Beaver Lake April 2026 News

BLA Board of Directors Election Notice

Important Election Information

Beaver Lake Association members have a choice of voting by proxy via email or in person at the clubhouse in our elections. All regular members get one ballot per fees-paying membership, whether voting 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. If you own multiple lots, register each one separately. Register to E-Vote

Proxy Voting

When you register to e-vote, you will need to provide your lot number, name of registered lot owner, and an email you can access during election weekend.

Be sure your lot number is correct. Be sure you can access that email during election weekend.

On the Friday evening of election weekend, you will receive an email with a link to your electronic ballot. Multiple lot registrants will receive separate emails for each lot. You will have until 3 pm on election Sunday to vote.

To vote, click the link to open your ballot, select your choices, confirm, and submit.

About two weeks before the annual meeting and election, all members will receive a notice of annual meeting and election, along with the list of candidates and their bios.

- 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 at the clubhouse on the day of the election.

Remember, if you want to vote by proxy in the coming election, registration begins in January.

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 info@beaverlakene.org.

2026 Board Candidate Profiles

Sandy Battreall

I am Sandy Battreall and running for for a position on the Beaver Lake Association Board of Directors. My husband and I have resided at Beaver Lake since February 2008.

I am currently secretary of the Board and am also the board representative for the Infrastructure Committee.

Since I have been on the board I have seen and approved many projects at the Lake. My goal is to see the completion of the Southwest Cove tubes, which the work on this will be starting soon.

The Dam is in need of repairs and I have been involved with the dam project since the beginning.

I am asking for your support and your vote in May.
Thank you!
Sandy Battreall, s_battreall@hotmail.com

Cathy Brink

My name is Cathy Brink and I'm a candidate for the Beaver Lake Association board of directors for the 2026 election. I am currently serving on the board of directors. I was appointed to fill the term of a vacant seat in September of 2024.

I have been working on a couple of important projects while on the board and look forward to continuing my work on those projects going forward. I am the board representative responsible for coordinating with the Lincoln 2.0 water project. I am working on organizing a public information meeting with the project developers for everyone in the Beaver Lake community and nearby areas affected by the project. I think our involvement and presence with the project is our best way to protect our lake from any adverse effect this project may have on us. I am also working on an initiative with local law enforcement to form an alliance with them and to get their expertise and input in ways to improve our security processes and to make sure we operate within reasonable boundaries. These two projects are both important to me and going forward, I want to continue my work on them in the coming three years.

My background prior to retirement was in the IT field, working as an IT manager and technical consultant. My past experience includes working for companies in telecommunications, food processing, insurance, and publishing. In 2001, my husband and I purchased the Beaver Lake Marina, and ran it until 2023.

I have lived at Beaver Lake full time since 1989. We raised our three daughters here and now we love to share our lake home with our children and their spouses, 15 grandchildren and their growing families. My goal is to live here and enjoy the lake for as long as the Lord allows me to. Keeping Beaver Lake a beautiful and enjoyable community is important to me. I would appreciate your vote for me to continue serving our community on the Board of Directors.

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Adam Tabor

Beaver Lake Community,
My name is Adam Tabor, and I'm seeking the opportunity to represent the community by serving on the Beaver Lake Association Board. My wife Cara and I began boating here in 2017 and moved here full-time in 2021. We value the strong sense of community and the pride people take in the lake.

I believe the lake itself has to remain our top priority. It is the reason people choose Beaver Lake, and its health ultimately protects our property values.

As a community, we need to be disciplined in how we invest. My approach is to meet core needs first by maintaining the lake and essential infrastructure, then evaluate additional improvements as resources allow.

I also believe in preserving the lake as a shared space for everyone, whether fishing, enjoying watersports, or simply spending time on the water. Supporting a sustainable water supply is an important part of that long-term stewardship.

I bring an engineering background and experience managing projects and budgets. I am committed to listening, weighing facts and perspectives, and making thoughtful decisions that represent the community as a whole.

Call or text 402-235-8248 or email AdamTBLBoard@gmail.com. I would appreciate your consideration and the opportunity to represent the community.

Sincerely,
Adam Tabor (Lot 966)

2026 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 16, 2026 7:30pm Board Meeting – BLA Clubhouse
* Board acceptance of candidates and Three-minute speeches by Board Candidates

Friday, April 24, 2026
* Last day for members to register to vote electronically (Register to E-Vote)

Friday, May 8, 2026 4:00pm BLA Office

Final date and time for BLA members to declare write-in candidacy for BLA Board of Directors

Sunday, May 17, 2026 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

Please see the Beaver Lake Association Handbook on the website for complete Election Procedures

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

Beaver Lake Patrol Spring Safety Reminders

Safety Audit: Check that all windows and door locks are functional after winter.

