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Town of Neenah

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3 vie for 2 seats on Town Board

April 3 will be election day for a February.)

At the local level, Incumbent Town of Neenah supervisors Glenn Winkler and Dave Dexter are being challenged by former supervisor

Glenn Armstrong for the Town Board election on April 3. The top two votegetters will receive two-year terms on the board.



Armstrong

Former Town supervisor Glenn

Armstrong is seeking to return to the Town Board after a three year absence. He had previously served on the Board for 10 years. Armstrong



Winkler

has been a Town firefighter for 34 years, including five years as chief. He is also a member of the Town Land Trust Committee.

Incumbent Glenn Winkler has served

on the Town Board for 10 years. He also serves as Trails Committee chair and as a Town animal control officer.

Winkler is also the Town's representative to the "Safe Routes to School" program and serves as a backup crossing guard at Lakeview School.



Dexter

Dave Dexter has completed two number of local offices, as well as pri-terms on the Town Board and has mary election day for national served as editor of the Town newslet-Presidential candidates. (The Town ter since 2007. He is also a member of will not be holding a local primary in the Town Plan Commission and is a Weed Commissioner.

Other local races:

Neenah Joint School District

Four candidates are running for four seats. The top three vote-getters will receive three-year terms; the fourth will get a two-year term. Candidates include incumbents Betsy Ellenberger, Kirk Leeser and John Lehman and challenger Steve Lenz. Incumbent Larry Lewis did not seek re-election.

County Board

All the County Board members representing the Town are unopposed this spring, though the faces are changing due to redistricting. Town of Neenah residents west of Hwy. 41 and north of Breezewood will be in District 9, represented by Tom Widener. Residents east of 41 and north of County G and Park will be in District 7, represented by Bill Roh. Residents in the remaining southern parts of the Town will be in District 30, represented by Chuck Farrey.

New Voter ID Law and procedural changes

Voters will now be required to show a photo ID and sign a poll register before voting. This and other changes were instituted by the state legislature last summer. Details are explained in articles on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter.

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TOWN OF NEENAH REGULAR MEETINGS

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

Town Board of Supervisors 2nd & 4th Mondays

Town Plan Commission 3rd Monday

Town Parks Committee 1st Monday (April – Nov.)

Town Trails Committee 3rd Monday (March-Nov.)

> Sanitary District #2 2nd Tuesday

Snow Reminders:

- √ DON'T PLOW SNOW ACROSS THE ROAD WHEN PLOWING YOUR DRIVEWAY
- √ DON'T PARK ON THE ROAD **DURING A SNOW EVENT**
- √ DON'T PLACE MARKERS IN THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY...WE MUST HAVE A PLACE TO PUSH THE SNOW
- √ DON'T LOSE PATIENCE WITH OUR SNOW PLOW DRIV-**ERS...THEY DO NOT HAVE** AN EASY JOB



Building permits are issued by Building Inspector Gary Klinka (727-9200). Permits are needed to construct a fence or build a deck. If you aren't sure you need a permit, check with Gary.

BUILDING PERMITS

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

September, 2011

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ADDRESS	<u>JOB</u>	COST
727 Milkweed Ct	New Home	\$180,000
1913 Oakridge Rd	Remodel	\$4,165
1444 County Rd JJ	Shed	\$1,540
148 Adella Beach Rd	Sunroom	\$20,000
110 Hedgeview Dr	New Home	\$180,000
116 Armstrong St	Shed	\$15,000
1535 S Park Ave	Greenhouse	\$7,500
1975 Oakridge Rd	New Home	\$450,000
1474 County Hwy O	Electrical	\$1,350

October, 2011

NAME
Dan Villwock
Scott Stielow-Rucon
Boardwalk Bldrs
Robert Tonn-Cumings
Boswell-Kabat
Liebeskind-JM Constr
Stuart Hoelzel
Philip Coe
Van Linn-Leks Constr

<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>JOB</u>	COST
219 Carey Ct	Shed	\$8,000
685 Firefly Ct	Remodel	\$65,000
1242 Pemmican Tr	New Home	\$190,000
244 Fury Ln	Electrical	\$1,500
105 Old Orchard Ln	Shed	\$4,500
494 Sunrise Bay Rd	Remodel	\$45,000
1851 County Rd G	Garage	\$15,000
600 Hunter's Point Rd	Electrical	\$1,900
108 Hedgeview Dr	Addition	\$50,000
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November, 2011

