

Beaver Lake August 2023 News

Zebra Mussel Update

President's Zebra Mussel Update 1 Aug 23

Here's the latest on our zebra mussel invasion. What started as a single adult found the 1st week of May in the back of party cove has ballooned into a full scale invasion across the lake. Adult mussels have been discovered in coves F (Party), N (NW), A (SW), M (West Clubhouse), I, and in main lake locations. Juvenile mussels have been showing up on the underside of shore steps, boat lower units, rocks, and items hanging in the water in every portion of the lake. Adult mussels are fingernail size up to 1". They lay eggs all spring, summer, and fall while water temps are above 55 degrees. The microscopic veligers drift the water column for 3 to 4 weeks until they start attaching to hard surfaces. This means a new wave of young are ready to attach constantly reoccurring over and over as long as the water stays warm (above 55 degrees). The tiny shells develop and reach maturity at 1 to 2-years and start reproducing. The mussels live 2 to 5 years on average.

We need to all remain diligent with cleaning our watercraft, minnow buckets, and any other item that comes from another water source. There are still many invasive species we need to keep out of the lake. We also need to be sure to drain, dry, and clean our vessels and items before we go to another lake.



Ballast boat: <https://youtu.be/aITMHclwwZk>

Regular boat: <https://youtu.be/tRK-fqXzLvw>

Repellent type items are being researched for drinking water safety. More to follow on this once we get state approvals. Please remember that we can't take chemical control methods into our own hands. Products like the "Dock Disk" need to be vetted for safety. Please allow us a little time. We'll post results as they come available.

Protect your boat hull and boat engine lower units by keeping them out of the water while water temps are above 55 degrees. They can get into your water intake and attach if it is left in the water causing a maintenance headache/expense.

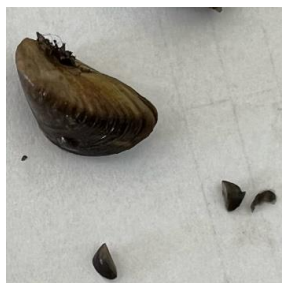
Nebraska Game & Parks video/audio and Nebraska Game & Parks slide presentation: <https://www.beaverlakene.org/document-library/#> (Protect our water)

Conservation Nebraska video: <https://youtu.be/uydWZjLepYg>

Biology of Zebra Mussel: <https://youtu.be/XHI917OZeug>

See website for more updates.

Russ Parmer,
President,
BLA Board
of Directors



Beaver Lake Security

Dear Beaver Lake homeowners,

First, I would like to thank all of you who have been so supportive over the past few months; it has been a great summer.

We have hired one part-time security officer to work mainly on the road, patrolling our community. You might have noticed the new look of the security truck. Security Manager Kallie designed the graphics, and Matt Larson from the Beaver Lake board donated his time to apply them. Big thanks to both of them.



The speed trailer has been out the last month three times a week. I hope to get it out more than that in the upcoming months. Most of us are driving the speed limit, but we are pulling over a lot of vehicles over the 25-speed limit. Let's do a little math; the farthest anyone has to drive to get out of the Beaver Lake neighborhood is .7 miles. You are doing 35 instead of the 25-speed limit. You're only saving yourself 36 seconds. Thirty-six seconds is not enough time saved to jeopardize getting pulled over, causing an accident, or hitting a small child. Please take time to look down at your speedometer and slow down.

Most of us live at the lake to have fun on the lake. Most of the complaints that come to our office are regarding boats and mostly jet skis driving too fast and not safely. Please make sure you read the rules of the lake. You can download them off the Beaver Lake site. Please note that any time a guest is on the lake, they must have a member with them, and if born after December 31, 1983, they must have their boater safety completed. We have pulled over jet skis for going in the wrong direction, cutting across the middle of the lake, and driving recklessly. Most of these are guests of a member alone, not knowing what they can and cannot do. If they get a citation, Beaver Lake will send the citation to the homeowner.

We all wanted to live in a safe, secure neighborhood, so we moved to the lake. But it is our responsibility to make that happen, drive the speed limit, close our garage doors at night, and lock our car doors.

Please remember that only trees, brush, and leaves (no plastic bags) are allowed at the dump site. No other construction lumber or other material is permitted. If caught, this comes with a heavy fine of \$300. There are cameras located all around the area.

