

Beaver Lake May 2024 News

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, 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 will begin at 1:00pm.
- * Balloting closed at call to order of BLA Annual Meeting.
- * Election results announced prior to the close of the BLA Annual Meeting

New Boat & GAU Stickers Hours

Starting May 1, 2024 – New hours at the Boat Ramp will be:

Monday to Friday: 1:00pm to 5:00pm **

Saturday & Sunday: 9:00am to 6:00pm **



**ALL stickering is weather permitting. We will not sticker if it is below 50 degrees or wet.

All vessels on BLA water as well as golf carts, ATVs & UTVs on BLA roads must have a 2024 sticker by May 1, 2024.

Current Boating Regulations can be found in the Handbook on the Beaver Lake Website. Online Boat Registration is also available: [Online Boat Registration](#)

For more information – Contact the BLA Patrol Office: 402-235-2243

Women's Auxiliary News

The next Auxiliary meeting will be held on May 6th at the Clubhouse at 1:00.

The Auxiliary would like everyone to know that we will be participating in the Beaver Lake garage sales at the Clubhouse. We will also have food items for purchase. And, there are restrooms available as well. Money earned through our sales goes to fund our scholarships!

We will take donations on Thursday, May 30 9am to 6pm

Garage sale hours: Friday, May 31 – 8am to 3pm and Saturday, June 1 – 8am to noon

If you have questions about Auxiliary, contact Ann at annmcgee.mcgee@gmail.com or text 308-325-1487.



Auxiliary Scholarship Winners

The Beaver Lake Women's Auxiliary is pleased to announce the winners of its 2024 scholarships. The recipients are Carter Arens, son of Jeff and Barb Arens, and Natalie Wzorek, daughter of Thomas and Marcy Wzorek.

Carter is a graduate of Conestoga High School and plans to attend UNL and study Business and Marketing. Natalie is a graduate of Cornerstone Christian School and plans to attend Bellevue University to study Secondary Education, Communications, and Business. Brody McClatchey, a graduate of Conestoga High School, was chosen as the alternate.

Congratulations!

Summer Employment at BLA

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

We need employees for: **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.



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.

Fishing Club

Beaver Lake Fishing Club May 1 Quarterly Newsletter article

Hello everyone! It appears that Spring has finally decided to stick around. Spring's arrival comes with some of the best fishing of the entire year. Crappie are biting very well right now with people catching quite a few 13" to 14" slabs. Bluegill, wipers, and catfish are also being caught in good numbers. Bass are still on the difficult side, but while not as good as the panfish that are being caught.

The Fishing Club held it's annual spaghetti feed already this year and it was a major success as usual. I'd like to thank everyone who helped with the food and thank those of you who donated and participated in the event. Without community cooperation, we wouldn't be able to fund everything we do.

There were 3 fishing club scholarship recipients this year: Aaron Watson, Rylee Warner, and Carter Arens. Scholarships will be handed out at the May 2 fishing club meeting at \$300 each. Congratulations!

We still have lots of fun events and tournaments scheduled for this year. A slight change to entry fees was made for tournaments. It has been changed from \$15 per person to \$20 per person and/or \$40 per boat.

2024 Beaver Lake Fishing tournament/event schedule

~~Apr 13 – Bass completed~~

~~Apr 27 – Crappie completed~~

May 4 – Carp

May 11 – Bass

Jun 1 – Bass

Jun 8 – Kids Fishing Derby

Jun 15 - Carp

Jul 13 – Membership Fish Fry

Jul 26 – Evening Bass

Aug 9 – Evening Bass

Aug 24 - Catfish

Sep 14 – Bass

Sep 28 – Crappie

Oct 12 – Bass

Nov 2 – Crappie

One thing we'd really appreciate is you turning in creel surveys after you fish. These surveys are very helpful in managing fish populations in our wonderful lake. It only takes a couple of minutes. Here is the online link to complete a survey. <https://www.beaverlakene.org/fish-creel-survey/>

If you would like to join our wonderful fishing club, it's only \$20 for a family. You can contact any of the 4-club officers or come to one of our monthly meetings held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7 PM at the clubhouse except Jan/Feb. Come join us and see what we're all about. Our club officers are as follows:

President Paul Warner 402-297-0927

Vice President Richard Randall 402-670-6153

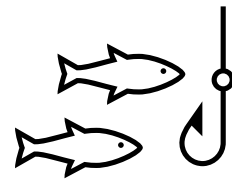
Treasurer Clint Poteet 402-416-4715 (Venmo also)

Secretary Russ Parmer 402-630-4719

That's all I have currently. I encourage everyone to get out there on our fabulous fishery and give it a try. I doubt you'll be disappointed.

Until next time, tight lines!

Paul Warner, Fishing Club President



Swimming Lessons



Beaver Lake will be offering group swim lessons three weeks this summer:

June 10-14, June 24-28 & July 8-12

Times are either 9:00am or 10:00am.

Classes will be 45 minutes long. Cost is \$40 per week.

Pre-registration is required. Class sizes are limited, so sign up early.

Sign up form can be found on the Beaver Lake Website in the Forms Section:

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

We reserve the right to move your child up/down based on their abilities.

