

Beaver Lake August 2025 News

Infrastructure Committee Report

Life evolves. With the appearance of zebra mussels, aquatic weed growth here has adapted. We need to adapt too so that aquatic weeds don't proliferate out of control. A new project this year is to develop an aquatic weed control plan.

We also have three major structure repair concerns: the dam, the southwest inflow culvert, and now the pool.

Aquatic Weeds

Our goal is to have developed a flexible aquatic weed control plan ready to implement next spring. We are currently researching weed growth trends, both here and in other area lakes. Learning about the methods other lakes have used will help us narrow our list of potential options.

We are also investigating lake weed harvesting equipment, including when and how it works best. Economic concerns will be considered as well.

Dam

While we [still] await word from FEMA regarding our grant request, we have undertaken some less costly preliminary work.

The piezometers we installed have now had time to collect data. After that data has been analyzed, we'll have more information about fluctuating water levels inside the dam.



Meanwhile, we also had engineers perform GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) and targeted core drilling (for visual inspection beneath the concrete) on the spillway. Those results indicated some shallow areas to reinforce. In the coming weeks we expect HEI engineers to provide suggestions for reinforcement.



Culvert

HEI is now developing a repair design plan. The NRD (Lower Platte South Natural Resources District) has awarded us a grant for 50% of our incurred costs so far. Once we finalize the design plan, we expect to put the work out for bid. We hope to get construction done in the fall, when weather conditions are most suitable.



Pool

Our 52-year-old pool is showing its age. It has already exceeded its anticipated lifespan, and it will be necessary to replace it with either another pool or some other community use recreational area.

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For drainage reasons, a new pool would have to be relocated to higher ground. Whatever we put there would still be part of the clubhouse complex.

BLA will be seeking input from the community regarding what it would like to do. Your opinions will be the foundation for decisions on this project, so it's important for as many memberships as possible to weigh in.

In the near future, members can expect to see a survey. The information you provide on it will be a quantifiable way for BLA to understand the community's interests. We'll have more information as we go forward, so please stay tuned.

Attending a Board meeting is the best way to stay up to date on BLA matters. Those meetings are always held at the clubhouse at 7:30 pm on the third Thursday of the month. Minutes from the previous Board and Infrastructure Committee meetings, plus project reports, are available in the [Document Library](#) on our website.

Swim Lesson Success

We're thrilled to share that 52 kids participated in our swimming lessons this year! Their enthusiasm and progress in the water have been inspiring. Big thanks to the instructors and families.



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

Fishing Club News

Hello everyone! Wasn't it nice to finally get an actual spring this year? Seems like summer has finally made its appearance with 100-degree temperatures in the forecast. With those higher temperatures fishing can become somewhat difficult. All I can say is search deeper, especially with the clearer water from the Zebra Mussels. Bass and Crappie are still biting fairly well. Bluegill and Perch are also quite abundant around and in the weed beds. I have also seen some really big blue, and flathead catfish being caught. If you like drum, they have become extremely plentiful in our lake. A friend and I actually caught 45 of them one evening fishing for crappie in deep water. Wipers on Top Water have also been caught recently.

On June 14th the fishing club held its annual Kids fishing derby. It turned out to be a warm but otherwise beautiful day for the event. We had 192 kids and family members show up and participate this year. This year's big winners are as follows:

Mason Newland – 12 fish.
Hank Urbanowski – 9 fish.
Elsie Urbanowski – 7 fish.
Big fish: Dominic Smejkal – 17.5"
Largemouth Bass.



I'd like to thank Matthew Shoop for taking over the kids' derby coordinator position. He did a fabulous job. I would also like to thank the rest of the club members who do so much work behind the scenes and those that showed up and helped on derby day. As I always say, it takes a team to prepare for and execute all of our events so that they are a success. We have an outstanding group of people in our fishing club.

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July 12th was the club's membership fish fry; we had over 60 club members and family show up for this event. Crappie, Spoonbill, Pollack, Walleye, and Halibut were cooked and enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone that brought side dishes and desserts. In my humble opinion, everything was delicious.

If you have ever considered trying your luck in one of the many fishing club tournaments, we still have some scheduled for this year. We encourage everyone

to give them a try. The remaining tournaments are as follows:

August 8th – Evening Bass
 August 23rd – Catfish
 September 13th – Bass
 September 27th – Crappie
 October 11th – Bass
 October 18th – Bluegill (Catch/cook)
 November 1st – Crappie

This fall on September 28th the fishing club is going to hold a habitat build. The building will take place behind Beaver Lake maintenance shop at 8 in the morning. These structures serve as homes and hideouts for many of our lakes fish species. October 8th at 8 in the morning we are planning on placing everything we build in pre-approved Corp of Engineers locations. Everyone is welcome to show up and help on one or both of these days.



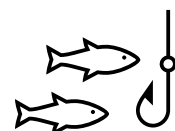
After a day or even a few hours out fishing, please consider filling out a Creel Survey. This only takes a few minutes to complete. Here's how you go about it. Simply go online to: <https://www.beaverlakene.org/fish-creel-survey/>

A very big thanks to all of you that already take part in these surveys. They are a big help in lake management and stocking decisions.

That's all I have for this edition. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call or email me. My information is at the end of this article.

Tight Lines Y'all!

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Lake Patrol Announcements

The Boat Ramp will be open regular hours through August 10th to sticker both boats and GAUs (Golf carts/ATVs/UTVs.) M-F 1-5pm, Sat 9-5, Sun Noon-5

Starting August 11th, the ramp will only be open on the weekends

Sat 8-16: 9-5

Sun 8-17: Noon-5

Sat 8-23: 9-5

Sun 8-24: Noon-5

Sat 8-30: 9-5

Sun 8-31: Noon-5

All hours are weather permitting.

After the end of August, the boat ramp office will be closed for the season.
Contact the Patrol Office with questions: 402-235-2243.

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.

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

Swimming Pool & Coconuts

Thank you for visiting the Coconuts and Swimming Pool this season!

We will be open regular hours through Sunday 8-10-25

Then open weekends only:

Sat 8-16 & Sun 8-17

Sat 8-23 & Sun 8-24

Sat 8-30, Sun 8-31 & Mon 9-1

Noon – 7pm

(Weather permitting*)

We are excited to see you as we finish out our summer!

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

MVFD Beach Party Fundraiser



19th Annual BEAVER LAKE



BEACH PARTY

Supporting Murray Fire &
Rescue



August 16th 5pm-10pm



FREE FOOD, DRINKS, (BEER, POP, + WATER) + MORE!

\$5 DONATION AT THE DOOR / 5PM-10PM / LIVE MUSIC BY NEON KINGS

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO MURRAY FIRE + RESCUE!
PURCHASE LAKE APPAREL TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR HEROES!**

<https://beaverlakebeachparty.square.site/>



THE BEAVER LAKE CLUB HOUSE
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PLATTSMOUTH, NE 68048



EVENT SPONSORSHIP:

If you are interested in sponsoring this event please call 402-670-8823 or email kkielian@kw.com with any questions

From Your Friends at the BLA Office

Important Notice:

With zebra mussels in the lake, BLA recommends that you wear water shoes at the beach area.

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 on the BLA Website to see the [2024 Water Quality Report](#)



Calendar Reservations

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

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!