Outdoor Lighting: Replace burnt-out bulbs on porch lights or install motion-sensor lights to deter intruders.

Landscaping Safety: Trim back bushes or trees that may have grown too close to windows or doors.

Spring is Prime time for exterior repairs to be made or like at my house, the 'honey-do' list!

Patrol – 2026 Sticker Information

Reminder: ALL Boat Stickers, GAU's and Pet Licenses must be renewed **by May 1, 2026**!

Beaver Lake Patrol – New Watercraft Pre-Approval

To ensure all watercraft comply with the current Beaver Lake Handbook guidelines, completion of the **2026 Watercraft Pre-Approval Form** is mandatory for:

- Any watercraft not registered at Beaver Lake in 2025
- Any watercraft that is **NEW to you**.

This process helps us verify that your boat meets operational standards outlined in our handbook before it is allowed on the lake.

Please submit the form prior to purchasing or bringing your watercraft to Beaver Lake for registration. Failure to complete the pre-approval may result in delays in registration.

You must provide detailed information about the watercraft, including

- type
- size
- safety features

For approval of new watercraft, please **complete and submit this form**:

- **2026 Watercraft Pre-Approval Form**

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.

For more information, please contact the Patrol Office at 402-235-2243.

Beaver Lake Association

BLA Website Advertising

The Beaver Lake Monthly Online Newsletter and the BLA Website Recent News Section are our only sources of official BLA News. Both are located on the BLA Website. So, 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 & display 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

Beaver Lake Patrol is Hiring

Applications can be found on the BLA Website: https://www.beaverlakene.org/forms/

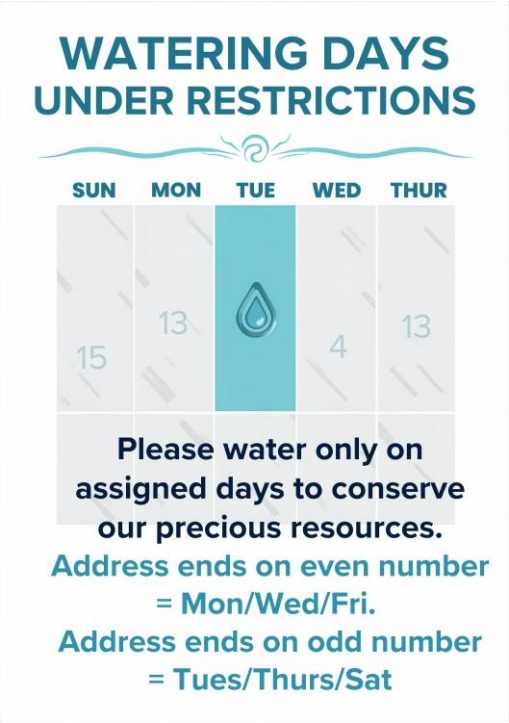
Questions?
Call or Email BLA Patrol:

402-235-2243
security@beaverlakene.org

2026 Lawn Watering Restrictions

Originally effective April 1, 2025, and still being enforced, 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 17” 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 86 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
BLA Managing Director



Subscribe to BLA Text Messages

You can sign up to get text alerts from the Beaver Lake Association from your cell phone. Please read the terms and conditions for our texting service by clicking here: **TextMyGov Terms and Conditions**. Opt-in through this link: **Sign Up**.

If you received our first text message on 1-20-26 or have received one from BLA since, then you are already signed up! Opt-out by texting “STOP” to 91896.

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 2026 mowing season. You **will not** be given 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

2026 Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 16, 2026 * 8 am - 4 pm
BLA Maintenance Shop
off Murray Road
at the SE end of the lake

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.

Nature & Garden Club

Recently, when we get together with neighbors, the conversation inevitably turns to the lake level and concerns regarding the lack of moisture this past year and the Lincoln wells. This prompted me to research predictions for spring weather in our area. This summarizes what I found: "… the spring 2026 forecast indicates a neutral, variable pattern with near-normal precipitation expected, but with lingering drought concerns." Source: AI Overview in Google, other sources said similar things.

While the overview from several sites was not 100% definitive, it made me wonder about what I could do to conserve water. There is some really good information out there so I thought I would share.