Verbeton-Palisa
Integrity Constr
Snanhauer-Trio

ades Spanbauer-Trio Richard Wylie

ADDRESS	<u>JOB</u>	COST
552 Sunrise Bay Rd	HVAC	\$2,700
755 Milkweed Ct	New Home	\$160,000
490 Sunrise Bay Rd	HVAC	\$3,600
754 Harvard Dr	HVAC	\$4,720

December 2011

NAME

NAME

Wiese-Hofferber Bergstrom-Griffin Bldr Mark Ewing Integrity Constr Thomas Lewandowski

December, 2011		
<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>JOB</u>	COST
1375 Terra Cotta Ct	New Home	\$265,000
215 Limekiln Dr	Addition	\$325,000
928 Sundial Ln	Remodel	\$5,000
1340 Radcliff Rd	New Home	\$189,000
113 Limekiln Rd	HVAC	\$11,206

Town of Neenah

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TRAILS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Glenn Winkler - 722-2289

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NEWSLETTER

Dave Dexter - 858-6096

SANITARY DISTRICT COMMISSIONS

#2 - President - Don Verbrick - 722-4651 #3 - President - Bryan Von Deylen - 751-8791

COUNTY BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

District 10 - Tim Hamblin - 722-4593 District 28 - Jerry Finch - 725-6170 District 29 - Joanne Sievert - 729-9358

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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

It's a beautiful day in the Town of Neenah!

A 2012 Greetings of Peace and **Understanding to All.**

First the seasonal stuff:

Wintertime snow:

As of this writing, the winter items. snow of 2011-2012 has been a scarce "winter commodity." Now I know there are many who are saying "Yippy, Skippy, it's not too nippy," and quite frankly I, too, am glad that our snowplow budget has not been over-extended like last year. But



Town Chairman Bob Schmeichel

sure as Grandma keeps her cookie jar full of cookies, sooner or later give us our fair share of snow.

This brings us to is **no parking** on

Town of Neenah roads or rights-ofway from Dec. 1 to April 1, from 2 a.m. until 7 a.m. This is to facilitate a clear roadway for the snowplows. Any vehicle parked on town roads or rights-of-way during the specified times will be removed at the Please help them out by clearing an owner's expense and the owner will easy access to your mail box. be fined.

Our town roadways are plowed Moving on.... by trucks dispatched to from Winnebago County. Each county truck has an assigned route and all of the drivers do the best they can to clear the snow in a timely manner. In general, they do a very good job. Unfortunately, each year there has been inadvertent damage(s) caused by these snowplows to personal property such as mailboxes and garbage containers. This is due to

the windrow effect of plowing snow those types of conversation starters: so it is rolled out to the shoulder of Come to the meetings and listen to the road. Please understand, neither the town issues. the Town of Neenah nor Winnebago County can be held responsible for there is any up-tick in attendance at the repair or replacement of such any of our open town meetings is

have placed wooden or steel stakes most times, we on YOUR town along the shoulder of the road at the grass line need to remove them. Snow plow drivers need to have the entire shoulder and some of the town right of way clear of obstacles roadway of drifting snow.

Plowing snow across any town Mother Nature will road into the ditch is also not allowed. This, too, can impede snow plowing by the county plows and possibly cause damage to county snowplow equipment. And finally, once again remind please help our mail couriers by everyone that there shoveling the windrowed snow away from your mail box areas so the mail carrier has easy access to the box. They complete their task **DOGS**: undauntedly, no matter the weather. mailbox, it presents a real challenge for these intrepid mail carriers.

Concerned constituents:

Every year I receive calls from concerned town residents asking about one thing or another, and the conversation usually starts out with; "When did you guys pass that action?"... or... "Why in the world did you guys do that!?!"... or... "If I had known..."

Well... here is a good answer to

Unfortunately, the only time when it affects an immediate few or Also, those town residents that their immediate neighborhood. But board hear concerns only after we have deliberated over an issue and do what we believe is in the best interest for everyone in the town.

Agendas for every town board so that they can completely clear the meeting are posted and every town resident has a right to come to the meeting and speak about issues of concern during the "open forum" time slot at the beginning of the meeting.

> This is an open invitation to all town residents to exercise their open meeting right and attend a meeting or two — or hopefully more!

Please LICENSE your dog; and But when snow piles up around your for the welfare of the dog and others, keep it under control... 'nuff said.

> Wow... 2012... "Here We Go"... Have a Great Year!

