Beaver Lake May 2026 News

BLA Aquatic Weed Management Program

Good news on the aquatic weed front

Beaver Lake Association received an aquatic weed cutter on April 16, 2026. This will be the most important piece of our Aquatic Management Program. It is very exciting to see a plan come together that started years ago by the Infrastructure Committee, BLA staff, and the Board of Directors. If you have not seen it yet, please review the Aquatic Weed Management plan on the website to become more familiar with our process.

The equipment is made by Aquarius Systems out of North Prairie, Wisconsin. They have over 60 years of experience in the design and production of various types of aquatic equipment. The staff at Aquarius have been very helpful by recognizing our lake's particular ecosystem and helping us to determine what equipment will best address our needs.

Once we determined what equipment we needed, we learned that the timeframe to have the equipment built was going to take 8-9 months. The staff and owners of Aquarius systems understood we were up against another summer of thick weeds in the lake. **So in order to help us, the Aquarius owners made an effort to quickly update a 15-year-old aquatic weed cutter they brought in to their plant; we are allowed to use it for the season at no cost other than insurance and repairs**. **This is an enormous benefit for everyone at Beaver Lake**.

This loan arrangement will enable us to proceed with the cutting process this season and learn how to most efficiently and effectively operate the machinery to manage our aquatic weeds.

Beginning in September **2026** Aquarius will begin building a weed cutter for Beaver Lake based on our requirements and suggestions. This equipment will be delivered in early spring of **2027**.

Training

On April 20th and 21st BLA staff members went through training on the operation and maintenance of the weed cutting and support equipment. Some of you may have already seen it in operation in the southwest cove. In the current location, we are cutting a load every 30-35 minutes, which is excellent. Loads and timing will vary based on what we are cutting, as well as on the lake bottom topography.

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We offload approx. 440 cu. ft. of weeds each time to a stationary conveyor on the shoreline, which transfers it to a dump truck. The whole system is highly efficient and will allow us to remove weeds at a healthy pace.

Operational Downtime

We ask that everyone understand that there will be mechanical breakdowns of the equipment, and repair times will vary depending on the necessary work. Weather will also interfere with operation. For example, when it rains, we can't take the weeds to the field to dispose of them until the field dries. High winds and lightning in the area will stop operation for safety purposes. Other exigencies may arise as well, which limit expected operations. We ask everyone to exercise patience during these times.

Safety

- We ask that when the cutter is in your area, please do not distract the operator for any reason unless it is an **emergency**.
- Please stay at least 200′ away from the cutting area when the cutter is in operation.
- Stay away from the weed cutter when it is near your boat or your dock.
- Do not ask the operator to cut weeds between or around docks.
- When the weed cutter is working outside the coves, please be courteous and always **minimize your waves**.
- Please stay away from the offloading areas as well. The conveyor in operation is a dangerous place. You may observe from a distance if you want to see how it is done.

Work plan for the weed cutter

We will begin operation in the southwest cove and move clockwise around the lake. We are limited in the number of areas that we can offload the material due to the steepness of some access areas. Therefore, you may see us crossing the lake to get to an offload area. Crossing the lake will only be done in the morning hours, which is when we expect to do our weed cutting. The cutter transport speed is only 3-4 mph so please keep an eye out for it when you are on the lake.

The off-loading site will have a conveyor at the edge of the lake. We will connect the weed cutter to the conveyor to transfer the load. Once the truck is loaded, we will take the aquatic weeds to a pre-planned location to dispose of it on farm ground. Our turnaround time per trip to the field averages 18 minutes.

The farmers that we have coordinated with have been very helpful in accommodating BLA's needs to dispose of the aquatic weeds. The benefit to them is the nutrients and water provided when they break down into the soil.

I would like to thank everyone for their support on this plan and look forward to seeing the results as time goes by.

Thanks – Troy Weatherby, BLA Managing Director

Beaver Lake Patrol Safety Reminder

Please Help Keep Fire Hydrants Clear—It Could Save a Home or a Life

As warmer weather arrives and landscaping begins to grow in earnest, the Lake Patrol team would like to remind all residents of an important safety responsibility: **fire hydrants must be kept clear and accessible at all times**.

Fire hydrants are a critical resource for emergency responders. In the event of a fire, firefighters may have only minutes to connect hoses and begin suppressing flames. Trees, bushes, tall grass, decorative rocks, fencing, vehicles, or other obstacles can delay access—sometimes with serious consequences for residents, neighboring homes, and first responders.

