

Beaver Lake October 2023 News

BLA Lots for Sale

The Beaver Lake Association currently has two lots for sale:

Lot 1030	8893 Verdon Cir	\$45,000
Lot 1756	2009 Dunbar Dr	\$10,000

Look for the blue & white BLA “For Sale” signs on the lots!



Call the BLA office to purchase or to ask questions: 402-235-2241



Part-Time Security Needed

Salary: \$15.00 hour
Location: Beaver Lake, NE

Job Type: PT 20 hours per week, afternoon to early evening, weekends, holidays

Requirement: Valid motor vehicle operator's license.

Find the application on the Beaver Lake website in the forms section or pick up the application at the Beaver Lake Association office.

We are looking for a highly competent person to join our Beaver Lake team to patrol and monitor activities on Beaver Lake premises to ensure the environment is safe and secure.

Patrol Beaver Lake in issued patrol vehicle and seasonal water/lake patrol.

Monitor surveillance cameras to watch out for any disruptions or unlawful activities.

Provide detailed reports on daily activities and any incidents that may have occurred at Beaver Lake.





Winter Snow Removal Reminders

As winter approaches, there are a few things I would like to remind everyone about. Nobody likes to deal with removing pesky snow in the winter, but it must be done. As we accomplish the snow removal for the Association, we must get the snow as far off the road as possible, especially if there are continuing back-to-back snowfalls. Remember, that if you have a parking area near the road, please get your vehicle as far from the road as possible to avoid damage from flying snow, ice, rocks, etc. When the snow is blowing and it is dark out, it is hard for the drivers to see everything, but the job must be accomplished. As far as mailboxes around the lake, expect that there may be some damage to them. Many times, the boxes are broken due to heavy, wet snow or a good volume of snow hitting them. Please understand that when it is that cold out, plastic mailboxes don't stand up to the task. We also find that many of the mailboxes have rotten posts that break off. Per the Beaver Lake Handbook, if a mailbox is broken due to snow hitting it, the responsibility of repair lies with the property owner. If the BLA snowplow backs into or hits the box, the Association will repair it. If your mailbox has been knocked over, please contact us and I will review the case to see if it has been hit by a truck or the flying snow. Snow removal is a dangerous and exhausting task. Please be vigilant and get away from the street when you see or hear a snowplow approaching. This will keep you safe because that driver may not see you, depending on the conditions. Lastly, everyone knows how frustrating it is when the plow goes by and puts snow in your driveway. Please do not shovel or blow the snow back out into the road. Throw it or blow it off in the yard. We may come by 2 or 3 times depending on the longevity of the snowfall and it will wind up back in your driveway. We appreciate everyone's patience during these snowfall events. Be safe and have a great fall and winter.

Troy Weatherby
Managing Director

Winter Storage at Campground

Beaver Lake lot owners can now store RVs, campers, boats, jet skis, and enclosed or open trailers. Storage will be at the campground.

Cost is \$50 per month. November through March. (No prorating)

Insurance required with signed contract.



Contact Heather at the BLA office for information. 402-235-2241

Beaver Lake Women's Auxiliary

Event Reminders:

Craft Fair
Trunk and Treat
Christmas Dinner & Dance

Saturday, October 7th
Sunday, October 29th
Friday, December 1st

BLA Clubhouse
BLA Clubhouse Lot
BLA Clubhouse

Nature & Garden Club Fall News

October Garden Calendar

Fall means that the time for flowers and vegetable gardening is coming to an end. I've been doing a little research on fall chores and thought it would be fun to share.

Flowers - October is a time to:

- Brighten our patios, decks and yards with mums. Mums come in so many wonderful colors.
- Plant bulbs that will bloom in spring. Tulips and daffodils are good examples. Clusters of 8 – 10 bulbs look amazing.
- Plant new bushes, trees and perennials
- Clean out your flower beds
- Divide plants, such as Hosta's, Day Lilies, Iris, Black Eyed Susan and Ornamental Grasses to add more plants to your yard at no cost.
- Dig up bulbs like gladiolas for winter storage. Store in a cool, dark part of your home
- Cut back your perennial plants after they have turned yellow

Per [American Meadows](#) website, Plants that should be cut back in fall are: Hosta's (2" from the ground), Yarrow (1"), Peonies (all the way), Coreopsis (6") Bee Balm (all the way), Daylilies (4"), Iris (4"). Other plants, like ornamental grasses, sedum, Echinacea and Wildflowers should be cut back in spring,

Vegetable Garden – October a time to:

