

Beaver Lake February 2024 News

Security Reminder



2024 Pet License Renewal

2024 Annual Pet Licenses are available for renewal.

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!

BLA Public Meeting Announcement

Thursday, February 8, 2024 * 7:00pm
Beaver Lake Clubhouse

Topics for meeting:

- Replat of two Reserve Lots to Equestrian Lots (RL 14 & RL 16)
- Redesignation of Access Areas
- Replat of two lots to form an Access Area (453 & 454)
- Sale of underutilized lots



BLA Patrol News

Responsible Pet Ownership: Licensing for a Safer and Happier Community

As the heart of our community beats with the paws and purrs of our beloved pets, it's essential for us to come together and prioritize responsible pet ownership. One crucial aspect of this responsibility is ensuring that our furry friends are properly licensed. In this article, we shed light on the importance of pet licensing and how it contributes to a safer and happier community.

Why License Your Pet?

Licensing your pet is not just a HOA requirement; it's a vital step towards ensuring the well-being of your furry companions and fostering a harmonious neighborhood. Here are some key reasons why pet licensing matters:

1. **Identification:** A licensed pet wears a visible tag that serves as a form of identification. In case your pet ever goes missing, this tag significantly increases the chances of a safe and speedy reunion.
2. **Community Safety:** Licensing helps us keep track of the number of pets in our community. This information is invaluable in times of emergencies, allowing us to ensure the safety and well-being of both pets and residents.
3. **Health Monitoring:** Licensed pets are often required to be up-to-date on vaccinations. This not only protects your pet from preventable diseases but also contributes to the overall health and safety of the community.

How to License Your Pet:

Licensing your pet is a straightforward process. Here's a step-by-step guide:

1. **Visit the Clubhouse Office or Website:** Contact the BLA Office or visit the website to find information on pet licensing requirements and procedures.
2. **Provide Proof of Vaccination:** Ensure your pet's vaccinations are current.
3. **Pay the Fee:** Pay the required licensing fee of \$10 per animal. These fees contribute to local animal control services and initiatives.
4. **Receive the Tag:** Once your application is processed, you'll receive a tag for your pet. Make sure your pet wears the tag at all times.

Community Benefits:

By licensing your pets, you actively contribute to building a safer and more responsible community. It helps us:

- **Quickly Reunite Lost Pets:** The visible tag facilitates a swift reunion between lost pets and their owners.
- **Monitor Vaccination Status:** Ensuring pets are up-to-date on vaccinations helps prevent the spread of diseases within our community.
- **Promote Responsible Ownership:** Licensing encourages responsible pet ownership, fostering a sense of accountability among pet guardians.

Let's work together to create a community where every pet is safe, accounted for, and cherished. By licensing our pets, we take a significant step towards achieving this goal.

Thank you for being responsible pet owners and contributing to the well-being of our lake community.

Reba Graf, Lake Patrol Director

2024 Board of Directors Election Notice

This serves as your public notice of these important election dates.
Please keep these important dates in mind!

Friday, March 29, 2024 4:00pm BLA Office
Final date and time for BLA property owners to declare candidacy for BLA Board of Directors

Thursday, April 18, 2024 7:30pm Board Meeting – BLA Clubhouse
* Board acceptance of candidates and Three-minute speeches by Board Candidates

Friday, April 26, 2024
* Last day for members to register to vote electronically

Friday, May 10, 2024 4:00pm BLA Office
Final date and time for BLA members to declare write-in candidacy for BLA Board of Directors

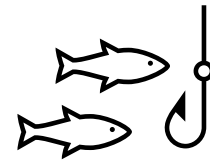
Sunday, May 19, 2024 3:00pm Annual Meeting – BLA Clubhouse
* Balloting closed at call to order of BLA Annual Meeting.
* Election results announced prior to the close of the BLA Annual Meeting

Election Procedures

Please visit the Beaver Lake website
www.beaverlakene.org
to view the latest edition of
the Beaver Lake Handbook.
Election Procedures are in Section VII

Fishing Club News & Schedule

The ice finally showed up on our beautiful lake. Although, from the looks of the weather forecast I'm afraid it's going to be short lived this year. I've seen numerous people out ice fishing. Those that I've talked to are catching nice crappie and blue gill along with a few perch and wipers. Remember, no ice is safe ice. Always check thickness before venturing out too far.



Our wonderful Fishing Club will be holding its first meeting of the year on February 1st. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at the club house at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held from February to November. Yearly dues to belong to the club are only \$20 a year. Come see what we are all about, we would love to have you!

We have two new officers on the Fishing Club board this year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Clint Poteet (Treasurer) and Richard Randall (Vice President). Both are top notch gentlemen and I look forward to working with them.

