

Town of Neenah

# Today



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## **CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER:**



**Town Chairman  
Bob Schmeichel**

Hello and Goodbye. That's what 2017 feels like. Swoosh there it was ....gone. I'm sure we all had our own pluses and minuses during this past year and are eagerly looking forward to 2018. So did the town. However, I am not going to list all of the (+'s) and (-'s) that the town had in this article but refer to one that really stands out. And that is, the wonderful turnout of Town of Neenah citizens at our Annual Town Meeting this past April. Now granted, I may have spurned that turnout by posing a number of issues that were important to not just a few of you but obviously to a great number of you, and you became engaged in an open discussion of those issues. Thank You. But, now is not the time to fall back into the attitude of not getting involved in town issues for whatever the excuse. YOU are the Town of Neenah and have the right to stay engaged in town issues. Unfortunately, when citizens do get involved it is only when it affects them personally. Their property, their neighbors, their ditches, their...well you get the idea. Some say that our town regulation atmosphere is not strong enough while others believe that we're good where we are and perhaps too concerned about our level of regulations. I realize that there are numerous factors that affect today's generation, that are different than those of past times. But is it really? We all need to "Collaborate". That is to say; yes, we need to look at the past but also plan to collaborate for the future of the Town of Neenah. And how? By staying involved in town issues by coming to town board meetings or any of the other town meetings and voicing your opinions. Or better yet, think about actually becoming part of an active committee, commission, or board position. You live in a great town, let's all collaborate together to make it even better for the future.

CTH CB/Oakridge Road intersection update. R.A. Smith National of Appleton is the engineering firm hired by Winnebago County to complete the new intersection design, that being a roundabout, and subsequent construction schedule. They and the county have put forth an aggressive

schedule for completion of the project's design with a final date of November 1, 2018 and a construction completion in April 2019. I want to thank everyone who encouraged this aggressive schedule.

Now something on a personal note that is worth sharing. Last week, that being the first full week of November, my wife and I visited our daughter, her husband, and our new granddaughter, who live in the greater Washington D.C. area. The seasonal timing was perfect for the display of their colorful "Fallorama". But that is not the only beautiful and marvelous site in our nation's capital. Political jargon aside, the D.C. area is a cornucopia of historical riches. I have been fortunate to tour the sites on several occasions and have always come away in awe. If you have never been there, put it on a bucket list to do so. From the Washington Monument, to all of the rest, it is a testimonial of how citizens of this USA became involved one way or another. I am a Veteran and it touched me in many ways. But you need not be a veteran to understand the commitment of all those that have gone before you to define the freedoms we all have. Go. You too enjoy the experience of "History".

Which leads me to my "Fun Fact": Why is the White House called the White House?

Well, it was a commonly used nickname until 1901, when Theodore Roosevelt made it the official name of the building. There is a common myth that the White House was originally painted white to hide fire damage caused during the War of 1812. Actually, the reason the White House is white is because the stone from which it was constructed is highly porous. In order to seal the stone to protect it from weathering, a lime-base whitewash was used. Thus ...The "White House".

And now you know the rest of the story.

In conclusion, I and the entire Town Board wish one and all a Joyous Holiday Season, and I look forward to seeing you next year.

Bob Schmeichel  
Town Chairman

## Winter Home Fire Safety

As the outdoor temperatures begin to drop, it is never too late to be sure your home heating system and other safety systems are ready for the added usage that winter weather will bring. Fire Safety organizations and your utility provider(s) recommend that you have your heating system checked, tested and properly adjusted to handle the added demand colder temperatures bring. Furnace filters should be changed at least annually (the low cost of furnace filters may make changing them twice a year a prudent investment), and especially before winter heating season to avoid restricting warm air flow and forcing your furnace to work harder.

