Beaver Lake October 2026 News

Nature & Garden Club News – Fall in Our Own Backyard

What to Watch for This Autumn in Our Area - You don't have to travel far to enjoy one of Nebraska's most interesting seasons. September and October bring remarkable changes to our own backyards, gardens, roadsides and nearby woodlands. Some are impossible to miss—the first red leaves, cooler mornings and honking geese overhead. Others are easy to overlook unless we slow down and take a closer look.

Look Up — Migration Is Underway - We lie along the Central Flyway, and fall brings a steady movement of birds through our area. Watch for Canada geese gathering in increasingly large flocks and listen for their familiar calls overhead. Various ducks begin appearing on the lake. Turkey vultures and several species of hawks can also be seen moving south.

Some of the most impressive travelers are much smaller. Warblers and other songbirds quietly pass through our trees and shrubs, sometimes stopping for only a day before continuing south.

And don't forget the ruby-throated hummingbird. September is an important migration month for hummingbirds moving south through Nebraska. Keeping feeders clean and available into fall can provide fuel for late travelers. You won't prevent them from migrating by leaving a feeder up—the shortening days tell them when it is time to go.

Look Down — There's a Lot Happening - Fall wildflowers are among the most important plants in the landscape right now. Goldenrods and asters may not receive the attention given to spring flowers, but their late-season blooms provide nectar and pollen when relatively few other flowers remain. Bees, butterflies and other insects can crowd around a single patch on a warm September afternoon.

Watch for monarch butterflies, too. Our area is part of the monarch's extraordinary fall migration route to central Mexico. A monarch nectaring on a late-blooming flower may be in the middle of a journey covering hundreds—or even thousands—of miles.

Don't Be Too Quick to Clean Up - Our instinct may be to rake every leaf and cut every brown flower stalk as soon as the garden begins looking untidy. Nature has another use for them.

Fallen leaves create a protective layer where insects and other small creatures can spend the winter. Some butterflies and moths overwinter as eggs, caterpillars, chrysalises or adults in leaves and plant debris.

Standing flower stalks and seed heads have value, too. Goldfinches and other seed-eating birds will visit coneflowers, sunflowers and other plants long after their flowers have faded. Consider leaving part of the garden alone until spring. A slightly messy garden can be a surprisingly lively winter habitat.

Watch the Trees - Fall color isn't limited to one or two species. Maples can provide brilliant reds and oranges, while cottonwoods often turn yellow and bur oaks take on more subdued yellow-brown and bronze tones. Sumacs can add especially vivid reds along roadsides and woodland edges.

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And while you're admiring the leaves, look underneath the trees. Acorns, walnuts and other nuts become important fall food. Squirrels are especially noticeable this time of year, carrying and burying food that will help sustain them through winter.

Fall in our area isn't simply the end of summer. It's a season of movement, preparation and survival—and much of it is happening right in our own backyard.

Everyone is welcome to join the BL Nature and Garden Club, even if you are not a Beaver Lake lot owner. Dues are only $10 per person for the year. We meet from April through October, typically at 7:00 PM at the clubhouse. You can find our full schedule on the BL website calendar.

Our last meeting for this year is Oct 22nd at 7:00 PM at the clubhouse, featuring guest speaker Bob Hendricksen from Plant Nebraska. I hope to see you there."

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 12" 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

Lake Patrol Reminder – Help Keep Our Community Safe This Fall

As the seasons have begun to change and many residents start their fall cleanup projects, Beaver Lake Patrol would like to ask for your help in improving safety throughout our community.

Fall is an excellent time to take a quick walk around your property and make sure that:

- Outdoor lighting is working properly and adequately illuminates your address and driveway.
- House numbers are clearly visible from the street, both during the day and at night.
- Trees, shrubs, and landscaping are trimmed so they do not obstruct your address markers.

We also encourage residents to keep an eye out while driving or walking through the neighborhood. If you notice:

- Street signs that are difficult to see due to overgrown vegetation.
- Fire hydrants blocked by shrubs, brush, or tree branches.
- Other visibility concerns that could impact emergency responders.

