

# Shaver's Lake Preservation Association 2019 Annual State of Lake Letter

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Hello Shaver's Lakers,

As we settle in for the balance of this winter, we are reminded of the fun and recreation we all see happening when the temperatures are hospitable, and we've been glad to see so many families out enjoying the ice this year.

We have three families in 2018 who are new to the lake. If you are newer to the lake, please visit our website [www.shaverslake.org](http://www.shaverslake.org), and feel free to reach out to us or any of our board members, who can give you key information on our history of efforts to help Shaver's Lake remain a vibrant and healthy ecosystem.

Utilizing the annual dues provided by Shaver's Lakers, we have been able to continue the annual summer water treatments to maintain the look of the lake and try to keep weed growth in check. This water treatment program, helped along by favorable high-water conditions, the work of many of around the lake to manage cattail growth, and even our resident muskrats, have all contributed to maintaining the beautiful views of Shaver's that we've all come to love. This is where the bulk of your annual dues are spent, and they are critical to our mission of keeping Shavers Lake a lake.

While the treatment program has helped to slow the rate at which overall lake quality deteriorates, accumulation of organic biomass in the water is still the root issue imperiling the long-term health of the lake. While we still lack an economical and politically feasible way to address the removal of this biomass, finding a solution to this issue is another important part of the Association's mission. If you'd like to help in this effort, please reach out to learn more about what we've been doing in this area. This year, we are also looking for some volunteers to help us with our water monitoring activities. If you have an interest in recording water temperatures, water clarity, lake level or conducting plant surveys please let us know.

In addition to your membership dues, we are again asking for all those on the lake to fill out and return the enclosed APM (Aquatic Plant Management) Permit,

which facilitates our annual treatment program. The more permits we can turn in, the more effective our treatment programs can be. So please complete the APM Permit and return with your Membership Form in the enclosed envelope, and we will compile all of the permits for delivery to Lake Restoration, our treatment vendor. It is extremely helpful for the treatment program to get the permits in early, so please return by February 15th so we can get a jump on this year's work. Please feel free to give us a call if you have any questions regarding the APM.

We will be scheduling an annual meeting again this year in order to share the financial standing and plans for the coming year. Please watch for details on a date and location in the near future. In the meantime, please fill out and return your enclosed 2019 Membership Form, APM Permit, and annual membership dues as soon as possible.

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting if not before.

Sincerely,

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