> > - Bob Schmeichel, Town Chairman

TOWN OF NEENAH Office Hours

Town Hall, 1600 Breezewood Lane

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tues.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat.-Sun. Closed

New laws change voting procedures

New laws approved last summer are changing regis- Voter Registration tration and voting procedures effective with the Spring 2012 elections. Highlights of the changes are listed below. If you need further information, contact Town Clerk Robin Coburn.

Signing the Poll Book

One of the biggest changes for voters beginning with the Spring 2012 elections will be that they must now sign their name on the poll list before receiving a ballot, according to the Government Accountability Board.

"Many states require voters to sign the poll list before they can receive their ballot," Kennedy said, noting that signing the poll list serves two important purposes.

"In the past, election workers have marked the voter's name on the poll list with a sequential number to indicate he or she has received a ballot," Kennedy said. "However, they occasionally place the number by the wrong name or forget, which can cause problems. When someone shows up at the polls and finds out he has already been marked as having voted, it raises concerns about election fraud. However, we have found that most instances are due to clerical errors. We believe that having voters sign the poll list next to their names will eliminate most of these kinds of errors."

"The other advantage of having voters sign the poll list is that in the unlikely event someone would attempt to impersonate a voter, law enforcement will now have forensic evidence that could be used to prosecute the offender," Kennedy said.

Elections Division Administrator Nathaniel E. Robinson noted that signing the poll book is mandatory, unless the voter identifies a disability that prevents them from doing so. "If the voter refuses to sign the poll list, the voter will not be able to vote," Robinson said.

Voter ID

Under the Voter ID Law, which went into effect last June, voters must be asked to show a photo ID when they give their name and address and will be required to present a photo ID to receive a ballot effective with the Spring Primary Election in February. *For details on* the Photo ID law requirements, see the chart on the following page.

The residency requirement for voters has changed from 10 days to 28 consecutive days. When registering, voters are required to provide their most recent address where they were previously registered to vote.

Registration ends at 5 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, on the Friday before Election Day and begins again on Election Day. No registration can take place on the Saturday, Sunday or Monday before the election.

Absentee Voting

In-person absentee voting begins the third Monday before the election. Electors cannot vote in the clerk's office until the third Monday before the election. Inperson absentee voting ends at 5 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, the Friday before the *election.* No in-person absentee voting can take place on the Saturday, Sunday or Monday before the election.

During in-person absentee voting, municipal clerks must ask voters to provide a photo ID.

Photo ID will be required for mail-in absentee voting, with some exceptions. The elector must enclose a copy of his or her proof of identification or any authorized substitute document with his or her application. The clerk may not issue an absentee ballot to an elector who is required to enclose a copy of proof of identification or authorized substitute document with his or her application unless the copy is enclosed and the proof is verified by the clerk. However, if an elector applies for an absentee ballot in an electronic manner and the elector has not enclosed a copy of his or her proof of identification with his or her application, the elector must enclose a copy of proof of identification with the absentee ballot.

An absentee elector who has received an absentee ballot from the municipal clerk by mail for a previous election and has provided a copy of proof of identification with that ballot, and has not changed his or her name or address since providing that proof of identification, is not required to provide a copy of proof of identification.

In addition, an elector who fails to cast an absentee ballot but who remains qualified to receive absentee ballots may receive ballots for subsequent elections by notifying the municipal clerk that the elector wishes to continue receiving absentee ballots for subsequent elections.

Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law

Information provided by the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

(See contact information below)

Wisconsin law requires voters to show an acceptable photo ID to vote starting with the 2012 February Primary. What has ➤ In any election before the 2012 February Primary, the law requires election changed in workers to ask voters for an acceptable photo ID at the polling place, but the law? voters without an acceptable photo ID will still be allowed to vote. An acceptable photo ID will be required before receiving a ballot at the 2012 February Primary and all subsequent elections. A valid photo ID is not required to have a current address. A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card > A Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service > A U.S. passport Identifications above must have an expiration date after the November 2, 2010 election. A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before What is an acceptable the date of an election at which it is presented ID? An unexpired driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT > An unexpired identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT > An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin

- -- Date of issuance
- -- Signature of student

college that contains the following:

-- Expiration date not later than two years after date of issuance

Student must also provide proof of enrollment with ID

How do I get a free photo ID to vote?

Wisconsin law requires the Department of Transportation to provide free ID cards to any individual who will be at least 18 years of age on the date of the next election and who requests a free ID for the purpose of voting. The regular fee is \$28.

