

Beaver Lake June 2023 News

Meet BLA's New Security Director

I want to introduce myself as your new Director of Security, Jeff Lickei. I recently retired from the Cass County Sheriff's Office where I served as Lieutenant and Jail Administrator for 21 years. My wife, Denise, and I have enjoyed calling Beaver Lake home since 2005. I have two daughters and five grandchildren and enjoy having family time each Sunday. I enjoy golfing, working in the yard, and spending time with friends, family and our dogs. I look forward to serving Beaver Lake and meeting more of our neighbors in the community. – Jeff Lickei



New Stickers Protocol for GAU Stickers

As of March 20, 2023, the BLA Board approved a change to the BLA Handbook. The protocol for renewing Golf cart, ATV and UTV (GAU) stickers has changed.

Members are now required to bring your GAU vehicle to the boat ramp during regular operating hours. (Currently: Monday-Friday 1-6pm and Saturday-Sunday 12-6pm.)

This applies to both new AND renewal stickers. It is now required that all vehicles are inspected each time they are stickered to ensure they are within regulation.

Members must bring their GAU vehicle, insurance card to copy, and \$50 cash or check.

Stickers will now expire May 1st of each year.

Thank you for your cooperation – BLA Security

Summer Boat Stickers Hours

Full time stickering will begin Monday, May 1, 2023 at the Boat Ramp

Monday to Friday: 1:00 to 6:00pm*

Saturday & Sunday: Noon to 6:00pm*

*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.

Current Boating Regulations can be found on the Beaver Lake Website, as well.

[2023 Boating Regulations](#)



Beaver Lake Women's Auxiliary

Welcome to summer at Beaver Lake! We do have a busy summer planned. First is our garage sale fundraiser June 2nd and 3rd. We are accepting donations on June 1st from 8 am until 6 pm at the clubhouse. Your precious stuff, (i.e. junk) can help our annual scholarships, so please donate!

Stop by on Friday (8-3 pm) and Saturday (am only) to shop. You can also have a quick lunch - Friday only.

Next is our June 8th trip to the Wildwood Historic Center in Nebraska City.

We'll have a guided tour through a Gothic Style Victorian Home with surrounding Victorian Gardens and a gift shop that features consigned works of art from regional artists as well as locally sourced crafts and home decor.

Lunch to follow at the Keeping Room. We will meet at 9:50 am at the clubhouse for carpooling. Tickets for the tour are \$5.00 to be bought at the gift store upon arrival. All the Beaver Lake Women are welcome to join us- and guests!

The Women's group amended its bylaws to update our name to Women's Auxiliary from the old Ladies Auxiliary. All Beaver Lake women property owners in good standing are welcome to participate. Annual dues are \$10.00. Our summer has monthly activities where we can enjoy each other and explore the area!

Stay tuned for our July and August outings!

Starre Haney
President

Deborah Harper
Program Activities Chair

BLA Annual Election Results

Russ Parmer, Sandy Battreall & Callie Watson were elected to the Beaver Lake Board of Directors on Sunday, May 21, 2023

Results:

272 Russ Parmer
236 Sandy Battreall
257 Callie Watson
226 Andy Warren



2023 Miss Murray / Beaver Lake Contest

The Murray Christian Church will again be sponsoring the Miss Murray contest.

The young woman named as Miss Murray will go on to compete in the Miss Cass County pageant during the Cass County Fair on Wednesday, August 9th 2023.

Miss Murray may be asked to attend Village events and other community events as a representative of the Murray community throughout the year. This will be as her schedule allows.

The following criteria should be considered:

- Must be a graduated senior and not exceeding the age of 21 as of July 1.
- Must reside in the Murray/Beaver Lake community. If she attended school outside of this area, her parents or guardians should be residents.
- Each contestant must present an application to include a resume of high school and/or college background and activities as part of the application.
- Must submit an essay titled "Why I Want to be Miss Murray".
- Must be able to attend the crowning event on Tuesday, July 4.
- Must be able to participate in Miss Cass County Queen Competition.

Please contact Amanda Spangler to obtain an application.

402-297-7292, email: ajspangler77@gmail.com or church2527@windstream.net

Applicants may submit required documents by mail or hand deliver to Murray Christian Church, PO Box 194, 304 W Young St., Murray, NE 68409 or electronically submit to the church at church2527@windstream.net

Applications are due by Friday, June 16th.

Best of Luck, Contestants!

Murray Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser



SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH

FREE FOOD, DRINKS (BEER, POP, + WATER) + MORE!

\$5 DONATION AT THE DOOR / 5PM-10PM / LIVE MUSIC BY TAXI DRIVER!

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO MURRY FIRE + RESCUE!
PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS AND LAKE APPAREL TO
HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR HEROES!**

THE BEAVER LAKE CLUBHOUSE
9410 CLUBHOUSE CIR.
PLATTSMOUTH, NE 68048

EVENT SPONSORSHIP:

If you are interested in sponsoring this event please call
402-298-4663 or email kkiellankw.com with any questions.



Swimming Pool & Coconuts Open

The swimming pool and Coconuts snack shack opened Saturday, May 27, 2023

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!

Coconut Workers: Gracie, Shelby, Delaney, Josey & Cydney

2023 Beaver Lake Swim Lessons

July 31st to August 4th

- Please contact Heather at the office by Monday, July 17, 2023 to sign up for 2023 swim lessons

(402) 235-2241



From Your Friends at the BLA Office

2022 Water Quality Report Posted

The new 2022 Water Quality Report can be found in the Forms section of the Website, (under Information.) [2022 Water Quality Report](#)

2023 Calendar Reservations

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

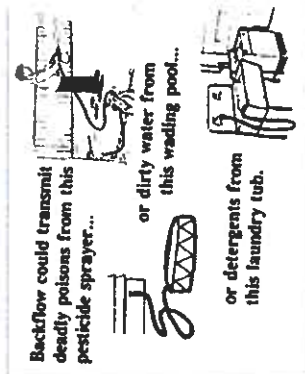
Call the BLA office and speak to Heather about your reservation!

