

Beaver Lake October 2025 News

Lake Patrol Announcements

Lake Patrol Update: Fall Safety & Winterization Tips

As the vibrant colors of fall settle over Beaver Lake, it is a great time to enjoy the crisp air and peaceful scenery. It is also the perfect time to prepare your property and recreational equipment for the colder months ahead. The Lake Patrol team would like to share a few seasonal reminders to help keep our community safe and ready for winter.

Fall Safety Tips

Watch for Leaves & Debris: Fallen leaves can make roads, trails, and docks slippery. Please clear walkways regularly and drive cautiously. Our debris site is open for you to dispose of leaves. Please do not leave bags there! Also, it is against our community guidelines to blow your leaves into the lake!

Shorter Days = Less Light: With earlier sunsets, ensure outdoor lighting is working properly and carry flashlights if walking after dusk. Please walk against the flow of oncoming traffic for your safety!

Fire Safety: If you are enjoying a fire pit, keep it contained and supervised. Always extinguish fires completely.

Winterization Reminders

Boats: Remove boats from the water before freezing temperatures arrive.

Water Systems: Drain outdoor faucets and irrigation systems to avoid burst pipes.

Property Checks: If you are away for the season, arrange for someone to check your property periodically for safety and security. Please be sure that your Membership Information Form has been updated with your current email and phone numbers in case of emergency!

Lake Patrol Notes

Registration Reminder: All recreational use vehicles must be registered to operate within Beaver Lake. No motorized vehicles may be operated on Association Access Lots!

Trespassing Alert: Please do not enter other members' lot without permission. Respecting property boundaries is essential to community harmony. Please educate your children on what this means.

Report Concerns: If you notice any safety hazards contact the Lake Patrol or Association office promptly.

Thank you for helping us keep Beaver Lake safe, peaceful, and beautiful year-round. If you have questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out.

Stay Safe and enjoy the season!

- Beaver Lake Patrol Team

Nature & Garden Club News

I asked the internet for ideas for fall projects and boy did I get an abundance of information. AI told me: Fall gardening projects include planting cool-weather vegetables like garlic, lettuce, and spinach; sowing seeds for spring flowers and cover crops; planting spring-blooming bulbs; and adding decorative items like pumpkins and ornamental grasses. You can also mulch beds, prune shrubs, and take cuttings from favorite plants to propagate them for next year.



Planting & Sowing

- Fall Vegetables include quick-growing vegetables like lettuce, spinach, radishes, arugula, and mustard greens.

Garlic: October is an ideal month to plant garlic cloves. That's when I will be planting mine. Now is the time to order your garlic.

- Spring Flowers: Sow seeds for spring-blooming flowers and plant spring-flowering bulbs like tulips, daffodils, and crocuses.

Cover Crops: Sow seeds for green manure crops like rye, clover, or vetch to protect soil and add nutrients for the next season.

Maintenance & Preparation

- Mulch Beds: Apply a layer of straw, shredded leaves, or bark mulch to prevent weed growth and soil erosion.
- Prune Shrubs: Prune trees and shrubs to remove overgrown or crossing branches and improve airflow for spring growth.
- Rake Leaves: Clear fallen leaves from your lawn to prevent smothering the grass.
- Organize Sheds: Organize garden tools and clean out your shed to prepare for the coming spring. Make sure your garden tools are in tip-top shape and consider mulching to enrich the soil.



Propagation & Decoration

- Take Cuttings from favorite plants like geraniums, coleus, and herbs to overwinter as new plants for next year.
- Add Fall Decor: Arrange pumpkins, gourds, and ornamental grasses to add seasonal charm to your landscape. This website has some great ideas: <https://www.provenwinners.com/learn/fall-garden-ideas>.
- Install Lighting: Use solar lanterns or string lights to illuminate garden paths as the nights grow longer.
- Plant Bird-Friendly Plants: Plan and plant a songbird border with indigenous, berry-producing shrubs and seed-bearing perennials to attract birds in the spring. Fall is a great time to plant both shrubs and perennials. If you live in a cold area, plant in early fall so there's no risk of an unexpected cold snap damaging your new plants.

Our last meeting of the season is Thursday, Oct 23rd. It is our social meeting and it is a potluck dinner. We will start at 6:00pm that evening and everyone brings a dish to share. More info will come out about this meeting during the first full week of October.

As always if you have a topic or speaker that you would like to have at our meeting for next season (April 2026 thru Oct 2026), please let us know.

- Have a great fall from the Nature & Garden Club.



BLA Emergency Phone Number

The direct dial phone number is 402-235-2242. If you have a true maintenance emergency such as a water line break, fallen tree on a road or power line, sewer back up, see a lift station light flashing or some other emergency, please contact the maintenance personnel at this number. If there is no answer, please try the phone number again. **Please take the time as you read this article and write the phone # down where you can easily access it.** This is a direct line that will allow you immediately access a person to help you with your emergency. Again, we ask that you only use it for a true maintenance emergency.

For any security issues where you need to speak with our security officer, please dial 402-235-2243 and leave a message if no one answers. They will return your call as soon as possible.

