

Town of Neenah

Today

**Town of Neenah
Fireman's Picnic
Sunday, Aug 21st
10a.m.- 3p.m.
Mahler Park**

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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER:



**Town Chairman
Bob Schmeichel**

Welcome...we made it...finally summer weather has arrived... as well as our annual crop of lake flies !!!

This edition of your town newsletter no doubt has arrived after the Memorial Day Festivities. I hope most if not all took the time to remember the men and women who are serving or have served in our armed forces. And not just those who have served overseas in combat zones but also those who have served our country wherever they were assigned including those serving here at home. Thank you to our military.

With the arrival of summer comes many outside summer activities. Children playing out and about, biking, walking, and enjoying activities in any of our fine Town parks. Mahler Park is our largest park and has a park shelter facility that can be rented out for your family fun. Summer also signals the "construction" season both for private residential and the Town's annual road upkeep and scheduled maintenance projects. This construction season we do not have any major road improvement projects like we had the last two years at South Park Avenue. However for those scheduled maintenance projects please have patience with the road crews and "Slow Down" when driving through construction zones. And quite frankly, I say we all need to **slow down** when driving on any of our Town roads because of children, bikers, and walkers no matter the time of the year. And for you bikers and walkers, please at all times wear bright and or reflective clothing so drivers can see you well in advance, especially at dusk. Just because you can see a car coming does not mean the driver will see you until they are almost right in front of you. Think Safety.

I want to briefly touch on two other summer activities; aerial fireworks and yard waste.

Aerial fireworks cannot be fired off without a permit. Please be safe and respect your neighbors, especially late evening hours. Enjoy those types

of firework activities at planned municipal festivals.

Yard waste such as lawn clippings and trimming from shrubs and trees are not to be placed in our weekly garbage pickup. Take these items to the county landfill separately. Or better yet, compost them at home. Grass clippings from a properly mowed lawn is an excellent fertilizer for your lawn.

Let's get to my "Fun Facts": Summer is time to have fun and did you know :

The top 5 most popular summer vacation activities in the United States are 1) shopping (54%), 2) visiting historical sites (49%), 3) swimming/water sports (49%), 4) going to a park or national park (46%), and 5) sightseeing tours (46%).

A popular summer treat is watermelon. Watermelon is part of the cucumber, pumpkin, and squash family and consists of 92% water. On average, Americans consume 15 pounds of watermelon annually.

So that's it for this edition. Enjoy the summer. Be safe. And hope to see you at our Volunteer Fireman's picnic on August 21st at Mahler Park.

Bob Schmeichel
Town Chairman



Town of Neenah Supervisors

Left to Right: Chairman Bob Schmeichel, Glenn Armstrong, Jan DeKeyser, Brooke Cardoza, Jim Weiss

Annual

Town of Neenah Fireman's Picnic

Sunday, August 21, 2016

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Event at Mahler Park, South Park Avenue

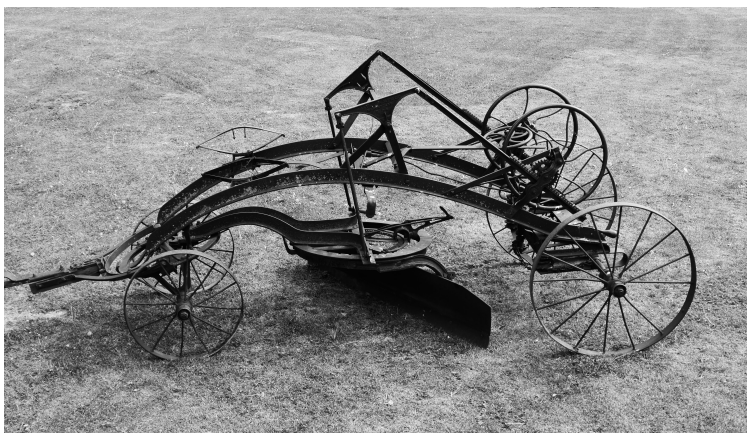
- Winnebago County Sheriff's Vehicles, a Gold Cross ambulance, car show, fly in by ThedaStar helicopter, Jaws of Life demo, plus much more!
- Brats-Burgers-Hot Dogs available
- Gun Raffle

Proceeds go toward improvement of current firefighting equipment.



