

## What's up in Shell Lake

Boy oh boy winter has certainly arrived in WI! Temps well below zero have proven to us that the Bold North certainly has made a statement! Well, the good news is that we have a super fun activity to help celebrate winter! On Saturday February 15th the City of Shell Lake along with the partnership of the Shell Lake Chamber of Commerce will be holding our first Winter Fest! This will be held at the beach house from 4:00-9:00 PM. We will be lighting up the big fireplace in the beach house to help give warmth to those who will be coming to enjoy the newly formed ice rinks on the lake, take in some ice fishing activities on the lake (all fishing supplies will be supplied) and of course enjoying roasted hotdogs, marshmallows, hot apple cider and hot chocolate! The chamber will be working the s'mores area....a little bit of something for all ages! Winter Fest will give us all an opportunity to get out of the house, enjoy some winter fun outside and reconnect with our neighbors. We also will be having fire rings out on the beach for those who want to sit around a campfire and enjoy a hot beverage under the stars! The city has installed a light on the beach to shine on the lake and beach so the activities can go into the evening. We hope you can join us for this evening of fun and activities geared for all who want to come celebrate Winter Fest! The best part, is that this entire event is free!

DID YOU HEAR that Shell Lake has won some pretty amazing recognitions regarding what we have to offer in Shell Lake and the surrounding area? The following awards were awarded to our great city on Thursday January 16th.

**BEST ATTRACTION:** Hunt Hill Nature Center (Sarona)

**BEST LODGING:** Shell Lake Municipal Campground

**BEST POUR:** Klopps Fifth Avenue Bar

**BEST SHOPPING:** Corner of 5th

We really already know what an amazing city we live in, but it's always nice to receive the recognition from others.

News Flash: Indoor pickleball is now being offered at the Shell Lake Arts Center. Right now, the courts are open Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 0900-1200. There are three regulation size pickle ball courts to play on. We were able to accomplish the use of this facility through our donations to the Art Center. Donations for use of their facility is \$5 per session, or \$25 per month. Checks can be made to the Shell Lake Art Center, a 501(c) organization. This is open to all ages, as well as skill levels. Whether you're a pro, or a beginner, we have a place for you! A group of us will even help you learn the game. A great activity to get out during the day, no matter how cold it is. Plus, it's a terrific way to meet new people who just want to have fun! Just come to the side door (auditorium door) which will be unlocked during the stated hours. Please bring an extra pair of tennis shoes that are clean, street shoes are not allowed on the courts.

A Reminder of the winter parking rules. Please have your vehicles off the city roads from 0200-0600am. This is a safety issue for both the residents of Shell Lake and the city crew who are up early with each snow storm to clear the streets. Tickets will be issued for those who do not have their vehicles off the street. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

February 2nd Groundhog Day

February 10 City Council Meeting

February 14 Valentines Day

FEBRUARY 15 Winter Fest

February 17 Presidents Day

Hope you have a Happy Valentine's Day! Wishing you a day filled with love, laughter, and all the chocolates that you desire...and deserve! So go ahead, wear your heart on your sleeve, eat an entire box of chocolates by yourself (no judgement) and dance to your favorite love songs. It's a day you get to do you, Valentine's Day style!

Stay warm, and hope to see you at Winter Fest!