If you have a true security or health related emergency, please dial 911. The Cass County Sheriff's Department non-emergency phone # is 402-296-9370.

Thank you.

Troy Weatherby, BLA Managing Director

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

Winter Storage at Campground

Beaver Lake lot owners can now store RVs, campers, boats, jet skis, and enclosed or open trailers. Storage will be at the campground.

Cost is \$50 per month. November through March. (No prorating)

Insurance required with signed contract.

Contact Cassidy at the BLA office for information: 402-235-2241



Beaver Lake Dues & Utility Billing Cards

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By now, most BLA property owners are familiar with the orange and white postcards that come in the mail from the Beaver Lake Association.

Beaver Lake Association Dues and Utilities are billed on the same card. Normally the billing is sent on the 21st or 22nd of each month. Utilities are billed every month. Dues are billed quarterly.

BLA dues and utility bills are always due on the 20th of each month.

The BLA Services page on the Beaver Lake Website contains all the pertinent information: <https://www.beaverlakene.org/bla-services/>

Utility Billing Information

- Base Rate: Water: \$19.00, Sewer: \$13.50
 - Each 1,000 gallons: Water: \$4.27, Sewer: \$2.99
 - Water and Sewer are billed per 1,000 gallons
 - Sewer is billed based upon water usage
- (Rates shown do not include taxes)



Dues Billing Information

- Association Dues: Annually: \$1098.48, Quarterly: \$274.62
- Infrastructure: Annually: \$168.00, Quarterly: \$42.00
- Current Dues Total: Annually: \$1266.48, Quarterly: \$316.62
- Association dues are billed and **due** quarterly in Feb, May, Aug, and Nov.

Payments

BLA Dues & Utility bill payments are due to the BLA office on the 20th of each month. Make sure to mail any payments several days in advance as they must be received in our office (or the payment drop box in the Clubhouse parking lot) by the 20th. Online payments made through the BLA Website or directly through your bank are not received by our office until one to two business days later. So, those electronic payments must be made several days in advance of the 20th due date as well.



Please call the BLA office (402-235-2241) or visit the BLA Website (<https://www.beaverlakene.org/>) for more information.

Thank you from your friends at the BLA Office!

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!

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!

Murray Volunteer Fire & Rescue News

From Phones to Power Tools: The Murray Fire Department Urges Residents to Know the Risks of Lithium-Ion Batteries this Fire Prevention Week

The theme for Fire Prevention Week™, October 5–11, 2025, is “Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home.”

(9/25/25) — The Murray fire department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) — the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) for more than 100 years — to promote this year’s FPW campaign, “Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home.” It highlights how important it is to buy, charge, and recycle lithium-ion batteries safely.

Most of the electronics we use in our homes every day — smartphones, tablets, power and lawn tools, laptops, e-cigarettes, headphones, and toys, to name just a few — are powered by lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most everything that’s rechargeable uses this type of battery.

If not used correctly or if damaged, lithium-ion batteries can overheat, start a fire, or even explode. To reduce these risks, look around your home — it’s important to know which devices are powered by them. “Lithium-ion batteries are powerful, convenient, and they’re just about everywhere,” said Fire Chief Joe Spicciati. This Year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign helps people understand the importance of using these batteries correctly to prevent fires in the home and to follow the Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely approach.”

Buy only listed products.

- When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, take time to research it. Look for a stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab on the packaging and product, which means that it meets important safety standards.
- Many products sold online and in stores may not meet safety standards and could increase the risk of fire.

Charge devices safely.

- Always use the cords that came with the product to charge it. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer.
- If you need a new charger, buy one from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.
- Charge your device on a hard surface. Don’t charge it under a pillow, on a bed, or on a couch. This could cause a fire.
- Don’t overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it’s fully charged.

Recycle batteries responsibly.

- Don’t throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could catch fire.
- Recycling your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location is the best way to dispose of them. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.

The Murray fire department encourages all residents to be aware of their devices, follow the Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely approach, and support this year’s FPW theme, “Charge into Fire Safety™.”

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and lithium-ion battery safety: [Click Here](#)

(The following pages are provided by the Murray Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department)

Charge into Fire Safety™

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Topic: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home

Audience: Adults who use rechargeable devices and would benefit from learning how to help reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires.

Lesson Objective: By the end of the mini-lesson, attendees will be able to:

- Identify common household devices powered by lithium-ion batteries.
- Demonstrate safe behaviors when buying, charging, and recycling lithium-ion battery-powered products.



Educational Messages to Review:

Chapter 20: Battery Safety
20.1 Lithium-Ion Batteries
20.3 Battery Disposal

Step 1: Introduction (2 Minutes)

Greet participants and thank them for their time.

- Introduce yourself and briefly share your connection to the community.
- Explain the purpose of your visit:

"Today we're going to talk about something in your home—lithium-ion batteries. Most of the rechargeable electronics we use in our homes every day are powered by lithium-ion batteries."

HOOK: "How many rechargeable electronics are in your home right now? A smartphone, a tablet, e-cigarettes, headphones, maybe an e-bike or power and lawn tools? These items are often right next to our beds, couches, and kids."

Allow participants to discuss lithium-ion powered electronics they have in their home.