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The Fishing Club hosts several events and tournaments every year. If you join the club and want to participate, the schedule is as follows:

March 9th – Spaghetti Feed 5-8 pm
 April 13th – Bass Tournament
 April 27th – Crappie Tournament
 May 4th – Carp Tournament
 May 11th – Bass Tournament
 June 1st – Bass Tournament
 June 8th – Kids Derby
 June 15th – Carp Tournament
 July 13th – Membership Fish Fry
 July 26th – Evening Bass Tournament
 August 9th – Evening Bass Tournament
 August 24th – Catfish Tournament
 September 14th – Bass Tournament
 September 28th – Crappie Tournament
 October 12th – Bass Tournament
 November 2nd – Crappie Tournament

Join us for the Fishing Club's
 Annual **Spaghetti Feed**
 and Membership Drive

Saturday, March 9th - 5 to 8pm
 Beaver Lake Clubhouse

Free Will Donations Accepted

Check out the Raffle

Come for food, fun, prizes and
 lots of good fish stories!

Creel surveys are a very helpful way for the Lake and Habitat Committee and Fishing Committee to decide how often and which species of fish need stocked in the lake. Please take a few minutes after each outing to fill one out. There is a link for the creel surveys at the bottom of the BeaverLake.org web page. Below is an example of data compiled from turning in your creel survey. As you will see it is a valuable tool for stocking our lake.

AVG Caught	Bass	Bass +15"	Crappie	Crappie +10"	Walleye	Walleye +15"	Wiper
2023	4.568	1.014	8.692	6.612	0.299	0.163	0.304
2022	3.906	0.675	9.645	7.004	0.418	0.190	0.310
2021	4.418	0.943	7.785	4.602	0.994	0.286	0.098
2020	5.085	1.870	8.890	3.108	0.155	0.059	0.071
2019	4.818	2.288	9.581	2.899	0.158	0.088	0.019
2018	3.953	2.055	7.414	1.339	0.161	0.093	0.031
2017	4.574	2.337	7.860	1.609	0.086	0.053	0.146
2016	5.479	2.430	4.877	1.284	0.072	0.049	0.043
2015	4.434	0.920	2.687	1.767	0.546	0.337	0.247
2014	6.022	1.226	3.313	1.901	0.477	0.265	0.444
2013	7.904	1.790	4.903	2.884	0.179	0.063	0.193
2012	7.495	2.415	4.877	2.678	0.042	0.031	0.129

That's all I have for now.

Like always, tight lines everyone!

Sincerely,

Paul Warner

Fishing Club President

402-297-0927

warner.paul99@gmail.com

Infrastructure Committee

Beaver Lake Association Brush Pile

The Beaver Lake Association brush site provides an accessible location for members to dispose of cleared brush from our properties. Cleared vegetation prior to construction, after storms damage trees and shrubs, and post-season Christmas trees can be discarded conveniently. You can find the brush site in the southeast part of the community, past the campsite and by the maintenance shed.

Usually we close in early January (although sometimes we reach maximum capacity in December) in order to burn those trees and brush. After incineration we prepare the site for re-opening in March, tentatively scheduled this year for March 4. The brush site is then available to our members weekdays. By the time January has rolled around again, we always have plenty of plant detritus.



BLA operates our brush burn pile in accordance with rules established by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE). NDEE enforces compliance, and we have cameras at the site to monitor its usage. Please be a responsible neighbor and follow the rules, which are posted.

Brush = trees and shrubs. Autumn leaves may be unloaded from bags in a separate marked pile to be composted, but the bags themselves are not allowed. Take them home with you and dispose of them appropriately.

In compliance with rules for air curtain incinerators in NDEE Title 129 Air Quality Regulations, Chapter 14 Emissions, Incinerator Standards, treated lumber and other wood products are not allowed. "Treated wood product" is described as material that has been changed or altered through a chemical process which contain paint, resin, preservatives, or other similar substances. Examples of proscribed materials include but are not limited to the following:

NONE of these are allowed

- Painted lumber wood siding (e.g., from a house or other buildings, fences, or interior house trim)
- Glued particleboard or plywood (e.g., cabinets or flooring)
- Creosoted wood (e.g., railroad ties, telephone poles, bridge planks or fence posts)
- Stained wood flooring, doors, trim, cabinets, or decking
- Wood preserved with fungicide or pesticide, e.g., shingles, siding, or decking
- Grass clippings

As noted, we monitor the brush site and fine those caught in non-compliance. If the brush debris didn't come from your trees or shrubs, it isn't allowed. If you observe someone violating the rules, please get the license number of the vehicle and contact the office. We appreciate everyone's help in keeping our brush site available to the community.

Submitted by Carol Goller and the Infrastructure Committee

Important Sewer Information

Important Information
Please Read!!

