

Mayors Corner Shell Lake  
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### What's Happening in Shell Lake!!

The Dogs Day of Summer are associated with the month of August. The actual dates this year is July 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>. August brings back memories of school shopping with the kids, 4-H projects due, State Fair with all the great food, and noticing the shorter days. It's hard to see the summer coming to an end, the long days of sun and fun, but the Fall is really a beautiful time of the year. It's just that the thought of snow and cold makes me not want to let go of summer! I hope many of you were able to take part in the activities that were happening in July. July had truly started out with a bang...the fireworks of course. We had record crowds for the event, and the fireworks were just beautiful. Honestly I think they were the best I have seen in the 8 years we lived here....lots of ohhhh's and ahhhh's were heard around the city. Sooo many people, boats on the lake watching the fireworks, the beach was full, as well as the street dance. Thanks to all who made this event possible.

The first Annual Great Shell Lake Get together was a success! So much fun was had by all, the weather was perfect, and the best part of all was being able to meet so many of you. We were lucky enough to have live music to add to the festivities, it really added to the occasion. Lots of people came up and introduced themselves to us, and thanked us for the effort we put into this event. It has been a long time coming, and well worth the work that went into it. A huge shout out to all the volunteers who helped make this a success...without their willingness to help, this just could not have taken place. We estimated that about 420 people stopped by! Stay tune for next year for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Great Shell Lake Get Together...if you thought this one was fun, just wait for next year!!

Have you heard there is a new store (well kind of) in town? New in both the location and the size. Maureen Hoffman has moved her store "Hemp and Home" to main street in downtown Shell Lake. Take a stroll down main street and check it out. So cute, and very nicely done. It surely will remind you of the "Old Country Store". Also featured in Maureen's store is the art work of a local artist by the name of Roger Nielsen who actually created one of the most successful art fairs in the Midwest. You may have heard of it, The Uptown Art Fair! So, stop in, say hello, and Maureen will be happy to show you the place. Good Luck Maureen on your new adventure!

Did you get a chance to take note of the new banners hanging from the light posts as you drive thru town? As stated before, many of these are made by the art students at the high school. So fun to see our local students put their talents to work, and show off their incredible ability to capture some of the great activities that happen right here in Shell Lake.

**On August 12<sup>th</sup>**, we will be having the City Council meeting at the Beach House (formally the shelter house) instead of at City Hall at 7:00pm. If you are able to attend, we will be officially dedicating this building to Kenny Schultz. Kenny has volunteered his time and talents of over 45 years to the City of Shell Lake, working tirelessly to help make this city shine. He does so without complaint, and always willing to help with the next project. Kenny is truly the definition of Community Pride! So please, if you have the time to attend the meeting and thank Kenny for his many years of service, it would be wonderful to see you. We will be serving refreshments after the meeting in celebration of Mr. Schultz.

*August 30<sup>th</sup> thru Sept 1<sup>st</sup>; Town and Country Days* will be celebrated this year. It is a busy weekend for Shell Lake, with the event bringing in people from around the county. Sure to be another great weekend celebrating what Shell Lake has to offer.

**August 30<sup>th</sup>** the Lions Fish Fry to be held at the Shell Lake Community Center from 4:00-7:00PM The cost is \$15 for adults, children 6-12 years of age \$8, and children under 6 eat for free.

This is fresh white fish, caught in Lake Superior, and served the same day it is caught. The fresh fish is served with the famous fried bread, boiled potatoes, coleslaw and a yummy homemade dessert. So come on down to Memorial Park, this is a delicious meal served hot, and the Lions will make sure you have a great time. Monies made on this event is allocated in their various donations to the local community, and scholarships to the students in Shell Lake. So, a great dinner, with an even greater cause!

**August 31<sup>st</sup>**, The Lake Point Aero Club will be having their fly in Pancake breakfast served at the Shell Lake airport. This is such an exciting event, watching the planes fly in from all over the area, with so many different models, and brilliant colors. It is one of my favorite events to go to. They will be serving from 0730-11:00. The fee is \$10 per serving, children under 5 will get to eat for free. So, grab the kiddos, come to the airport and enjoy a hot breakfast of pancakes, sausages, and hot coffee. Plus, watch the really cool planes come in and take off from our own airport. Just a side note, if you are able to walk, or bike to the event, it will make it a bit easier for you, parking is always tight on this day due to the huge attendance of people wanting to partake in the fly-in.

Sometime around the middle of August, the property owners in Shell Lake will be receiving by mail the new assessment of your property as prescribed by law. The new assessment is an estimate of the full 100 % market value of your property as of January 1, 2024. The actual tax amount that you will be responsible for will not be known until sometime in December after the county treasure has completed the process. This is just to give you a heads up, that the revaluation will be delivered soon. Along with the assessment letter, the assessor will also include two letters detailing the tax process, and the steps you can take if you have any questions.

This month I would like to introduce to you Rob Anderson who is the alderman in Ward 2. Rob was born in Brisbane Australia. He grew up on a 5-acre farm, and has a love of horses, he even raced them in Australia in the Steeple races. If you have ever talked with him, you will definitely notice his very distinct accent. Rob moved to the United States in 1979. He taught social studies at Anoka High School in the Anoka-Hennepin School district. In this same district, Rob became the principal at Blaine High School.

Rob retired 13 years ago and moved to Shell Lake in 2015. He and his wife Linda bought the property that they currently live on from Linda's parents, and built a cabin in 1968. Rob is a past president of the Shell Lake Lion's club, and continues to donate many hours to the organization. He is in fact the person who has spearheaded the Christmas lights in the campground, as well as the LoveLife tree for the past 8 years. He is the reason that Shell Lake lights up like a Christmas Tree during the holiday season! Rob has served as an alderman for Ward 2 for the past 3 years. He serves as Chair of the General Administration Committee, is the father of 3 adult children and has 5 grandchildren. Some of the hobby's that interest Rob is boating, sailing and biking. Rob was the first person I knew associated with the City Council. In

fact, he is “that guy” who approached me about 4 years ago asking me if I would have any interest in running for a seat on the City Council.

Thanks, Rob, for all that you do for the city of Shell Lake, not just with your ties to City Hall, but for all of your volunteer work within the city. You are a shining star!!

As you can see, July was a busy month, and August looks to be just as busy for Shell Lake. Hopefully you can partake in the activities planned. Now with the warm weather, and warm waters, we can really take advantage of the lake and beautiful beaches that we have right here in our own back yard! Have a wonderful August, take care, and enjoy the warm days ahead!