

Beaver Lake September 2026 News

President's Message

Steady Hands, Clear Course

As another great summer at Beaver Lake begins to wind down, it feels like the right time to look back at how far we've traveled and, more importantly, where we are headed next.

In previous letters, I've talked about charting the course ahead together, navigating some headwinds, and making sure the decisions we make today continue to protect the lake and community we all enjoy. This summer brought plenty of reasons to celebrate, along with some very meaningful progress on several of the major infrastructure priorities we have been working toward for quite some time.

Perhaps the biggest milestone is the news that Beaver Lake has received FEMA funding approval for Phase 1 of the Dam Project.

This is a significant step forward.

There has been a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes to get us to this point, and the approval allows us to move forward with final design and begin developing the construction drawings necessary for the planned repairs. There is still plenty of water ahead of the bow before construction is complete, but receiving this approval gives us a defined path forward and represents an important accomplishment for Beaver Lake.

At the same time, the Southwest Cove Project is wrapping up. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, the road is open and the project is entering its final stages of completion and turnover. This has been another major infrastructure investment for the Association and one that required patience from the residents most directly affected. Thank you to everyone who worked through the inconveniences and construction activity as we moved this important project across the finish line.

While infrastructure continues to demand a great deal of our attention, summer at Beaver Lake reminds us why all of this work matters.

We had another tremendous season on the water and throughout the community. A huge thank-you goes to the Fireworks Committee for putting together another amazing show. Mother Nature may have forced a reschedule, but the committee stayed the course and delivered a night our community could be proud of. The time, planning and volunteer effort required to make that event happen should never be taken for granted.

The Murray Volunteer Fire Department fundraiser was also a great success. We are fortunate to have such a strong relationship with the men and women who serve our area, and it was great to see Beaver Lake members turn out to support them.

Our Board and committees have also continued working through many of the less glamorous but equally important items that come with managing a community like ours. From e-bikes and wake boats to lake rules, safety, infrastructure and other "galley items," there has been a tremendous amount of discussion, research and work occurring behind



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the scenes. Not every issue comes with an easy answer, but the goal remains the same: make thoughtful decisions that balance enjoyment of the lake today with protecting Beaver Lake for the future.

One of the real success stories this year has been our weed-harvesting program. Like anything new, there has been a learning curve, but the progress has been impressive. Thank you to the staff, volunteers and committee members who have worked through those challenges, adjusted along the way and continued improving the process. Taking care of the water itself is one of the most important responsibilities we have, and this program is another tool helping us protect our greatest asset—our lake.

I also want to recognize something that has been especially encouraging this year: increased member involvement.

We have seen stronger attendance, more participation with committees and more members taking the time to ask questions, provide feedback and become informed about what is happening around Beaver Lake. That matters.

There will always be opinions and disagreement in a community of our size, and that is healthy. What makes us better is when members go directly to the source—checking the website, attending meetings, talking with committees and Board members, and participating in the process rather than allowing incomplete information or social-media speculation to fill the void.

Engagement creates understanding, and understanding creates a stronger community.

A special thank-you also needs to go to our BLA Security team, lifeguards and Association staff. Summer is their busiest season, and once again they put in countless hours, weekends and late nights taking care of this community. Whether responding to security issues, keeping the pool operating, maintaining our grounds and facilities, or tackling those perfectly timed late-night water breaks, their work often happens when most of us aren't watching. We appreciate everything they do.

And speaking of the pool, it hung in there for another season!

We know the pool will eventually require a larger conversation and investment. For now, our hope is to continue keeping it safely operational while we navigate the significant costs associated with the Dam Project and other critical infrastructure priorities. As I have shared before, responsible stewardship sometimes means prioritizing what we must do while continuing to care for the things we all want to preserve.

That balancing act will continue.