Hello All, I would like to give you some important information concerning our wastewater system here at Beaver Lake. The sewer system is made up of a gravity and pressurized system. If you're on a gravity flow sewer main system, it's very important that you consider what you put down your drains and flush down your toilets. We ask that you avoid trying to flush any materials such as clothing, sweeper pads, personal hygiene items, large pieces of food, or anything that does not readily breakdown or dissolve. Discard those items in the household garbage. The reason for this is to avoid any blockages in the sewer mains or lift stations.

In addition, all Beaver Lake Association homes are recommended to have a working sewage backflow prevention device located between the main sewer line and the house or the owner will assume the responsibility of flood damage inside the home should there be a sewer system malfunction. All newly constructed homes are required to have a backflow device before the house is connected to the system.

The pressurized system is very important in disposing of the sewage. We have 16 pump stations positioned strategically around the lake. These stations operate 24 hours a day 7 days a week. However, they are mechanical and can potentially fail due to various reasons. If you pass by one of these stations and see a red light on, we ask that you please notify us as soon as you can. If notified immediately we can avoid a possible sewage backup into nearby homes. The phone numbers to call are **402-235-2241** (Association office) or **402-235-2242** (Emergency Phone). If you live near a lift station and have any questions, please contact me at 402-235-2241 so we may address your concerns. With everyone's help and observation, especially after hours, the sewer system will work efficiently and serve everyone's needs. Thank you for your help.

Troy Weatherby, Managing Director

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.



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



BLA Website Advertising

Now that the Beaver Lake Online News is our only source of official BLA News, we'd like to offer all area businesses a chance to advertise on the BLA Website.

Yellow Page ads can link directly to your company's website and are very inexpensive.

Rotating Banner ads are also a great option & show on every page of the BLA Website.

Check out the BLA Website at <https://www.beaverlakene.org>.

Contact Jill at the BLA office for more information: jillp@beaverlakene.org

Summer Employment at BLA

The Beaver Lake Association is now accepting applications for full and part-time summer employment.

We need employees for: **Coconuts, Lifeguards, Mowers, Security, and Boat Ramp.**

Find the Application for Employment in the Forms section of the BLA Website:

<https://www.beaverlakene.org/forms/>

Then drop your application off at the BLA office or in the drop box in the Clubhouse parking lot.

Questions? Call us at 402-235-2241.



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.

Lifeguards Needed

Apply Today!

Applications can be found on the Beaver Lake Website:
www.beaverlakene.org
 in the Forms section.

For more information:

Email: security@beaverlakene.org

Or

Call: 402-235-2241




LIFEGUARDS WANTED

- Must be 16 or older by Memorial Day
- Certified Lifeguard Certificate with CPR/AED and First Aid
- Available to work May 25th - September 2nd

BENEFITS:

- ✓ Reimbursement for certification
- ✓ Reimbursement of one Lifeguard swimming suit/trunks
- ✓ Great team environment

APPLY TODAY

www.beaverlakene.org call 402-235-2241 or email: security@beaverlakene.org for more information.




2024 BOAT STICKER HOURS

*WEATHER PERMITTING! WE WILL NOT STICKER IF BELOW 50 DEGREES OR WET.
 CONTACT LAKE PATROL PRIOR TO ARRIVAL @ 402-235-2243

Friday, March 29th	9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday & Sunday, April 6th & 7th	9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday & Sunday, April 13th & 14th	9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday & Sunday, April 20th & 21st	9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday & Sunday, April 27th & 28th	9:00am – 5:00pm
Any Tuesday/Friday in April	1:00pm – 5:00pm
• by appt. only contact Lake Patrol 402-235-2243	

April - placements will take place at the Clubhouse. ALL STICKERS NEED TO BE RENEWED BY MAY 1, 2024. Starting May 1st - Ramp hours apply.

Spring Sticking Hours

Bring your vessel to the Clubhouse parking lot the last Friday in March or any weekend in April to get your 2024 Sticker.

Stickers remain \$50 for both primary and secondary vessels. Wake surfing stickers also remain \$100.

For more information:

Contact Security: 402-235-2243





Winter Snow Removal Reminders

As winter continues, 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

From Your Friends at the BLA Office

BLA Calendar & Reservations

- 2024 Calendar reservations can be made for the **Clubhouse, Pavilion & Pool** can be made now.
- 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

- 2024 Water rates will remain the same as last year.
- 2024 Dues rates will be \$291.65 per quarter for a total of \$1166.60 for the year.

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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.

Murray Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser

Save the Date! The Beaver Lake Association is excited to help host the annual Beach Party and fundraiser for Murray Volunteer Fire & Rescue. The event this year will be held on **Saturday, August 17, 2024**. More information will be available in the June and July News. Thank you for supporting this outstanding event!

