

Beaver Lake September 2023 News

President's Message

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What a turnaround weather and moisture wise since my last newsletter. We went from hot and desert dry to cooler, humid, and wet. I've never mowed so much in my life in July and early August around here. Crazy! But, as I write this, still no water is going over the spillway. Don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining since we received much-needed moisture. At times it seems like we live in Mississippi with the humidity although someone actually from Mississippi would argue! School is back and the summer is winding down. Get out and enjoy the 80+ degree water while you can. Colder weather is not too far away. Zebra mussels continue to spread. It's amazing how prolific the little *EDITs* are. If you haven't seen info on the "Dock Disk" we've tested it and not found any adverse ramifications water sampling wise. The Marina is a dealer and has more info on them and has them for sale. They can protect an 8' radius from any "new" infestation. Talk to the Marina for more details. I'll include this link again from July newsletter with good information on Zebra Mussels if you are interested: <https://youtu.be/uydWZjLepYg>

The gates at the boat ramp have been working for over a month now. We don't have the app or license reader ironed out, but it is getting closer. The cameras read and capture licenses perfectly, so again we're close. There have been a couple mishaps where a shore station canopy snapped one gate arm and a boat backed into another. Growing pains! Lane stripes have been added to help people stay in their lanes and they do make it easier. Hopefully by the time you read this we'll have added a stripe to show where the "magnetic pad" begins to help people know where to stop backing. There isn't a big need to get super close since you have 1 minute to back up once you swipe and you should ideally get your boat ready to launch "before" you swipe. Remember the phrase – measure twice cut once. It seems to apply when backing up to the gates.

The new floating docks at the clubhouse are an excellent option for parking. Dock construction and the installation are solid even when the lake is churned up. You can park up to five vessels. Use boat fenders! They should allow us to eventually expand the beach and remove the middle no parking, no swimming area.

Please remember that our association roads have a 25 MPH speed limit. There are many, many blind areas around the neighborhood, be careful. Obviously, we have no sidewalks so people and pets are on the roadways. Rant time, I've been seeing quite a bit of people walking/running with the flow of traffic. Believe it or not when we are out for a stroll, jogging, walking the dog, etc. we should be on the "LEFT" side of the road. [11 Walking Safety Rules of the Road \(verywellfit.com\)](http://www.verywellfit.com/11-Walking-Safety-Rules-of-the-Road) Why does it matter? With no sidewalks it reduces the frequency of people crossing back and forth. When Jane is walking Spike and meets up with Tim walking Fluffy or Sam who fears Spike they are on the opposite side of the road and Tim doesn't have to worry about Spike eating Fluffy nor does Sam have to take evasive maneuvers! If any of them walk on the right side of the road Tim must cut across the road to save Fluffy and Sam has to cut across as well. With a larger than average percentage of area drivers believing directional signals are optional and the highway left lane their very own this may come as a surprise (sarcasm – sorry). Walk or jog facing the oncoming traffic. Rant over, I feel better getting that off my chest. 😊

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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 end of Summer!
Russ Parmer – President, BLA Board of Directors



Beaver Lake Women's Auxiliary

It's been a busy summer! First of all, thank you to all that supported our garage sale! We were successful in our fundraising efforts for our scholarships. The students of Beaver Lake appreciate your support too!

Next up is our September meeting, Monday September 11th at 1 pm in the Clubhouse. You are welcome to join us. We are planning our fall activities. Also, on the 11th is our pot-luck at 5:30 pm at Pavilion 3. We will have a potluck dinner (friends and/or spouses invited) and a leisurely boat ride on the lake.



Saturday, October 7th is our annual **Craft Fair** and luncheon, again a fundraiser to support our efforts here at the lake and clubhouse. There will be more details coming out in September about that great event!

We will also be hosting our **Trunk and Treat Sunday, October 29th**. Anyone wanting to host a Trunk, please contact Ann Weiringa. (jawieringa2739@gmail.com)

We accept canned food donations for a local food pantry at our event.

At the November 6th meeting we will be finalizing our plans for hosting the annual Beaver Lake **Christmas Dinner/Dance**. Mark your calendar for **Friday December 1st**. It's a great time out with neighbors before the holiday season gets too crazy!!

Please contact me if you have any questions or are interested in joining our group!
starreann@gmail.com

Starre Haney, President

Important Voting Change

Beaver Lake Association will no longer send paper ballots out

Updated voting procedures help us be fiscally responsible with your dues, and saves paper and time.

