

Beaver Lake December 2023 News

President's Message

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Here's hoping everyone had a great Thanksgiving and has something cool planned for Christmas and New Year. The lake is still open and a few of us hardy souls are still boating, mostly to chase the bountiful fish our lake has to offer or to pull boats for the winter. We go into winter with the lake down 15". I don't want to wish for heavy snow so maybe we'll get some good winter rains?? If not, next Spring better be a wet one! Exhibit extra caution when the lake is low. Wakes cause more trouble and shallow areas are obviously even more shallow and could expose hazards.

The Association selling 6 underutilized lots we own has been discussed at a couple board meetings and on social media over the past 6-months. We'll be hosting an Association town hall on this subject. It'll most likely be in January with the date and time TBD. We'll advertise the meeting once we have a firm date. Hand-outs will be provided that explain the details of what we're doing and why, so please stay tuned for the meeting announcement.

The courtesy dock at the ramp is pulled and our new floating dock at the clubhouse has been parked in the SW cove for the winter. The Fishing Club purchased two 6' bench seats for the Association to install next to the dock location. If you see the club president or officers, give them a shout out for the donation. The Lake and Habitat Committee, along with donations from the Fishing Club and fishermen, stocked 1,300 walleye, 600 smallmouth bass, 2,000 wipers, and 112 muskellunge in 2023. A few pictures follow.



The boat ramp gates have been operating fairly smooth now with only a couple hiccups. The gate cameras do an excellent job of capturing activity and we've recorded and cited individuals launching unregistered boats, so please keep this in mind. Having them read your license plate and open automatically is really a cool feature and, other than the middle lane requiring warranty work on a faulty focusing camera, they open almost every time. Boating season is over for most of the Association now, so next year when you register your boat online, we should have added the ability to add your trailer license plate number and email address. In addition, to go along with our desire to modernize we hope to have a credit card payment capability in place for boat registration and Coconuts in 2024. Cross your fingers!

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The zebra mussel invasion is on hold for the winter. Remember when the water temperature gets near 60 again next Spring, they'll start to reproduce and in 3 or 4 weeks after that, the invasion will continue as they again start attaching to hard objects. Keep your lower units out of the water, operate your shore stations up and down periodically, clean your lawn watering pump intakes, etc. As you can see in the attached pictures, they get inside small holes when they are microscopic and then grow to adult size in one season.



Please continue to observe our 25 MPH road speed limits and be especially cautious on hills and other low visibility locations. We want to keep our community safe.

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) 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 safe and great winter!

Russ Parmer – President, BLA Board of Directors

Beaver Lake Women's Auxiliary News

Beaver Lake Women's Auxiliary Mission Statement

The Beaver Lake Women's Auxiliary's mission is to promote sociability and help improve and beautify Beaver Lake. We have completed several projects in and around the clubhouse. We also have sponsored Trunk or Treat for our resident kids and our Christmas party for lake residents.

We also exist to promote the future of our youth. To that end, we sponsor two scholarships each year to high school seniors whose parents are lot owners here at Beaver Lake.

To accomplish these missions, we hold two fund raisers each year: our annual garage sale held the first weekend of June and our craft sale in October. A huge "Thank you!" to everyone who supported either of these events.

Membership in our Auxiliary is open to anyone who is interested in helping Beaver Lake to be a wonderful place to live. Our meetings are generally the first Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. In addition to our business meetings, we also do field trips and craft projects.

For more information, watch for announcements on Next Door or contact Ann McGee at annmcgee.mcgee@gmail.com or Gloria Lawman at gloria_home@windstream.net.

Women's Auxiliary Scholarship Info



Attention all Beaver Lake High School Seniors:

The Beaver Lake Women's 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 2024/25 school term.

If you are interested in receiving an application form, see your counselors, or contact Ann McGee by emailing annmcgee.mcgee@gmail.com soon.

Completed applications are due back by March 15, 2024.

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

Part-Time Security Manager Needed

Salary: \$20.00 hour

Location: Beaver Lake, NE

Job Type: PT 20 hours per week, afternoon to early evening, weekends, holidays. Would be full-time during the summer months.

Requirement: Valid motor vehicle operator's license.

Find the application on the Beaver Lake website in the forms section or pick up the application at the Beaver Lake Association office.

We are looking for a highly competent person to join our Beaver Lake team to patrol and monitor activities on Beaver Lake premises to ensure the environment is safe and secure.

Patrol Beaver Lake in issued patrol vehicle and seasonal water/lake patrol.

Monitor surveillance cameras to watch out for any disruptions or unlawful activities.

Provide detailed reports on activities and any incidents that may have occurred at BLA.

Election Committee News

PROXY VOTING PROCEDURES CHANGE

Paper ballots will no longer be snail-mailed

Starting in 2024, proxy voting will be conducted by email.

Beaver Lake Association members will continue to have a choice of proxy or in-person voting in our elections. All regular members get one ballot per fees-paying membership, whether voting by proxy or in person.

Members who choose to vote by proxy must register each year on our website. Annual registration will be available between January 1 and the last Friday in April.

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 will have access to during election weekend.

On Friday evening, May 17, you will receive an email with a link to your electronic ballot. You will have until 3 pm on Sunday, May 19 to vote.

To vote, click the link to open your ballot, select your choices, confirm, and submit. It's that easy!

About two weeks before the annual meeting and election, all members will receive a snail-mailed notice of the 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 as usual at the clubhouse on the day of the election.

Remember, if you want to vote by proxy in the coming election, registration will begin next month.

For details about our election procedures, see Section VII, Election Procedures in our Handbook:

Home > Information > [BLA Handbook](#); or contact the office at 402-235-2241 or info@beaverlakene.org.

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 8, 2024 and will open up again in the spring on March 4, 2024.** 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 very well with the separation of leaves from the brush pile. We appreciate everybody's cooperation with following the guidelines to help keep the brush site under control. 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 state regulations. As a reminder, please do not bring any grass clippings to the burn site as it is a violation of State 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.



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

- 2024 Calendar reservations can be made for the **Clubhouse** now.
- 2024 **Pavilion** reservations can be made Tuesday, January 2, 2024.
- 2024 **Campground** reservations can be made beginning Monday, March 25, 2024. 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!

New Property Owners

- Check out the Beaver Lake Website! There is a plethora of useful information. See below!
- 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!

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, and Information.



Make sure to check the Website regularly and see what you find!

The BLA Website has many features and uses. Did you know....

- If you sign up your email on the **front page**, you will receive monthly Newsletters & any emergency info from the Association.
- The BLA Handbook, hours, forms, and FAQ's are under the **Information tab**.
- You can find the Board Meeting & Committee Minutes as well as DCF's and previous Newsletters in the Library by going to **About BLA > Document Library**.



- If you'd like info on any of our Clubs, you can go to **About BLA > BLA Clubs**.
- Check out local businesses who support BLA by advertising on our Website by going to **Community > Yellow Pages**.
- AND, you can pay your Beaver Lake bill online by clicking on [Pay Online](#) from the main menu!