Our Board remains committed to thoughtful financial stewardship, maintaining our infrastructure, protecting the lake and continuing to make Beaver Lake a special place to live, gather and enjoy. We have significant projects ahead of us, but we also have meaningful momentum behind us.

None of it happens without the work of our committees, volunteers, staff, Board members and residents who choose to be involved.

So as another summer heads toward the harbor, thank you for the patience, participation and support you continue to provide.

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We've navigated some challenging waters together. We've made meaningful progress. And while there is still plenty of work ahead, I believe we have steady hands on the wheel, a clear course in front of us, and a community capable of getting there together.

Thank you for another great summer at Beaver Lake.

Mike Langford

BLA Board President, Beaver Lake Association

Beaver Lake Ladies' Auxiliary

Since I last wrote, the Beaver Lake Ladies' Auxiliary has completed its annual Garage Sale at the end of May. It was another successful venture with funds going towards our scholarship fund and purchase of items to be used by lake residents. However, we did vote at our August meeting, not to continue doing the garage sale in its present form because of the tremendous amount of work involved. We will explore other fundraising ideas.



We did not meet in June and July, but a couple things were taking shape. The Koala Bear diaper changing station was installed in the upper bathroom of the Beaver Lake Clubhouse and 3 benches we purchased were placed at various spots around the lake. We are also exploring new flooring options for the Clubhouse. We will need to coordinate with the Beaver Lake Board to go forward on this.

In July, Patty Lockhorn organized a group trip to Nebraska City to tour the fascinating Kregel Windmill Museum. Following our tour, we proceeded on to Brownville to eat a delicious lunch at the Lyceum restaurant.

Upcoming events for us:

Annual **Craft Fair on October 3rd**. We still have space for a couple more tables if anyone has a craft for sale. Contact Cindy Wheeler at cmwhlr@gmail.com

Annual **Christmas Dinner on December 7th**.

Our next meeting will be held September 14th at 1:00 for a short business meeting. We will then come back to Pavilion #1 for a potluck at 5:30. This is a thank you to our husbands who have been background help in our projects. We also would welcome anyone interested in joining our group. Any woman who is a resident of Beaver Lake is eligible to become a member.

Happy Fall,

Ann McGee, Beaver Lake Ladies' Auxiliary

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Swimming Pool & Coconuts



Last Chance!

Coconuts will be open:
Sat 9-5, Sun 9-6 & Mon 9-7
Noon – 7pm

Pool will be open:
Sat 9-5 Noon – 7pm
Sun 9-6 11am – 3pm
Mon 9-7 3pm – 7pm



(Weather permitting) *

Come have one more burger or pretzel or some ice cream!
We are excited to see you at the pool and Coconuts as we finish our summer!

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

Lake Patrol Late Summer Ramp Hours

Starting August 31st, the ramp will be open by appointment only:



Contact the Patrol Office with questions: 402-235-2243 or security@beaverlakene.org.

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If you received our first text message on 1-20-26 or have received one from BLA since, then you are already signed up! Opt-out by texting "STOP" to 91896.

Important Patrol Information



New Beaver Lake E-Bike & E-Scooter Rules

As e-bikes and e-scooters continue to grow in popularity, the Beaver Lake Association has adopted new regulations to help keep our roads, trails, parks, and gathering areas safe for everyone. See Section VI of the BLA Handbook.

What Devices Are Covered?

The new rules apply to:

- Only electric bicycles that meet Beaver Lake's Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 definitions are permitted to operate as e-bikes.
- Any electric bicycle that does not meet the complete definition of Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 is automatically considered an electric motorcycle and must comply with the applicable operator-age, Class M licensing, registration, and insurance requirements.
- Personal electric scooters are also permitted

These devices are permitted within the Beaver Lake community as long as they are operated safely and in accordance with Association rules.

Safety First

Residents are reminded to operate e-bikes and e-scooters responsibly and courteously.