Indoor Water Conservation

- **Fix Leaks:** Repair dripping faucets, toilets, and pipes; a small leak can waste over 20 gallons daily. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons per day. That would be like flushing your toilet more than 50 times for no reason! Toilets are by far the main source of water use in the home — nearly 30 percent of all indoor residential water consumption
- **When Remodeling Upgrade Fixtures:** Install low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, and high-efficiency toilets.
- **Bathroom Habits:**
    - Take shorter showers (under 5 minutes) instead of baths. If you keep your showers to under 5 minutes, you'll save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
    - Turn off the tap while shaving or brushing teeth. Savings: up to 4 gallons a minute, or up to 200 gallons a week for a family of four.
    - When washing your hands, turn off the water while you lather.
- **Kitchen:**
    - Wash only full loads of dishes, and select the appropriate water level or load size option on the dishwasher. Scrape dishes instead of rinsing them before loading.
    - Do not use water to defrost frozen foods. Thaw foods in the refrigerator overnight.
    - Compost food waste instead of using the garbage disposal or throwing it in the trash.
- **Water Usage:** Keep drinking water in the refrigerator rather than running the tap.
- **Reuse Water:** Collect water used for washing fruits and vegetables to water houseplants.
- **Laundry:**
    - Wash only full loads of laundry or use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.
    - If replacing, consider purchasing a high efficiency washing machine, which can save over 50 percent in laundry water and energy use.

Outdoor Water Conservation

- **Landscaping:** Choose native, drought-tolerant plants that require less water.
- **Watering Habits:** Water lawns and gardens early in the morning to minimize evaporation. This prevents losing up to 50% of water to evaporation and wind during the day, while avoiding the disease risk associated with evening watering. In our case, follow any water restrictions dictated by the association.

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- **Irrigation:** Use a broom to clean driveways and sidewalks instead of a hose. Install a rain barrel to capture water from gutters.
- **Mulch:** Apply mulch around trees and plants to retain soil moisture.

One site suggested you get your kids involved with videos and resources

- WatchKnowLearn.org — 16 free educational videos (For kids ages 3 to 18). Full url: http://www.watchknowlearn.org/Category.aspx?CategoryID=10457
- Home Water Challenge — Water Use it Wisely. Full url: https://wateruseitwisely.com/saving-water-indoors/your-questions-answered/how-does-your-water-use-stack-up/

Nature & Garden Club News & Schedule

The Beaver Lake Nature & Garden Club meets at the Clubhouse the fourth Thursday night each month from April through October, usually at 7:00 p.m. Our club is open to anyone interested in gardening and the wildlife around us, learning more about it, and enjoying others who share the same interests and concerns. Our meetings are short, leaving more time for the program presenters. Anyone can join; you do not have to be from Beaver Lake. Our dues of $10.00 per year are used to pay for some very interesting programs. Nature is more a part of all of us than we give thought to. It is important to save the habitats and environment around us. Drastic changes in these affect how we live our lives. Please plan on joining us and learn to enjoy the nature around you.

April 23rd	Sandhill Cranes - speaker Sandy Douglas 6:30pm (at the Clubhouse)
May 28th	Pollinator Gardens - speakers Janel & Kait 7:00pm (at the Clubhouse)
June 25th	For the Wild Birds garden tour - Field trip 6:30pm
July 23rd	Bellevue Native Plant Society - speaker Stephanie Barelman 7:00pm (at the CH)
Aug 27th	TBA
Sept 24th	The Grass Pad - Field trip 7:00pm
Oct 22nd	Plant Nebraska - speaker Bob Hendricksen 6:30pm (at the Clubhouse)

For questions or more information, contact Janet Houston Janet.m.houston@gmail.com

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.

Cass County Emergency Management

As worded by EMA, effective immediately, Cass County is updating how tornado sirens are used.

Sirens activate in the warned area when National Weather Service issues a warning of tornado or a destructive tagged storm.

For a tornado warning, there will be one 3-minute siren activation for all locations in the warned polygon.

For any destructive tagged storm, there will be one 3-minute activation.

