

Beaver Lake October 2024 News

Nature & Garden Club

Now that fall is here, my attention turns to family activities that take advantage of the cooler weather. There are so many things to choose from starting with the Apple Jack festival just a few miles down the road in Nebraska City. At the time of this printing, it is likely over or almost over, but it's something to consider for next year. They have something for everyone, and it takes place over several weekends.

Then, of course, there are pumpkin patches. There are a variety near us. They include: Skinny Bones in Blair, Cole's Pumpkins in Plattsmouth, Bellevue Berry and Pumpkin Ranch, Vala's Pumpkin Patch and Apple Orchard in Gretna, Bloom Where You're Planted Farm and Pumpkin Patch in Avoca, IA, Pumpkin Ridge – Country Love in Nebraska City, etc. Many have hayrides, food and other family fun.

Or maybe a walk in the woods is more to your liking. Fontenelle Forest has 1400 acres of fall colored forest to explore. Arbor Day Farms in Nebraska City has 260 acres. Their message is "to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees". Additional wooded areas include: West Oak Forest in Pacific Junction IA, Neal Woods in Omaha, Sunrise Woods in Omaha, OPPD Arboretum in Omaha, Gifford State Forest in Council Bluffs and Wildewood Park in Ralston.... Who knew!

Don't forget these Parks: Platte River State Park in Louisville, Schramm Park State Recreation Area in Gretna, Lake Manawa State Park in Council Bluffs, Louis & Clark National Historic Trail Headquarters and Visitor Center, Eugene T Mahony in Ashland.

There are several great Orchards in the area. They include: Union Orchard in Union, Kimmel Orchard and Vineyard Educational Foundation in Nebraska City, Ditmars Orchard Vinyard in Council Bluffs and Mincer Orchard and Farms in Hamburg IA.

Additional ideas:

- Scatter Joy Acres in Murray – it's really cool and they even have reindeer!
- Farmers Markets are all over
- Haunted Houses
- Oktober fest events
- Camping
- Decorate and / or dress up for Halloween
- Fall foods – apple cider/ spiked apple cider, pumpkin spice, apple cider doughnuts, mulled wine, candy apples and pumpkin soup
- Getaway to a bed and breakfast
- Make a fire – roast smores
- Plant fall flowers
- Play football
- Plan something different for Thanksgiving Dinner ... start a new tradition
- Visit a brewery and taste a pumpkin beer
- Go to a football game
- Have a picnic in the park
- Roast pumpkin seeds – I take the seeds from one pumpkin, mix with some olive oil and sea salt. Spread on a baking sheet and bake at 350 for 15-20 minutes. For a change, mix with ranch dressing or cinnamon and sugar.



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Our 2024 season comes to an end with our last meeting on Thursday, Oct 24th. This is a social event. It is our potluck dinner. We start at 6:00pm at the BL Clubhouse. Hope you can make it.

It has been a good year...we heard from Greenlife Landscaping, we went to Scatter Joy Acres, we visited a wonderful garden in Omaha, as always Nebraska Wildlife Rehab always gives us great information, we learned about the Cass County Sheriff K-9 team, and got information from Keep Cass County Beautiful about what they do.



Remember, if you have any topics or speakers that you would like to have at our 2025 season, please let Janet Houston know at Janet.m.houston@gmail.com.

Hope to see you all at our last meeting.

Jody Kriegler, Nature & Garden Club

MVFD Beach Party Fundraiser Results



Karen Kielian and the Beaver Lake Board present a check to the Murray Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department from the Beach Party Fundraiser. \$27,757.68 was raised by our generous community! Thank you!

(See page 6 for a list of sponsors, donors and volunteers who gave their resources.)

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

From the Patrol Office

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
12 PM - ???

**BEAVER LAKE PATROL
NEEDS VOLUNTEERS
FOR COMMUNITY CLEAN UP!**

Be part of a community of fellow animal lovers!

JOIN US AS WE DO WHAT WE CAN FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

Sponsored by Keep Cass County Beautiful
Funds raised will be used towards a future
dog park at Beaver Lake!
Sign-up: security@beaverlakene.org



Boat & GAU Stickers Hours

All stickering will be by appointment only for the fall.

Current Boating Regulations can be found in the Handbook on the Beaver Lake Website.

Online portion of the Boat Registration is available here: [Online Boat Registration](#)

To make an appointment – Contact the BLA Patrol Office: 402-235-2243

CPR Class Offered at Beaver Lake

Saturday, November 30th @ 1 pm
CPR Course Registration



Stop the Bleed & CPR Training

Learn how to help in an emergency



CPR class being offered here at Beaver Lake.

Scan the QR code or email security@beaverlakene.org for class information.

Craft Fair Reminder from the Women's Auxiliary

The Auxiliary's next project is the Craft Fair which is scheduled for **October 5, 9:00am to 2:00pm** at the clubhouse. We have 16 vendors as of this date and will also be selling lunch.

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 Sherriff's Department non-emergency phone # is 402-296-9370.

Thank you.

Troy Weatherby, BLA Managing Director

MVFD Beach Party Fundraiser Thank You



THANK YOU!

We would like to say thank you to everyone that came out to support the Murray Fire & Rescue at this year's 18th Annual Beaver Lake Beach Party Fundraiser!

We appreciate everyone who came to the event and those who supported by donating, volunteering, ordering merchandise, and all personal donations via the raffle!

THIS EVENT WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS AND DONORS:

Karen Kielian with The Karen Kielian Team

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Dog Park Survey

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

We are excited to announce a new initiative: the potential construction of a **dog park** within our community! This park would provide a safe and enjoyable space for our furry friends to play and socialize, while also offering a great spot for pet owners to meet and connect.

Your Feedback Matters!

To ensure this project meets the needs and desires of our community, we are conducting a survey to gather your feedback and suggestions. Your input is crucial in helping us make informed decisions about the design, location, and features of the dog park.

How to Participate:

1. **Complete the Survey:** Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey linked below. Your responses will only be used for the purpose of this project.
2. **Share Your Ideas:** If you have specific ideas or concerns, feel free to include them in the survey or reach out to us directly at security@beaverlakene.org.
3. **Spread the Word:** Encourage your neighbors to participate! The more feedback we receive, the better we can tailor the dog park to our community's needs.

Survey Deadline:

Please submit your responses by **November 30th, 2024**. We will review the feedback and provide updates on the project's process to the Infrastructure Committee.

Survey Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/RcYBet8Beh>



Thank you for your time and participation. Together, we can create a wonderful new amenity that benefits both our pets and our community.

Keep Cass County Beautiful

Cass County Electronic Recycling Event

Oct 19, 2024 9:00 A.M.- Noon

Beaver Lake Clubhouse 9410 Clubhouse Cir, Plattsmouth, NE

****We will also be accepting** glass bottles, cardboard (flattened), aluminum, plastic #1-5, and paper at this event! Please NO bags or plastic films. Accepting until full**

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:

Bulk alkaline batteries: \$2.00 per pound;

**** Vape Pens \$1.00 each**

All styles of Televisions (Flat screens FREE)

CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) Monitors

\$1.50 per inch

Fee is calculated by screen size & measured diagonally.

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



All data is securely erased.

New We will be accepting **CLOTHES** for donation! They can be stained, torn etc. but must be clean! They will be reused or recycled.

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

Star City Recycling
Repairing our planet - from home

starcityrecycling.com
402-890-4320



keepcasscountybeautiful.org
231-878-7999

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

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 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 Information Form if you haven't already!

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.

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!