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!

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!



HOW TO PREVENT ENTRY CONTAMINATION

When the hazard of contamination exists, effective steps should be taken to correct the condition. *If the condition cannot be corrected, then an appropriate backflow prevention device must be installed on the internal plumbing system.* This is generally the responsibility of the water user. Everyone should want to eliminate possible cross connections. Those who drink water on your premises will likely be the first to be injured if water becomes contaminated in your system.

An awareness of how contamination can enter a system is important. We must work together to keep everyone's water safe.

The people who are in charge of your public water supply system are aware of the dangers of cross connections. Your public water supply system has adopted a policy on cross connection control to comply with Nebraska regulations.

One of the most effective and the most inexpensive controls is to always keep an air gap between any potential contaminant and the water system. Don't allow garden hoses or other hoses connected to the water system to drop into sources of contamination. Hydrants drain back even when shut off and contaminants can be siphoned into the hose or hydrant.

If you need further information or need assistance in determining what devices are appropriate, contact your public water supply system.

CROSS CONNECTION AND BACKFLOW PREVENTION

Let's Work Together For Safe Water



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Public health officials have always been concerned about cross connections and backflow in plumbing systems and in public drinking water supply distribution systems. People have utmost confidence in the water they drink. Open a faucet and we drink what comes out. If, however, the water is contaminated, sickness and even death can be the result. There are documented cases where cross connections have been responsible for contamination of drinking water. Many cross connections have resulted in the spread of disease; some cases have even resulted in death.

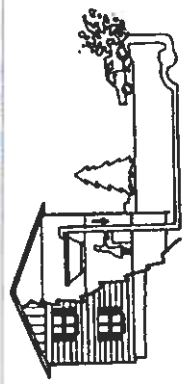
WHAT IS A CROSS CONNECTION?

A plumbing cross connection is defined as the actual or potential connection between a public water supply and a source of contamination or pollution.

In other words, a cross connection is the link through which it is possible for a contaminating material to enter the drinking water supply system. Such links, or possible links, pose a serious public health hazard. Because of the hazards of cross connections, you and every other customer of the public water supply system have a responsibility to help safeguard your system and the public water supply system (city or rural water district) from cross connections.

HOW DOES CONTAMINATION OCCUR?

When a cross connection exists, it is possible for a contaminant to enter the drinking water system when the pressure of the polluted source exceeds the pressure of the potable source. This may result in either a backsiphonage or backflow. Basically, either is a reversal in the normal direction of the water flow. Such situations can be produced through a variety of circumstances within plumbing systems, generally a drop in water pressure.



One Example of Backflow Backsiphonage:

- Contact Point:** A submerged inlet in the second floor bathtub.
- Cause of Reverse Flow:** An automobile breaks a nearby fire hydrant, causing a negative pressure in the service line to the house, sucking dirty water out of the bathtub.
- Suggested Correction:** The hot and cold water inlets to the bathtub should be above the rim of the tub.

How Can You Be Affected?

"Stomach flu" (gastroenteritis) is perhaps the most common ailment suffered by those drinking contaminated water. The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have documented many cases directly attributing the following illnesses and others to contaminated drinking water:

Brucellosis, Campylobacter, Chemical Poisoning, Cholera, Diarrhea Enteritis, Dysentery, Giardiasis, Hepatitis, Hookworm, Paratyphoid Fever, Typhoid, Polio.

SOURCES OF CONTAMINATION, WHICH REQUIRE ATTENTION IN THE HOME:

Any area with plumbing fixtures...

Kitchen: Sink, Dishwasher, Garbage disposal

Bathroom: Toilet, Wash basin, Bathtub, Shower

Bathroom & Outdoors: Hose bib (faucet to which a hose may be attached or buried yard hydrants).

AT WORK:

Industrial, commercial and health facilities are subject to many types of cross connections:

Bottling Plants; Fire Systems; Heating and Cooling Systems; Mixing Tanks; Paint and Ink Mills; Plating Works; Mortuaries; Printing Plants; Vet Clinics; Hydraulically Operated Equipment.

AT LEISURE AREAS:

Many recreational facilities have separate water systems and plumbing connections, which also may be improperly installed and maintained. Some of these locations include:

Campgrounds; County Fairgrounds; Parks and Playgrounds; Golf Courses; Swimming Pools; Fountains; Recreational Waterfront Areas; Travel Trailer Connections.

EXAMPLES OF RESIDENTIAL CONTAMINATION

Occasional water pressure disorders can occur in the public water supply distribution system or within your own residence. These disorders can be caused by high uses of water, such as occurs when fire or flush hydrants are opened, or when a line breaks, or when there are equipment failures. Because of reduced pressure, the flow of the water in the system may be reversed. As a result, contaminants may flow backwards or be sucked into your plumbing system and the municipal or rural water system through unprotected hoses or other possible cross connections. Approved cross connection control devices are available which will prevent backflow or backsiphonage.

Some water customers may also have private wells. If an old well remains in operation, with valves to allow its use in the customer's water supply system, the potential exists for backpressure from that well water into the municipal or rural water distribution system. The private well must be completely and permanently disconnected from the public water supply system.