In addition to your furnace, check your hot water heating system. With older models, soot and corrosion can build up in the exhaust flue(s) and lead to possible venting and potential carbon monoxide back-ups or leaks. The burners should also be checked to be sure they are producing the proper flame pattern for even heating of your hot water. A good quality carbon monoxide detector should be placed in areas where your heating equipment is located and on every floor of your home, especially close enough to the bedroom areas to warn you if a problem is detected. Carbon Monoxide is colorless, odorless and can overcome you if the concentrations are high enough. If your CO detector goes off and will not clear and you are unsure what the issue is, please do not hesitate to call 911 to report the CO problem and the Communications Center at the Winnebago County Sheriff's office will dispatch the Town of Neenah Fire Department. A unit will respond with metering equipment to help identify the problem or determine that you may have an issue with your detector. Please remember, Carbon Monoxide is deadly and alarms should not be taken lightly. CALL 911 in

order to be sure.

Both Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide detectors have a useful life of

10 years and should be replaced once they reach that age. Low/dead batteries may also cause issues and again the Fire Department can help you and determine the exact issue with your devices and recommend the proper next steps.

If you know your smoke detectors are approaching or past the 10 year mark, the Fire Department is still assisting home owners and installing new 10 year maintenance free smoke detectors. Please call the Town Hall at 920/725-0916 and provide your contact information and the Fire Department will follow-up with you.

Lastly, with the Christmas holidays fast approaching, please be especially careful with candles and any open flames in your home. Candles that are left unattended are the leading cause of residential home fires. Leaving home with a candle or candles burning may have catastrophic results with a fire seriously damaging or destroying your home. All natural Christmas trees also pose a fire threat as the tree begins to dry out after being brought inside. The lower humidity in your home during heating season will quickly pull moisture from the tree. Be sure to check the water level in the tree stand each day and add water as needed. An average size tree will use several gallons of water each week. In addition, be sure your lighting decorations are in good repair. Newer LED lighting uses very little energy and do not create the heat that older incandescent lights can.

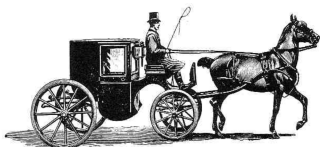
***Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Town Hall office at 920/725-0916 and the staff there will pass on your message to members of the Fire Department who can follow-up on your request and hopefully be able to assist you and your family to have a safe winter season.***

***In case of emergency dial 911.***

**Thank you and Happy Holidays,  
Fire Chief Ed King**



Fire Chief Ed King



**The Good Ol' Days**  
By Supervisor Glenn Armstrong

***The Town Gets Electricity!***

**Town of Neenah Town Board Meeting – June 15, 1923**

The Wisconsin Traction Light Heat and Power Company hereby request that you grant to it an Electric Permit in the Town of Neenah as more particularly set forth in the proposed permit hereunto attached.

Respectfully Yours,

Wisconsin Traction Light Heat and Power Company – A. K. Ellis

**Town of Neenah Town Board Meeting – June 21, 1923**

We the undersigned constituting the Town of Neenah Board, Town of Neenah, Winnebago County, Wisconsin hereby consent that the Wisconsin Traction Light Heat and Power Company and Wisconsin Transportation, it's successors and assignees may occupy highways, streets, alleys, public lanes, parks on public grounds in said Town for constructing, maintaining and operating lines with all necessary wires, conduits, and appurtenances, for the purpose of supplying light, heat, and power, or signals to such buildings, manufactories, industries, or public or private houses in said Town, as are situated along the highways as indicated on the map attached hereto and marked Exhibit A and for the purpose of conveying electric current into and through the said Town of Neenah for light, heat, power or signals providing power and that no permanent injury is done to any such highways, streets, alleys, lanes, parks or public grounds and subject to the provisions of Section 1329.a Wisconsin Statutes for 1917 dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June A.D. 1923.

As Town Board for the Town of Neenah

H. M. Ballon  
William Smalschins  
W. F. Metzsig



Note: The Wisconsin Traction Light Heat and Power Company is required to clear passage for moving buildings under wires on (48) hours notice free of charge.

