Beaver Lake June 2025 News

2025 Lawn Watering Restrictions

Effective April 1, 2025, all Beaver Lake Properties are under lawn watering restrictions due to the lake level being down as we move into spring. Lawn watering restrictions are enacted by the Board of Directors when the lake level is down 12" or more. Currently we are 14" low. You can see the current lake level and temperature by going to the link on the front page of the Beaver Lake website. The lawn watering restrictions work as follows. If your address ends in an **even** number, you may water your lawn on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** each week. If your address ends in an **odd** number, you may water on **Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday** of each week. Please limit your watering timeframe to morning and evenings to avoid evaporation. These restrictions apply whether you pull water directly from the lake or use water from the distribution system. As conditions change, we will put updates on Website for your use. These water rationing guidelines are also on page 87 of the Beaver Lake Handbook. We ask that you respectfully follow these guidelines to ensure that all property owners have the chance to water vegetation as well as maintain the level of our drinking water source. If the regulations are violated, Beaver Lake personnel have the authority to issue a violation of the Handbook rules. Rule 401 of the liquidated damages schedule provides that a $50 fine may be imposed for a violation of Emergency water regulations. Please set or control your lawn watering schedule effective immediately. We appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

Troy Weatherby
Managing Director
Beaver Lake Association

BLA Annual Election Results

Julie Wagner and Lindsey Barrett were elected to the Beaver Lake Board of Directors on Sunday, May 18, 2025. Ballot questions regarding lot sales were all defeated.

Board Results:

302	Julie Wagner
248	Lindsey Barrett
175	Matt Larson

Lot Sales Results:

Lot 462	No 199	Yes 188
Lot 719	No 210	Yes 179
Lot 968	No 195	Yes 194

Votes were cast as follows:

274	Proxy Ballots Counted
116	Walk-In Ballots Counted
390	Total Proxies + Walk-Ins, All Valid

Beaver Lake Association

BLA Lots for Sale

Equestrian Lot E-6 is for sale. The asking price is $200,000. The lot is 5+ acres and is located on Rock Bluff Road and 27th Avenue. A for sale sign is placed on the frontage for identification.

Lot 1030 is also for sale. The address is 8893 Verdon Circle and it's a B lot. The asking price is $40,000. Look for the BLA For Sale sign.

Contact the Beaver Lake Office for more info: 402-235-2241

Beaver Lake Women's Auxiliary

The Beaver Lake Women's Auxiliary held its opening meeting of 2025 on April 7th. Deb Leffler, representing Teammates at Conestoga schools, presented an informative program about the need for mentors in this program. During the meeting, our scholarship winners were announced: Ryleigh Hill, Alyssa Batt and Logan Lutt as the alternate. We had 14 applicants this year. Each one had exceptional records making the final decision difficult. Congratulations to the recipients. We also discussed additional items needed around the lake that we can check into following our two upcoming fundraisers. We were pleased to contribute to the Egg Hunt in Murray put on by the Girl Scouts.

Our April outing was a trip to the Bess Street Aldrich house in Elmwood. A program on antique jewelry and a fabulous tea were held at the Church next door.

Since our May meeting fell on Cinco de Mayo, several members met for lunch at Vida Cantina before the meeting. This meeting was mostly taken up by planning for our **Annual Garage Sale which will be held June 6th & 7th**. Jodi Kriegler and Rita Lawson are the chairs for this project. We will be welcoming donations at the clubhouse on Thursday, June 5th, from 9:00 am on. Money earned from this sale will go to our scholarships and to the purchase of items needed around the lake. We're very appreciative of donors and buyers alike. Lunch will be available as well both Friday and Saturday.

Our next outing will be an evening trip to Scatter Joy Acres. This will be spouse included. Anyone interested in joining our group should contact me at annmcgee.mcgee@gmail.com.

-Ann McGee

Beaver Lake Fishing Club

Our next big public event is the annual **Kids Fishing Derby**. This will be held on June 14th. It is open to anyone 12 and under. You do not have to be a lot owner to take part in this event. I would like to thank Matthew Shoop for stepping up and taking over the vacant Kids Derby Coordinator position. If you have any questions about the Derby or would like to donate for it, you can contact Matt at 402-495-0623 or matthew.shoop@yahoo.com.

Swimming Pool & Coconuts Open

The swimming pool and Coconuts snack are open for the summer!

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!

Swimming Lessons

Use the QR code above or fill out the form from the link on the BLA website:
https://www.beaverlakene.org/bla-summer-swim-lessons/

Lake Patrol Announcements

Summer is here - time for your annual boat and jetski stickers, golf cart/ATV/UTV stickers and pet tags! All three were due by **May 1st**!

