

Beaver Lake April 2024 News

Patrol Report

Nebraska residents born after December 31, 1985, who operate a motorboat or personal watercraft in Nebraska, must have successfully completed the Nebraska boating safety course. They also must be 14 to operate personal watercraft or motorboats. The Beaver Lake Homeowners Association lake safety rules also follows this State of Nebraska Law. Beaver Lake residents please take note and make sure anyone operating a powered watercraft on our lake has taken this course. A minimum passing score of 75% is required on the test.

We have arranged for a class to be held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, April 13th. Pre-registration is required. (See page 9 of this Newsletter.)

Beaver Lake Water Safety Tips 2024	
Beaver Lake is governed by the Rules and Regulations of the State of Nebraska and will be strictly enforced. To download the Nebraska Boating Guide Outdoornebraska.gov	All watercraft must have a Beaver Lake Sticker. Speed shall not exceed 45MPH
Anyone born after December 31, 1985 , who operates a motorboat or personal watercraft in Nebraska must have successfully completed the Nebraska boating safety course and always possess a valid certificate. Must be 14 to operate any motorized vessels.	All vessels towing a skier, tuber, etc. must have a wide-angle mirror or responsible observer at least 12 years old. To retrieve a skier, slow down, go counterclockwise.
Each person must have a life preserver on vessel. Those under 13 must wear a life preserver at all times. Life preservers are mandatory on jet skis. You must have a life preserver readily available on a paddle board.	Must be 16 to tow a skier, tuber, or wake boarder. It is unlawful to jump a wake with a boat within 50yards (150 feet).
All boating traffic must travel counter clockwise.	Use a 12 x 12 high-visibility orange flag when a skier, tuber, etc., goes down.
Each boat must have a marine fire extinguisher. (Check expiration dates!)	All boating traffic must travel counterclockwise.
Skiing hours – it is unlawful to water ski, tube, etc. from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.	Never jump the wake of a boat that is towing a skier, tuber or wake boarder.
Vessels will stay at least 90 feet from shore when speeds exceed 5 mph	When passing another boat, pass to deep water (to the left)

*Please refer to the BLA Handbook for additional guidelines and information.

Best Regards – Reba Graf

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 from 1-3pm at the clubhouse on the day of the election.

To vote by proxy in the coming election, register on our website from January 1 through the last Friday in April at <https://www.beaverlakene.org/register-to-e-vote/> or scan the QR Code at right.



Scan to Register

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.

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

2024 Board of Directors Election Notice

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

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

BLA Website Connection Problem?

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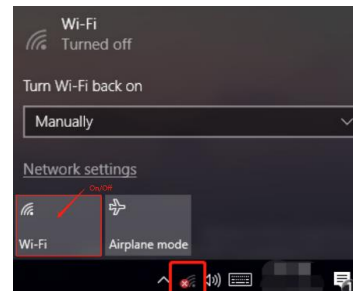
Due to recent changes outside our website, some devices cannot connect to our website using WiFi. Turn your device's WiFi off and you should be able to connect.

Phones

From Settings, toggle the WiFi button off.

Desktops and Laptops

From the bottom right of your task bar, select the WiFi icon and disable it.



Women's Auxiliary News

The Beaver Lake Women's Auxiliary will meet at the clubhouse on April 1st at 12:30 for a salad luncheon. This will be our first official meeting for this year. We will eat first and the meeting will begin at 1:00. Anyone who is interested in the betterment of Beaver Lake is welcome to join us. Our March social was an outing to Marcus Theaters in Bellevue to see, "Ordinary Angels". After this wonderful movie we enjoyed ice cream from Culvers. If you have questions about the upcoming meeting, please contact Ann at annmcgee.mcgee@gmail.com or text 308-325-1487.

Board of Directors Candidates

Judy Simpson

My family has been at the lake since the 70's, one of my fondest memories, as a child, is walking across the lake before there was water. My father was a realtor and in love with the lake from the minute it started. An original plat map of the lake hangs in my house as a visual representation of my love for Beaver Lake. I grew up spending summers at the lake. We lived in Ralston but had property at the lake for as long as I can remember. My parents moved to the lake permanently when my mom retired and resided here until their later years. When they moved, I realized I didn't have lake rights for the first time in my life, so we bought a "C" lot. My husband, Mike, and I live in rural Murray on an acreage. We have the best of both worlds. We love the rural life but also love the lake life. If you know me, you know you can find my family every summer weekend, at the common lot on the boulevard. Mike and I have two boys. Cody lives on a "B" lot at the lake and Joey lives in Plattsmouth. My youngest sister lives on an "M" lot and my nephew lives on a "B" lot. I want to be able to represent everyone who lives at the lake and those who enjoy weekends because they have lake rights. The lake was built to be a "small town" and we need to make sure that feeling is persevered. One of my concerns is the common areas which need to be kept to the standards that the lake represents. I want to make sure that our dues are being used wisely. I would appreciate a vote for Judy Simpson.



Jon Baumgart

Dear Beaver Lake Community,

My name is Jon Baumgart, and I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for the Beaver Lake Association Board. Having called this beautiful community home since 1995, I've had the privilege of witnessing its growth and experiencing the unique charm it offers. Now, I am eager to give back and contribute to its continued success.