Supervisor Glenn Armstrong

**Town of Neenah**

1600 Breezewood Ln  
Neenah, WI 54956  
Email: [ellen@townofneenah.com](mailto:ellen@townofneenah.com)  
Town Population: 3,537

**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 Supervisors**

District 7-Bill Roh – 725-5999

District 9-Alvin Long –722-7795

District 30-Chuck Farrey – 582-7733

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

# Annual Tax Information

## PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT DUE DATES

1<sup>st</sup> Installment or in-full payment is due January 31, 2018.

Payable to: Town of Neenah  
1600 Breezewood Lane  
Neenah, WI 54956  
Phone: 920-725-0916

Monday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Tuesday – Thursday” 8:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Friday: Closed

The office will be closed on:  
December 25, 2017  
January 1, 2018

All payments after January 31, 2018:  
Payable to: Winnebago County Treasurer  
P.O.Box 2808  
Oshkosh, WI 54903-2808  
Payable in person at  
112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh  
Check Winnebago County Treasurer  
website for office hours and contact  
information [www.co.winnebago.wi.us/  
treasurer](http://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/treasurer).

### **PAYMENTS:**

**Escrow Checks:** If you are paying with an escrow check please make sure the check is endorsed properly. Checks with missing signatures will not be accepted.

**Receipts:** If you would like a receipt, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment

**Credit Card/Debit Card:** The Town of Neenah **DOES NOT** Accept credit cards or debit cards as a form of payment.

### **REFUND POLICY**

If the amount on your mortgage escrow check is larger than the amount of your tax bill, the full amount of the check will be applied to your tax bill and a refund check will be issued within 30 days.

## **Questions?**

**Contact the Clerk-Treasurer's  
Office at 920-725-0916**



In celebration of Sustainability Month, Parks and Trails Chairman David Bluma received a

donation from his employer, Avery Dennison of three trees. David and 8 other individuals volunteered their time, met at Conservancy Park on a beautiful fall morning and planted the trees along the walking path for our enjoyment for many years to come. In 2018, the Parks and Trails Committee will roll out two new initiatives for Adopt-A-Park /Trail Program to foster volunteerism and a Donation Program for memorial gifts or tribute gifts to honor a friend or loved one.



### **TOWN OF NEENAH**

Winnebago County, WI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election, to be held in the Town of Neenah on Tuesday April 3, 2018 the following Town offices are eligible to be elected to succeed the present incumbents.

The term for all Town offices is two years, beginning on Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>
Supervisor	Glenn Armstrong
Supervisor	Jim Weiss

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2017. The final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Tuesday January 2, 2018.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

Ellen Skerke, Clerk  
Town of Neenah

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# Building Permits

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

## August 2017

Goodman-Hoffman-Strobel	456 Rainbow Beach Rd.	New House	\$350,000
N&M Transfer-Utschig Inc.	630 Muttart Rd.	Remodel	\$60,000
American Paper Converter-R&R Steel	570 Bondow Dr.	Bathrooms	\$29,490
Burgett-Trio, Inc	640 Hunters Point Rd.	HVAC	\$3,925
Olsen	452 Rainbow Beach Rd.	Garage/Porch	\$130,000
Zelinski-Drucks Sudden Service	121 Dell Ct.	Elect. change	\$3,400
Marohn-Modern Sheet Metal	148 Adella Beach Rd.	HVAC	\$5,498
Buck-Tundraland Home Improvements	138 Woodside Ct.	Remodel	\$10,000
Burgett-Keyes & Sons	640 Hunters Point Rd.	Plumbing	\$8,300
Lovedale	646 Dartmouth Dr.	HVAC	\$3,000

