

Beaver Lake January 2024 News

Security Reminder



2024 Pet License Renewal

2024 Annual Pet Licenses are available for renewal starting January 2, 2024.

You must register in person at the Beaver Lake Association Office. (9410 Clubhouse Circle)

Hours of Operation are Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm

Beaver Lake Association limits licensing to dogs and cats only. No livestock, including fowl, are allowed to be housed within Beaver Lake.

Costs for 2024 Pet Licenses are \$10 per registered animal.

(Valid only one year: January 2, 2024, to January 1, 2025)

Please fill out Pet License Registration Form located on the Beaver Lake website under the Forms tab: <https://www.beaverlakene.org/forms> or available at the Beaver Lake Association office.

You will need to provide the following information with your registration form to receive your pet license: a copy of vaccinations with dates from vet including Rabies Vaccination and, if your animal is microchipped, please provide the microchip number.

Please remember that Beaver Lake Association does enforce a leash law. Any animals running at large will be subject to fines and kennel fees. Please check out our rules and regulations in the [BLA Handbook](#).

Thank you!

Women's Auxiliary Scholarship Info

Attention all Beaver Lake High School Seniors:

The Beaver Lake Women's Auxiliary is offering two \$300 scholarships for students living in the Beaver Lake Community. You must have a minimum 2.5 GPA, be a dependent of a Beaver Lake property owner in good standing and will be attending a college or technical school during the 2024/25 school term.

If you are interested in receiving an application form, see your counselors, or contact Ann McGee by emailing annmcgee.mcgee@gmail.com soon.

Completed applications are due back by March 15, 2024.



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

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

Nature & Garden Club

It's winter, nothing to do in the garden, but.... if you are like me, you love looking through garden and flower seed catalogs. Some of my favorites are: Park Seed, MIGardener (on line), Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds, Dixondale Farms (onions), Wood Prairie Farms (potatoes), and Strictly Medicinal Herbs (just to name a few).



This is definitely the time of year to be thinking about spring. Now is the time to order your seeds and starters for items like potatoes, onions and strawberries. For starters, the vendors typically will not ship until it's time to plant. Some items sell out early. It's so hard for me not to order more than I need, particularly when it comes to flowers.

This is also a great time for research and planning. Think about what went well and what didn't go well in your garden in 2023. There is so much information available online to help you. For example, I was never able to get broccoli to come to a nice head, until I found Castle Dome and Green Magic varieties at Park Seed.

Start your seeds indoors. A few years ago, I started a gardening journal. It has really helped me get the most from my garden. It helps me plan the layout of my gardens, timing of when to plant seeds indoors and outdoors and how to care for certain varieties to get the most production. Per the Backyard Gardener:

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“Don't start your vegetable plants indoors too early. Allow ten weeks to grow transplants of slow growing plants, such as broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and head lettuce. Six to seven weeks allows enough time for peppers, tomatoes and eggplant. Two to three weeks ahead of the expected planting date is early enough for fast growing species such as cucumber, muskmelon, squash and watermelon...”

Count backwards from your last average frost date to establish a seeding date for your transplants. Information varies a bit, depending on your source. I will use April 29th. I'll have to admit, I plant such a large variety of veggies that I finally started a calendar to tell me when to start the seed.

This is also a good time to get your soil tested. There are several kits available on the market. They come back with recommendations regarding amendments that might be required.

If you seed save, you might want to test the viability of your seeds. The Backyard Farmer recommends:

“Check the viability of seeds you have stored over the winter by placing 10 seeds on a moist paper towel and fold it over to cover them. Place the towel in a sealed plastic bag to maintain moisture. Label it with the seed name and date. Place the plastic bag in a warm location, 70-75 degrees, out of direct sun. Check the bag periodically and remoisten the paper towel if necessary. Most viable vegetable garden seeds will germinate in about 7-10 days, except parsley, carrots and celery which are slow to germinate. Counting the number of germinated seeds gives the germination percentage; 10 = 100% germination, 9 = 90% excellent, 8 = 80% good, 6 to 7 = 60 to 70% poor germination so sow seed more thickly to achieve the desired number of plants. Throw seed away that has less than a 60% germination percentage.”

Other possible tasks per the backyard gardener:

- Check stored bulbs, tubers, corms and rhizomes. If bulb-like plants start to shrivel, soak them in water for a short time to allow them to soak up water and plump back up.
- Inspect stored products for the presence of kitchen and pantry pests. Discard infested products.
- Late winter is the time to prune many deciduous trees. Look over your plants now and remove dead, dying, or unsightly parts of the tree, sprouts growing at or near the base of the tree trunk and crossed branches. Prune fruit trees and grapes in late February or early March after the worst of the winter cold is passed but before spring growth begins.
- Fertilize fruit trees as soon as possible after the ground thaws but before blossom time.



Mark your calendars.