"Lithium-ion batteries store a lot of energy in a small place. These batteries can overheat, start a fire, or explode if overcharged or damaged. Let's learn how to Buy, Charge, and Recycle these batteries safely to help prevent a lithium-ion battery fire in your home."

Step 2: Body of the Presentation (7 minutes)

Use visual aids and real devices to demonstrate key points. Pass around or hold up examples like a phone, laptop, or toy with a lithium-ion battery. Show packaging with the safety certification stamp (e.g., UL, ETL, CSA).

BUY only listed products

When buying something with a lithium-ion battery, take time to research the product. Look for a safety certification stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab like UL, ETL, or CSA. This means the product meets important safety standards.

- **Optional:** Show a device with a safety certification stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab (e.g., UL, ETL). Ask participants to locate the safety certification mark on the device or point it out to them.
- Explain that it's important to be careful with online or off-brand products that may not meet safety standards.
- Encourage participants to buy new chargers from the manufacturer or buy one that the manufacturer has approved. Resist the temptation to buy a cheap cable that may not be made for your device.
- Bring in one or two generic third-party chargers and compare them to a manufacturer-approved charger. Have participants spot the differences—logos, safety stamp from nationally recognized testing lab, cable thickness, etc.



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— Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home —

CHARGE devices safely

- Explain that you should always use the cables that came with the product to charge and follow manufacturer instructions.
Ask: "Where do YOU usually charge your phone, laptop, or tablet? Is that a hard, flat surface?" Participants can turn and share with a neighbor or write down their answer and reflect.
- Tell participants to charge devices on a hard surface. Don't charge it under a pillow, on a bed, or on a couch. This could cause a fire.
- **Optional:** Demonstrate or show images of safe charging locations versus unsafe ones (e.g., couch versus table). Participants can engage with a thumbs up for safe charging locations and thumbs down for unsafe charging locations.
- Say, "Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the charging battery when it's fully charged."
- Explain that it's best to charge large devices (e-bikes, e-scooters, tools) outside, away from doors and windows.
- Show photos of e-bike, e-scooter, tools charging using best practices—charging outdoors or in a safe, ventilated area.

Signs of a problem:

"If your device gets too hot, starts to smell strange, makes popping noises, or has changes in shape or color, stop using it right away. If it's safe, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call 9-1-1."

Optional:

Show a sample device or images of damaged devices and point out damage.

RECYCLE batteries responsibly

- Hold up a small lithium-ion battery or a device (or show an image).
Ask: "Where would YOU throw this away?"
- Explain that you should use the following tips when disposing of batteries:
 - ✓ Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire.
 - Ask:** "Did you know that recycling batteries helps the environment? The materials in the batteries can be reused."
 - ✓ Recycling your devices or batteries at a safe battery recycling location is the best way to get rid of them.
 - ✓ Visit call2recycle.org to find a drop-off location near you.
 - ✓ To prevent fires:
 1. Tape the positive (+) side of the battery with clear packing tape, electrical tape, or duct tape.
 2. Put each used battery in a clear plastic bag.

Step 3: Conclusion (1 minute)

"Many of the things we use every day—like phones, tablets, tools, and toys—use special batteries called lithium-ion batteries. These batteries are powerful, but we have to be careful with them. If we buy safe products, charge devices safely, and recycle batteries responsibly, we can help keep ourselves and our homes safe from lithium-ion battery fires."

Ask: "What's one new thing you'll do at home with your lithium-ion batteries?"

Provide/Share:

- FPW safety tip sheet
- Video about thermal runaway
- Optional: a QR code or link to fpw.org

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Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

Charging an E-bike

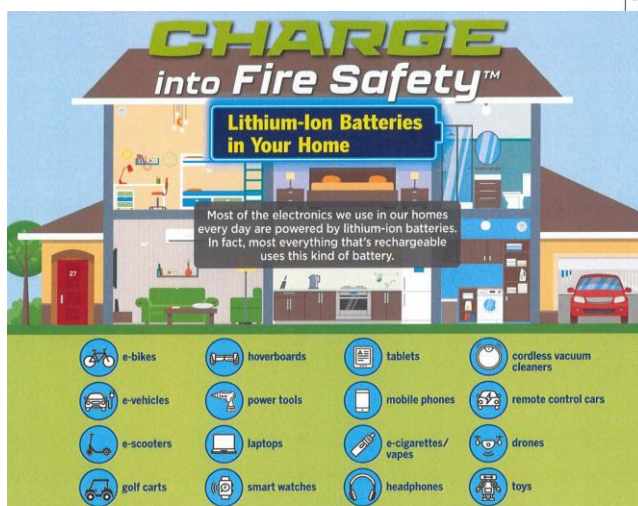
Charge your battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards, and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling.



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LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES store a lot of energy in a small place. These batteries can overheat, start a fire, or explode if overcharged or damaged. By learning how to **BUY**, **CHARGE**, and **RECYCLE** these batteries safely, you can help prevent a fire in your home.



BUY only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.



STOP using your device right away if the battery smells weird, gets too hot, makes popping noises, changes in shape or color. If it is safe, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.



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