For safety and compliance, fire hydrants should have:

- **At least 3 feet of clear space on all sides**
- **A clear line of sight from the street**
- **No landscaping, mulch, fencing, or storage items blocking access**
- **No vehicles parked in front of or directly next to hydrants**

If you have a hydrant on or near your property, please take a moment to check it regularly and trim back any encroaching vegetation. Even well-intentioned landscaping can quickly grow into an obstruction.

Keeping hydrants accessible isn't just courteous—it's essential. Emergency crews rely on these connections during some of the most critical moments, and every second truly counts.

Thank you for doing your part to help keep our community safe, prepared, and accessible for emergency responders. If you have questions about hydrant clearance or notice a blocked hydrant anywhere in the neighborhood, please contact the Lake Patrol office so the issue can be addressed promptly.

Working together, we can help ensure help is always within reach when it's needed most.

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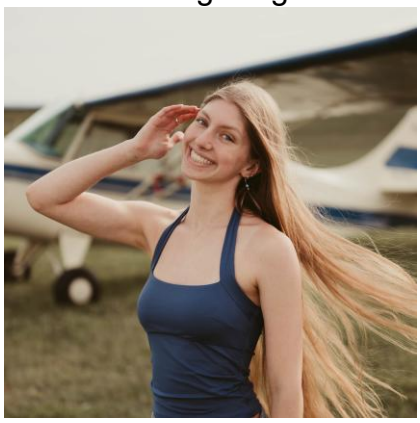
You can sign up to get text alerts from the Beaver Lake Association from your cell phone. Please read the terms and conditions for our texting service by clicking here: **TextMyGov Terms and Conditions**. Opt-in through this link: **Sign Up**.

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.

Auxiliary Scholarship Winners

The Beaver Lake Ladies' Auxiliary is pleased to announce the recipients and an alternate of our scholarships for the 2026/7 school term. All will be 2026 graduates from Conestoga High School.



Kiersten Jensen and Grant Tesarek will each receive a $500 scholarship. Evan Murrical is the alternate in case one of the scholarships cannot be used.

Kiersten is planning to attend the University of Nebraska at Omaha to study Aviation and Spanish. Grant plans to attend Wayne State College and study the field of medicine. Evan plans to pursue Business and Finance at either the University of Nebraska at Lincoln or Iowa Western.

Beaver Lake is well represented in the class of 2026!!
Our best wishes.

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.

Patrol – 2026 Sticker Information

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

Boat Stickers, Ramp Cards, & GAU Stickers can be obtained from the Boat Ramp during regular boat ramp hours.

*Must be above 50 degrees and not raining to sticker any vessel.

Contact Lake Patrol with any questions. 402-235-2241 or security@beaverlakene.org

Online Boat Registration Page

Online GAU Form Page

Online Pet License Form Page

Fishing Club News

Happy Spring everyone. I think Mother Nature has finally decided what she wants to do after the up and down temperatures we've had in the last month or so.

Like the weather, fishing has been kind of up and down as well. One day the fish seem to bite very well and the next they seem to have no interest in being caught. I know the up and down temperature changes and all the different weather fronts that have been coming through are attributing factors. Early season fishing seems to be affected much more by sudden temperature and weather changes than any other time of year.

Even with all of the goofy weather we've been experiencing this spring, the fishing has been great at times. The panfish bite has been on fire for the most part with lots of perch, bluegill, and crappie being caught. Small jigs with swim baits have been the ticket for these good eating species. Bass and wipers are being caught in good numbers at times as well. Really big fish are being reported this season. Bass in the 5 to 6 LB range are common. Wipers in the 8 to 10 LB range are being caught too. Chatter baits and jigs have been the ticket on the bass. Chatter baits and simple crappie lures have been the choice for big wipers.

The Fishing Club held our annual spaghetti feed on March 7th. We served roughly 185 people. We earned $2130 in donations, $3407 from the raffle prizes, $688 from the silent auction hog hunt, $400 in memberships, and sold $115 in club merchandise. I would like to personally thank all the fishing club members who helped with cooking, prize donation/gathering, and events set up/breakdown for their hard work and participation. It takes a lot of people doing a lot of hard work to make an event like this successful. And of course, I can't forget all of you that come to our events and support us. Thank you.