The Good Ol' Days
By Supervisor Glenn Armstrong

March 19, 1908, Proceedings of Board of Supervisors
The Town Board met at Hotel Gehrig in the City of Neenah to settle for the two Austin & Western road graders bought by the Board for \$450.00 and trading in the old road grader. Three notes were given for \$150.00 each with interest commencing on June 1, 1909. One note payable Jan 1, 1909, one note payable Jan 1, 1910, one note payable Jan 1, 1911. The graders were warranted for one year from date.



A Note from Glenn:
The road grader pictured is one of the two purchased by the Town of Neenah in 1908. It was originally pulled by horses, but was later modified with a pole to be pulled by a tractor. Farmers could work off their property taxes by assisting with the grading of Town roads. They provided their own team of horses and a driver for the horses (who sat on a seat at the front of the grader), while another person was needed to stand on the back and operate it. The farmer could also use the grader for \$1 per day on their own farm if it was not being used by the Town, provided that they also made necessary repairs to the equipment. It was also rented to farmers in surrounding

towns, a practice that became controversial as it was often returned in disrepair. The old grader is still functional today, although it is very worn and not used by the Town anymore.



**Supervisor
Glenn Armstrong**

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Dave Bluma - 428-4595

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

Building Permits

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

February 2016

Alan Thomson	629 Harvard Dr.	Remodel	\$2,500
Modern Sheet Metal	534 Plummers Harbor Rd.	HVAC	\$2,399
Watters Plumbing	421 Muttart Rd.	Plumbing	\$1,850
Steve Jung	116 Woodside Ct.	HVAC	\$3,400
ANR Pipeline Co.	1991 Breezewood Ln.	Relocate Existing Meter Bldg.	\$5,000

March 2016

Steckling Bldrs.	907 Terra Cotta Dr.	New House	\$407,000
Hennessey Homes	1524 Woods Edge Ln.	New House	\$374,000
Lasee Construction LLC	120 Sturgis Ln.	Remodel Basement	\$12,000
Alan Thomson	629 Harvard Dr.	Remodel	\$3,000
Green Mechanical	151 Kuettel Crt.	HVAC	\$4,200
Burg Homes & Bldrs.	570 Plummers Harbor Rd.	Remodel	\$30,000

April 2016

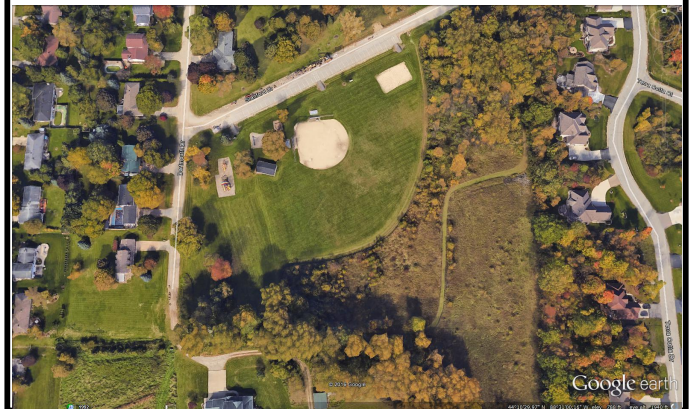
Timothy Vogelsang	2673 Towerview Dr.	Shed	\$5,900
Boardwalk Bldrs.	1359 Terra Cotta Ct.	Remodel	\$14,800
Galt Construction	498 Sunrise Bay Rd.	Remodel	\$69,000
Modern Sheet Metal	108 Adella Beach Rd.	HVAC	\$2,949
Arlen Belisle	1725 Cty. Rd. O	Shed	\$20,000



Franzoi Park is an 8.1 acre facility located at 754 Dartmouth Drive in the Rolling Heights subdivision and near the Sunset Terrace and Whitetail Run Subdivisions.