Key safety expectations include:

- ✓ Follow all posted speed limits within the subdivision.
- ✓ Slow down to **10 mph or less** in areas where pedestrians may be present, including:
 - Mailbox areas
 - Trails
 - Boat ramps
 - Club facilities
 - Parking lots
 - Beaches
 - Other gathering places
- ✓ Always yield to pedestrians.
- ✓ Give an audible signal when passing walkers or slower trail users.
- ✓ Use lights or reflectors when riding between a half hour after sunset and a half hour before sunrise.
- ✓ Keep your equipment in safe operating condition, including brakes, tires, and steering components.

Helmets Encouraged

The Association strongly encourages all riders and passengers (when the device is designed for passengers) to wear:

- A properly fitted helmet
- Appropriate protective gear

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What Is Not Allowed?

For the safety of all residents, the following activities are prohibited:

- Racing
- Reckless operation
- Excessive speed
- Wheelies
- Weaving through traffic or pedestrians
- Towing people or objects
- Any behavior that endangers persons or property



E-bikes and e-scooters may only be used on roads, driveways, and other approved areas. Certain locations may be restricted by the Board and marked with signage.

Parents: Please Talk With Young Riders

Parents and guardians are responsible for making sure minors understand and follow these rules when operating e-bikes or e-scooters within Beaver Lake.

Let's Keep Beaver Lake Safe

These regulations are intended to allow residents to enjoy e-bikes and e-scooters while helping protect pedestrians, motorists, and fellow neighbors. Thank you for doing your part to keep Beaver Lake a safe and enjoyable community for everyone.

Understanding E-Bike Classes

Class 1 E-Bike

- Pedal-assist only
- Motor assists while pedaling
- Maximum assisted speed: 20 mph
- Must have operable pedals

Class 2 E-Bike

- Throttle-assisted
- Maximum assisted speed: 20 mph
- Must have operable pedals

Class 3 E-Bike

- Under 750 watts
- Pedal and/or throttle assist
- Maximum assisted speed: 25 mph
- Must have operable pedals

Class 4 (Electric Motorcycle)

- More than 750 watts
- No operable pedals required
- Requires motorcycle licensing and registration

Important Notice for High-Powered Electric Bikes

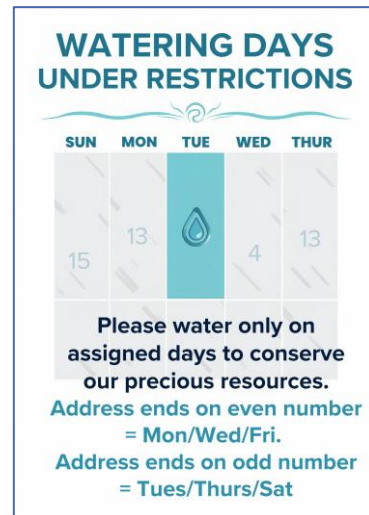
Any member operating an electric bike rated at **750 watts or higher** must:

- Be at least 17 years old
- Register the vehicle with the county
- Hold a valid Class M motorcycle license
- Maintain insurance coverage

2026 Lawn Watering Restrictions

Originally effective April 1, 2025, and still being enforced, 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 86 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
BLA Managing Director



Beaver Lake Association Committee Openings

One Committee position is open on each of the following committees:

- Lake Habitat & Fisheries
- Appeals
- Infrastructure

The Board of Directors is now taking applications from property owners who want to serve as a member of one of the three committees with openings. Committees are very important to the operation of the Association. Please read about the committee functions by going to the Beaver Lake [Website](#) under the 'About BLA' tab. Under the same tab you will find a dropdown tab, where it says 'Join a Committee.' Here, you can fill out the [application](#) and submit it to the Beaver Lake Association office.

Please have your application submitted by September 30, 2026, to be considered for a position. Thank you and we look forward to meeting with you.

--Beaver Lake Association Board of Directors

BLA Lot for Sale

Lot 1030 is 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



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 text messages 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!

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.