Since I'm on the topic of club events, I can't forget to mention our **Annual Kids Fishing Derby. The Derby is on June 13th** this year. It is open to all children 12 and under and their parents. This event is open to all children, you don't have to be a Beaver Lake resident to participate. Hope to see you there.

This year the Fishing Club honored 6 of its longtime members with lifetime membership plaques. These plaques were handed out for years of service and participation in our great fishing club. The recipients of these awards were Dan O'Brien, Rick Walker, Jim Weiringa, Bill Barry, Richard Kropp, and Dave Battreall. Thanks again gentlemen!

If you are interested in participating in any of our events and tournaments still on the calendar for this year we would love to have you. Here is a list of upcoming events and tournaments.

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2026 Beaver Lake Fishing Club Event Schedule
May 2 - Carp sign up clubhouse/text/website 5:30 AM fish 5:45 AM - 11 AM
May 9 - Bass sign up ramp 5:30 AM fish 5:45 AM - 12 PM
May 16 - Crappie sign up ramp 5:45 AM fish 6 AM - 11 PM
May 30 - Bass sign up ramp 5:15 AM fish 5:30 AM - 12 PM
Jun 6 - Carp sign up clubhouse/text/website 5 AM fish 5:15 AM - 11 AM
Jun 13 - Kids Derby set up 7 AM
Jul 11 - Membership Fish Fry helpers 11 AM eat 12 PM
Jul 24 - Evening Bass sign up ramp 5:45 PM fish 6 PM - 11 PM
Aug 7 - Evening Bass sign up ramp 5:45 PM fish 6 PM - 11 PM
Aug 22 - Catfish sign up ramp 7 PM fish 7:15 PM - 12 AM
Sep 12 - Bass sign up ramp 6:15 AM fish 6:30 AM - 1 PM
Sep 26 - Crappie sign up ramp 6:30 AM fish 6:45 AM - 12 PM
Oct 10 - Bass sign up ramp 7:15 AM fish 7:30 AM - 2 PM
Oct 17 - Bluegill catch and cook sign up ramp 7:45 AM fish 8 AM - 12 PM
Oct 31 - Crappie sign up ramp 7:45 AM fish 8 AM - 1 PM

That's all I have for now! Please consider joining the fishing club we would love to have you aboard. Also, consider doing Creole surveys after a day of fishing on our beautiful lake. These surveys help us with fish stocking decisions. It only takes a few minutes. Here's how. Go online to https://www.beaverlakene.org/fish-creel-survey/. We appreciate everyone who already does these surveys. Thank you.

Tight lines y'all!
Paul Warner, Beaver Lake Fishing Club President
402-297-0927 / warner.paul99@gmail.com

2026 Board of Directors Election Notice

This serves as your public notice of these important election dates.

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
* In-person voting begins 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

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

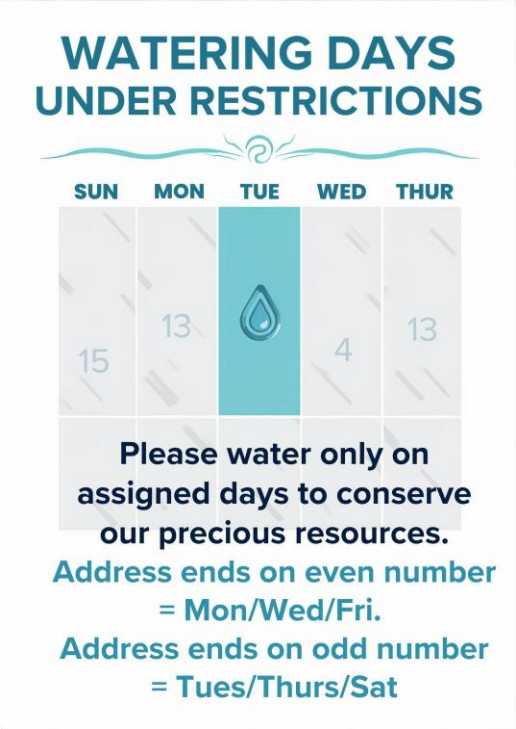
Election Procedures

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

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 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 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



Swimming Pool & Coconuts Open Soon

The swimming pool and Coconuts snack shack will open Saturday, May 23, 2026

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

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

You know there's nothing like a Coconuts cheeseburger or an ice cream treat!

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

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.

Calendar Reservations

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

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.