

Beaver Lake March 2024 News

President's Message

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If you count winter in "lake frozen days" with no boating like I do, then winter was short. I'm not going to complain one bit! I had my boat on the lake in January and I've made it out in mid-February. It makes me smile! There's still plenty of time for cold weather to return so my gloating could be premature. I reported the lake level was down nearly 15" in the last article on Dec 1 and I'm

happy to report we're down less than 9" now. So, we've had improvement from the winter rain and snow. Hopefully we'll get enough Spring rain to fill her up and stay away from restrictions.



The board held a public meeting to discuss the much-discussed proposal to sell some underutilized/marketable property owned by the Association. Y'all turned out in good numbers for the Feb 8 meeting with about 80 people in attendance. It was a vigorous debate with many valuable inputs received. One major point of contention was ensuring we protect association access. To address this concern, we've proposed a covenants change to require a majority vote of the membership before an access lot can be sold. Once the wording is approved by the Association lawyer, it'll be posted on the web page. This change, coupled with the rezoning of identified access lots from "residential" to "access," should provide the protection requested. Another major point was better clarity on the improvements the sale would fund. The BLA Board will work with the committees to provide clarity on what projects will be funded. We'll announce any new developments on this at the monthly board meetings and will post any documentation relevant on the web page for transparency. You can view the public meeting presentation at this link: [Public Meeting](#)

Please remember we have zebra mussels which will start reproducing when the water temps get above 58 degrees. This means we must be diligent in cleaning our vessels, removing any water, and drying both before entry to the lake and before going to another body of water. It's important that we realize there are other invasive species we don't want in our lake like quagga mussels, Eurasian Milfoil, Hydrilla, etc... Bottom line we still need to protect against the spread of invasives. Ballast boats need to be particularly careful since their systems require special procedures to clean. When the mussels start to reproduce, then 3 or 4 weeks after that, they'll again start attaching to hard objects. Keep your lower units out of the water, operate your shore stations up and down periodically, clean your lawn watering pump intakes, etc...

Our new security manager, Reba Graf, posted the boat stickering schedule on the Beaver Lake web page calendar. The 1st day for stickering is March 29, please refer to the calendar for availability. [Calendar - Beaver Lake Association \(beaverlakene.org\)](#) Don't forget about the gates at the boat ramp. If you haven't obtained a gate card you can also see security during the scheduled hours noted on the calendar. If you provide a boat trailer number, the gates will automatically open most of the time and save you from swiping your card. We still hope to have an app available in the future so if interested please provide an email address that's accessible on your phone. Stay tuned....

Reminder, our elections are email or in person day of only in 2024. There will be no ballots mailed. If you haven't provided your email address, please watch for communication from the Election Committee or contact the office.

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Don't forget to observe our 25 MPH road speed limits and be especially cautious on hills and other low visibility locations. We want to keep our community safe.

The annual Beaver Lake Fishing Club spaghetti feed fundraiser is Saturday March 9 from 5 PM to 8 PM at the clubhouse. On the menu is spaghetti with "homemade" sauce, salad, Italian bread, and desert with coffee, ice tea, and lemonade. You are welcome to BYOB. Cost? Free will donations accepted. The event is open to the public. We'll have door prizes and a raffle with great prizes as well. Come join us!

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 safe and great spring!
Russ Parmer – President, BLA Board of Directors

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

Election Committee News

❗ Important Voting Information ❗

Proxy voting is now conducted by email.
No paper proxy ballots will be sent via U. S. Mail.

Beaver Lake Association members may choose to vote in our elections either 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.

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.

- ▶ 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.

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 see info@beaverlakene.org.



Scan to Register

Lake Patrol Positions Available

Job Description:

Are you passionate about ensuring the safety and enjoyment of recreational activities on the water? We're seeking enthusiastic individuals to join our team as Part-Time Lake Patrol. As a member of the Lake Patrol Team, you'll be responsible for monitoring and enforcing boating regulations, ensuring the safety of lake users, and providing assistance as needed.