An unexpired identification card issued by a Wisconsin-accredited university or

Due to the need to provide a birth certificate and other documents to receive a DOT-issued ID, individuals should start the process of obtaining a statutory identification well in advance of an election at which they wish to vote.

For detailed information about the Voter Photo ID law, please visit the Government Accountability Board website: http://gab.wi.gov or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS or contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or TTY 1-800-947-3529.

Town of Neenah recycling schedule

If you live WEST of Highway 41 or NORTH of Winneconne Ave. (JJ/114), your recycling and trash pickup day is TUESDAY. Trash is picked up every week; recycling is picked up every-other week. If you live between County Hwy. JJ/Winneconne Ave. and Larsen Road, you are GROUP A. If you live north of Larsen/ Oakridge or south of JJ/Winneconne, you are GROUP B.

If you live EAST of Highway 41 and SOUTH of Winneconne Ave. (JJ/114), your recycling and trash pickup day is WEDNESDAY. Trash is picked up every week; recycling is picked up every-other week. If you live south of Bell St. and west of the Hidden Acres subdivision, you are GROUP A. If you live anywhere else in this area, you are GROUP B. Maps are available on the Town's website or at the Town Hall.

WEST of Hwy 41 RECYCLING PICKUP TUESDAYS

GROUP A GROUP B Jan. 10 Jan. 17 Jan. 24 Jan. 31 Feb. 7 Feb. 14 Feb. 21 Feb. 28 March 6 March 13 March 20 March 27 April 3 April 10 April 17 April 24

EAST of Hwy 41 RECYCLING PICKUP WEDNESDAYS

GROUP A	GROUP B
Jan. 11	Jan. 18
Jan. 25	Feb. 1
Feb. 8	Feb. 15
Feb. 22	Feb. 29
March 7	March 14
March 21	March 28
April 4	April 11
April 18	April 25

Please remember the following recycling-collection requirements:

- 1) Only Veolia-supplied carts will be emptied
- 2) Carts should be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. on your collection day.
- 3) Carts must be facing the street as indicated by arrows on the cart lid.
- 4) Please leave at least five feet of space between your cart and any other object, such as a light pole, mailbox, or other trash/recycling cart.
- 5) Veolia will not pick up trash or recycling that does not fit inside the cart. Lids must be closed to be serviced. Material outside the cart will NOT be collected.
- 6) Please bag your trash to prevent loose materials from blowing out.
- 7) Recycling must be *loose in the cart -- no plastic bags or stringed paper bundles*.

- 8) Please do not tightly stuff or compress material into the carts, as the carts may not completely empty into the truck. The truck will not return for carts that did not empty.
- 9) Electronic waste (TVs, radios, VCRs, DVD players, computers and computer parts, cell phones, etc. will NOT be accepted. Please take all such items to the Winnebago County landfill or to an e-recycling facility.
 - 10) No oil, oil filters, or oil-absorbent materials.
- 11) No grass clippings, yard waste, Christmas trees, or ashes will be accepted.
 - 12) No hazardous wastes will be accepted.

If you have questions about your trash/recycling service, or to report a missed pickup, call Veolia at 920 685-6666.

For information on Winnebago County recycling and hazardous waste disposal, call 920 232-1850.

Pet Waste

Best Management Practices for the Pet Owner



How does pet waste harm the environment?

Did you know that storm drains are not connected to the sanitary sewer systems and treatment plants? Whatever enters the catch basins in our parking lots and roads goes untreated into our creeks, streams, rivers and lakes! The primary purpose of storm drains is to carry rainwater away from developed areas to prevent flooding.

Nearly 20% of the bacteria found in water samples in Seattle Washington and 25% in the Kansas City region were matched with dogs or pet waste.

What Can You Do?

What can you do?

- Be prepared, when you go for a walk take a plastic bag
- Pick up pet waste
- Remove pet waste from areas where children play
- Keep pet waste away from vegetable gardens and water supplies
- Do not add pet waste to compost pile it will not get hot enough to kill disease organisms
- Do not dispose of pet waste in the storm drain





Methods of Disposal

- Flush down the toilet
- Put in the trash (check local ordinances first!)
- Bury in the yard

Diseases that can be transmitted from pet waste

- Campylobacteriosis bacterial infection frequently causes diarrhea
- **Cryptosporidium** parasite symptoms include: diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea and dehydration may be fatal to those with depressed immune systems
- Toxocariasis roundworms may cause vision loss, rash, fever, and cough
- Toxoplasmosis parasite symptoms include: headache, muscle aches, lymph node enlargement may cause birth defects if contracted by pregnant women



TOWN OF NEENAH REMINDERS -

you live (see page 6). All recyclables to be picked up must fit inside the container supplied by Veolia. They will not pick up bagged or boxed items, or recyclables in other containers. Please do not wrap items with string or place anything inside plastic bags. Electronics, waste oil, and other materials may not be placed with your recyclables or in the trash.