Beginning in 2024, BLA members may choose *either* proxy voting via email *or* in-person voting at the clubhouse on the day of the Annual Meeting.

To vote by proxy via email, you must register annually on our website at <https://www.beaverlakene.org/register-to-e-vote/>, available January 1 – last Friday in April.

You MUST renew your proxy voter registration each year even if you voted by email before. Registration runs each year from January 1 through 4:00 p.m. on the last Friday in April.

If you do not register to vote online, you may vote in person at the clubhouse from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on the day of the Annual Meeting.

Before the Annual Meeting and election, you will receive a notice of annual meeting and election, along with voting information.

To Vote By Electronic Ballot

To vote by email, you must register on our website (<https://www.beaverlakene.org/register-to-e-vote/>) between January 1 and the final Friday in April at 4:00 p.m.

Provide your lot number, name of registered lot owner, and an email you will have access to during the weekend of the Annual Meeting.

On the Friday evening before the Annual Meeting, you will receive an email with a link to your electronic ballot. You will have until 3:00 p.m. on the day of the Annual Meeting to vote.

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

To Vote In Person

Polling will be open for voting from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the clubhouse on the day of the Annual Meeting.

More Information

Please stay tuned – we'll provide more information soon.



Boater Safety Course

NEBRASKA BOATING SAFETY CLASS

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

Outdoor Storage at Beaver Lake



(Campers, Boats, Jet Skis,
Enclosed and Open Trailers)

Available November 1st thru March 31st

Monthly rate is \$50 (no prorating)

Insurance required with signed contract

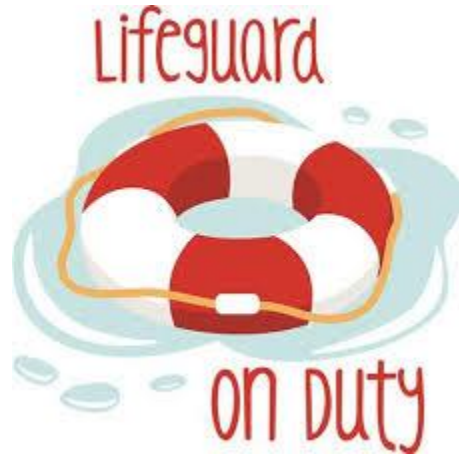
Please contact Heather in the office
402-235-2241

Lifeguards Wanted for 2024

Need a summer job?

Lifeguard Requirements:

1. Applicants must be 16 years or older by Memorial Day
2. Certified Lifeguard Certificate with CPR/AED and First Aid
3. Available to work May 25, 2024, through September 2, 2024. Weekdays and Weekends 10am to 9pm. (Shifts vary.) Must be available for swim lessons in June and July. Swim lesson morning sessions 8am-noon and evening sessions 7pm-9pm. Pool parties, also, throughout the summer 7-9pm.



The American Red Cross Lifeguarding classes are designed to teach rescue skills for responding to emergencies around water. The Red Cross blends lecturing along with hands-on training to teach effective techniques in delivering prompt care to those in need. Upon successful completion of this course, you will be certified by the American Red Cross in Lifeguarding/First Aid and CPR/AED (valid for 2 years)

Pretest Skills:

- Tread water for 2 minutes, legs only, arms not allowed.
- Swim 300 yards continuously using front crawl and/or breaststroke.
- Complete timed brick retrieval drill (Swim the length of the pool and surface dive to retrieve a 10 pound brick. With both hands holding the brick, swim on your back to starting point, keeping face at or near the surface. Exit water without using ladder or steps.)

Beaver Lake Association will pay for Lifeguard and CPR/AED and First Aid certifications once completed. (If you do not pass, individuals are responsible for costs of classes.)

Beaver Lake will reimburse for (one) lifeguard swimsuit or trunks each year. And lifeguard fanny pack the first year. Extra items of clothing, suits, trunks, and accessories are the responsibility of individuals.

The Beaver Lake Association also hires mowers, Coconuts snack shack workers, security, and boat ramp personnel for each summer.

Contact the Beaver Lake Office for more information 402-235-2241

Thank You to the Fundraiser Sponsors & Helpers



THANK YOU!

We would like to say thank you to everyone that came out to support the Murray Fire & Rescue at this years 17th Annual Beaver Lake Beach Party Fundraiser!

We appreciate everyone who came to the event and those who supported by donating, volunteering, ordering merchandise, and all personal donations via the raffle!

THIS EVENT WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS AND DONORS:

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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

From Your Friends at the BLA Office

Calendar Reservations

2023 & 2024 **Clubhouse** 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!