

Beaver Lake July 2023 News

President's Message

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Summer is upon us, hopefully everyone is enjoying the sun and beautiful, mostly rain free (dang it) days so far! The lake is extra clear this year which is causing heavy amounts of Coontail and Curly Leaf Pond grass to grow. We are also seeing a fair amount of algae. Friendly reminder that we are not allowed to use chemicals in the lake. It is our drinking water and our families swim in the water. Manually controlling the weeds is a pain but, on a bright note, their presence does indicate a healthy lake ecosystem. Limiting lawn fertilizer run off is our best bet for keeping the water fertility under control. Remember “phosphorus free” fertilizer is best for lake communities. Phosphorus isn’t needed for established lawns. Weeds and algae can clump up in the backs of coves due to lack of water flow and lack of wind causing unsightly stagnation. There are a couple weed control diffusers running in both the NW cove (Welch’s) and in the west clubhouse cove (Maloney). I’ve attached a couple photos so you can see how well they keep the weeds and stagnation at bay. It’s an option to keep in mind. Give the BLA office a call for more information.



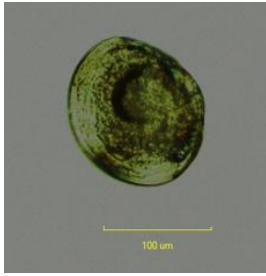
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The board election is behind us. I appreciate everyone voting. This years officers are: President Russ Parmer, Vice President Sandy Battreall, Treasurer Ron Prchal, Secretary Callie Watson



As everyone is probably aware, Zebra mussels were discovered in the back of party cove. I won't rehash all the chronology here since the updates are being posted as News on the Website, but I will mention the Townhall Q&A with the Nebraska Invasive Species Program Manager scheduled for the July 14 at the clubhouse at 6 PM. If you have questions, this is a great opportunity. Here is a good link to information on Zebra Mussels if you are interested: <https://youtu.be/uydWZiLepYg>

The gates at the boat ramp are scheduled to be operational the week of July 17. If you haven't been issued a card yet, check the security schedule, and obtain yours. When you go to get your card, if you have a boat trailer, know the license plate number and, if you want the app for your phone, you'll need an email address accessible on your phone. The plan is for the gate to recognize your trailer license and be accessible by an app for maximum convenience, along with the card.

We have a new Security Director – Jeff Lickei and Security Manager – Kallie Larson. When you see them out and about say Hi. They'll be working to improve our processes, update the handbook, and streamline our security operation.

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, and 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

New Sticking 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

Personal Buoy Change Reminder

Please review this reminder concerning personal buoys

This article is to remind you of changes that were made in 2022 to the rules concerning personal marker buoys. These changes were made by the Board of Directors on July 21, 2022 with the approval of DCF 318. The purpose is to standardize all personal buoys on the lake and make them easier to see during the day and after dark. Please take the time prior to the April 1, 2024 deadline to prepare your buoys so they are in compliance. The buoys must meet the following criteria:

1. Buoys must be removable.
2. Buoy must be round and a minimum of 18" and up to 24" in diameter.
3. Buoys must have your lot number on them.
4. Buoys must be one the following: reflective, have reflective tape visible from all directions, or have a visible solar light.
5. Buoys must be in compliance starting April 1st, 2024.
6. Smaller buoys are allowed if they are being used to hold Maui mats or similar swimming platforms – if they are removed daily.

Also, be aware that there will be a \$50 fine if buoys are not in compliance by the deadline with a 2-week time period to remove them. As another reminder, personal buoys are not allowed in the coves behind the Association NO WAKE BUOYS. The Board of Directors and staff appreciate your efforts to make these changes which will make the lake safer for everyone's use.

Have a great summer!

Troy Weatherby, BLA Managing Director

Summer Boat Stickering Hours

Full time stickering began 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](#)

Murray Volunteer Fire & Rescue News



Murray Fire & Rescue would like to remind everyone of some summer safety tips; wear life jackets or have them handy when on any water apparatus, wear sunscreen to prevent burning, drink at least 8 glasses of water when out in the sun during the day and watch your surroundings when driving a boat/jet ski. Please be safe!!

Murray Fire & Rescue has received new equipment. Donations received during Murray F & R Pancake Feed and Beaver Lake Beach Party helped to purchase new air packs and bottles. Our current equipment is expiring. Thank you to everyone who has donated to these fundraisers. We appreciate all of you and look forward to continuing to serve our communities!!

