

Beaver Lake December 2021 News

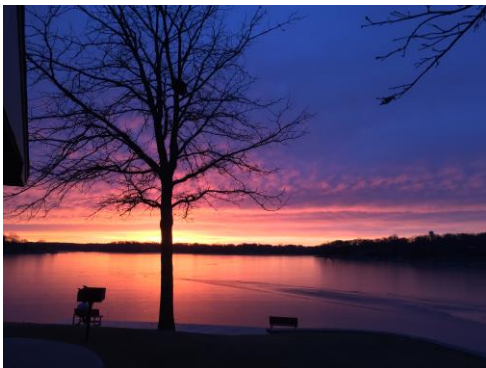
Happy December
from your friends at
the BLA Office!



Security Reminder

Golf Cart, ATV, UTV Sticker Renewal

The 2022 renewal for golf, utility, and all-terrain vehicle stickers will begin January 1, 2022. If you already had your vehicle inspected and received a previous sticker, then you will not need to have it inspected again. Just mail a copy of your current insurance card for the golf, utility, or all-terrain vehicle to be renewed, along with \$30, to the BLA Office at 9410 Clubhouse Circle, Plattsmouth, NE 68048. A new sticker will be mailed back to you. Then, please make sure your new 2022 sticker is affixed to the license plate, or it will not be valid. If you have a new golf, utility, or all-terrain vehicle that hasn't been stickered before, then you need to call 402-235-2243 and make an appointment for an inspection.



Thank you and be safe!
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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 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 and have a great 2022.

Troy Weatherby
Managing Director

Brush Site Closing Soon

Another year has come and gone here at Beaver Lake and it's time once again to close the brush burning site. **The site will be closed as of January 3, 2022 and will open up again in the spring on March 1, 2022.** This will allow us time during the winter to burn the brush and prepare the site for opening in the spring. There has been an enormous amount of brush brought to the site which means a lot of cutting and cleaning has occurred out on the properties. This year at the site things have gone pretty well with the exception of a few people violating the rules. As a reminder, we are no longer able to discard grass clippings at the burn site per the State of Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy. We appreciate everybody's cooperation with this change. We also had to make another change by separating the leaves into a designated area for composting. Please empty all your leaf bags (whether plastic or paper) and take them with you as they are not allowed to be discarded in the leaf pile per NDEE regulations. As some have found out, the area is under surveillance, and you will be fined when you are caught in person or on camera disposing of items that are not allowed in the brush site. If you notice someone violating the posted rules, please observe the license # and contact the Association security office so we may discuss the problem with them. Thank you to everyone for taking care of this area so it can remain in operation. As a reminder, do not discard anything at this site other than trees, brush, and leaves. Please dispose of all other items in a proper manner and location. Once again thank you for not abusing this area. We look forward to seeing each of you again in the spring.

Troy Weatherby
Managing Director

Beaver Lake Ladies Auxiliary News

Scholarship Opportunity

The Beaver Lake Ladies Auxiliary is offering two \$300 scholarships for students living in the Beaver Lake Community. You must have a minimum 2.5 GPA, be a dependent of a Beaver Lake property owner in good standing and will be attending a college or technical school during the 2022/23 school term.



If you are interested in receiving an application form, please contact **Ann McGee**, by emailing annmcgee.mcgee@gmail.com by February 15th.

2022 BLA Auxiliary Winter News

After a busy fall, we are ready to settle in for the winter with some low-key activities. It's a great time to give the Auxiliary a try for the first time or renew your commitment and friendships.

Monday, January 10th, 10 am - PAJAMA BREAKFAST and game time!
Wear your cozies and bring something to add to our breakfast buffet.

Monday, February 7th, 1:00pm - Jewelry making with Cindy.

Monday, March 7th, 1:00 pm - Movie Day!

Monthly updates will be emailed out to members and friends of Auxiliary.
If you'd like to be added to the email list, please let us know. Our officers will be changing with the new year, but I will be sure to pass on the information. We always welcome new members!

We are happy to report that Auxiliary helped to plan for and purchase the lovely new blinds in the Clubhouse. Thank you to all the support we had from the Beaver Lake Community this past year for our fundraisers - the garage sale in June and the craft and vendor sale in October.

