

Mayor's Corner
What's Up in Shell Lake?

Ahhhhh, the flower pots are up, the street banners are hung, docks are out, campers are starting to appear at the beach campsite.... all the signs of summer are here!!! I just love this time of year. The new grass, tree buds, lilacs even some of the fields in the country are showing that vibrant green of a new season.... whoo-hoo!!

June is proving to be a busy month, as summer starts to gear up. I have to say the VFW put on an awesome program this Memorial Day. The day was perfect, with sunshine on our shoulders, a bit of a cooling breeze, and not a cloud in the sky. I would guess that there were about 100 people that showed up to honor our veterans who had given their all, the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. The day was truly memorable.

On June 13th, the American Cancer Society will be having their annual "Relay for Life" event at Memorial Park right here in Shell Lake. This is one of their fund raisers to help fight cancer. Millions of dollars have been raised to help research in the cure for cancer, and with this event, it will further the possibilities of maybe someday curing cancer! So, if you can join us on Friday June 13th to partake in some of the activities, we would love to see you. Kick off starts at 6:00 PM, with the walk to begin at 7:00 PM. Upon your return walk to Memorial Park the luminaries will be lit in honor of those who have suffered, died, and beat cancer. There is still time to stop by City Hall and pick your luminary to be lit. The suggested donation for each luminary is \$10. These will also be available at the event. Also, if you would like to make a cash donation, that is just fine, you can also do that at the event. SO please come and join us, show your support, visit with your neighbors and friends who may attend. Such a wonderful event, to help with a very needed cause. Hope to see you on Friday June 13th.

June 15th FATHER's DAY...more on that later in my column

June 21st is Make Music Day in Spooner and Shell Lake. It is a FREE event, no tickets, musicians and audience members are not charged. It is open to all musicians at any level who wish to participate. This day features live music performances for all ages with no restrictions on kinds of music. This is on the longest day of the year, and events can occur from sunrise to past sunset. Last summer was their first time having this event in Shell Lake. There were drums to play at the City Hall, along with other various musical instruments to try out! Watch for the times and places that will be posted in the paper. I did it last year, it was a blast, and really seeing and hearing some of the children try out the instruments truly put a smile on my face.

JULY 3rd...I am putting this event in this month's update, because it falls so early in July, that I really want people to be aware of the work that the Chamber is doing to put on the events of July 3rd celebration. It will be the Annual Street Dance and Fire Works display. The live band for the street dance will be Sushi Roll...same as last year which was a huge hit! There will be a huge food tent set up with food in the lot next to the ATM machine. You can't miss it, and there will also be a concession stand at the Pavillion. With donations from the City of Shell Lake, and the monies raised by the Body Shop, as well as raffle tickets being sold in partnership with the Shell Lake Chamber of Commerce, the fireworks will be spectacular! They will be shot off at Dusk

from the barge over by the public beach area. The drawing for the Shell Lake Chamber of Commerce 50/50 Fireworks Raffle will be at 9:00 PM. You do not need to be present to win. If you would like a raffle ticket or would like to make a contribution, you can call 608-617-8018. They will only be selling 100 tickets, so your chance of winning is even greater! So come on down to the downtown area for some fun and entertainment. Shell Lake is known for its amazing Fireworks, make sure you don't miss this event.

FUTURE EVENTS COMING UP:

July 3: Annual Street Dance and Fire Works

July 4: Friday, City Hall Closed

July 5: Shell Lake Art Show, Memorial Park 10:00am-4:00pm

July 20: Great Shell Lake Get Together, Memorial Park 11:00am-2:00pm

July 26: Lions Annual Triathlon and Duathlon, Memorial Park Start time 0800

FATHERS'S DAY is June 15th this year. All of us have a father, and many of us still have a father that we can celebrate their day with. But those of us who do not, hopefully the memories of our fathers' that we do have, remain in our hearts forever. I lost my father at a young age, and all through my young years, he was and still is my hero. He had the confidence in me that others did not, telling me that I could accomplish whatever I wanted to do, if I was willing to work hard enough to earn it. For a long time, Father's Day was a sad day for me, as I so wanted to share this day with "dad", I wanted him there with me. I always said, if I could just have one more day with him....just one more day. A Father's love is the kind that doesn't need to be spoken, they are often the quiet architects of our strength, building us up with selfless choices they make for their children. Dad's make our worlds safe, make us feel loved, teach us between right and wrong. Through the years I have been blessed to watch my husband, be the father of our three boys, and I must say, it is my favorite love story. Happy Father's Day to all of you fathers out there, who give unwavering support and love to your children, from diaper changes, to bedtime stories, you are one in a million. No one can replace you. Happy Father's Day dad, to the man who taught me to be courageous. Enjoy the warm days ahead...summer is here!!