Reminder to check your smoke detectors regularly!!

If you would like to become a member, please call Chief Chris Spangler @ 402-297-5669 or Captain Steve VanGorp @ 402-297-6799.

Reminder!! – Our Pancake Feed is July 4th! – 7:00 to 11:00am



Community Member Spotlight

Shout out to our community member, **Kerri Schwab**, for giving our clubhouse flower pots a little love this season. She donated flowers and planted them so our community and guests can enjoy them on the clubhouse grounds this summer! Thank you for your contribution!

Kids' Fishing Derby



The club would like to start with a Big thanks to Jason Cockle and Chad Bennett for organizing the Kids Derby, your efforts are greatly appreciated. All the sponsors (listed at the end) are also greatly appreciated and the reason the club can make this event happen. Thank you sponsors!! Thanks also goes out to the Murray Fire Dept for supplying extra chairs and tables along with the grill! Lastly, thanks to all the club members and family members who set up, cooked, and did all the work to run this event.

The 68 kids participating this year were greeted by outstanding weather. Low wind, temps in the low 70s, and some clouds. The challenge was the lake grass (coontail) that was abundant along the clubhouse area, which we had TJ remove for over 6-hours the day before. It helped, but the light east wind and clear water conditions caused it to keep growing and drift back in.

The kids caught fish from 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM and here are the results:

1st Place

Lucas Santos; 7-fish caught

2nd Place

Olivia Wampler

6-fish caught

(tie breaker - largest 7.5")

3rd Place

Brayden Ahern

6-fish caught - (largest 6.5")



Big Fish – Caden Stockwell –15.5" Flathead catfish

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Post Fishing Derby:

We served hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks, and dessert to roughly 190 participating families and kids. All the kids got a prize, and the parents had the opportunity to participate in a raffle winning some cool prizes. It appears everyone had a great time.



The Fishing Club would also like to thank the Derby Sponsors and Donors:

ACCELERATED GRAPHICS
ACCENT LANDSCAPE LIGHTING
A.C. NELSON RV WORLD
75 MART
430 BEAUTY SALON
ALL NATURAL LANDSCAPE
ALLEN-HARVEY FUNERAL HOME
ANYTIME FITNESS
ANTON YOST REALTY
BARRETT CONTRACTING
BASS PRO SHOPS / CABELAS
BEAVER LAKE ASSOCIATION
BEAVER LAKE MARINA
BOMGAARS
BRAD FRICKE REAL ESTATE
BROWN FLORAL
CAKE CREATIONS
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE
CINDY'S JEWELRY DESIGNS
CITIZENS STATE BANK
CORNERSTONE BANK
COUNTRY LIVING HOMES
DJ'S DUGOUT
EDWARD JONES
EPIC CUSTOM TRAILERS
GREG YOUNG CHEVROLET
HARVEY'S FUNERAL HOME
HIKE REALTY
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HENRY HOBSCHEIT MOTORS
JOHN'S APPLIANCE
KELLER WILLIAMS R.E. - KAREN KELIAN
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ROBY FUNERAL HOME
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SANDRY AND DAVE BATTREALL
SCHEEL'S
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TIKI TIME
VINEYARD
WOODHOUSE
YOUNG CHEVROLET
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TLC LAWN CARE
MURRAY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPT
JACK PRALL III
WILMA RICHARD
ZACH ZELANY AND FAMILY
ANDREA COLLINS AND FAMILY
CHAD BENNETT AND FAMILY
THOMPSON AND THOMPSON 3RD GEN.

Nature Club News

Welcome to summer! Spring has passed and summer blooming has begun. Hope all your vegetables that you planted are starting to ripen and hopefully your flowers are starting to color your landscape.

The flying insects have been bad in my yard. There are plants you can put in the ground or in containers to keep the bugs away. Herbs such as basil, thyme and mint are all good to repel mosquitoes. I like just going past those plants and running my hand on their stems to smell them. I do that with rosemary, too (as it is supposed to help your memory) ...now where was I? Marigolds do a couple of good things they repel mosquitoes and attract ladybugs, but they have an awful scent to me! Bug zappers also work to get rid of unwanted bugs.

Let us not forget about our feathered friends this summer. We have three new families of geese this year. One set has three babies, the next set born has six babies and a third set was just born a few weeks ago and they have three babies. They are so much fun to watch. The parents do an awesome job of taking care of them. The parents never allow birds or squirrels or other geese and ducks to be by them. They always have a watchful eye on them.

