

Beaver Lake February 2025 News

Summer Employment at BLA

The Beaver Lake Association is now accepting applications for full and part-time summer employment.

We need employees for: **Coconuts, Lifeguards, Mowers, Security, and Boat Ramp.**

Find the Application for Employment in the Forms section of the BLA Website:

<https://www.beaverlakene.org/forms/>

Then drop your application off at the BLA office or in the drop box in the Clubhouse parking lot.

Questions? Call us at 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: 402-235-2241



BLA Website Advertising

Now that the Beaver Lake Online News is our only source of official BLA News, we'd like to offer all area businesses a chance to advertise on the BLA Website.

Yellow Page ads can link directly to your company's website and are very inexpensive.

Rotating Banner ads are also a great option & show on every page of the BLA Website.

Check out the BLA Website at <https://www.beaverlakene.org>.

Contact Jill at the BLA office for more information: jillp@beaverlakene.org

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.

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, March 28, 2025 4:00pm BLA Office
Final date and time for BLA property owners to declare candidacy for BLA Board of Directors

Thursday, April 17, 2025 7:30pm Board Meeting – BLA Clubhouse
* Board acceptance of candidates and Three-minute speeches by Board Candidates

Friday, April 25, 2025
* Last day for members to register to vote electronically

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

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

Anyone interested in serving on the Election Committee should [apply online](#) or contact the office at 402-235-2241.

Fishing Club News & Schedule

Hello everyone! The hard water season is upon us. Like it or not, it's inevitable here every year for at least a short time. We have lots of ice fishermen that use our lake. I'm starting to get reports of lots of nice crappie, bluegill, bass and even catfish being caught through the ice. From what I've heard the ice is anywhere from 6" to 10" inches thick and will probably be thicker by the time this article comes out. Please remember, **no ice is safe ice**. Always check the thickness often when out on any body of water. A quick reminder from our security, please have your lot number visible if you are using an ice hut. Have lot number facing the road, if possible, so it can be easily seen. Some ice huts are made from material that the sticky numbers simply won't adhere to. My suggestion was to use a 1\4 inch piece of plywood with lot number on it and hang it from the hut. Also, remember, with the new year comes the need for a new fishing license.

I can't fail to mention that spring is just a few months away. With that being said, the Beaver Lake Fishing Club's yearly **Spaghetti Feed** is fast approaching. This year it will be held on **March 1st from 5:00 to 8:00 pm** at the clubhouse. I encourage everyone to come out and support the club. In past years, your donations and club dues have gone towards fish stocking, benches at the boat ramp, clubhouse and new tables and chairs in the clubhouse. The highlight of the night, in my humble opinion, has to be the homemade spaghetti sauce that Russ and Fatma Parmer spend an entire week making prior to the event. Big thanks go out to them!

Our first meeting of the year will be February 6th at 7:00 pm in the clubhouse. We are in definite need of a new Kids Derby Coordinator for this year. Please give some thought to stepping up for this position. I would greatly appreciate it. Below is the list of dates for our Fishing Club events in 2025. Please feel free to come to the events or tournaments, you are welcome to participate.

Events Schedule for 2025

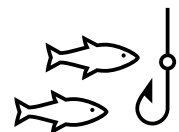
- **March 1: Spaghetti Feed 5-8pm**
- April 12: Bass tournament
- April 26: Crappie tournament
- May 3: Carp tournament
- May 10: Bass tournament
- May 31: Bass tournament
- June 7: Carp tournament
- June 14: Kids Derby
- July 12: Members Fish Fry
- July 25: Evening Bass tourney
- August 8: Evening Bass tourney
- August 23: Catfish tournament
- September 13: Bass tournament
- September 27: Crappie tourney
- October 11: Bass tournament
- October 18: Bluegill Catch/Cook tournament
- November 1: Crappie tournament

Reminder: Please take part in Creel Surveys! You can email Russ or go online to <https://www.beaverlakene.org/fish-creel-survey/> . We appreciate all who participate and encourage everyone to.

That's all I have for now everyone. Be safe on that ice and good luck.

Until next time, tight lines y'all!

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



Infrastructure Committee

Capital Projects Note – Submitted by the Infrastructure Committee

The concept for Beaver Lake began as a 1969 land purchase, with design and development following. With timely maintenance, our infrastructure has served us well – but we recognize how crucial it is to protect our assets by repairing and replacing them before an emergency arises.

Every fall the Infrastructure Committee revises its five-year capital projects plan and request list. The five-year plan names specific projects; their location; a cost estimate; priority ranking; what year to begin; current status; and significant remarks.

The Finance Committee then determines how much we can afford, after which the Board reviews the committees' recommendations and establishes BLA's annual budget. The cost of capital projects increases each year; the allocation for 2025 is \$966,575.

Because the cost of recommended projects always exceeds the capital budget, four years ago Infrastructure identified and compiled a list of anticipated projects that could be expected to fall outside the funding for capital projects available from dues alone. Estimated costs need to be adjusted annually for inflation.

Below is a truncated synopsis of Infrastructure's anticipated future project needs (a few have since been addressed). Neither the dam nor the southwest culvert was originally included. It is reasonable given Beaver Lake's age to expect other unforeseen infrastructure needs and the consequent requirement for additional funds.

