

Town of Neenah

Today



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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER:



**Town Chairman
Bob Schmeichel**

Communication is important in all facets of everyday life. From worksites, to families, to town business. Effective communication in all of these settings is crucial to being effective in issues that might arise. We all need to eliminate gossip and rumors completely and focus on the facts of related topics. An effective way to help eliminate potential misunderstanding of town

related issues is to attend any of the scheduled public board meetings which are listed on our website and posted at

several sites throughout the town. Your elected town officials are "entrusted" to the greater good for the Town of Neenah. We are also committed to continued improvement of communications on our part.

Having said that....earlier this year I wrote that the Town of Neenah will be more aggressive in the subject of Junked Motor Vehicles. Chapter #7 in our Municipal Code (7.04) specifically refers to this subject. Neither I, nor any of the town board members will be cruising up and down the town roads looking for any particular settings that would fall under this code. This is a complaint driven action in which we then verify by personal observation. To date we have received numerous complaints of junked and/or nuisance vehicles in various locations in our township. In the process of communications, we will be contacting the owner(s) of such properties and if the setting does not come in compliance to our code, the person or persons will be subject to forfeitures as per 7.04 in our code.

To that end I advise any and all of us to comply with this code.

Let's get to my "Fun Facts":

We just finished celebrating our National Memorial Day Holiday in which we recognize all of our veterans past and present. WWII was a monumental event for all times, however did you know that...

During World War II the U.S. government used 260 million pounds of coffee.

Or that...

During World War II, bakers in the United States were ordered to stop selling sliced bread for the duration of the war on January 18, 1943. Only whole loaves were made available to the public. It was never explained how this action helped the war effort.

And that...

During World War II, the very first bomb dropped on Berlin by the Allies killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.

And finally...

Baby boomers are all those born in the United States between 1946 and 1964.

During the WW II period the General Fertility Rate (GFR) in the United States rose from what had been an all-time low in 1936 of 75.8 children per 1,000 women of childbearing age to a high of 122.7 in 1957... - that was why you might have liked "57 Chevy's but you had to have a station wagons!!

So that's it for this edition. Enjoy the summer. Be safe. And hope to see you at our Volunteer Fireman picnic on August 23rd at Mahler Park.

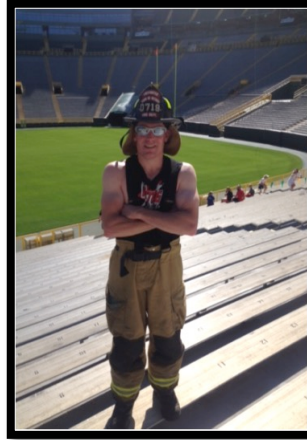
Bob Schmeichel
Town Chairman

Meet Your Town of Neenah Fire Department:



Daniel Koland
Home: Neenah, WI
 Firefighter since January 2014
Position on the department: Firefighter- First Responder
Age: 20
Address: Tullar Road
Education: Currently attending Fox Valley Technical College for Firefighting and Emergency Medicine
Hobbies: Anything outdoors

Full Time Employment is: John's Repair and Towing
Why does he like being a Firefighter: I enjoy being a firefighter because of the challenges that it presents and every call is something different.
Most memorable firefighting experience: My most memorable firefighting experience was a marsh fire in Clayton/ Winchester. It was the largest firefighting operation I have been involved in so far. It was very interesting to work with multiple departments and see how they operate.



Joe Oyler
Home: Town of Neenah is my home, but was born in Pittsburgh, PA. Firefighter since Jan. 2014
Position on the department: Firefighter
Age: 48
Family: Wife, two sons 18 and 15
Address: Muttart Rd. Neenah, WI
Education: BS Mechanical

Engineering, Penn State 1989
Past Community Involvement: Habitat for Humanity, Fox Valley Housing Partnership
Hobbies: Gardening, fishing, hunting, and firefighting
Full Time Employment is: Corp. Account Manager, Pulp and Paper Chemicals with Solenis
Why does he like being a Firefighter: Giving something back to the community, and being able to help when someone is having one of the worst days of their lives.
Most memorable firefighting experiences: Honoring the fallen at the Lambeau Field 9/11 memorial stair climb. 110 stories in full gear --- Lotta fun!

Firefighters Continue Training

It has been a busy year so far for the Town of Neenah Fire Department. Three firefighters just graduated from significant milestones in their training. Joe Oyler and Jodi Peterson have successfully completed their Firefighter 1 and Dan Koland is now an Emergency Medical Responder. We continue to improve our skills and better prepare for the situations we face. Thank you Town of Neenah residents for investing in your Fire Department.

