

Beaver Lake December 2022 News

President's Message

As I write this, 2022 is nearly shot, the lake only has a few die-hard fishermen still out and about (me included). It's my favorite time of the year for boating on the lake. Cold water fishing is hard to beat!! I digress. The lake level is currently 10.5" low. We need moisture. I don't want to wish for a snowless winter, perhaps steady winter rain will materialize or more likely some big spring rains?



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Reminder with winter right around the corner, please remember to keep vehicles off the street during snow events to avoid accidents with snowplows and to help us keep the streets clean. Thanks.

Just like your family budgets, the association has had to navigate increasing energy costs and inflation. It'll be another month or so before we'll know 100% how the budget fared, but at this time things seem to be working out. I'd like to thank the Finance committee, treasurer, and the office staff for all the hard work that goes into preparing a successful budget. Just as for most of us, energy and inflation will affect budgeting for 2023.

The Lake, Fish, and Habitat committee worked habitat projects, buoy standardization, and stocked the lake with 1,600 yellow perch, 425 blue cats, 1,440 walleye, 1,800 wipers, and 400 smallmouth bass in 2022. The fishery remains strong with crappie, catfish, and wipers being noteworthy on creel surveys this year. Crappie are the largest and most numerous, while the number of wipers and catfish caught are also the highest recorded for the 10 years we've kept creel surveys. Bass size and numbers along with perch are having down years. Big thanks goes to the Lake, Fish, and Habitat committee with an assist to the Fishing Club for managing our great fishery! The Election committee has been hard at work modernizing our future election options. I don't want to get ahead of my skis on this, but I do want to thank the election committee for all the hard work. You'll be seeing communication on exciting election changes from the committee soon. The Infrastructure committee, Managing Director, and the maintenance crew have had many projects and repairs on their plates. Valve replacements, lift station replacements, and asphalt jump out as a few of the major projects. Thanks to the Infrastructure committee, Manager, and Maintenance staff for all the hard work.

Please reach out if you have issues, concerns, or improvement ideas. The best place to start is the office and I'd also say that our committees (Infrastructure, Lake, Fish & Habitat, and Finance) meet monthly and having members get on their agenda is the right way to initiate ideas and suggestions. Contact info: Contact Us - Beaver Lake Association ([beaverlakene.org](https://www.beaverlakene.org)) Committee info: <https://www.beaverlakene.org/bls-committees/>. I'm also available, so please feel free to contact me as well.

I hope everyone has a great winter!

Russ Parmer – President, BLA Board of Directors

Beaver Lake Ladies Auxiliary News

Scholarship Opportunity

It will soon be time for high school seniors with residence at the lake to ask for applications for our \$300 scholarships. We award two of these scholarships and notices will be available in January through the counselors at Conestoga and Plattsmouth High Schools. Applications are also available by emailing annmcgee.mcgee@gmail.com.



Applications are due back by March 15th.

2023 BLA Auxiliary Winter News

Winter is almost here and after our Christmas Holiday Dinner our group will relax and have fun over the winter months. We generally meet the first Monday of the month, but we have a couple of exceptions here and there. Our January meeting will be the 9th at 1 pm and we will play games and have a fun social time! February will be our brunch at 9 am. March will be back to 1 pm and we will make bracelets. If the weather does not cooperate, we cancel or reschedule!

All Beaver Lake Ladies are welcome to join us!



Here are a few upcoming Beaver Lake Auxiliary 2023 Calendar Dates:

January 9	1 pm
February 6	9 am
March 6	1 pm
April 3	1 pm
May 1	1 pm
June 3	All day- garage sale
June 5	1 pm
July 10	1 pm
August 7	1 pm

Thank you,
Starre Haney
Auxiliary President

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, 2023 and will open up again in the spring on March 6, 2023.** 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

Golf Cart, ATV, UTV Sticker Renewal

The 2023 renewal for golf, utility, and all-terrain vehicle stickers will begin January 3, 2023. 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 the Security at 402-235-2243 and make an appointment for an inspection.

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 thru March.

Contact Heather at the BLA office for information. 402-235-2241





Winter Snow Removal Reminders

As winter approaches, there are a few things I would like to remind everyone about. Nobody likes to deal with removing pesky snow in the winter, but it must be done. As we accomplish the snow removal for the Association, we must get the snow as far off the road as possible, especially if there are continuing back-to-back snowfalls. Remember, that if you have a parking area near the road, please get your vehicle as far from the road as possible to avoid damage from flying snow, ice, rocks, etc. When the snow is blowing and it is dark out, it is hard for the drivers to see everything, but the job must be accomplished. As far as mailboxes around the lake, expect that there may be some damage to them. Many times, the boxes are broken due to heavy, wet snow or a good volume of snow hitting them. Please understand that when it is that cold out, plastic mailboxes don't stand up to the task. We also find that many of the mailboxes have rotten posts that break off. Per the Beaver Lake Handbook, if a mailbox is broken due to snow hitting it, the responsibility of repair lies with the property owner. If the BLA snowplow backs into or hits the box, the Association will repair it. If your mailbox has been knocked over, please contact us and I will review the case to see if it has been hit by a truck or the flying snow. Snow removal is a dangerous and exhausting task. Please be vigilant and get away from the street when you see or hear a snowplow approaching. This will keep you safe because that driver may not see you, depending on the conditions. Lastly, everyone knows how frustrating it is when the plow goes by and puts snow in your driveway. Please do not shovel or blow the snow back out into the road. Throw it or blow it off in the yard. We may come by 2 or 3 times depending on the longevity of the snowfall and it will wind up back in your driveway. We appreciate everyone's patience during these snowfall events. Be safe and have a great fall and winter.

Troy Weatherby, Managing Director

From Your Friends at the BLA Office



BLA Calendar & Reservations

- 2023 Calendar reservations can be made for the **Clubhouse** now.
- 2023 **Pavilion** reservations can be made Tuesday, January 3, 2023.
- 2023 **Campground** reservations can be made beginning Monday, March 27, 2023. The BLA campground will open Mid-April to the beginning of May, depending upon the weather.

Call the BLA office at 402-235-2241 and speak to Heather about your reservation!

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.
- We'd love to have you fill out a Membership Information Form if you haven't already!