*** GAU Stickers**

Here's what you need to do:

1. Gather Documents: Make sure you have your proof of insurance.
2. Enter your Data: https://forms.office.com/r/THtwUjuJN8
3. Visit: Call and schedule an appointment with Lake Patrol on Tuesday or Friday afternoons - 402.235.2243. Or swing by the Boat Ramp Office during our business hours. (See below) We will assist you there.
4. Fees: The annual registration fee remains $50.

*** Boat Stickers**

Here's what you need to do:

1. Gather Documents: Make sure you have your registration.
2. Complete your Online Boat Registration & Water Safety Exam: https://www.beaverlakene.org/online-boat-registration/
3. Swing by the Boat Ramp Office during our business hours. (See below) Our friendly staff will assist you with the registration process.
4. Fees: The annual boat sticker fee is $75 for primary vessels, $100 for secondary vessels, and $125 for wake surfing stickers.

*** Pet Tags**

1. Gather Documents: Make sure you have your vaccination record.
2. Enter your Data: https://www.beaverlakene.org/2025-pet-licenses/ or stop by the office for a form.
3. Fees: The annual pet tag renewal is $10 per pet.

*** New Boat Ramp Hours** for the Summer starting Friday, May 2nd:

Mon - Fri 1p - 5p / Sat 9a - 5p / Sun 12p - 5p

Feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.
Thank you for helping to keep our community safe and organized!

Patrol Office: 402-235-2243 / security@beaverlakene.org

Lake Patrol Updates

*** NEW for 2025!**

Important Announcement: New Watercraft Pre-Approval Process

We are pleased to inform you about a new update regarding the acquisition of watercraft in our community. To enhance safety and compliance, we are introducing a pre-approval process for all new watercraft purchases.

Starting January 1, 2025, all "new-to-you" watercraft must submit a pre-approval request before bringing the watercraft into our community. This ensures that all new watercraft adhere to our safety and environmental standards.

How to Submit a Pre-Approval Request:

1. Complete the Watercraft Pre-Approval Form available at https://forms.office.com/r/3QcHJi0tRV
2. Provide detailed information about the watercraft, including type, size, and safety features.
3. Submit the completed form online.

Once your request is reviewed, you will receive confirmation from the Beaver Lake Patrol office. Please ensure all newly purchased watercraft are approved before use to avoid any inconvenience.

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining the safety and integrity of our community. Should you have any questions, please contact the BLA Patrol Office at 402-235-2243.

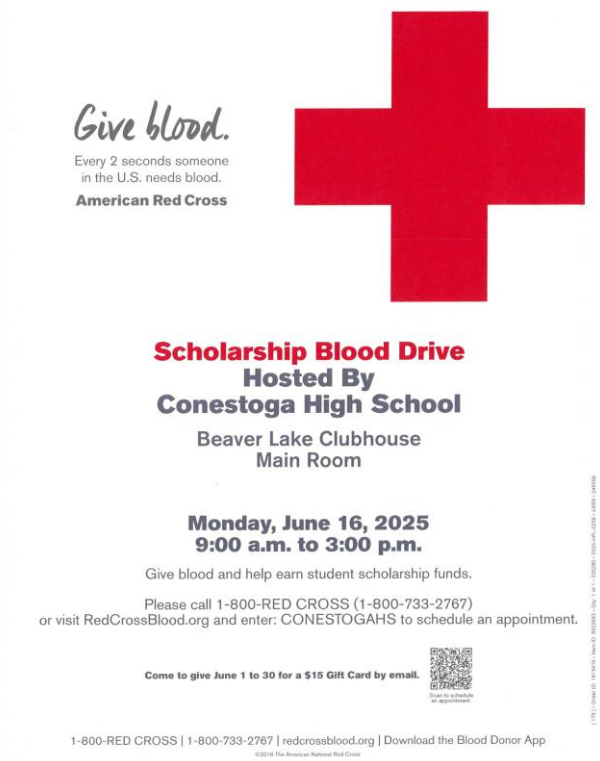
Thank you for your attention to this important update.

Conestoga Blood Drive

Hosted at Beaver Lake on 6-16-25!

Give blood and help earn student scholarship funds.

Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter CONESTOGAHS to schedule.



From Your Friends at the BLA Office

Lake Temperature & Lake Level:
Lake temp and level now available on the front page of the BLA Website! Check it out!

Beaver Lake's 2024 Water Quality Report Posted:

Check out the Forms Section (under Information) on the BLA Website to see the
2024 Water Quality Report

Brush Site: The Brush Site re-opened for the year at the beginning of March.

Save the Date for the MVFD Beach Party Fundraiser:
This annual event will take place on Saturday, August, 16, 2025.