As one of the proud owners of the Beaver Lake Marina, I am deeply invested in the well-being of our lake and its surrounding areas. My daily interactions with fellow residents and visitors have given me valuable insights into the needs and concerns of our community.

From leisurely boat rides to peaceful fishing trips, I have always cherished the recreational opportunities Beaver Lake provides. I understand the importance of preserving our natural resources while enhancing the overall experience for everyone.

My decision to run for the Association Board stems from a genuine desire to serve. I believe in open communication, collaborative problem-solving, and proactive leadership. Together, we can ensure that Beaver Lake remains a place where families create lasting memories and friendships flourish.



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I am committed to listening to your voices, advocating for your interests, and implementing positive changes where needed. Whether it's improving infrastructure, enhancing safety measures, or fostering a stronger sense of community, I am ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work.

With your support, I am confident that we can navigate the challenges ahead and embrace the opportunities that lie before us. Let's work together to make Beaver Lake an even better place to live, play, and thrive.

Mike Langford

Profile:

Beaver Lake resident wanting to support the community by using my strengths and years of wisdom as a business leader to the Beaver Lake board and community.

I'm confident that my experience can bring balance that relates to decisions needed to serve our neighbors. I understand these decisions aren't always popular, but I share the passion to allow and to do what's best for the community.

I will perform these responsibilities with the highest level of integrity and aspire to share my passion with other Beaver Lake board members as well as Beaver Lake staff to the best of my ability.



Work Experience:

Ronco Construction – Chief Operating Officer – October 2018 to present
Construction Management Executive with direct oversight of 150mm in construction in both Omaha and Kansas City with broad experience in all aspects of operations.

Lueder Construction – VP Operations – June 2005 to July 2018
Direct Oversight of all Construction Operations. Specializing in all aspects of field operations, safety, and staffing. 60mm in annual production in the Omaha area and managed a staff of 75 employees in several disciplines.

Heathstone Home – Director of Customer Care / Production – June 2001 to June 2005

US Army – December 1985 to June 2001

Related Philanthropic / Community experience (Committee / Board Level):

BLA – Appeals Committee – Current

BLA – Infrastructure Committee – Current

BLA – Dam Task Force – Current

Chairman – Habitat for Humanity Builders Blitz – (3 years) Past

Chairman – Suburban Rotary – Yearlings and Community Service (2 years)

PTA President – BPS BBES (2 years) Past

MCC and IWCC – Construction Advisory Boards (5 years combined) Past

Youth and HS Baseball Coach – 24 Years Past – Retired

Strengths: Leadership, Communication, Strategic Planning, Empathy, Integrity

Hobbies: Fishing, Boating / Lake Life, Family Activities, Coaching

Contact: Phone: 402-403-2776 or Email: Mlangford22@outlook.com

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Ron Prchal

Hello my name is Ron Prchal, I am excited to announce my candidacy for re-election to the BLA Board of Directors. Serving as your board member for the past 3 years has been a privilege and I have learned the inner workings of the community. I am eager to continue working hard to enhance our community. During my tenure, I have been committed to fact-based common-sense decisions, protecting our infrastructure, health, safety and property values of our community. I have served as Vice President and am currently the Treasurer partnering with our hard-working Finance Committee which leads our budgeting activities and monthly financial reviews.



Sample of accomplishments during my tenure include:

- Maintenance of our key infrastructure & making the right investments at the right time
 - Upgraded water and sewer systems
 - Lift station upgrades & power backup enhancements
 - Sewer line re-routes to protect the health of the lake
 - Support for water system upgrades
 - Upgraded aging assets
 - Backhoe & tractor purchase
 - Snow removal equipment
 - Maintenance equipment upgrades
 - Tools to protect the safety of our employees
- Lake safety and security to protect our community
 - Upgraded security cameras & servers
 - Boat ramp secure access
 - Adjusted resourcing strategies
 - New floating boat docks
- Financial Planning
 - Innovative financing
 - Negotiated zero percent financing on key projects
 - Use of funds for early payoff of our WTP loan
 - Forward planning on future infrastructure challenges
 - Studied and familiar with every expense line item in our annual budget

Our community has some key challenges ahead of us as we work to maintain and upgrade our aging infrastructure. Having experience with our financials, infrastructure and security needs is a very important decision point as you choose your next board members. I have that experience and there is no learning curve. Not all decisions we make on the board are popular with everyone but we strive to make the right decisions and those that benefit the majority of the community. I have been a trusted partner on the board and maintaining skilled volunteers is extremely important. I ask for your vote to be re-elected to serve you.

If you have any questions, please call me at 402-297-5931.

Sincerely – Ron Prchal / 918 Adams Ct / Lot 1239

Nature & Garden Club

Hard to believe that spring is right around the corner. Time for gardeners to start to prepare. Here are some ideas gathered from multiple sources on the web. Here are some ideas for March and April.