Town of Neenah Fireman's Picnic Planned

Mahler Park will be the site of the annual Town of Neenah Fireman's picnic on Sunday, August 23rd from 10a.m. to 3p.m. This event is free and will provide activities such as fire extinguisher training, touring Winnebago County sheriff vehicles and a Gold Cross ambulance. In addition there will be a classic car show, live music, a stop by ThedaStar helicopter, plus much more! Stop by and meet your Town of Neenah firefighters!



Town Fire Department Accepting Applications

Would you like to help your neighbors and others in the community?

The Town of Neenah Fire Department is looking for applicants to fill open positions in the department. Training and equipment is provided at no cost.

People interested in becoming a firefighter/first responder and looking for more information can either contact Fire Chief Ed King at 725-8261, the Town Fire Department or pick up an application at the town hall during regular business hours or on the town website.





The Good Ol' Days

By Supervisor Glenn Armstrong

Annual Meeting – April 3, 1883

Meeting was held this day in the store room of Hans Nelson in the City of Neenah. A request was made by the cities of Neenah and Menasha and The Town of Menasha that the Town of Neenah raise \$25.00 to be added to a common fund, for the purpose of repairing the fence around the old cemetery. Motion carried. Motion made to raise \$75.00 for gravel for highway. Motion lost.

Annual Meeting – April 7, 1885

The committee on surveying the town and establishing permanent landmarks report as follows:

- The County Surveyor of Winnebago County G.A. Randall offers to do the work as the law requires for the sum of \$225.00. H.W. Leach, former county surveyor, offers to do the same for \$390.00.

Annual Meeting - April 6, 1886

It was resolved that \$50.00 be appropriated by a special tax to be divided equally among the road districts, according to taxable property, for the purchase of gravel for the roads of the town.

Annual Meeting – April 7, 1887

Motion made and carried to raise \$300.00 for gravel. Motion made and carried to allow each road district to draw all the gravel they want. The price is not to exceed 10 cents per load.

Motion made and carried not to allow persons to hunt on any farm in the town without permission from the owner. The penalty was fixed at \$5.00 per offence.

Financial Report 1886

	Received	Paid
Cash On Hand	235.12	
Received State School Money	221.12	
Tax Roll	2,634.25	
Received From Winnebago Co. Treasurer	74.80	
	\$3,165.29	
School Money		994.73
Town Orders		352.99
State Tax		841.29
County Tax		974.06
Personal Property		6.72
		\$2,839.39
Balance in Treasury		325.90
		\$3,165.21



**Supervisor
Glenn Armstrong**

Town of Neenah

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Town Population: 3,435

Chairman

Robert Schmeichel- 729-5995

Supervisors

Glenn Armstrong - 722-3355

Brooke Cardoza – 727-1750

Jan DeKeyser - 725-3284

Jim Weiss - 727-1952

Clerk/Treasurer

Ellen Skerke - 725-0916

Building Inspector

Gary Klinka - 727-9200

Fire Chief

Ed King - 725-8261

Animal Control

Glenn Armstrong - 722-3355

Plan Commission Chairman

Tom Wilde - 725-0014

Parks and Trails Committee Chairman

Dave Bluma – 428-4595

Weed Commissioner

Dave Bluma - 428-4595

Newsletter

Pam Winek - 428-0768

Sanitary District Commissions

#2-President - Dan Osero - 740-5757

#3-President-Bryan Von Deylen-751-8791

County Board Representatives

District 7-Bill Roh – 725-5999

District 9-Tom Widener – 725-1156

District 30-Chuck Farrey – 582-7733

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Advertising rates for the Town of Neenah newsletter are: full page-\$240, ½ page-\$120, ¼ page-\$60, and 1/8 page-\$30.

Call the Town Hall at (920)725-0916 for information.

Building Permits

(projects valued at \$1,000 or more)

February

(no permits issued for over \$1,000)

March 2015

Name	Address	Job Type	Job Cost
Boardwalk Bldrs.	1386 Radcliff Rd.	New house	\$235,000
Thomsen-Hoffman Strobel	540 Sunrise Bay Rd.	New house	\$500,000
Chris Resch	Parcel across from 496 Plummers Harbor Rd.	Garage	\$25,000
RGL-Nass Electric	1725 Dixie Rd.	Electrical	\$6,750
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Black-Haak Heating	120 Kappell Dr.	HVAC	\$3,000
Le Boeuf	1154 Wildlife Ln.	Garage	\$14,000
Cumings Electric	986 Meadow Ln.	Electrical	\$1,600

April 2015

Harrison Bldrs.	905 Sundial Ln.	New House	\$195,000
Tuchscherer	215 Cty Rd. CB	Storage unit	\$66,000
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Kehl	7016 Woodenshoe Rd.	Garage Add.	\$8,000
Town of Neenah Sanitary District	569 Harvard Dr.	Electrical	\$8,250

All Building permits issued by Building Inspector Gary Klinka (727-9200). Permits are needed to construct a fence, deck, or more. Information about building permits can be found on the Town website.

