the better their chances of survival.

Of course, if you are a snowbird...we will see you in the spring!

Keep yourself healthy this winter. Take time each day to do something for yourself...reading a good book, perusing the seed catalogs, exercising at a club or at home. Keeping yourself fit mentally and physically in the winter will help you when spring comes, and it is time to be back outside again.

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 13, 2023 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 for 2023 are:

April 13, 2023
May 11th, 2023
June 8th, 2023
July 13th, 2023
Aug 10th, 2023
Sept 14th, 2023
Oct 12th, 2023



Hope to see you at the first meeting on April 13th. Feel free to bring a friend or neighbor, and join us for a pleasant, yet informative, evening.

Janet Houston
402-658-1393

Murray Volunteer Fire & Rescue News

It is cold outside, and Murray Fire & Rescue would like to remind everyone of some safety tips for the cold weather:

If you have space heaters, please check your cords and don't plug numerous plugs into power strips. Check your batteries in your fire alarms and Carbon Monoxide meters. Be careful walking on the icy driveways and steps. Make sure you warm your car up before driving it and dress warm.

MVF&R had our annual elections.

Chief – Chris Spangler

Assistant Chief – Joe Spiccati

President – Matt Lewis

Vice President – Ben Evers

Secretary – Jodi Teal

Treasurer – Julie Babe

We also had our annual Appreciation Dinner and Christmas Party. Awards were given to members for years of service and dedication awards.

5 years of service – Kyle Kruse

Cadet – Ella Lewis

Rookie of the Year – Matt Lewis

Fire Fighter/EMT of the Year – Lee & Angie Jamison

Chief's Award – Steve Van Gorp



It has been a busy Winter so far. We would like to thank you for your continued support of our department. If you have any questions, please call Chief Spangler at 402-297-5669 or, if you have questions about joining the department, you can also call Steve Van Gorp at 402-297-6799!!

Again, thank you,
Murray Fire & Rescue Department

Beaver Lake Ladies Auxiliary News

Scholarship Opportunity



It will soon be time for high school seniors with a residence at the lake to ask for applications for our \$300 scholarships. We award two of these scholarships. Notices will be available in January through the counselors at Conestoga and Plattsmouth High Schools.

Applications are also available by emailing annmcgee.mcgee@gmail.com.

Applications are due back by March 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

Brush Site Closed

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, 2023 and will open up again in the spring on March 6, 2023.** 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

Golf Cart, ATV, UTV Sticker Renewal

The 2023 **renewal for golf, utility, and all-terrain vehicle stickers** will begin January 3, 2023. If you already had your vehicle inspected and received a previous sticker, then you will not need to have it inspected again. Just mail a copy of your current insurance card for the golf, utility, or all-terrain vehicle to be renewed, along with \$50, to the BLA Office at 9410 Clubhouse Circle, Plattsmouth, NE 68048. A new sticker will be mailed back to you. Then, please make sure your new 2023 sticker is affixed to the license plate, or it will not be valid. If you have a new golf, utility, or all-terrain vehicle that hasn't been stickered before, then you need to call the Security at 402-235-2243 and make an appointment for an inspection.

Winter Storage at Campground

Beaver Lake lot owners can now store RVs, campers, boats, jet skis, and enclosed or open trailers. Storage will be at the campground.

Cost is \$50 per month. November thru March.

Contact Heather at the BLA office for information. 402-235-2241



From Your Friends at the BLA Office

2023 Dues and Water Rates

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

2023 Calendar Reservations

2023 **Clubhouse** reservations can be made now.

2023 **Pavilion** reservations can be made starting Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

2023 **Campground** reservations can be made starting Monday, March 27, 2023. 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!

Pet Tags

Pet tags do not need to be renewed until the beginning of 2024. But if you have a new pet – or one who hasn't been tagged yet – please fill out the Pet Tag form in the [Forms Section](#) of the website. Tags will be \$5 for the remainder of 2023. Then renewal tags will be \$10 for 2 years at the beginning of 2024.

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 regularly!

Online Payments

Don't forget you can now pay your Beaver Lake bills online by clicking [Pay Online](#) from the main menu of the website! Call the office if you have questions.

New Property Owners

- Check out the Beaver Lake Website! There is a plethora of useful information.
- You can also stop by the Beaver Lake Office for a Welcome Packet.
- We'd love to have you fill out a [Membership Information Form](#) if you haven't already!