A petition signed by 36 property owners in 1976 encouraged the Town Board to accept the donation of land for a neighborhood park. The Park was to be named after the late Joseph Franzoi. The Town of Neenah Board of Supervisors was divided as to whether or not to accept the donation, one was in favor, two were against. It was decided to put it to a vote and let the people decide at the next Annual Meeting. After 2 hours of debate, the vote was 66 for and 63 against at the Annual Meeting. The Town accepted the donation of land in April 1977. Work began immediately on the new park but there were several hurdles to overcome and funding to secure. The park was finally completed and dedicated on July 25, 1981.

Franzoi Park features a baseball diamond with backstop and sideline fencing, playground equipment, sandbox, volleyball court and picnic tables.



Memorial Day Fun!



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Town Communications Move Ahead

In 2015, The Town of Neenah developed the Communications Committee to review and create new ways to bring information to Town residents. A request for committee volunteers was made in the Town newsletter. Your current committee members are Ellen Skerke (Chairperson), Jim Weiss, Pam Winek, Brooke Cardoza and Russ Meerdink.

What's new for Town communication?

Town of Neenah website (townofneenah.com)

A new look! The design of the Town website was recently updated with features that include photos, a more current layout and better navigation to find information more easily. The site is a great resource to find meetings dates, agendas, meeting minutes and contact information.

Are you wondering how to reserve the Mahler Park shelter? Check out the Frequently Asked Questions section located on the home page. Have you ever wondered if there are parking restrictions on Town roads in the winter? Look for ordinance 4.04 (1a) on the website under Town Ordinances...and, yes, there is no parking permitted on Town of Neenah roads, except for emergency parking, from December 1 to April 1 from 2:00 am to 7:00 am. Find answers to these types of questions and more!

Besides meeting schedules, agendas and minutes, you can also find copies of the Town Comprehensive Plan, various land maps and updates on major road construction projects happening in the Town of Neenah.

A great new addition to the site is the "Subscribe To Updates" button located at the top of the home page. Just click on this

button, add your contact information and you can automatically receive an email and/or text notification when new information such as meeting agendas are added to the site. Be sure to sign up today!

Please check the site periodically as you will see information updated and added more often over the next several months. Visit www.townofneenah.com

Facebook

The Town of Neenah recently created a Facebook page to share timely information and announcements to the community.

Be sure to "like" Town of Neenah on Facebook to receive updates such as cancelled meetings due to weather, reminders for special meetings such as Open Book and special events in the Town.

Find us at
www.facebook.com/TownofNeenah



How can I help improve the communication to Town residents?

Get involved! Do you have website experience, like to write or are you looking for a way to become involved in your community? Joining the Communications Committee is a great way to start! Meetings are once a month and we'd love to hear your ideas! Be sure and check the new website for the next Communications Committee meeting or contact Ellen Skerke at 920-725-0916.

We Energies Construction Reminder

We Energies is working in the northeast area of the Town of Neenah upgrading electrical facilities to improve service and reliability. During the upgrade, they will be relocating overhead and underground electric facilities. This work will involve one or more of the following: replacing poles, overhead wire, underground

cables, transformers and other equipment along the route. They will restore any areas disrupted by construction once work is complete, as weather permits.

The following roads are included in the 2016 project • Maple Lane • Poplar Court • Plummer's Harbor Road • Hidden Acres Lane •

Rainbow Beach Road • Hunters Point Road • Sunrise Bay Road • Bayview Road • Old Orchard Lane • Jonathan Street • Yorkshire Road • Villa Drive • South Park Avenue.

If you have any questions regarding the project contact We Energies directly at (920)380-3563 and ask for Steve Armstrong or (920)380-3449 ask for Tom Borchart .

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.