BUILDING PERMITS: All building permits are issued by Building Inspector Gary Klinka (727-9200). Permits are needed to construct a fence or build a deck. If you aren't sure you need a permit, check with Gary.

DEER/WILDLIFE PROBLEMS: The Town has no authority to handle wildlife problems. If you see a dead animal on the road call the County Sheriff at 236-7300, ext. 8. If you have other wildlife problems, call a private pest/wildlife control service.

MINUTES AND AGENDAS: Town minutes and agendas are posted on the Town website (<www.townofneenah.com>) and are also available for inspection at the Town Hall during regular business hours.

RECYCLING: All town recycling is picked OBSTRUCTING RIGHTS-OF-WAY and ADDRESS SIGNS: up every-other week, depending on where **DRAINAGE DITCHES**: You cannot place responsible for maintaining the emergency a fence or greenery in the town's road rightover the paved portion of the road. In addition, culverts and drainage ditches must be from the sign. Also, do not remove or relokept clear of obstructions and must not be cate the sign. filled in. If you have a question about water drainage issues or the right-of-way, call Town Chairman Robert Schmeichel.

> 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 watch), 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 the smoke isn't blowing in their direction. Burning garbage is prohibited.

> **DOGS:** All Town of Neenah dogs must be licensed. The license is issued by the clerk/ treasurer. The cost for neutered/spayed dogs is \$5; all others are \$10. Dogs cannot run at large. They must be confined to your property or on a leash and under your control if off the property. NOTE: leashed dogs are allowed in Town parks provided you immediately pick up any waste.

Homeowners address signs placed in front of their homes of-way. No part of a mailbox should extend by the Town. Assure that the signs remain visible by keeping brush and snow away

WINTER PARKING BAN

The Town has an ordinance prohibiting parking on Town roads between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m., from December 1 through March 31.

Advertising rates for this newsletter

full page - \$240 1/2 page - \$125 1/4 page - \$60

1/8 page - \$30

This newsletter is provided to Town of Neenah residents and businesses.

Call Dave Dexter at 858-6096 for information.

Protect your family from carbon monoxide poisoning

Family Services issues this warning:

With colder temperatures and homes being sealed to protect against the elements, public health officials are reminding everyone to take preventative steps to protect against carbon monoxide poisoning.

It is important to have your home heating system, water heater, and fireplace inspected regularly and to install carbon monoxide detectors in your home. These are the best measures you can take to avoid becoming a victim of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas produced when fuels such as gasoline, kerosene, wood, coal, oil, natural gas, and charcoal do not have enough oxygen to burn completely. Common sources of carbon monoxide include furnaces, gas or kerosene space heaters, boilers, gas cooking stoves, water heaters, fireplaces, charcoal grills, wood stoves, power generators, camp stoves, and motor vehicles. Symptoms of exposure to carbon monoxide are headache, fatigue, dizziness, shortness of

The State Department of Health and breath, nausea, and mental confusion. Continued exposure may lead to more serious health problems, including death.

Carbon monoxide detectors can be purchased at most hardware stores and function similarly to smoke detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors should be placed on each floor of the home, with at least one placed near the bedrooms. Hunters, campers, and those who enjoy ice-fishing should take a portable battery-powered detector on their next outdoor trip.

If your carbon monoxide detector alert goes off and your family members exhibit symptoms, get fresh air immediately and call 911. Do not re-enter the building until it has been inspected and declared safe.

Some other tips to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning include:

- Never use a gas oven to heat your home
- Check that your furnace or water heater is properly vented
- Have your chimney inspected before you use it

- Never allow an engine to run in an enclosed space such as a garage. This includes cars,
 - space heaters, and any gasoline powered engine • Never ride inside a camper or trailer that is being towed by

snowmobiles, motorcycles,

 Never burn charcoal inside homes, tents, campers, vans, trucks, garages, or mobile homes.

another vehicle

County to hold hearings on new zoning ordinance

Winnebago County is preparing a rewrite of its zoning ordinance. They will be hosting an open house Jan. 30 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Road Y, Oshkosh. A public hearing will be conducted March 1 at 4 p.m. at the County Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh.