

Beaver Lake March 2023 News

President's Message

Can you believe another mostly mild winter is nearly behind us? It seems the older I get the faster time passes me by! Hopefully everyone had a great winter! As I write this, the boat ramp is ice free, and I saw the staff working on the ramp docks. The 2023 boating season will be kicking off. Reminder, new stickers are due by May 1, 2023. Last year's sticker will be honored until then. Watch for the office to post a stickering schedule and remember they don't do stickers unless the temp is above 50 degrees. The boat stickers don't stick well in colder weather.

There will be changes coming at the boat ramp, possibly starting in May. We approved installation of a gate and better cameras to improve lake access security. Many have asked for better control during hours the ramp isn't staffed, and this should scratch that itch. Once we work out the details, the office will be posting more information.

The Fishing Club will hold its annual Spaghetti Feed membership drive and fundraiser on Saturday March 4 with the doors opening at 5 PM and serving thru 8 PM. Come out and support the fishery. Besides, the spaghetti has quite the reputation, so it's worth it for that reason alone! 🤔 There will be a raffle and door prizes to go along with the food. BYOB and free will donation is the cost for the dinner. Last year they had a record 116 members. We probably need to try and beat that again this year.

Our security manager, Jim Becklun, is retiring, so if you see him out and about, please let him know how much his service was appreciated. His is one of those jobs that can be considered thankless, but the vast majority of us know that security helps us stay safe and keeps the place fun for everyone. I 100% appreciate all the good work Officer Becklun has done and wish him the best in retirement and whatever is next for his family.

The Board of Directors will have 3 openings this year, so if you are looking to serve the community, make sure you contact the office before Friday, March 31, 2023 to get your name on the ballot.

Please remember that "phosphorus free" fertilizer is best for lake communities. Phosphorus isn't needed for established lawns, and when used, the runoff causes increased algae blooms, greener water, and increased aquatic vegetation. Lord knows the geese "feed the lake" enough each winter, so look for a fertilizer with the "middle number" of zero (example 10 – 0 – 10). Yes, I know that the Coontail, Curly Leaf Pondweed, Duckweed, and other lake inhabitants signify a healthy lake. We can keep the feeding process natural by using phosphorous free fertilizers. Besides, the lake is our drinking water.

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

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

I hope everyone has a great Spring!

Russ Parmer – President, BLA Board of Directors

Fishing Club News

BEAVER LAKE FISHING CLUB ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

SATURDAY MARCH 4, 2023

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

BEAVER LAKE CLUBHOUSE



We will have a Drive-Thru option set up so swing by and grab some to go!

We will have spaghetti dinner, salad, fresh Italian bread, dessert, water, iced tea, and lemonade.

Additional Details:

BYOB-----Free will donations accepted-----Open to the public
Renew your Fishing Club membership-----Door Prizes-----Great Raffle prizes
You will not have to be present to win.

We will get the door and raffle prizes to the winners after the event.
Come out and join your friends and neighbors for an enjoyable evening!



Mowing Notice

Attention Please!

This notice is in regard to your lot at Beaver Lake. This is your one and only notice to mow and maintain your lot and road right-of-way during the 2023 mowing season. You **will not** be given a notice each time your lot needs mowed. If the length of the grass, weeds, or any other growth reaches or exceeds 15" in length (as stated in the Beaver Lake Handbook,)

it will be mowed under the direction of Beaver Lake Association at a cost of \$125 per mowing of the lot or \$62.50 per mowing of the ditch and/or embankments. The cost of the mowing will be billed to the owner of record.

Once the owner receives a bill for mowing, it must be paid within 30 days. After 30 days delinquent, the account is turned over to the Association attorney for processing. The Beaver Lake Association does not wish to be in the mowing business, so we are asking that you please make arrangements for your lot to be mowed and maintained until the growth stops in late October. Remember that the mowing responsibility includes the road right-of-way. If you have any questions about the location of your lot, please notify us at 402-235-2241. Mowing contractors can be found on the Beaver Lake website. Please utilize one of them and save yourself some money. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

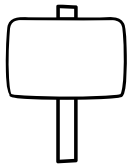
Troy Weatherby, Managing Director

Beaver Lake Ladies Auxiliary

Our next meeting is Monday March 6, 1 pm at the clubhouse. Please come and join us! We will have a business meeting, socialize and make bracelets. Janet Alcorn will lead us in this activity.

Deborah Harper has prepared our spring and summer activity schedules, which is below. Things are subject to change if various locations cancel etc., but we will let everyone know if there is a change or update to the calendar.

We are all busy, but getting together is such great fun. We try and get our calendars synchronized and put a priority on our activities as much as possible.



Our annual garage sale is a major fundraiser for our annual scholarships. Please save your items to donate to our efforts! Thank you in advance!

Starre Haney
Auxiliary President

Auxiliary Schedule

April 3 rd	12:30 Salad Luncheon, Meeting followed by slide show of activities	
April 21 st	Victorian Tea Etiquette & Accessories Program & Tea Bess Streeter Aldrich House / 1-4:00 / Details at March & April meetings	
May 1 st	Early Mother's Day Get together at Ann Weiringa's home / 1:00	
June 1 st	Accept donations and set up for garage sale. Fundraiser for our annual Scholarships	
June 2 nd & 3 rd	Garage sale. Time to be determined.	
June 8 th	Nebraska State Capitol and Governor Mansion. We will meet at the clubhouse at 8:45 to carpool to Lincoln. We have a docent led tour at the State Capitol Building at 10:00am. 11:30 lunch following at Billys, which is within walking distance. After lunch we will have a 1:30 tour of the Governor's Mansion led by a docent. Both tours are free.	
July	Waiting on information of tours in Nebraska City as they are closed for winter.	
August	We are going to the movies. As I don't know what will be playing that far ahead, I will keep an eye on what will be coming in August.	
Sept. 11th	1:00 Business meeting at Clubhouse. 5:30 Sunset Regatta and Potluck. Bring a dish to share. If you have a boat, please let me know.	

Thank you,
Deborah 402-713-9080

BLA Introduces Electronic Voting

Vote by Email

If you want to vote by email at our May election, you must register to e-vote by Friday 4-21-23 at 4pm. Signing up for our email newsletter does NOT register you to e-vote.

Register to E-Vote

- Go to our website <https://www.beaverlakene.org/>
- Open the dropdown menu under Information
- Click the last link, Register to E-Vote
- Read carefully and follow the instructions

How E-voting Works

To vote by email, you must register on our website (<https://www.beaverlakene.org/register-to-e-vote/>). Provide your lot number, name of registered lot owner, and an email you will have access to during election weekend.

About two weeks before the annual meeting and election, you will receive an email notice of annual meeting and election, along with voting material.

On Friday evening, May 19th, you will receive an email with a link to your electronic ballot. You will have until 3 pm on Sunday, May 21st to vote.

To vote, click the link to open your ballot, select your choices, and submit. Done!

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 31, 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***

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

Election Committee Alternates Needed

Four more volunteers are needed to serve as alternates on the Beaver Lake Election Committee. Please call the Beaver Lake Association Office at 402-235-2241 to put your name on the list of candidates.

Spring Boat Stickers Hours

Weekdays: March/April stickering will begin Wed, 3-22-23 through Fri, 4-28-23
Location: Upstairs Clubhouse / Monday to Friday: Noon to 4:00pm*
(Pull vessel into drive in front of Clubhouse. Security will be upstairs to help you.)

Weekends: Stickering will begin Saturday, 4-1-23 through end of summer
Location: Boat Ramp / Saturday & Sunday: Times TBD*

(Weekday stickering at the boat ramp starting 5-1-23; Times TBD)*

*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 2023 sticker by May 1, 2023



Full-Time & Summer Employment at BLA

The Beaver Lake Association is now accepting applications for full and part-time summer employment as well as full-time maintenance & utility workers.

We need summer employees for: **Mowers, Security, Boat Ramp and Lifeguards.**

Find the Application for Employment in the Forms section of the BLA Website:
<https://www.beaverlakene.org/forms/>

Drop your application off at the BLA office or in the drop box in the Clubhouse parking lot.

Questions? Call us at 402-235-2241.

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.

New ads begin on March 1, 2023. Act fast to get the most value!

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

Save the Date! The Beaver Lake Association is excited to help host the annual Beach Party and fundraiser for Murray Volunteer Fire & Rescue. The event this year will be held on **Saturday, August 19, 2023**. More information will be available in the June and July News. Thank you for supporting this outstanding event!

Nebraska Boating Safety Class

Provided by: Instructors at the US Coast Guard Auxiliary;
Flotilla 33-03 Omaha, NE

Date of Class: Saturday, April 15, 2023
Hours: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Location: Beaver Lake Clubhouse
Address: 9410 Clubhouse Circle, Plattsmouth, NE



All boat operators born after 1985 are required to have a license!

Students will learn about operating a boat, parts of a boat, emergency procedures, and the laws regarding boating safety and operation.

Cost is \$10.00; cash or check

A test will be given at the end of class so attendees can earn their boating license.
Must be 14 years old to attend.

*Please bring a sack lunch and drink.



To register, contact Marie Carsey

Call or text 402-415-6400
or e-mail at carseymb@cox.net

From Your Friends at the BLA Office

Brush Site

The Brush Site will re-open for the year on Monday, 3-6-23.

2023 Dues and Water Rates

- Water and Sewer rates are now a base of \$18.75 for water and \$13.25 for sewer. Then each 1000 gallons after will be \$4.02 for water and \$2.74 for sewer.
- Dues rates for 2023 will be \$277.52 quarterly or \$1110.08 for the year.



2023 Calendar Reservations

2023 **Clubhouse, Pavilion & Pool** reservations can be made now.

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!