March 2016

- Fire Chief Ed King gave the Town Board a summary of 4th quarter fire department activities.
- Approved putting Pumper 39 up for Sale, any potential Sale to be approved by Town Board.
- Approved Resolution 2016-03 in support of alterations to the intersection of CTH CB and Oakridge Rd.
- Appointed Stephen Coburn to fulfill the unexpired term of Steven Spanbauer as Commissioner for Town of Neenah Sanitary District #2.
- Approved Town of Neenah Building Inspection Fee Schedule.
- Recommended County Planning and Zoning approval of a Conditional Use Request for a Wedding Barn Venue located at 6780 Woodenshoe Rd.
- Approved annexation of a portion of two parcels located at 1417 County Rd JJ to the City of Neenah.
- Nominated Glenn Armstrong to Winnebago County's Farmland Preservation Plan Update Steering Committee.

April 2016

- Approved Resolution 2016-04 Petition of Planning and Zoning Committee for proposed text amendment changes affecting Winnebago County Zoning Code (Chapter 23) of Winnebago County General Code.
- Reviewed Town Board Liaison Assignments.
- Appointed Tom Wilde and Jim Weiss to Plan Commission for three year terms.
- Appointed David Bluma and Aaron Zemlock to Parks and Trails Committee for three year terms.
- Appointed David Bluma as Weed Commissioner for a one year term.
- Appointed Gary Klinka as Building Inspector for a one year term.

May 2016

- Appointed Jan DeKeyser as Chairperson for 2016 Board of Review.
- Appointed Glenn Winkler as Alternate Board of Review Member for 2016 Board of Review.
- Approved one year lease agreements with Suburban Athletics and Neenah Soccer Club for the use of Town Parks for their leagues.
- Approved Resolution 2016-05 Adopting the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2016-2020.
- Approved Resolution 2016-06 Petition for proposed Zoning Map Amendment from Agriculture to Light Industrial at 1645 Oakridge Road.
- Accepted resignation of Firefighter Alexi Quinn.
- Approved Communication Committee Goals.
- Approved Social Media Policy presented by Communication Committee.

Summer Safety

School is out and the Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) wants to encourage your family to get outdoors and enjoy all the wonderful elements this region has to offer. Here are some safety tips to keep in mind as you start your summer fun.

• Sun

- Start with sunscreen: SPF 15 or higher with UVA/UVB protection, water resistant, and apply often.
- Use hats, sunglasses, or light clothing that covers the skin. This little barrier between direct rays and your skin can make a big difference.
- Stay in the shade during midday hours.
- That being said, the sun is a great source of Vitamin D and often lifts mood!

• Water

- Contamination – blue-green algae blooms are common to the Midwest region and can be harmful to humans and pets. When in doubt, stay out.
- Injury – wear life jackets. You may be confident in your ability to

swim but accidents outside of your control happen. Be prepared and keep your life jacket on whenever possible.

- Never leave children unattended in water- drownings can be silent and happen in just inches of water.
- Hydration –the water around us is just as important as the water within us! Make sure to drink at least 8 glasses of water per day. This should increase if you are active or in high temperatures.

• Air

- Fresh air can help improve your mood in many ways. Make a goal to get outside for at least 30 minutes each day.
- Don't forget to pack your bug spray and long clothing in case mosquitos decide to join your festivities.

• Land

- The outdoors are a wonderful place to explore but also hold potential health risks like poison ivy and ticks.
- Using protective equipment like helmets and knee pads to ensure that you're staying strong and agile all summer long!

Material sourced from:

<http://www.cdc.gov/family/kids/summer/>



Did you know...

- **Polluted stormwater runoff is the number one water pollutant.** Stormwater runoff picks up garbage, debris, sediment, chemicals, automotive fluids, fertilizers, leaves, animal feces and other pollutants from parking lots, yards, streets and roofs. Our ditches, gutters and storm sewers quickly moves stormwater and the pollutants to our lakes, streams, rivers and wetlands.



