

Beaver Lake December 2024 News

President's Message

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I want to start by welcoming Cathy Brink to the Board of Directors. We had a pair of excellent candidates apply to fill out Callie Watson's term and in the end, we made the difficult choice between them, choosing Cathy. Cathy has hit the ground running, bringing a solid understanding of the handbook and many years of Beaver Lake experience to the Board!

As we head into the winter months and Christmas season, the lake is down 15.5" which is much better than it was just a couple weeks ago when it was 22.5" low. I don't want to wish for snow but perhaps we can get some winter rain to get us in better shape moving towards Spring.

The fishing club did end up buying additional tables and chairs for the clubhouse. 60 chairs were delivered to the clubhouse and the 10 new tables are set to be delivered in the next couple of days. I've not received an update on the table and chairs order from Women's Auxiliary.

If you haven't had a chance yet, please take a minute to read the dam report posted in the news section of the BLA webpage. Here is a link to the newest [Dam Report](#). Updates are provided monthly at board meetings. The engineer provided updates at the Sept 19 board meeting. Sadly, we now have an issue with the inflow at Beaver Lake BLVD and Fire Lane. The last batch of rain we received caused one of the 2 main lake inflow pipes to collapse. An engineering solution is still in the works, so no estimate on the cost to repair is available yet. Troy and team have executed a temporary fix for the winter to hopefully keep everything functioning and the road safe until permanent repairs can be made. More to follow in future quarters and a picture is attached. Additionally, we are budgeting to repair the east lane of the boat ramp with the plan to have that repaired before the peak of boating season 2025. Between the Dam, the ramp, and the southwest cove inflow we are experiencing many costly age-related maintenance/repair issues.



Collapsed culvert on Beaver Lake Blvd

The only update I have on the lot sales issue is as follows. Equestrian lot 5 has sold. Equestrian lot 6 (5+ acres) is listed for sale as is B lot 1030. Updates on the lot sales are provided at board meetings. The Covenant 17 change providing membership voting protection over community utilized properties still hasn't been published in The Voice News of Southeast Nebraska. We are still finalizing other covenant changes and to keep the cost of these changes lower it is best to do all covenant changes together for one fee. The current covenant changes are on the BLA webpage here: [CovenantDCFE](#) There is a petition with the necessary signatures to add lots 462, 719,

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and 968 to the covenant 17 change. If the election committee validates the 10% signature requirement, then this request will be on the May ballot. I'd also hope to have a board decision on lots 462, 719, and 968 over the next couple months. I'll update at board meetings and in the next quarterly.

The zebra mussel breeding season is over and the lower water levels have sadly exposed how successful they are reproducing. On a bright note, the lower water levels will cause the winter cold to kill a good portion of them again until they start reproducing with reckless abandon next year when the water temps get near 60 or above. Please remember there are other invasive species we don't want in our lake like quagga mussels, Eurasian Milfoil, Hydrilla, etc... Bottom line we still need to protect against the spread of invasives. Ballast boats need to be particularly careful since their systems require special procedures to clean. [US Fish Wildlife Service Aquatic Invasives](#)

Don't forget 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/bla-committees/>. I'm also available, so please feel free to contact me as well.

I hope everyone has a safe and great Christmas, New Year, and Winter!
Russ Parmer – President, BLA Board of Directors

BLA 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 6, 2025 and will open up again in the spring on March 3, 2025.** 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.

Women's Auxiliary Scholarship Information

Attention all Beaver Lake High School Seniors:

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 2025/26 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 to me by March 15th.

Women's Auxiliary News



The Beaver Lake Women's Auxiliary met in November for a potato bar and Christmas party planning. The annual Christmas party will be held December 6th. The party will be centered around the Nutcracker theme and promises to be a fun night for attendees.

Our next regular meeting will be held on December 2nd. We will be decorating the Clubhouse interior for the Christmas holiday. January, February, and March will just be fellowship gatherings including games, movies, or field trips. Our regular meetings will begin again in April. Any woman who is a resident of Beaver Lake is cordially invited to join our group. If you have any questions, please contact Ann at annmcgee.mcgee@gmail.com.

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.



The cost is \$50 per month. November through March. (No prorating)

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

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 or to make an offer: 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 are concerned, 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, BLA Managing Director

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

Thank you - Troy Weatherby, BLA Managing Director

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!

Calendar Reservations

Looking ahead! Property owners will be able to make **2025 reservations for the three pavilions starting Thursday, January 2, 2025**. You can also begin making 2026 Clubhouse reservations starting that same Thursday.

Stay tuned. Reservations for the pool and for the campground will begin in the spring sometime. Cassidy at the office will help you with your reservations.

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!