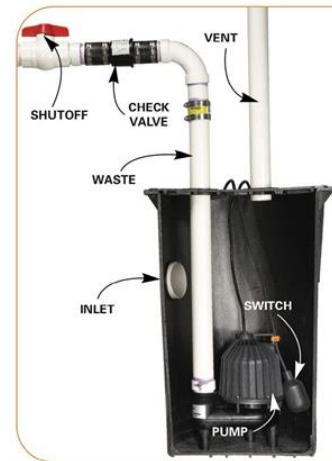
May God bless us all with a happy, healthy New Year!
Ann Wieringa, 402-980-9466

Infrastructure Committee

Sewage Pumps

By Jim Wieringa and the Infrastructure Committee

Sewage pumps convey wastewater from kitchen and bathroom fixtures, washing machines, etc. into a holding tank of approximately 30 gallons, which is usually located in the home's lowest level. After the wastewater reaches a predetermined level, the pump will engage, grinding the waste into a fine slurry before pumping it to the municipal sewage collection system. Pumps are needed when the municipal system near street level is higher than the home's holding tank.



Types of Sewage Pumps

Solid handling pumps, also called sewage ejector pumps, repel raw sewage. These are useful when pumping to a gravity sewer main, when pumping short distances (typically less than 750 feet), and when the vertical distance to the municipal sewer system is fairly low.

Grinder pumps can also propel raw sewage, but grinder pumps also employ rotating blades to grind and cut solid matter into smaller particles before pumping everything into the sewage collection system. Homes have grinder pumps when pumping to a pressurized sewer main, when the distance to the municipal system is long (1000 feet or so), and when the vertical distance is relatively great.

Sewage pump systems are composed of the pump itself, a holding tank, and an alarm panel. The tank lid is made of heavy-duty plastic or metal and is secured shut to prevent entry. Pumps for households run at 1-2 hp and are equipped with sensing bells or float switches in order to sense the level in the tank. If the pump fails and the tank's waste level rises above a certain level, the alarm panel should alert the homeowner (via an audible alarm and an indicator light) that a serious problem exists.

The tank itself is typically made of fiberglass, fiberglass-reinforced polyester, or high-density polyethylene. Tanks have separate openings for the inlet (which collects matter from the home) and the discharge (which pumps it to the sewer main).

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Normal Sewage Pump Maintenance

Homeowners should remember that home sewage pumps are intended only for specific matter. **They are not all-purpose removal systems.** Never flush or put into your drain pipes feminine products; diapers; disposable wipes or kleenex; cat litter; paint; or oil of any sort (not even cooking oil).

Sewage systems are not designed to effectively clear the above-mentioned materials. Once in the system, such matter can clog household plumbing, pumps, and sewage treatment plants. Clogs caused by such objects are increasingly problematic.

Sewage pumps with floats that sense tank levels may accumulate grease, which can turn the pump on unnecessarily or not allow it to turn on at all — and that may cause sewage to back up into the home. Pumps with float switch sensors should be hosed down to remove grease from the floats.

Sewage check valves help to keep pumped water from returning to the holding area. Homes that lack check valves are subject to malfunctions that allow sewage to back up.

Sewage Pump Problems

In case of the following, please call a licensed professional to assess the cause and have it fixed properly.

Problem	Possible Cause
Pump doesn't run	Electrical malfunction; check valve malfunction; cutter clog
Motor overheats	Blockage; defective float; check valve malfunction
Pump doesn't stop	Debris; incoming sewage exceeds pump capacity
Pump delivers little or no water	Grease or sludge clog; electrical malfunction
Pump runs too often	Check valve malfunction; incoming sewage exceeds pit capacity; level malfunction; thermal overload
Alarm trips	High water in pit; clog; overload trip

From Your Friends at the BLA Office

2022 Calendar Reservations

2022 Clubhouse reservations can be made now.

2022 Pavilion reservations can be made starting Monday, January 3, 2022.

2022 Campground reservations can be made starting Monday, January 31, 2022. The BLA campground will open Mid-April to the beginning of May, depending upon the weather.

Call the BLA office and speak to Heather about your reservation!

BLA Website: www.beaverlakene.org

The BLA Website is now your home for all official Beaver Lake News, Calendar info, Advertising, Handbook, Documents, Board & Committee minutes, and Information. Make sure to check it out regularly!

Online Payments

Don't forget you can now pay your Beaver Lake bills online now by clicking [Pay Online](#) from the main menu!