March:

- Prune shrubs that flower on new wood.
- Trim your ornamental grasses
- Spray fruit trees
- Start cleaning flower and vegetable beds
- Remove surface rust from tools and outdoor furniture.
- If you haven't already start transplants indoors per package directions
- Plan your vegetable garden. Consider rotating the vegetables to reduce insect and disease
- Buy a notebook and use it to keep all your gardening information. List what you plant in the garden. Include the name of seed companies, plant name, variety, planting date, and harvest date. During the growing season keep notes on how well the plant does. If the variety is susceptible to disease, record what was used to treat any problems. All this information will be helpful in planning future gardens.
- Place birdhouses outdoors as birds will begin nesting soon
- In late March you can begin planting peas, spinach and carrots
- Consider getting your soil tested. There are several companies that can provide you advice. Soil Kit is but one example.



April – sources vary a bit, but I use April 29th as the last frost date for our area for my garden planning. To be safe, many wait until Mother's Day to plant outdoors.

- Examples of frost tolerant vegetables that can be planted in April include: broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, chives, kale, onions, parsley, kohlrabi, lettuce and beets. You might be able to plant potatoes as long as the ground temperature is 50 degrees



- Trim and divide perennials
- Plant Summer bulbs
- Create new garden beds
- Feed shrubs and roses
- Take cuttings
- Aerate and overseed your lawn
- Plant dormant strawberry and asparagus roots
- Make your first application of pre-emergence herbicides to control warm-season annual grassy weeds, like crabgrass and foxtail, between April 20-May 5.
- Fertilize established asparagus and rhubarb plants.

April is also a great time to join the garden club

Here is the schedule for our 2024 season.

- April 25th - Greenlife Landscaping, 7:00 pm at the clubhouse
- May 23rd - Scatter Joy Acres, field trip 7:00
- June 27th - Garden Tour, field trip 6:30
- July 25th - NE Wildlife Rehab, 7:00 pm at the clubhouse
- Aug 22nd - Cody Larsen and his K-9 patrol, 7:00pm at the clubhouse
- Sept 26th - Keep Cass County Beautiful, 7:00pm at the clubhouse
- Oct 24th - Potluck Social, 6:00pm at the clubhouse



Just an FYI, 2024 has five eclipses, 2 solar and 3 lunar:

- Mar 24-25 Lunar (Penumbral); April 8 Solar (Total); Sept 17-18 Lunar (Partial); Oct 2 Solar (Annular); Oct 17 Lunar (Almost)

If you have questions, reach out to Janet Houston at 402-658-1393

Thanks – Jody Kriegler

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 • by appt. only contact Lake Patrol 402-235-2243	1:00pm – 5:00pm

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 Sticker Hours

Weather permitting, bring your vessel to the Clubhouse parking lot 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: **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.



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

2024 Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 18, 2024 * 8 am to 5 pm
Parking Lot at the end of Weeping Water Ct

The Association is providing dumpsters for free disposal of unwanted materials. This is open to Beaver Lake Property owners only. We will also take metal products for recycling.

Please, No concrete, tires or batteries. No fluids allowed – ie: oils, fuels, cleaning agents, poisons, and etc.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to clean up around your house, in your garage or in your basement.

There will be Beaver Lake staff on site to help you dispose of your materials.



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



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

MVFD News

In 2023 Murray Fire and Rescue responded to 261 calls for service and welcomed seven new members. Will you be a new member in 2024? This is A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY LIKE NO OTHER! The Department provides all necessary training at no cost. Through your amazing community support we are able to purchase equipment and provide training, including gear and EMS training.



Thanks to your financial support and a grant from the Midlands Community Foundation we are able to welcome Mr. Manny Kin to the Department to assist in training. Manny is a SMART STAT Manikin and can assist with training in real life scenarios. Airway management, breathing, CPR, vital signs, IV and many more options are available when an IPAD is connected and instructors simulate actual vital signs. This valuable education piece will be used to continue training so Murray Fire and Rescue can give our community the best care we can. Manny joined the EMT class in March 2024 and assisted with Trauma Assessment Training!

Did you know? Members meet on average twice a week for training. This training creates a knowledgeable team and one that is ready any time of day or night.

To join our team contact Steve at Murrayvfdchiefs@gmail.com. Interested in other ways you can support your local department? Make sure your addresses are clearly marked on your house and visible from the street. Install and keep working batteries in your smoke alarms. Attend our summer events - Beaver Lake Beach Party and 4th of July Pancake Breakfast. And a real easy one – say “thank you” to all first responders you meet every day!

Jodi Teal, MVFD

Photo credit to Bill Dudek

Free Dirt Day 4-20-24

Beaver Lake Association will be having a Free Dirt Day on Saturday, April 20, 2024 by the large pond at Carol Court at the southwest corner of the lake. There will be someone there to help you load the dirt from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

This event is **weather permitting!**

We will reschedule if it's raining or if the dirt is too wet.

From Your Friends at the BLA Office

Beaver Lake's 2023 Water Quality Report Posted:

Check out the Forms Section (under Information) on the BLA Website to see the [2023 Water Quality Report](#)

Online Boat Registration Available: [Online Boat Registration](#)

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

BLA Calendar & Reservations

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

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!

Online Payments

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

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!