Please report them so they can be addressed.

These may seem like small details, but they can have a significant impact during an emergency. Police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and other emergency personnel rely on visible addresses, street signs, and hydrants to quickly locate homes and respond to calls for service. When seconds count, clear access and visibility can make all the difference.

By taking a few extra minutes this fall to address these items, you are helping emergency responders serve our community more effectively and safely.

Thank you for your assistance and for helping keep our community a safe place to live.

Reba, Beaver Lake Patrol
Working together to keep our lake community safe.

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.

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For any security issues where you need to speak with our Patrol 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 Sherriff's Department non-emergency phone # is 402-296-9370.

Thank you.
Troy Weatherby, BLA Managing Director

KCCB Recycling Event 10-10-26

Keep Cass County Beautiful
Electronics, glass & more Recycling Event

Saturday, Oct 10, 2026– Beaver Lake, NE
Beaver Lake Clubhouse parking lot
9 a.m. - Noon

Bring any electronics, large & small appliances, equipment or metals for recycling or refurbishing. Limit of 2 large appliances per household.
Cass County residents only; no commercial quantities.
Keep Cass County Beautiful will pay half of the recycling fee of 4 items per household. If you're a KCCB member, one item will be FREE!

The following items will have an Environmental Fee:
ONLY ITEMS with FEE:CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) Monitors
$1.50 per inch All styles of Televisions (**Flat screens FREE)**
Fee is calculated by screen size & measured diagonally.
FREE Lithium & bulk alkaline batteries NO VAPES!

The following items will be collected at no charge:
Computers: Desktops, Laptops and Tablets;
Flat Screen Computer Monitors; Key Boards & Mice;
Network Equipment, Servers, Modems;
Small Copiers, Printers, Fax Machines;
Cameras, Cell Phones, Communication Devices;
Electronic Toys, Projectors, Sound Equipment;
Video Equipment, Stereos, DVD Players, Games;
Rechargeable Batteries;
Home & Car Audio Equipment, Wire, Cables;
Microwaves, Toasters, Vacuums, Washers, Dryers;
Refrigerators, Stoves, Dishwashers, Freezers;
Power tools, Lawn Equipment, Snow Blowers, Chainsaws;
Water Heaters, Air Conditioners, Furnaces and more.
Please drain equipment of oil

Donations appreciated to Keep Cass County Beautiful to support future environmental efforts in Cass County.

All data is securely erased.

Also accepting: flattened cardboard, paper, aluminum cans, metals, glass bottles/jars.

NO EPS-Styrofoam.

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Thanks to NDEE, Cass County, Star City Recycling and the Beaver Lake Clubhouse for supporting this event.

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starcityrecycling.com
402-890-4320

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MVFD Beach Party Thank You

Thank You!

ON BEHALF OF THE

MURRAY VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make our 20th Annual Beach Party such a memorable and successful evening!

This event truly takes an entire community coming together, and we are incredibly grateful for all of our vendors, local businesses, neighbors, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters who donated their time, talents, products, services, and resources to help make the night possible. Your generosity means so much to our department and helps us continue to serve and protect our community.

Most importantly, thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the evening, participate in the auction and activities, visit with friends and neighbors, and show your support for the Murray Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department. Every ticket purchased, donation made, auction bid, and contribution helped make a difference.

We are especially thankful for the amazing support we receive from the Beaver Lake community and the surrounding communities. The continued generosity and encouragement from our neighbors, friends, and local businesses allows us to continue supporting our firefighters and rescue crews with the equipment, training, and resources they need.

We are so proud to be part of a community that comes together to support one another. Thank you for spending the evening with us, laughing, celebrating, and supporting men and women of the Murray Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department.

From all of us at MVFD – thank you!

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MURRAY FIRE RESCUE

Subscribe to BLA Texts

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.

BLA Lot for Sale

Lot 1030 is 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

From Your Friends at the BLA Office

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.