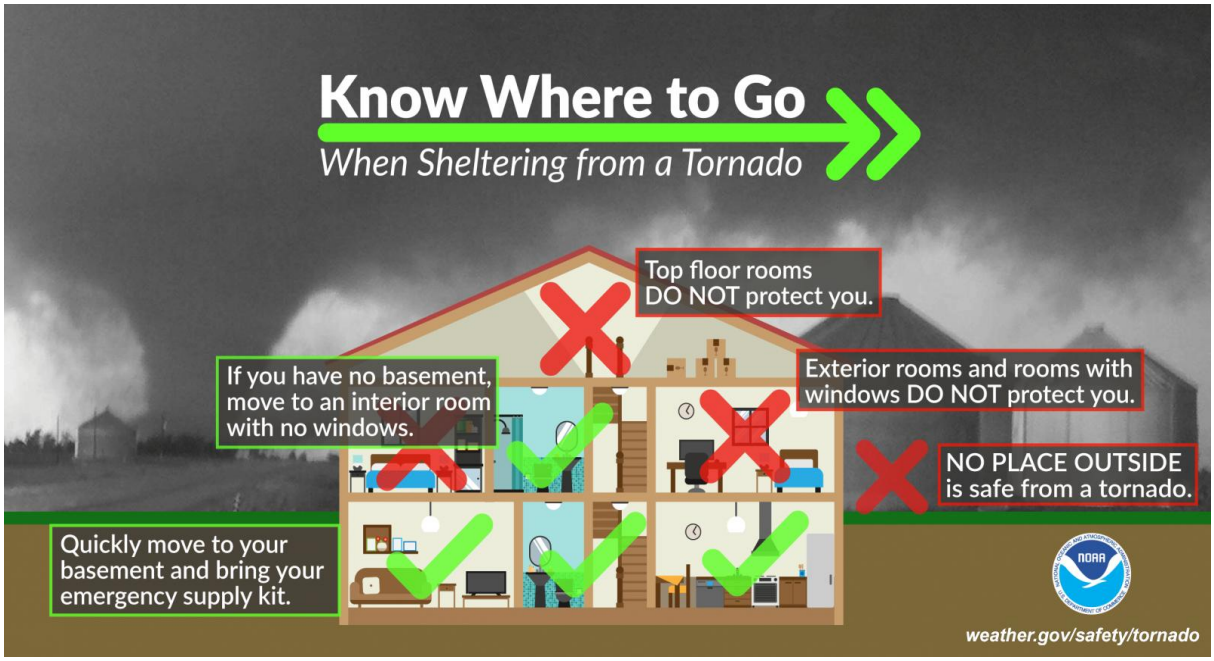
For any new tornado warned storm, there will be another one 3-minute activation.

For confirmed tornado on the ground identified by a public safety official or trained spotter sirens will sound for one 3-minute interval in the warned polygon.

There is no “all clear” siren. The sirens should not be relied on for any indoor notifications.

When sirens are activated, seek shelter immediately and obtain emergency information from reliable sources such as local media, NOAA Weather Radio, or National Weather Service. At least one battery operated device is encouraged.

Sirens are meant to reach outdoor listeners.



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Murray Volunteer Fire Department

As dry weather settles into our community, it's a good time for a quick reminder about keeping our community safe from fire. When lawns, trees, and landscaping dry out, it doesn't take much for a small spark to turn into something more serious.

It's also worth being a little extra mindful with everyday activities. Things like mowing the lawn, using outdoor equipment, or grilling can all pose a higher risk when everything is dry. A little extra awareness—like avoiding the hottest parts of the day or making sure equipment is in good working order—goes a long way.

With the dry conditions, Governor Pillen has issued a burn ban. What is a burn ban, you ask?

A burn ban is a legally enforced regulation issued by local or state authorities that prohibits or restricts outdoor fires, including trash burning, campfires, and sometimes fireworks.

Effective March 28, 2026, Governor Jim Pillen re-issued a statewide burn ban, to help reduce the potential for additional wildfires in Nebraska. Dry and windy conditions have caused the spread of significant fires in the central and western parts of the state. Gov. Pillen issued an emergency proclamation activating the deployment of state resources to help combat fires, including the use of aircraft and personnel from the Nebraska National Guard. The Governor's executive order prohibiting burning will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 10.

We're all in this together, and small steps across the neighborhood can have a big impact. Staying aware of local burn restrictions, keeping communication open with neighbors, and looking out for one another helps keep everyone safer.

Thank you for doing your part to protect your home and our community. A few simple precautions now can help prevent much bigger problems later.

Follow us on Facebook – Murray Volunteer Fire & Rescue Inc
https://www.facebook.com/groups/734540007810976/

Thanks!
Jodi Teal for Murray Volunteer Fire & Rescue Inc

Have your kids learn while having fun with this Sesame Wildfire Activity Book:
Link here

From Your Friends at the BLA Office

Beaver Lake's 2025 Water Quality Report Posted:

Check out the Forms Section (under Information) on the BLA Website to see the **2025 Water Quality Report**

Brush Site: The Brush Site re-opened for the year on March 2, 2026.

Pet Licensing: Pet licensing is due each year by May 1st. See **Link** on BLA Website.

New Dues & Water Rates for 2026

- Water and Sewer rates remain the same with 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 – plus taxes.
- 2026 Dues rates will be $333.10 per quarter for a total of $1332.40 for the year.

Calendar Reservations

Property owners can make **2026** reservations for the campground, three pavilions and Clubhouse. You can also make 2027 Clubhouse reservations.

Stay tuned. 2026 reservations for the pool will begin in late spring.

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 text messages 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!

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.