## September 2017

Schultz	1931 Cty. Rd. G	HVAC	\$5,698
Albrecht-Hartwood Homes	1543 Hidden Acres	New House	\$510,000
Lauer-Kabat	1610 S. Park Ave.	Remodel	\$5,000
N&M Transfer-Prime Service Providers	630 Muttart Rd.	Electrical	\$35,000
Miller	1324 Birch Bark Ln.	Plumbing	\$2,000
Kjemhus-Trio, Inc	1461 Deerwood Dr.	HVAC	\$3,000
P & Q Bencarrie Complex LLC-Michels Corp-Helmer Elect.	111 Cty. Rd. CB	Electrical	\$15,000
DeBroux	119 Woodside Ct.	Green House	\$5,000
Urban	1446 Ridgeway Dr.	HVAC	\$2,800
Rothenbach	171 Plummer Ct.	Plumbing	\$7,600

## October 2017

Bublitz-Portside Bldrs.	2035 Oakridge Rd.	Remodel	\$30,000
Bublitz-SEC Schommer	2035 Oakridge Rd.	Elect.	\$3,880
Nelson	7120 Woodenshoe Rd.	Addition	\$4,000
Lewandowski-Modern Sheet Metal	113 Limekiln Rd.	HVAC	\$2,949
Cullum	2625 Towerview Dr.	Remodel	\$10,000
Albrecht	1543 Hidden Acres Ln.	Decks	\$18,000
Passmore-Modern Sheet Metal	104 Old Orchard Ln.	HVAC	\$3,399
Pierce Mfg.-Keller Inc.	1515 Cty. Rd. O	Overhead Doors	\$48,095
Wells	131 Dell Ct.	Shed	\$3,700
Rasmussen	140 Adella Beach Rd.	HVAC	\$5,528
Locy	476 Rainbow Beach Rd.	Garage	\$25,000
Tellock-Mueller	2124 Nee-vin Rd.	Addition	\$3,000
Dreger-Schmidt Bros.	885 Sundial Ln.	New House	\$310,000
Luettt	113 Woodside Ct.	Addition	\$5,000
Schultz-Gilbert Garages LLC	128 Rickers Bay Rd.	Garage	\$30,500

### PET LICENSES

All dogs over 5 months of age are required to be licensed annually in the Town of Neenah. A valid current rabies certificate is required to issue a license.

**Fee:**

\$5 for altered dogs  
\$10 for unaltered dogs

A \$5 late fee will be imposed if the license is purchased after March 31, 2018 .





# 2018

## Town of Neenah Pick up Schedule

888-804-8556

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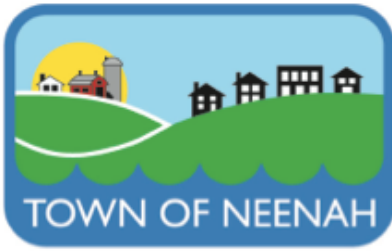
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-  A Week Recycling EAST of Hwy 41
-  B Week Recycling WEST of Hwy 41
-  Large Item Pick-Up  
Call Harter's office at  
888-804-8556 for pricing and  
to schedule by 2pm on  
Tuesday before pick-up day.

-  Holiday Observance  
Jan 1st - New Year's Day  
May 28th- Memorial Day  
July 4th - Independence Day  
Sept 3rd - Labor Day  
Nov 22nd - Thanksgiving Day  
Dec 25th - Christmas Day



1600 Breezewood Lane  
Neenah, Wisconsin 54956

## 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays

Town Plan Commission  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

Town Parks & Trails Committee  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday April through October

***REMINDER: Trash and recycling service will be delayed the week of December 25, 2017.***

- **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 say "officer") 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 (920-727-9200). Information about permits can be found on the website [www.townofneenah.com/building-permits/](http://www.townofneenah.com/building-permits/).
- **DEER/WILDLIFE:** The Town has no authority to handle wildlife problems. If you have wildlife problems, call a pest/wildlife service.
- **SNOWFALL REMINDERS:** There is no parking on town roads between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. from December through March. Don't plow snow across the road when clearing your driveway. don't place your garbage or recycling containers in the roadway where they could be struck by a plow. If you have questions or concerns with snowplowing, please call the Town Hall at 725-0916.
- **HOLIDAY CHANGES:** Trash and Recycling collection will be delayed until Friday on the following Holiday weeks: Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.