

Mayor's Corner

What's Up in Shell Lake?

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Yup, here we are, already looking at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Our Nation's Independence Day. Fireworks, friends, and freedom! What's not to love about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July? When I was a kid, I remember my folks always stating, "Well now that the 4<sup>th</sup> is here, the summer is half over" Ugh, I never liked hearing that! I wanted the summer to go on forever!! We have finally received the rains we so desperately needed this spring, but better late than never. Hopefully, the rains will continue in small intervals, so that our gardens, lawns, and flowers will continue to flourish. And of course, our Lake, fresh water is always a good thing to help keep it healthy, and continue to give it increased depth. Did you know that 80% of our Lake's water comes from the clouds?

As mentioned in my previous column, July is a very busy month for the City of Shell Lake. We have so many fun activities scheduled throughout the month, and the great thing about them, is that they are all geared toward both adults and kids alike!

So, let's take a look at all the exciting events that we get to partake in:

**.Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup>: Shell Lake's Street Dance**, Food Tent, and of course of the great Fireworks. The Fireworks will be shot off at dusk from a barge in front of the beach area. If you have never seen the SL Fireworks, you are in for a great show!! All of this is made possible through the hard work of the Chamber and donations from folks like you.

**.Friday July 4<sup>th</sup>: Our Nation's Independence Day**. City Hall will be closed

**.Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup>: Shell Lake Fine Art Festival** at Memorial Park on the shores of beautiful Shell Lake. Juried artists from across the area will be displaying their art from 10am-4pm. It's a day that promises excellent opportunities to see the talent and creativity in the area.

**Also on the 5<sup>th</sup>, the Shell Lake Softball Booster Club**, will be holding a Meat Raffle as a fundraiser from 4-6PM at Klopp's Bar in Shell Lake. The money will go towards youth and high school softball programs. Meat is supplied from Louies in Cumberland.

**.Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>: City Council Meeting** at 7:00 PM

**.Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup>: THE GREAT SHELL LAKE GET TOGETHER!!!** One of our all-time favorite events. This old fashion picnic is put on by the City of Shell Lake for the residents, free of charge, made possible with the awesome support, and donations of various merchants and organizations in the area. We will have live music, and will be serving, brats, hot dogs, beans, potato salad, chips, and the all-time favorite Root Beer Floats! Now is that the best or what!! Last year was our first year attempting this, and it was a great success...so much fun! It will be taking place from 1100am-2:00pm at Memorial Park. Come and meet your City Council members, as well as the folks from the Chamber, and Lion's Club. We will all be there to meet you, and serve the best free food around! So please, come on down to the park, and take time to visit with your neighbors, friends, and community members. Hope to see you there!!!

**.Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup>: Shell Lake Lions Triathlon.** This will take place at Memorial Park. Starting time for the race to begin will be at 8:00am. This entails a 1/3-mile swim, 15-mile bike ride, and a 3.4-mile run. Also, there will be a Duathlon, which will be a 2-mile run, a 15-mile bike ride, and a 3.4-mile run. It is the only Triathlon in Washburn County and one of the most beautiful routes in the Northwoods! There will be a food truck, along with fun activities and music for all. SO please join us as a Competitor, or Spectator, and help cheer on all those athletes who have put in a lot of hard work to make it to the finish line. There will be the opportunity for same day registration on the day of the race for those who think, "Ahhh, I have always wanted to try something like this". Now is your opportunity!! This has been a monumental project for many volunteers who have made it possible for this event to take place. We are excited with the number of people this event has drawn from across the states. We are proud to show off our beautiful city to all who come to compete, or come to watch their loved ones compete. We are hoping to make Shell Lake a future destination for summer vacations, or just a fun place to come for a day and play! Shell Lake has so much to offer.

These events take us to the end of this very busy and fun filled month. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is always a festive occasion. This 4<sup>th</sup> of July, let's come together with family and friends to celebrate the land of the free, and the home of the brave, remembering the sacrifices made for our freedom. Wishing you all a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Hope you have a blast.