FOREVER GONE from SIGHT?

American barns are historically part of our rich agricultural past. There is one located 1305 Hwy JJ Neenah, WI.

Our MISSION: Create a space for the community to share and grow together in expanding the culture by preserving a historical piece of the past. If you had an idea, what would you like this iconic symbol turned into for us all to enjoy? Herb farm? Public gallery; show, sell garden photos and art? Exercise/music studio combination for winter activities? Boat/bike storage below to help pay taxes? Local people sell organic eggs, garlic, crafts, and quilts? Restaurant? Community gathering space?

Renovating use for this barn would bring revenue to local businesses, unique corner beautification and ground water protection! Some people assume renovating an old structure is complicated and expensive. The fact is, if the building is sound (this one is), it is less expensive than new construction. Barn wood value is worth much more intact, as a barn, than separate parts and pieces. Work needed can be phased. Do most urgent first which is stabilization, weatherization, maintenance and then cosmetics. Also we can save money on property taxes over years rehabilitating as opposed to a tear down. Fixing up an existing barn should not increase taxes.

When a legal non-profit is performing fundraisers, donations are tax deductible. Barns owned by non-profit organizations are eligible for many grants and awards through governmental and foundation programs. There is not a single barn on National or State Registry Historic Places in Winnebago County.

Can we let this iconic barn disappear from our countryside landscape? Can the barn be saved from a bulldozer? This old barn can create a sustainable social-economically diverse micro neighborhood.

Our GOAL: raise money to purchase the Barn by early fall of 2015. Like the idea and want to help? A once in a lifetime chance people! Let's rescue a beautiful old barn together and *make a new space from an old place!*

Remember, this is what it's really all about!

Contact Anne Ross designer55@live.com 920.257.8182

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"Give me a buzzzzz.....but please don't call me honey".



Renew Our Waters

Every choice counts.

Rain Barrels

Catching rain when it falls benefits you *and* our local waters!

The Fox Valley area receives an average of 22.23 inches of rain from April through October. Rain runs off your rooftop, onto your driveway, down the street and into the storm drain collecting dirt, debris, fertilizer and other harmful substances along the way. All of the polluted water ends up in our local waters UNLESS we stop the water where it falls!

CATCHING THE WATER WHERE IT FALLS

A rain barrel is a system that collects rainwater from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff. Rain barrels come in a wide variety of materials, designs and colors. Rain barrels can be purchased at local hardware stores or can be built at a rain barrel workshop.

Catching rain water in a barrel allows you to water your garden and plants indoors and out during dry periods.

BENEFITS OF A RAIN BARREL

Rain water is best for plants. Catching rain water in a rain barrel allows you to water your garden and plants in doors and out during dry periods. Instead of paying for water from the tap, you can use the water you collect to keep your landscape healthy - saving you money!

Using a rain barrel not only benefits you but also our local waters. Water stored in a rain barrel and used for watering plants won't rush off your property and carry pollutants to our streams and rivers. Not only that, water that is used for watering sinks into the ground and replenishes the ground water supply. Two great benefits from one barrel!

CHOOSING & PLACING A BARREL

Rain barrels come in a wide variety of materials, designs and colors. Ready-to-use barrels are available at most hardware stores and garden centers. Alternatively, you can save money by making your own barrel. For more information on making your own barrel visit our website.

A rain barrel must be secured on a firm level surface. Water is heavy - a 55 gallon barrel weighs approximately 460 lbs, and tipping is a risk if it is unsecured or on uneven ground.

Stormwater is rain or snowmelt and water from things people do, like overwatering the lawn or discharging pool water into the street drain. We can choose products carefully and shape our lawns and pavement so water sinks in. When we do, runoff is reduced, pollutants filter out and streams and groundwater are protected.

Untreated runoff is the biggest threat to our nation's water quality, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Let's make the small, important changes that will reduce that threat and improve water quality and our lives!

Realize

What touches the ground enters the water.

Clerk's Corner:



Town Clerk
Ellen Skerke

Town Board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of the month, 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Agendas are posted on the Town of Neenah website, on the posting boards located at Town Hall, at Conservancy Park and Oakridge Place. Minutes of each meeting can be found on the website. This is a brief summary of recent Town business.

