



Hot Topics

“Hot Topics” is a monthly feature sanctioned by the Board of Directors to increase transparency, improve awareness, and provide accurate information on issues and upcoming events that impact all residents of the Beech Mountain Lakes Association.

1. **Walkers’ and Bikers’ Safety:** With the coming of spring, residents are reminded that the correct and safest way to walk our streets is facing traffic. Facing traffic enables the walker to see an oncoming vehicle, and the driver knows that he has been seen by the walker. Bikers are reminded to ride with the flow of traffic, and to observe Stop Signs.
2. **Wild Life:** This month the Board enacted a new BMLA policy which prohibits the feeding of deer, water fowl, and other types of Wild Life. The policy echoes the recommendation of the PA Game Commission. Please see new Policy 3.11 in the Resolutions’ and Policies’ section of the Governance tab on the BMLA website for a complete description of the policy.
3. **Dam Remediation:** As mentioned at the March Board meeting, the Board hopes to secure grant funding to pay the entire 3.8 million dollar projected cost for the dam remediation project. However, it was related to those in attendance, if the full amounts of the grants are not obtained, the balance of the project’s cost will be the responsibility of all owners in the form of a Special Assessment.
4. **Emergency Access Road:** A Board member and resident recently walked the Emergency Road, finding all parts of the road in very good condition. There are a few somewhat, emphasis on somewhat, rough patches which can very easily be avoided.
5. **Appeals’ Process Change:** Beginning April 1, to appeal any BML fine/citation, the owner must first pay the fine within 30 days. If the appeal is upheld, the fine amount will be refunded within 7 days. For a complete description of the Appeals’ Process, see the Schedule of Fees and Fines under the Governance tab on the BMLA website.