

# SISTER CITY: Residents help Einhausen celebrate

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gifts brought from the U.S. for Einhausen Mayor Helmut Glanzer was an Uncle Sam rubber ducky. The grand festival went on for two weeks, but Einhausen has been celebrating in various ways all year long.

The group stayed in host homes in the community of 6,000 where there are no hotels or motels, Kiehnbaum said. "When we go there, it is part of

the cultural immersion and sister city relationship. We always stay with host families in that community or in that immediate area around there."

Einhausen was first mentioned in historical records in 768 AD. It sits along the Weschnitz River at the foot of the Bergstrasse Mountains in the state of Hessen. It is the fifth time Kiehnbaum has traveled to the city.

The formal sister city relationship between Einhausen and Shoreview began 15 years ago, but its

roots began in 1989 when a group of north suburban high school students visited Einhausen on a tour arranged by German teacher Cheryl Wason. Five years later, the president of the Einhausen Partnership Club suggested starting a sister city partnership with a city in Minnesota.

Members of the association meet monthly at City Hall. For more information, visit [sesca.org](http://sesca.org).



A rubber duck race with about 500 competitors was held in the Weschnitz River.