Beaver Lake May 2025 News

2025 Lawn Watering Restrictions

Effective April 1, 2025, 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 87 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
Managing Director
Beaver Lake Association

BLA Lots for Sale



Equestrian Lot E-6 is for sale. The asking price is \$200,000. The lot is 5+ acres and is located on Rock Bluff Road and 27th Avenue. A for sale sign is placed on the frontage for identification.

Lot 1030 is also 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

Beaver Lake Fishing Club

Hi everyone! It seems that spring has made its way to our beautiful lake. The fishing has been fabulous so far since the ice has left. Very large blue and flathead catfish have been landed by many already this year. Bass have been biting really good for some of the guys. Crappie, Bluegill, and perch have been phenomenal as well. A few wipers, walleye, and smallmouth have been caught too.

On Saturday, March 1st, the Fishing Club held its annual spaghetti feed. We had a great turnout and as usual the spaghetti was awesome. First off, I would like to thank all of you that came to this event and help support the fishing club. Without the overwhelming support we get from you the club wouldn't be able to do all of the stuff we do. Second, I would like to personally thank all the people in the club who help with all the behind the scenes work that makes our events such a success. I don't think people realize how much work it takes to make these events go as smoothly as they do. Again, thank you all!

While I'm on the subject of events, I'm going to add the schedule of fishing club tournaments and activities that are still on the books for the upcoming summer. We have already held our first Bass tournament of the year, and we had a great turnout of eight boats show up to compete. I'm hoping the rest of the tournament season continues to have great interest and participation.

Events Schedule for 2025

- April 26: Crappie tournament
- May 3: Carp tournament
- May 10: Bass tournament
- May 31: Bass tournament
- June 7: Carp tournament
- June 14: Kids Derby
- July 12: Members Fish Fry
- July 25: Evening Bass tourney

- August 8: Evening Bass tourney
- August 23: Catfish tournament
- Sept 13: Bass tournament
- Sept 27: Crappie tournament
- October 11: Bass tournament
- October 18: Bluegill Catch/Cook tournament
- Nov 1: Crappie tournament

A large portion of the proceeds from the Spaghetti feed goes to fish stocking. This year we have given/donated \$3164 to the Habitat Committee/Association toward stocking Channel and Blue catfish as also walleye. Additionally, \$500 privately donated by Rick Walker for Blue catfish. Anyone interested in making private donations towards a specific species of fish, please feel free to contact one of the Fishing Club officers. We would be glad to try and help you out! If you would like to donate or simply have questions about fish stocking. My phone number is 402-297-0927.

The Fishing Club will be holding a habitat build later this fall. We are currently accepting pavers, retaining wall block and cement blocks for this project. Contact me if you have or know someone that has anything to get rid of and I will get a crew together to come get them. Our current build date is Sunday, September 28th, and 8:00 a.m. behind the Beaver Lake Maintenance Shop. We are planning on dropping the habitat on Sunday, October 12th.

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Our next big public event is the annual **Kids Fishing Derby**. This will be held on June 14th. It is open to anyone 12 and under. You do not have to be a lot owner to take part in this event. I would like to thank Matthew Shoop for stepping up and taking over the vacant Kids Derby Coordinator position. If you have any questions about the Derby or would like to donate for it, you can contact Matt

at 402-495-0623 or matthew.shoop@yahoo.com.

A big part of our decision making concerning the fish we stock each year comes from the creel surveys fisherman turn in. Creel surveys only take a moment to fill out and are very easy to complete. Here's how to do them. You can email Russ or go online to https://www.beaverlakene.org/fish-creel-survey/. We appreciate all who participate and encourage everyone who fishes our lake to participate. The results will be posted to everyone in the new year.

That's all I have for now everyone. Hope you have a safe summer full of awesome fishing experiences!

Tight lines y'all!

Paul Warner, Beaver Lake Fishing Club President 402-297-0927 – Warner.paul99@gmail.com

2025 Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 17, 2025 8 am to 5 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, etc.

Note the new location this year. 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.

Large Infrastructure Projects Update

-From the Infrastructure Committee

Beaver Lake Association has some big projects in the works, and here's our report to the community on where we are on three: the dam, the rerouting of utility pipes near Lift Station 9, and the repair of the collapsed culvert at the southwest water inflow.

Dam

We have submitted the required paperwork to FEMA and are awaiting their response. We cannot predict how long it will be before we know whether we will receive a grant from them.

When we know whether we will get financial assistance for this major infrastructure project, we can then begin planning tasks and developing a schedule.

Lift Station 9 Utility Line Reroute

This project, which has been in the works for several years, is now nearing completion.

We've thoroughly prepared the area at Beaver Lake Boulevard and Monroe Road; bored the utility path; and expect to finish laying the new piping (550' of it) by the time you read this report.

The picture at right gives you a glimpse into how we fuse sections of the new piping together to create one long contiguous piece.

We never know when a utility line might break. Rerouting around the lake rather than through it, we can mitigate the risk of lake contamination should a failure occur here.



Southwest Culvert Repair

One of two culverts at our inflow on the southwest side collapsed this winter, and Infrastructure immediately started working on the best way to restore proper inflow there.



We're using the same engineering firm as the one we hired for the dam, Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI)

HEI have investigated the area and presented initial suggestions for repair to the Infrastructure Committee. With our input, they refined their proposals.

The committee presented its recommendations to the board, which they approved.