WATER Distribution System - \$734,000

- Replace water main valves and fittings. Because of the design and age of the 153 existing double disc gate valves, they will be replaced with modern bubble tight rubber wedge type valves - \$60,000
- Replace three high service pumps (2005 vintage) for the clear well - \$50,000
- Install 10 additional fire hydrants to accommodate community growth - \$70,000
- Replace PAC (powder activated carbon) feeder installed in 2005 - \$200,000
- Repair interior of clear well (oxidation compartments) - \$200,000
- Replace three 25-year-old raw water pumps - \$102,000
- Replace online analyzers because of age and malfunctions - \$52,000

SEWAGE Collection System - \$3.072M

- Replace truss pipe with PVC on Beaver Lake Boulevard (SW cove) - \$30,000
- Purchase emergency portable backup generator for lift stations - \$42,000
- Possible need for new buildings, relocation, and dewatering equipment - \$3M

BUILDINGS - \$2.605M

- Purchase emergency stationary generator for clubhouse (CH) - \$40,000
- Update existing CH to comply with ADA (American with Disabilities Act)- \$1M
- CH A/C and furnaces 29 years old - \$35,000
- Relocate new pool with restrooms/showers and Coconuts - (currently spend \$10,000 per year on patching pool) - \$1.5M
- Maintenance shop storage - \$30,000

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ROADS - \$3M

- Resurface two-inch asphalt overlay. With an annual allocation of \$200,000 we only accomplish 1/8 of a mile at a time. We have 27+ miles of roads. At this rate it takes 20 years to complete the job. Total -\$2M
- Replace failing culverts at SW cove (added in 2025) - \$1M

VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT - \$520,000

- Replace tractor - \$80,000
- Replace 1997 Case 621 loader (used parts not available)- \$350,000
- Replace 2011 Chevy Silverado 1-ton truck + dump box - \$90,000

COMMON ACCESS/SPECIAL USAGE, DOCKS, CAMPGROUND - \$146,000

- Enhance boat dock addition at clubhouse - \$54,000
- Repair boat ramp 3rd lane (additional concrete slab in water)- \$22,000
- Create a third lane at boat ramp to help traffic flow and safety- \$22,000
- Extend west levee for safety and to prevent sand migration - \$18,000
- Install wave break system for safety when loading and unloading boats - \$30,000

DAM (added in 2024) - \$TBD

- Scope as yet unknown – cost as yet unknown

TOTAL KNOWN COSTS EXCLUDING THE DAM - \$10.077M



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

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:

1. 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.

* **Pet License Due Date Update**

We would like to inform you of an important update regarding pet licensing within our community. The due date for obtaining or renewing pet licenses has been changed to May 1st. To make the process more convenient, licenses can now be obtained online.

How to Obtain/Renew Your Pet License Online:

1. Visit: [Home - Beaver Lake Association](#) website.
2. Complete the required information AND submit the necessary documentation. <https://forms.office.com/r/uA7c419086>
3. Pay the applicable fees online. Pet tags are \$10 each. [Pay Online - Beaver Lake Association](#) Please be sure to select ‘Other’ and on the second page, Select Pet License.

Should you want to print your form and submit it by mail or drop-off at the Clubhouse, the form is also located on our website in the Forms section for your convenience.

Please ensure that your pet licenses are up to date by the new due date to avoid any penalties. Submit vaccination form and documentation to: security@beaverlakene.org. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out to us at: Beaver Lake Patrol 402.235.2243 or Beaver Lake Association Office 402.235.2241

Reba Graf, Patrol Director



BEAVER LAKE'S

LAKE PATROL

Hiring

Responsibilities:

- Patrol areas of the lake to enforce boating regulations and safety protocols.
- Educate lake users on boating laws, safety practices, and environmental conservation.
- Conduct inspections of boats and watercraft for compliance with safety equipment requirements.
- Maintain accurate records of patrol activities and incident reports.
- Collaborate with law enforcement and emergency services when necessary.
- Assure that community access areas are being utilized by authorized members.
- Assist with animal control

Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Valid driver's license and clean driving record.
- Strong swimming ability and comfort working in various weather conditions.
- Ability to work weekends and holidays.
- Previous experience as a first responder, lifeguard or security is preferred.

WWW.BEAVERLAKENE.ORG



Contact the Patrol Office with any questions: 402-235-2243

Applications can be found on the BLA Website [Forms Section](#)

LIFEGUARDS WANTED

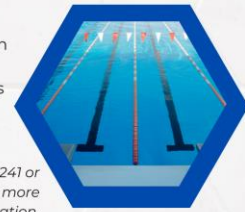
- Must be 15 or older by Memorial Day
- Certified Lifeguard Certificate with CPR/AED and First Aid
- Available to work May 20th - September 2nd

BENEFITS:

- ✓ Reimbursement for certification
- ✓ Reimbursement of one Lifeguard swimsuit/trunks
- ✓ Great team environment

APPLY TODAY

www.beaverlakene.org call 402-235-2241 or email: security@beaverlakene.org for more information.



From Your Friends at the BLA Office

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.

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!

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 in the spring.

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 [Pay Online](#) from the main menu of the website! Call the office if you have questions.