New Dues & Water Rates for 2025

- Water and Sewer rates are now a base of $19.00 for water and $13.50 for sewer. Then each 1000 gallons after will be $4.27 for water and $2.99 for sewer.
- 2024 Dues rates will be $316.62 per quarter for a total of $1266.48 for the year.

Calendar Reservations

Property owners can make 2025 reservations for the **campground**, the three **pavilions** as well as 2025 & 2026 Clubhouse reservations now.

Stay tuned. Reservations for the pool will begin sometime soon.

Cassidy at the office will help you with your reservations. 402-235-2241

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!

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.

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.
- Sign up for Beaver Lake emails on the front page of the Website so you can read the monthly newsletter and be notified of emergencies.
- We'd love to have you fill out a Membership Info Form if you haven't already!

What you can do to prevent cross connections and keep your drinking water safe.

1. **Check your faucets** to be sure that all faucet endpoints are above the flood level of the sink, tub, basin, or other apparatus they supply.

2. **Protect faucet extensions** by installing proper backflow prevention devices (i.e. hose bib vacuum breakers) on all faucets capable of having a hose or other extension attached.

3. **Check drain lines** (refrigerator drink dispensers, water softeners, heat exchangers, etc.) to be sure there is an adequate air gap between the drain line and the floor drain or sewer line into which they discharge.

4. **Never use unprotected faucets** to fill non-drinking water containers (i.e. water beds, wading pools, stock tanks, hot tubs, etc.)

Following these guide lines and using common sense will help to eliminate the possibility of you contaminating **your** drinking water, your **neighbor's** drinking water and your **community's** drinking water. This not only affects the residents of your community, but their visitors and those people who are passing through.

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Quality On Tap!
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BACKFLOW PREVENTION

AND

THE CUSTOMER

Helping Keep Our Water Safe !!

NeRWA NEBRASKA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

Nebraska's Safe Drinking Water Act requires water systems to implement an on-going cross connection control program. An important part of this program is public education. It is believed that a well-informed public will be more aware of the possibility of cross connections within their property and will take reasonable and sensible precautions to avoid creating cross connections on their property. This brochure is intended to explain what a cross connection is, what causes it, what some of the consequences can be, and how it can be prevented.

What is a cross connection?

A cross connection occurs whenever there is an actual or potential physical connection between the public drinking water system and any possible source of contamination.

Sources of contamination can include both high hazard materials, which can cause illness or death, and low or non-hazardous materials which are mainly just a nuisance and can cause the water to look, taste or smell unpleasant. Although the high hazards are the primary concern in a cross connection control program, your water utility strives to provide both safe and good quality water to its customers. Whenever there is a loss of pressure in the public water supply, these cross connections can allow unsafe substances to enter the public water supply.

What causes cross connections?

Cross connections can be caused by both permanent and temporary "piping". An example of a cross connection being permanently piped in is the drain on a water softener. Many times these discharge lines are connected directly to the sewer line without any type of protection. Hot tub and whirlpool fill pipes and swimming pool and boiler make-up lines are other examples of permanently piped cross connections.

The most common example of a temporary piped cross connection is the common garden hose. It is estimated that 90% of all cross connections are caused by the inappropriate use of garden hoses. Garden hoses are frequently used to apply fertilizer and pesticides to lawns and gardens. They are also used to fill swimming pools, wash cars, and in rural areas, they are often used to fill stock tanks for watering cattle, horses, and other livestock.

Other temporary piping cross connections occur when hoses are used to fill waterbeds or are connected to utility sinks to fill wash tubs or mop buckets.

What are the consequences of cross connections?

The consequences of cross connections can range from something as simple as "dirty water" to something as severe as serious illness or even death. There are many recorded instances of non-hazardous contamination of public water supplies caused by cross connections. In one case, a line used for cleaning a distilling vat in a wine bottling company was left open, and an entire vat of wine flowed back into the public water system. Although this was not a health hazard, and most of the customers liked the water they drank, this cross connection could have had far deadlier results if it had been something other than wine in the vat.

There are many instances recorded where people have been made seriously ill or even died due to cross connections.

There have been cases where dysentery, diarrhea, hepatitis and even polio have been contracted as a direct result of a cross connection.

How can cross connections be prevented?

The best way to prevent cross connections is for each customer to examine the plumbing on their premises and look for any permanent or temporary piped cross connections. Any time there is the possibility of a cross connection between the water supply and any hazardous or unknown substance, there should be an air gap between the faucet and the questionable use.

In cases where this is not possible, as with a garden hose, a proper backflow prevention device or assembly should be installed on the supply faucet. This will protect both the public water supply and the inhabitants of the building from contamination.

In situations where extremely high hazards exist in a building or location, it is sometimes necessary to contain that entire system from the public water supply with a backflow preventer to protect the public water supply from the substances being used on that site.