Thank you,
Beaver Lake Security

Infrastructure Facilities Review

Beaver Lake provides our members plenty of options for fun and activity! Here's a quick guide to some of our greatest attractions.

[Clubhouse]

The Beaver Lake clubhouse hosts board and committee meetings plus many club functions. It's available to rent by members. Find more information in our [Handbook](#).



[Pavilions] Three covered pavilions on the lake side of the clubhouse are available for members. Pavilions have 110v outlets, and are available first-come, first-serve or by rental. Contact the office at 402-235-2241 for information on availability and rates.



[Swimming Pool] The outdoor pool is open from noon – 7 pm, weather permitting. The season runs daily from Memorial Day until when school begins, and after that, on weekends until Labor Day. Contact the office at 402-235-2241 about pool rental as well!



[Boat Ramp] Our three-lane boat ramp with two docks is just east of the marina on Weeping Water Court. Indoor restroom facilities with handicap access are available. See the [Handbook](#) for more information.

[Access Lots] Members can fish from our lakeside access lots, or just relax and have fun. Fishing and property use are for members only. Guests must be accompanied by a member in good standing. State law governs fishing restrictions.

[Nature Preserve] Beaver Lake's Nature Preserve is south of the dam and east of the Water Treatment Plant. Walk along the path and hear water making its way into Rock Creek. It's also a great place to watch for wildlife any time of year.

[Walking Trail] We also have a walking trail on the west side near the pipeline, accessible from Beaver Lake Boulevard or Elk Lane. Signs mark its location.



[Campground] Check out our nine-site campground at the southeast side of the lake off Murray Road. Restrooms and showers are available seasonally. Campground is for use by members and their guests by permit only.



Please take some time to enjoy your Beaver Lake Facilities!

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

Late Summer Pool & Coconuts Hours



Unless otherwise posted, the Swimming Pool and Coconuts will remain open, Noon to 7pm, 7 days per week, until Sunday, August 13, 2023.

After that, they will be open weekends only: August 19 & 20, August 26 & 27 and Labor Day weekend – September 2, 3 & 4, 2023. Then closed after Labor Day.

Thanks for joining us at the Pool & Coconuts this summer!

Fishing Club News

The Fishing Club held its annual membership fish fry on July 15th, the weather was beautiful, and the food was even better. Crappie, Walleye, and Catfish were the main attraction for the day along with fries. Club spouses and family members brought many wonderful side dishes as well. I, for one, can attest that everything was delicious because I'm pretty sure I ate a little bit of it all.

Habitat builds were hosted by the fishing club on June 25th and July 23rd. We had a great turn out on both days, and if I counted correctly, we managed to get about 36 artificial structures built. These structures are dropped in Corp of Engineer, pre-approved locations around the lake. Placement date for these will be announced soon.



Yearly fish stocking has started for this season with 2000 lively little Wipers being stocked on July 14th. We are still expecting 3 more deliveries this year. Those being Walleye, Small Mouth Bass, and Muskie.



Fishing reports are still showing lots of good Crappie being caught. Drum are pretty good also. Bass, Wiper, and Walleye have all slowed down due to the arrival of the hot weather. Regardless, a bad day of fishing is still better than a good day at work as the saying goes. After a day of fishing please take a moment to do a Creel Survey. There is a link for surveys at the bottom of BeaverLake.org page for this.

There are still at least 7 more tournaments on schedule for this year. The dates are as follows:

July 28th: Evening Bass
August 11th: Evening Bass
August ? : TBD
Sept. 9th: Bass
Oct. 14th: Crappie
Nov. 4th: Crappie



On a more personal note, since this was my first year as Fishing Club President, I'd like to seriously thank the other officers for their help and patience with me. It took a few meetings before I got into the swing of things, but I think I've got it figured out now. Thanks guys, I really appreciate it. I hope to live up to the standards of all previous Presidents. Our club has a bunch of outstanding members and if you aren't one, we would love to have you. If you are interested in joining the club, please contact me or just show up to one of our meetings. Meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Club House.

Sincerely,
Paul Warner
Fishing Club President

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NEBRASKA BOATING SAFETY CLASS

Boater Safety Course

Instructors: US Coast Guard Auxiliary
Flotilla 33-03 Omaha, NE

Date of Class: Sat, September 16, 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

Murray Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser



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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 & 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!