

## 2025 Shavehead Lake Association Membership Letter

*Dear Shavehead Lake Neighbors,*

Welcome to the beginning of the 2025 season on the lake! As some of you may know, Shavehead Lake has two lake associations. This membership letter is being distributed by the Shavehead Lake Association (SLA). SLA uses dues to fund items related to lake health, boating safety, water quality, community outreach, the Michigan Riparian Magazine, and social events mentioned in this "Membership Letter". The Shavehead Lake Peninsula Association (SLPA) was formed to address land issues relating to peninsula owners, such as security concerns and select peninsula social events. If you live on the peninsula, it is beneficial to belong to both associations as the concentrations are different.

Our SLA meetings will be held on the second Saturday of each month beginning in May and ending in September. Everyone is welcome to attend!

***SLA Meetings Scheduled at Camp Friedenswald beginning at 10 am on the following dates except for the August meeting which will be at Harmon Park on the Peninsula:***

**May 10**

**June 14**

**July 12**

***August 16 at Harmon Park***

**September 13**

***Social Events 2025:***

**June 14--Kids' Carnival**

**July 5—Flotilla and Fireworks at Camp Friedenswald**

**July 19—Wheels Parade on the Peninsula**

**August 9—Dock Dash**

**September 27--SLA Fall Bash**

***Events needing a chairperson to happen: Pooch Parade and the Flotilla***

**Multiple volunteers** are needed to assist with these social events. Please indicate on the return membership form if you are willing to volunteer or would like more information on these events. If you or your company would like to donate items for the **Fall Bash** silent auction please let us know!

**Music on the Lake** was enjoyed by many last year and will continue this year. Of the monies collected in this fund, \$750 will be issued to each of the bands performing as partial payment for their performance. The hosts will make up the difference. If you are a music lover, dancer, or someone who loves having a good time, consider donating to this fund or volunteering to be a host.

**The fireworks** show will be set off at dusk on the evening of Saturday, July 5th from the northeast shore of Camp Friedenswald. **Thank you** to the Camp for agreeing to the use of their property for this much-loved event. **Thank you** to Porter Township Fire Department who are always watching over the lighting of the fireworks. We are starting the 2025 fireworks fund with a healthy fund carryover because of an abundance of late donations last year. The more we have in the fund, the more fireworks we can purchase for the show. Please send your fireworks' donations in as early as you can. **Thank you** to all for the generous

donations to the fireworks fund. Along with paying for the show, SLA also donates to the Porter Township Fire Department and the extensive cleanup on Camp Friedenswald property.

We have **Automatic Emergency Defibrillators (AEDs)** placed around the lake. Five units, which are both adult and pediatric compatible, have been installed at the following locations: on the East side the Landis residence (roadside on Lakeview Drive), on the West side the Mark/Harder residence (roadside North Drive), and on the South side the Hendricks' boathouse (lakeside), at Camp Friedenswald's beach (East side) and on the peninsula at the Fish residence (pole barn/back lot East Peninsula Drive). A map of the lake is enclosed with the locations marked.

**Water quality** -- We will be working with Kieser & Associates to test the water quality this year. The water quality report received for 2024 indicated a concerning increase in phosphorus which can cause serious problems with water quality, clarity and decreased oxygen levels if the trends continue. The SLA is investigating additional water quality testing which will help to pinpoint the source of the increase in phosphorus. We have also applied for a grant through Ecosystems Connections Institute (ECI) for extensive water quality testing at multiple water inlets. A big **thank you** to the volunteers who will be routinely collecting the water samples.

We invite you to attend the SLA meetings to learn more about what the SLA is doing or to get involved in planning or volunteering for any of the events. Follow our Facebook page "Shavehead Lake" and our website [www.shaveheadlake.com](http://www.shaveheadlake.com) for future updates. The newsletter is distributed to every home on the lake multiple times during the summer. If your business would like to place an ad in the newsletter there is information on the back side of the AED page. Membership dues can be paid by filling out the included information page and mailing your check in the enclosed postage paid envelope. You can also pay online with Venmo or PayPal, who charge us a fee, [shaveheadlakeassociation@gmail.com](mailto:shaveheadlakeassociation@gmail.com). Don't forget to include your lake address.

We hope you choose to join the association and support our efforts in keeping the healthiest and most vibrant lake in the area! Please reach out to a board member or email [shaveheadlakeassociation@gmail.com](mailto:shaveheadlakeassociation@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Your 2025 Shavehead Lake Association Board:**

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