Nature and Garden Club meeting dates are (4th Thursday of the month):

- April 25th
- May 22nd (Wednesday)
- June 27th
- July 25th
- Aug 22nd
- Sept 26th
- Oct 24th

Contact Janet Houston if you have topic requests (janet.m.houston@gmail.com). Looking forward to seeing you there!!

Jody Kriegler

Meet Our New Beaver Lake Security Director

REBA GRAF, SECURITY DIRECTOR LIFE & CARREER

Rebecca Graf is a Paramedic and EMS Training Coordinator for the Plattsmouth EMS Department. She is also an EMS and CPR Instructor and recently achieved her Board Certification in Community Paramedicine.



Graf has an extensive background not just in healthcare, but also business, finance, and management.

Reba is originally from Story City, Iowa. Reba is married to her husband Dan of nearly 24 years. The couple has resided at Beaver Lake since 2018. She enjoys spending her free time fishing and with friends and family, loving the lake life.

Reba is committed to serving the public, keeping everyone safe, maintaining excellent public relations, and collaborating with the Beaver Lake community leaders to provide effective solutions and positive change.

Brush Site Closing Soon

Another year has come and gone here at Beaver Lake and it's time once again to close the brush burning site. **The site will be closed as of January 8, 2024 and will open up again in the spring on March 4, 2024.** This will allow us time during the winter to burn the brush and prepare the site for opening in the spring. There has been an enormous amount of brush brought to the site which means a lot of cutting and cleaning has occurred out on the properties. This year at the site things have gone very well with the separation of leaves from the brush pile. We appreciate everybody's cooperation with following the guidelines to help keep the brush site under control. Please empty all your leaf bags (whether plastic or paper) and take them with you as they are not allowed to be discarded in the leaf pile per state regulations. As a reminder, please do not bring any grass clippings to the burn site as it is a violation of State regulations. As some have found out, the area is under surveillance, and you will be fined when you are caught in person or on camera disposing of items that are not allowed in the brush site. If you notice someone violating the posted rules, please observe the license # and contact the Association security office so we may discuss the problem with them. Thank you to everyone for taking care of this area so it can remain in operation. As a reminder, do not discard anything at this site other than trees, brush, and leaves. Please dispose of all other items in a proper manner and location. Once again thank you for not abusing this area. We look forward to seeing each of you again in the spring.

Troy Weatherby, Managing Director

Election Committee News

PROXY VOTING PROCEDURES CHANGE

Paper ballots will no longer be snail-mailed

Proxy Voting will be conducted by email.

Beaver Lake Association members may choose to vote by proxy or in-person in our elections. All regular members get one ballot per fees-paying membership, whether voting by proxy or in person.

Members who choose to vote by proxy must register each year on our website. Annual registration is available between January 1 and the last Friday in April.

Proxy Voting

When you register to e-vote, you will need to provide your lot number, name of registered lot owner, and an email you will have access to during election weekend.

On Friday evening, May 17, you will receive an email with a link to your electronic ballot. You will have until 3 pm on Sunday, May 19 to vote.

To vote, click the link to open your ballot, select your choices, confirm, and submit. It's that easy!

About two weeks before the annual meeting and election, all members will receive a snail-mailed notice of the annual meeting and election, along with the list of candidates and their bios.

- ▶ Signing up for our email newsletter does NOT register you to e-vote.
- ▶ Previous registration to e-vote does NOT register you to e-vote in subsequent elections. Annual registration keeps our voter lists up to date.
- ▶ If you register to e-vote by proxy, you will be ineligible to vote in person too.

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.

If you want to vote by proxy in the coming election, register on our website from Jan 1 through the last Friday in April at <https://www.beaverlakene.org/register-to-e-vote/>.

For details about our election procedures, see Section VII, Election Procedures in our Handbook:

Home > Information > [BLA Handbook](#); or contact the office at 402-235-2241 or info@beaverlakene.org.

From Your Friends at the BLA Office

BLA Calendar & Reservations

- 2024 Calendar reservations can be made for the **Clubhouse** now.
- 2024 **Pavilion & Pool** reservations can be made Tuesday, January 2, 2024.
- 2024 **Campground** reservations can be made beginning Monday, March 25, 2024. The BLA campground will open Mid-April to the beginning of May, depending upon the weather.

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

2024 Dues and Water Rates

New Dues & Water rates will be determined closer to mid-January. Stay tuned to the website!

New Property Owners

- Check out the Beaver Lake Website! There is a plethora of useful information. See below!
- 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!

BLA Website: www.beaverlakene.org

The BLA Website is your home for all official Beaver Lake News, Calendar info, Advertising, Handbook, Documents, Board & Committee minutes, and Information.

Make sure to check it regularly and see what you find!

Online Payments

Don't forget you can now pay your Beaver Lake bills online by clicking [Pay Online](#) from the main menu of the website! Call the office if you have questions.