- Plant your garlic for next year, it's not too late!
- Be on the look out for frost. Our last frost date is around October 29th. Know which of your remaining vegetables and herbs can take a little frost and which you must harvest before a frost. Cabbage, cauliflower, brussels sprouts, and carrots are good examples. Some plants, including your annual flowers, can survive a frost if you cover.
- Harvest tomatoes or vegetables that will ripen off the vine, like squash. For tomatoes, it is best if they have a bit of a blush. A window sill or a box covered with paper or cardboard are two methods to ripen.
- Plant a quick-growing cover crop to restore nutrients (like white clover)
- Consider getting a soil test to learn the you need to add to the soil for next year
- Remove any diseased plants

Yard – October is a time to:

- Rake leaves, of course. Shredded leaves make great mulch for your garden
- Make sure plants and lawn don't become too dry
- Consider fertilizer

For me, fall is also a time to review what worked well and what I want to change next year

The last meeting of Nature and Garden Club for 2021 is Wednesday, October 11 at 6:00 pm in the Clubhouse. It is a potluck social event. In addition, we look forward to our speaker. Topic: Cooking with Herbs – YUM!

Jody Kriegler

BLA Emergency Phone Number

The direct dial phone number is 402-235-2242. If you have a true maintenance emergency such as a water line break, fallen tree on a road or power line, sewer back up, see a lift station light flashing or some other emergency, please contact the maintenance personnel at this number. If there is no answer, please try the phone number again. **Please take the time as you read this article and write the phone # down where you can easily access it.** This is a direct line that will allow you immediately access a person to help you with your emergency. Again, we ask that you only use it for a true maintenance emergency.

For any security issues where you need to speak with our security officer, please dial 402-235-2243 and leave a message if no one answers. They will return your call as soon as possible.



If you have a true security or health related emergency, please dial 911.
The Cass County Sheriff's Department non-emergency phone # is 402-296-9370.

Thank you,

Troy Weatherby, Managing Director

Beach Party Success



The MVFD would like to thank everyone for their donations at the Beach Party! Thanks to Karen Kielian and everyone who volunteered their time to work.

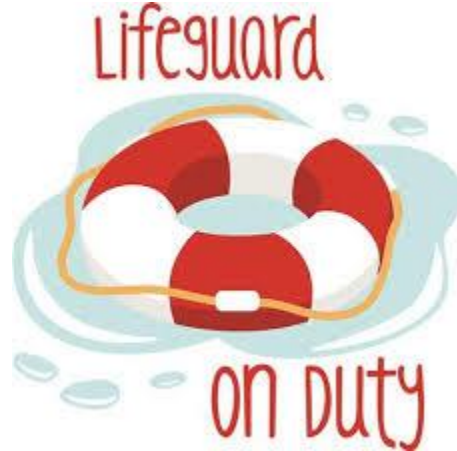
Karen Kielian presented the Murray Volunteer Fire & Rescue Team with over \$25,500 from the 17th Annual Beach Party Fundraiser. We look forward to seeing everyone next year on August 17th 5PM - 10PM! Thank you for everyone's support!



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



Important Voting Change



Paper ballots will no longer be sent out

Electronic voting is cheaper, more efficient, and greener than paper.

For decades our only option for our members to vote by proxy was snail mail.

When we sent paper ballots to all members weeks before the election, we didn't know who would be in good standing on the day of the election. That's because verification cannot be done before the Friday prior to the day of the election.

Every returned envelope therefore had to be checked on election day for the member's status. After that, every nested envelope and every paper ballot also had to be checked for errors.

That all-paper system left many opportunities for people to misunderstand, make mistakes, and have their votes discarded.

Technology now provides cheaper, much more efficient, paperless proxy voting via email.

E-ballots will go out after members have been verified to be in good standing that final Friday. No more voting before status verification and no more discarded ballots.

Machines don't get distracted, tired, or sick. They don't miscount. Paper ballots always have to be counted at least twice, often multiple times, to be sure the tally is correct.

E-voting doesn't generate mountains of paper to be purchased, printed, sent to a mailing service, stamped, mailed, and received by BLA before the day of the election; then logged, stored, sorted, verified, opened, counted and recounted, warehoused, and finally discarded.

Email is accessible on every continent, so being out of town won't prevent your voting.

Members are entitled to one ballot per dues-paying membership. If you register to e-vote, you will receive your ballot online. You will be ineligible to vote in person too. You will have the weekend until 3 p.m. on the day of the election to cast your e-ballot.

Those who do not register to e-vote by proxy may vote in person as usual at the clubhouse on the day of the election.

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

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:

Karen Kielian with The Karen Kielian Team

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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!