Applications may be found on our website in the Forms Section:

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

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



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, Patrol, 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.



Mowing Notice

Attention Please!

This notice is regarding your lot at Beaver Lake. This is your one and only notice to mow and maintain your lot and road right-of-way during the 2024 mowing season. You **will not** be given a notice each time your lot needs mowed. If the length of the grass, weeds, or any other growth reaches or exceeds 15" in length (as stated in the Beaver Lake Handbook,) it

will be mowed under the direction of Beaver Lake Association at a cost of \$125 per mowing of the lot or \$62.50 per mowing of the ditch and/or embankments. The cost of the mowing will be billed to the owner of record.

Once the owner receives a bill for mowing, it must be paid within 30 days. After 30 days delinquent, the account is turned over to the Association attorney for processing. The Beaver Lake Association does not wish to be in the mowing business, so we are asking that you please make arrangements for your lot to be mowed and maintained until the growth stops in late October. Remember that the mowing responsibility includes the road right-of-way. If you have any questions about the location of your lot, please notify us at 402-235-2241. Mowing contractors can be found on the Beaver Lake website. Please utilize one of them and save yourself some money. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Troy Weatherby, Managing Director

Personal Buoy Change Reminder

Please review this reminder concerning personal buoys

(Previously published July, August & September 2023)

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.

Troy Weatherby, BLA Managing Director



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

Fishing Club

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

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



Boater Safety Class

NEBRASKA BOATING SAFETY CLASS

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

Date of Class: **April 13, 2024**

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 carseymarie@gmail.com

Ensuring Water Safety: Remembering Water Buoy Requirements

Dear Residents,

As we transition into the warmer months, it's crucial to revisit our community's water safety measures, particularly focusing on the importance of water buoys. These simple yet effective tools play a vital role in safeguarding our community members, especially children, and pets, around any bodies of water within our neighborhood.

Why Water Buoys Matter:

Water buoys serve as visible markers, delineating the boundaries of water bodies such as swimming pools and lakes. They act as a clear indicator of where the water boundaries, helping individuals navigate safely around these areas. Furthermore, buoys also serve as a visual reminder of potential hazards, prompting increased caution and awareness.

Ensuring Compliance:

It's essential for all residents to adhere to our community's regulations regarding water buoys. Each water body must have the appropriate buoys installed, positioned strategically to maximize visibility and effectiveness. Regular inspections should be conducted to ensure that buoys are in good condition, securely anchored, and clearly visible. 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 of April 1st, with a 2-week time period to permanently remove them. As another reminder, personal buoys are not allowed in the coves behind the Association NO WAKE BUOYS.

Educating Our Community:

Beyond mere compliance, it's equally important to educate ourselves and our families about the significance of water buoys. Parents should discuss water safety with their children, emphasizing the importance of respecting boundaries and always swimming under adult supervision. Additionally, educating visitors and guests about water safety protocols can further enhance the overall safety of our community.

Taking Action:

If you notice any missing or damaged buoys within our community, please don't hesitate to report it to the BLA Office immediately. Prompt action ensures that necessary repairs or replacements can be made swiftly, minimizing any potential risks.

Together, We Can Ensure Water Safety:

As members of this vibrant community, we all share the responsibility of maintaining a safe environment for everyone. By staying vigilant, adhering to regulations, and fostering a culture of water safety, we can enjoy the upcoming season with peace of mind, knowing that we've taken proactive measures to protect each other. Let's make water safety a top priority this season and every season thereafter.

Best Regards – Reba Graf

Beaver Lake Women's Auxiliary

Beaver Lake Women's Auxiliary begins its official year April 1st, 2024. January through March, we try to do socials.

February's social was held on the 5th at the Clubhouse. We had a special time just chatting and catching up followed by snacks and board games.

Our March social will be a field trip on Tuesday, the 6th, to see a movie together. For more information, please email Ann at annmcgee.mcgee@gmail.com.



From Your Friends at the BLA Office

Brush Site: The Brush Site re-opened for the year.

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.

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!

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, Information and Online Payments.

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