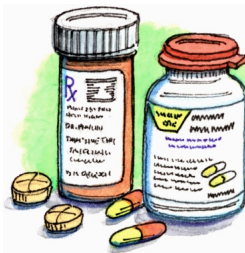
- **Electronics are banned from landfill disposal.**

These items include:

- Televisions
- Computers (desktop, laptop, notebook and tablet computers)
- Desktop printers (including those that scan, fax and/or copy)
- Computer monitors
- Other computer accessories (including keyboards, mice, speakers, external hard drives and flash drives)
- DVD players, VCRs and other video players (i.e., DVRs)
- Fax machines
- Cell phones

- You should place shredded paper in a paper bag and staple shut. Flatten and cut boxes to 3 ft x 3 ft or smaller.

- There are a few options for disposal of major appliances, e.g., stoves, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, microwaves, hot water heaters, furnaces, dishwashers, clothes washers, or dryers. Tags and instructions for private pickup (for a fee) are available at Krueger’s True Value Hardware Store in Neenah, or appliances can be taken to the Winnebago County Landfill 920-727-2884 where a fee is also charged. (Open trailers or trucks must be covered with a tarp.), or contact Gibson Iron Metal & Auto Salvage, 139 S Fieldcrest Dr, 920-722-2821.



- You can dispose of unwanted or expired medications at the Neenah Police Station, 2111 Marathon Avenue and the Oshkosh Safety Building, 420 Jackson St., Oshkosh. Keep all medications in their original containers. Cross out your name and address. **DO NOT** cross out the name of the medication. The drop off box is available 24 hours/day, everyday, and is safe, secure, convenient, and anonymous.

Important Phone Numbers In Our Area:

Birth Certificates – Winnebago County	920-236-4882
Driver’s License – Oshkosh	800-924-3570
Employment – Workforce Development	920-997-3272
Fire – Non-Emergency	920-725-8261
Fire or Police Emergency	911
Gas Leaks – We Energies	800-261-5325
Land Records – Winnebago County	920-236-4881
Meals on Wheels (VNA)	920-727-5555
Town Hall – Town of Neenah	920-725-0916
Post Office - Neenah	920-725-0577
Power Outages – We Energies	800-662-4797
Sheriff – Non-Emergency Winnebago County	920-236-7300
Winnebago County Health Department	920-232-3000
Winnebago County Solid Waste	920-727-2884
YMCA - Neenah-Menasha	920-729-9622



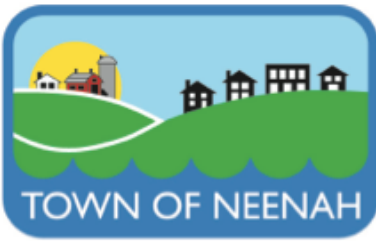
- The best way to get rid of your grass clippings is to leave them on your lawn. Leaving grass clippings in place is an easy way to recycle their nutrients back into

your lawn. They encourage earthworms and microorganisms that break them down over the course of just a few weeks. Grass clippings are not permitted in your weekly trash.

- You can pick up a Recycling Guide from the Town Hall or visit www.townofneenah.com to view an online version of the guide
- Visit Winnebago County’s website to learn more about recycling and disposal of unwanted items.



- <https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/solid-waste>



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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

1st Monday April through October

- **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 as well as any petroleum-based products.
- **MINUTES AND AGENDAS:** Town minutes and agendas are posted on the Town website, three posting locations 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.

- **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:** The Town has no authority to handle wildlife problems. If you have wildlife problems, call a pest/wildlife service.
- **RECYCLING/TRASH:** Advanced Disposal 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. Cover must be able to close.



- **OBSTRUCTING RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND DRAINAGE DITCHES:** You cannot place a fence or greenery 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 not be filled in. If you have a question about water drainage issues or the right-of-way, contact Town Chairman Robert Schmeichel.



Where in the Town is this?

Post your answers to our Facebook page, answer in next newsletter.