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The plan is to install three box culverts, regrade part of the road, and create a berm. This restructuring will improve our original overflow management during storms by rerouting some of the run-off.

Our goal is to do actual construction this autumn, when weather is more conducive to the needed work. During construction, the road will be closed for a few weeks. We will announce the road closure beforehand so everyone affected can plan for alternate ingress to and egress from the lake.

The estimated cost at this time is approximately \$900K. This repair project was not part of Infrastructure's Five-Year Plan, so it is not funded. BLA members are encouraged to read the materials included in their Notice of Annual Meeting for further information.

Swimming Pool & Coconuts Open Soon

The swimming pool and Coconuts snack shack will open Saturday, May 24, 2025

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

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

We look forward to seeing you this summer!





Auxiliary Scholarship Winners

The Beaver Lake Women's Auxiliary is pleased to announce the winners of its 2025 scholarships. The recipients are Ryleigh

Hill, daughter of Lee and Linnea Hill, and Alyssa Batt, daughter of Brent and Kimberly Batt.

Ryleigh is a graduate of Conestoga High School and plans to attend Peru State College to study Art. Alyssa is a also a graduate of Conestoga High

School and plans to attend the University of South Dakota to study Media and Journalism plus Sustainability. Logan Lutt, a graduate of Conestoga High School, was chosen as the alternate. Congratulations!



Lake Patrol Announcements

Spring is here - time for your annual boat and jetski stickers, golf cart/ATV/UTV stickers and pet tags! All three are due by **May 1**st!

* GAU Stickers

Here's what you need to do:

- 1. Gather Documents: Make sure you have your proof of insurance.
- 2. Enter your Data: https://forms.office.com/r/THtwUjuJN8
- 3. Visit: Call and schedule an appointment with Lake Patrol on Tuesday or Friday afternoons 402.235.2243. Or swing by the Boat Ramp Office during our business hours. (See below) We will assist you there.
- 4. Fees: The annual registration fee remains \$50.

* Boat Stickers

Here's what you need to do:

- Gather Documents: Make sure you have your registration.
- Complete your Online Boat Registration & Water Safety Exam: https://www.beaverlakene.org/online-boat-registration/
- 3. Swing by the Boat Ramp Office during our business hours. (See below) Our friendly staff will assist you with the registration process.
- 4. Fees: The annual boat sticker fee is \$75 for primary vessels, \$100 for secondary vessels, and \$125 for wake surfing stickers.





* Pet Tags

- 1. Gather Documents: Make sure you have your vaccination record.
- 2. Enter your Data: https://www.beaverlakene.org/2025-pet-licenses/ or stop by the office for a form.
- 3. Fees: The annual pet tag renewal is \$10 per pet.
- * New Boat Ramp Hours for the Summer starting Friday, May 2nd:

Mon - Fri 1p - 5p / Sat 9a - 5p / Sun 12p - 5p

Feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe and organized!

Patrol Office: 402-235-2243 / security@beaverlakene.org

Lake Patrol Updates

* NEW for 2025!

Important Announcement: New Watercraft Pre-Approval Process

We are pleased to inform you about a new update regarding the acquisition of watercraft in our community. To enhance safety and compliance, we are introducing a pre-approval process for all new watercraft purchases.



Starting January 1, 2025, all "new-to-you" watercraft must submit a pre-approval request before bringing the watercraft into our community. This ensures that all new watercraft adhere to our safety and environmental standards.

How to Submit a Pre-Approval Request:

- Complete the Watercraft Pre-Approval Form available at https://forms.office.com/r/3QcHJi0tRV
- 2. Provide detailed information about the watercraft, including type, size, and safety features.
- 3. Submit the completed form online.

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.

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining the safety and integrity of our community. Should you have any questions, please contact the BLA Patrol Office at 402-235-2243.

Thank you for your attention to this important update.



Call the Patrol Office with questions: 402-235-2243





From Your Friends at the BLA Office

Lake Temperature & Lake Level:

Lake temp and level now available on the front page of the BLA Website! Check it out!

Beaver Lake's 2024 Water Quality Report Posted:

Check out the Forms Section (under Information) on the BLA Website to see the **2024 Water Quality Report**

Brush Site: The Brush Site re-opened for the year at the beginning of March.

Save the Date for the MVFD Beach Party Fundraiser:

This annual event will take place on Saturday, August, 16, 2025.

New Dues & Water Rates for 2025

- Water and Sewer rates are now 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.
- 2024 Dues rates will be \$316.62 per quarter for a total of \$1266.48 for the year.

Calendar Reservations

Property owners can make 2025 reservations for the **campground**, the three **pavilions** as well as 2025 & 2026 Clubhouse reservations now.

Stay tuned. Reservations for the pool will begin sometime soon.

Cassidy at the office will help you with your reservations. 402-235-2241

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 <u>Pay Online</u> from the main menu of the website! Call the office if you have questions.

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 Info Form if you haven't already!

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 feespaying 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.

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 > <u>BLA Handbook</u>; or contact the office at 402-235-2241 or <u>info@beaverlakene.org</u>.

Anyone interested in serving on the Election Committee should <u>apply online</u> or contact the office at 402-235-2241.

2025 Board of Directors Election Notice

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

Please keep these important dates in mind!

Friday, May 9, 2025 4:00pm BLA Office

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

Sunday, May 18, 2025 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