February 2015

- Accepted resignation of Firefighter Steve Lanzer
- Approved hiring Firefighter Nicholas Neabling
- Approved CSM for Dan Brown, 1504 S. Park Avenue
- Declined League of Wisconsin Municipalities invitation to join the Local Government Stormwater Group.

March 2015

- Adopted Resolution 2015-01 in Opposition of Proposed Implementation of County Assessment
- Adopted Resolution 2015-02 Opposing Reduction of Recycling Grant Funding
- Approved Conservancy Park 5-year plan for maintenance
- Approved a controlled burn at Conservancy Park
- Awarded low bid for S. Park Avenue sewer and road construction and approved agreement with McMahon for engineering services for the project

- Approved Zoning Variance Request for Matthew Gettendorf/ 156 Rickers Bay Road
- Adopted Resolution 2015-03 Zoning Map Amendment for Pujal's Leasing / 188 Rockwood Lane.
- Approved agreement with Cummins NPower for planned maintenance of generator

April 2015

- Adopted Resolution 2015-04 Location and Installation of Traffic Control Signage on Field Crest Drive
- Approved 2014 Budget amendment
- Approved Temporary Class "B"/B Retailers License for American Legion Post 33 for their May 25, 2015 event.
- Approved application for temporary Operator's License for James Vandenoorn for May 25, 2015
- Denied request by Rainbow Beach Road for the Town to pay a portion of the road repairs.
- Accepted Resignation of Firefighter Hunter Roop
- Accepted Fire Department Audit report for 2014.
- Approved Resolution 2015-05 Zoning Map Amendment per Winnebago County Planning and Zoning Committee
- Approved Resolution 2015-06 Text Amendment Changes Affecting Winnebago County Zoning Code(Chapter 23) of the Winnebago County General Code.

Town of Neenah Sanitary District #2 seeking a Commissioner

Due to a change in residency, there is a vacancy on Town of Neenah Sanitary District #2 Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners meet once per month (and as need for additional projects). There is a stipend paid to the Commissioners. Please contact TNSD#2 Administrator Jan DeKeyser if you have any questions about the position or Ellen Skerke in the Town office if you are interested (phone numbers on pg. 3).

TOWN OF NEENAH PUBLIC NOTICES

The Town Board recently approved an additional posting location for Town of Neenah Public Notices. Notices and agendas are currently posted at Oakridge Place, Conservancy Park, Town Hall and on the website. A fourth posting location will be added in the Sunset Terrace subdivision by the lift station. Look for the new posting boards to be installed soon.

Join us for a
Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop in Appleton!
Thursday, June 18, 2015
Register Online at www.FWWA.org

Cost: \$35 (includes barrel & kit)
Location: FWWA Office
1000 N. Ballard Road Appleton
Time: Starts at 6:00pm
Note: Pre-registration and payment are requested
Questions? E-mail Kelly Reyer, FWWA Outreach Coordinator at kelly@FWWA.org
Sponsored by
Appleton Parks, Recreation & Facilities Management Department

All participants are required to sign a liability waiver prior to the start of the workshop. The use of power tools is limited to participants over the age of 18.

Fox-WOLF

Town Offers Volunteer Opportunities

Wondering how you can become more involved in your community? The Town is seeking volunteers for several positions in various areas, some with a minimal time commitment. If you would be interested or would like additional information on the following opportunities, please contact Chairman Bob Schmeichel at 729-5995 or Town Clerk Ellen Skerke at 725-0916, tnneenah@tds.net.

Ad Hoc Communications

Committee: The Town Board wants to make sure that we are providing information to residents in a timely manner about things that may impact them directly such as road construction projects, town events, etc. The Town Board is forming an Ad Hoc Communications Committee

to address communication concerns, website improvements and enhance options available to learn about Town happenings. The committee will be made up of 2 Town Board Supervisors, Town Clerk and the Newsletter Editor. We would like one or two town residents to be a part of the solution.

Website Improvements – Do you have website development or design experience? There are many areas of our current website that need to be updated and improved to provide current and pertinent information to our residents. The website should be an easy way to access information so if you have ideas on ways that the Town website can be optimized, this may be the opportunity for you!

Parks and Trails Committee – The Town currently has four parks and

recreational areas – Mahler Park, Keating Park, Franzoi Park and Conservancy Park. If you have an interest in our town's outdoor areas, particularly the trails, there is a vacancy on the Parks and Trails Committee. This committee meets once per month from April through October. The committee meets to discuss the town parks and trails and oversee operation and maintenance of them.

Wanted: Garden Enthusiast

Many thanks to Jim Pawlowski for beautifying the rest area along the CB Trail. If interested in maintaining the flower bed on the trail near the park bench, contact the Town Clerk.