If you have any questions, reach out to BLA Security at: 402-235-2243 or security@beaverlakene.org.

Data from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's site on drowning](#):

- The most common cause of drowning in the U.S. is the inability to swim.
- There are around 4,000 fatal unintentional drownings yearly and approximately 8,000 nonfatal drownings yearly. The nonfatal drownings can result in long-term health problems (such as brain damage and other long-term disabilities).
- Children are definitely at risk, especially when not closely supervised around water. Drowning is the number one cause of unintentional death for children aged 1-4.
- Approximately 75 percent of child drowning fatalities (aged 15 or younger) occur in a private residential pool.
- For teens and adults, alcohol consumption is involved in 70% of the fatal drownings.
- Nearly 80% of drowning victims are male with increased exposure to water, risk-taking behaviors, and alcohol use as contributing factors.

Free Dirt Day 5-11-24

Beaver Lake Association rescheduled our Free Dirt Day for Saturday, May 11, 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.



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

Infrastructure Committee

Beaver Lake Association Dam

By Carol Goller and the Infrastructure Committee

April 2024

Overview



Over time we expect any dam to weather, and ours is no different.

Every year the state of Nebraska inspects our dam and lets us know if there is anything we should investigate further. Given that our dam is fifty years old, it is no surprise that recent annual reports have identified a couple of matters regarding our dam's structure that we might beneficially assess further.

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therefore decided to choose a dam engineering firm to help us discover whether something in fact needs to be changed, and if so, what, when, and how.

The Process

A Dam Task Force was commissioned to oversee matters. The group has met several times and consists of Troy Weatherby (Managing Director) and Norm Koester (retired engineer previously involved with construction of dams), plus three members of the Infrastructure Committee: Mike Langford, Justin Tegels, and Carol Goller.

The task force reports new information to Infrastructure (John Frost, Chair; Jim Wieringa; Mary Reineke; Steve Felthousen; Mike Langford; Justin Tegels; Carol Goller) and then to the Board (Russ Parmer, President; Sandy Battreall, Vice President; Callie Watson, Secretary; Ron Prchal, Treasurer; Brad Renner, Steve Wicht, and Matt Larson). Committee minutes give only a general overview of topics discussed. Published reports like this one and verbal reports at Board meetings provide specific details to our community.

In order to begin dam remediation, Beaver Lake sent requests for proposal to several dam engineering companies.

Two of those firms responded and have made initial on-site assessments of how to approach the next phase, which is performing appropriate analyses of the areas noted in state reports. Members of the task force have attended those visual inspections.

By the time of this publication, the task force will have begun evaluating the proposals. We will discuss findings and recommendations with the Board as soon as practicable. No one can predict how long this, or any other complex process will take.

After the selected engineering firm analyzes areas to be remediated and offers ways to achieve remediation, the next step will be to choose which method to follow. Along the way to final project completion, you should anticipate unexpected delays and times when there is no new information to impart.

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The Funding

Right now, we don't even know what action(s) may be warranted. Hence the need for an engineering company with expertise in dam renovations. Their insights will uncover particular areas to focus on, and this discovery phase will incur the first part of the total project cost.

Until we understand what remediation is required and have decided on appropriate means of achieving it, we cannot reasonably estimate final costs.

Because Beaver Lake Association is a private entity, many familiar sources of funding are unavailable to us. However, we have initially begun working with the state to seek a grant. Preliminary indications appear positive, but it is too early in the process to forecast the outcome. In any event, such a grant would be a cost-sharing one, so we are still looking at some portion of a potentially sizable project cost.

The Counterproductive



Recent social media speculation has projected an unwarranted note of concern onto some of our members. There is no justification to expect imminent calamity. You can be sure random posts on social media are not being made by members of the Dam Task Force. The office and the Board have the latest, accurate, information.

Pooling our ignorance on social media may seem innocuous to those who post, but please remember that airing uncorroborated speculation may lead our neighbors to serious misconceptions and needless worry.

Rumor, half-truths, misinformation: trumpeting these is not intended to clarify. Rather than take the unsupported word of someone who does not have current or complete information, speak with the office or the Board and get the facts.

The Facts

We are all understandably interested in this critical piece of our infrastructure.

Beaver Lake Association wants all our members to understand what is going on with our dam, and indeed, with all of our infrastructure. The Association will continue to report at Board meetings when there is new information, and explain how that new information might affect our progress. We will continue to let our community know where we are every step along the way.

Members can learn the latest information by attending a Board meeting. Those always occur on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm in the clubhouse. Meeting minutes contain regular overview updates on our progress, and we will continue to report new information at Board meetings and in the official meeting minutes. Minutes can be found in our [website's document library](#).

In addition, the Dam Task Force will publish future reports on our website and in our newsletters when new information is available.

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As you can see, the entire process will likely be an extended one involving multiple entities. We encourage members to attend Board meetings and read our newsletters and website news posts to keep current. Questions should be directed to the office and/or Board.

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!

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!

Swimming Pool & Coconuts Open Soon

The swimming pool and Coconuts snack shack opened Saturday, May 25, 2024

Hours for both are Noon to 7:00pm, 7 days per week, weather permitting.

(It must be above 70 degrees, not raining, etc.)

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