I still see orioles; I believe they have nest in one of our maple trees. The hummingbirds have not been around my feeders lately...perhaps taking care of their babies or it is just too hot! Make sure you keep your feeders and birdbaths clean. Birds require a supply of fresh clean water for drinking and bathing. This is so important during the hot summer months.

Now for yourself...keep yourself well hydrated when you are in your gardens. Try to be in the shade while pulling weeds, deadheading, and watering. Also, do not forget to fertilize your plants. I usually do that at least once a week with a water-soluble fertilizer like Miracle Gro.



Most important...enjoy your time outside.

If you have not been able to attend one of our meetings there is still time.

Here are our up-coming dates and topics:

July 13th, 2023 NE Wildlife Refuge 7:00pm BL Clubhouse

Aug 10th, 2023 All about Bees (Field trip) 6:30pm

Sept 14th, 2023 Jody Green (Backyard Farmer Panelist)
(Field trip) 6:30 pm

Oct 12th, 2023 Social event (potluck dinner) and Guest speaker/Cooking with Herbs
6:00pm BL Clubhouse

If you are interested in joining the Beaver Lake Nature and Garden Club, dues are \$10.00 for the year. Just come to a meeting and join. If you have questions, you can email me at janet.m.houston@gmail.com

Our meetings are held on the **Second Thursday** of the month, April through October, at **7PM** at the Beaver Lake Clubhouse.

I hope to see you at the next meeting,
Janet Houston
402-658-1393

Introducing our Lifeguards

Summer is under way here at Beaver Lake. Boat traffic is picking up on the lake. Fish are being reeled in and so many “fun in the sun” opportunities are happening! As the weather starts to warm up, our clubhouse area is quite busy with sandcastles popping up on the beach, ice cream from the Coconuts, and staying cool at the pool!

We’d like you to meet our lifeguards for the 2023 Summer Season here at the lake.

Alyssa: Alyssa favorite thing about being a lifeguard is being able to spend her summer outdoors and listening to music while watching all the families have a fun and safe time at the pool. A fun fact about Alyssa is she shares a birthday with Constitution Day!



Gavin: Gavin loves living at Beaver Lake. It is a great community, and he thinks the people are amazing. A fun fact about Gavin is that besides spending time in the water, he also likes spending time on frozen water playing hockey.

Ava: Ava is excited to work at Beaver Lake and meet new people in the community and stay connected during the summer months with those she already knows. A fun fact about Ava is she likes to stay organized and have a schedule to follow.



Mercy: Mercy enjoys interacting with everyone who visits the pool. She likes to help her peers and meet new community members. A fun fact about Mercy is she is passionate about anything she does and strives to meet her goals.

Cailyn: Cailyn enjoys being able to call the outdoors her office and protecting those in the community while swimming at our pool. A fun fact about Caitlyn is she is a competitive swimmer.



Swimming Pool & Coconuts Open

The swimming pool and Coconuts snack shack are open!

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

Meet our Beaver Lake Security Manager

Kallie Larson

Kallie is a familiar face as she has played many roles here at Beaver Lake over the years. This is Kallie's sixth season here with us at the lake. She started off as a lifeguard and working at the boat ramp and beach for security. Last year she added boat patrol for security and pool operator. This year she is our new Security Manager. You will see her and her side kick, Finn, her golden retriever, at the security office, on the patrol boat and in the security truck on road patrol. Make sure to wave or stop and say hello. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact her 402-235-2243 or security@beaverlakene.org.

"I would like to say hello and I look forward to working with everyone! Beaver Lake is my home, and I couldn't think of a better place to continue my career path. A few fun facts about me. I grew up in Beaver Lake. I love animals and have shown dogs since the age of 7 years old. I have two golden retrievers, Bailey and Finn. Most of you have met them when I worked at the boat ramp. I love most things outdoors including hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, and four-wheeling. I love to travel and go on adventures. I have been all over the US and overseas. And I love spending time with family and friends."

Stop and say hello! I can't wait to meet more neighbors!



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 kkielianekw.com with any questions.

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



Security Reminder for the Holiday Weekend

On July 1, 2, 3, & 4 – There will be NO secondary vessels allowed on the lake.

On Saturday, July 1 – NO WAKE will begin at 7:00pm in preparation for the fireworks.

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!