Meet your Parks and Trails Committee:

The Town of Neenah has four parks and one trail.

- Mahler Park: 1536 South Park Avenue
- Keating Park: 1287 Klompen Court
- Franzoi Park: 1450 Radcliff Road
- Conservancy Park: 1674 County Rd A
- CB Trail from County Rd JJ to County Rd II

The Parks and Trails Committee was formed to manage these facilities and has hired Springhetti Landscaping for routine maintenance and upkeep in the parks. The committee is made up of seven of your neighbors; David Bluma, Bill DeVine, Bill Keepers, Anne Neer, Jim Pawlowski, Aaron Zemlock and a vacant seat. Brooke Cardoza is the Town Board liaison. Jan DeKeyser recently resigned from the committee after serving for over 30 years, many of them as Chairman and Secretary. Jan has been extremely valuable in advocating for the parks and

trails and providing open green space for all to enjoy. Her time and dedication is greatly appreciated.

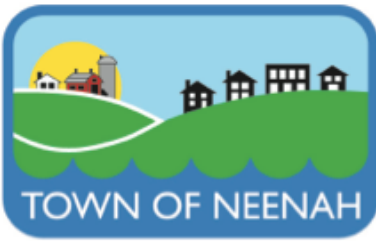
The Parks and Trails Committee meets the first Monday of the month (April through October), 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Meetings are open to the public and the Committee invites you to attend, give your comments and suggestions for improvements to the Parks and Trails in the Town of Neenah.

The Town Chairman is currently seeking a volunteer to fill the vacant seat on the Parks and Trails Committee, if you are interested please contact Bob at 729-5995 or Ellen at 725-0916.

Look for this section in future newsletters as we will feature the parks, their amenities and future plans for the parks and trails.

Mahler Tank Update: In honor of our veterans we have been pleased to have the American Legion tank at Mahler Park. The tank is on the move to its new location at the American Legion Headquarters, 451 S. Green Bay Rd.

Thank you to Town resident Brad Morrison for providing the Parks and Trails logo for this new feature in the *Town of Neenah Today* Newsletter.



1600 Breezewood Lane

REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held at the Town Hall beginning at 7PM. Special meetings may be held on other days and times.

Town Board of Supervisors

2nd & 4th Mondays

Town Plan Commission

3rd Monday

Town Parks & Trails Committee

- **BURNING:** Burning is permitted in the Town of Neenah, but the Fire Department requests that you use common sense (dryness and wind are always factors to consider) and that you call the Winnebago County Sheriff's office non-emergency number (236-7300#0) before and after burning to avoid false alarms. Please be considerate of your neighbors when burning, making sure that smoke isn't blowing in their direction. Burning garbage is prohibited.
- **MINUTES AND AGENDAS:** Town minutes and agendas are posted on the Town website www.townofneenah.com and are also available at the Town Hall during regular business hours.
- **ADDRESS SIGNS:** Homeowners are responsible for maintaining the emergency address signs placed in front of their homes by the Town. Assure that the sign remains visible by keeping brush and snow away from the sign. Also, do not remove or relocate the sign.
- **OBSTRUCTING RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND DRAINAGE DITCHES:** You cannot place a fence, greenery, or anything else in the Town's road right-of-way. No part of a mailbox should extend over the paved portion of the road. In addition, culverts, and drainage ditches must be kept clear of obstructions and must not be filled in. If you have a question about water drainage issues or the right-of-way, call Town Chairman Robert Schmeichel.
- **BUILDING PERMITS:** All building permits are issued by Building Inspector Gary Klinka (727-9200). Permits are needed to construct a fence or to build a deck. If you aren't sure you need a permit, check with Gary.
- **DEER/WILDLIFE/STRAYS:** The Town has no authority to handle wildlife problems. If you see a dead animal on the road, or have lost or found a pet, call the County Sheriff at 236-7300#0. If you have wildlife problems, call a pest/wildlife service.
- **RECYCLING/TRASH:** All Town recycling is picked up every-other-week, depending on where you live. All recyclables to be picked up must fit inside the container provided by Advanced Disposal. They will not pick up bagged or boxed items, or recyclables in other containers. Please do not wrap with string or place anything inside plastic bags. Electronics, waste oil, and other materials may not be placed with your recyclables or trash.
When leaving containers curbside, lids must be closed to keep items from blowing away when containers are emptied.

The Town is now taking stray dogs to Oshkosh Area Humane Society on Shelter Court. If you take a stray dog, you will need pre-authorization from Glenn Armstrong or another board member. The Town will not authorize stray or feral cats to be taken there.