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What's happening in the Town

Town will stay under county zoning

The Town of Neenah has opted to remain under county zoning. State law allows towns to opt out of county zoning and take on their own administration and control only when a county undertakes a major re-write of its zoning code.

In 2012, Winnebago County revamped its zoning ordinance, allowing towns their first opportunity in more than 20 years to opt out. Of the eight towns under county zoning at that time, four opted out and the remaining four towns – including Neenah – chose to stay in.

Copies of the latest county zoning map and ordinances are available for inspection at the Town Hall.

Town clerk resigns

Town Clerk Robin Coburn has resigned to accept a new position in private industry. She will assist part-time for the next few months until a new clerk is hired. She has served in the position since 2008.

County seeks Town land for dog park

Winnebago County made a preliminary proposal on April 15 to the Town Plan Commission to lease 20 or more acres of Town-owned land for a dog park. The desired parcels would include acreage either north or south of Oakridge Road, east of Hwy. CB.

Town officials explained that consideration would be dependent on the Town receiving satisfactory compensation for the land and incorporation of safeguards for surrounding property owners.

Parks and trails groups combined

Due to overlapping responsibilities, the town board decided to merge the Trails and Parks committees, effective immediately. There is currently a vacancy on this committee. Preference will be given to someone living near Keating Park. For further information contact Town Chairman Bob Schmeichel at 729-5995.

Voters re-elect all Town officials

Town Chairman Bob Schmeichel and supervisors Jan DeKeyser and Geoff Hibner were all re-elected April 2 to two-year terms on the Town Board. Terms of the other two supervisors – Glenn Armstrong and Dave Dexter – expire in 2014.

In addition, Steve Spanbauer was re-elected to another six-year term on the board of Sanitary District #2. Bryan Von Deylen was re-elected to another term for Sanitary District #3. The sanitary district commissions each have three members, with one member facing election in each odd-numbered year.

Sheriff warns of 'dumpster diving'

The Winnebago County Sheriff reports several incidents of "dumpster diving" in the eastern portion of the Town of Neenah. They suspect the culprits may have been searching homeowners' trash for personal information that could be used to identify theft. If you notice any suspicious activity or if you suspect your identity may have been stolen, notify the Winnebago County Sheriff at 236-7300.

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TOWN HALL:

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Office Hours:

Monday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tues.-Thurs. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Fri.-Sat.-Sun. Closed

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 & Trails Committee
1st Monday (April – Oct.)**

**Sanitary District #2
2nd Tuesday**

Mark your calendar...

The 3rd Annual Town of Neenah Fire Dept. picnic will be Sunday, Aug. 25, at Mahler Park.

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER:**Spring 2013... Finally!*****So much for those "prognosticating groundhogs"***

Given the length of this past winter season, our annual outdoor spring cleanup will be hastened – sooner than you think – by summer temperatures. (Yes, we all heard you cheer!) I encourage all of us to help clean up the accumulated debris in our ditches and culverts. This also includes the grassy drainage swales on private property. Without annual cleanup maintenance applied



**Town Chairman
Bob Schmeichel**

about various neighborhood nuisance issues. I mentioned above that the town maintains a nice neighborhood blend. However, as time marches on this blend has become more of a peacefully neighborhood setting rather than that of rural America.

More of the voiced concerns I have received are about noise than almost anything else. Due to these frequent and untimely occurrences, I would

offer this:

- If you have implements or recreational vehicles that emit loud sounds, please use and enjoy them during the time of the day with respect to your surrounding neighbors.
- If a town resident runs machinery or recreation vehicles consistently during the hours when others residents deem it to be a relaxing quiet time, people then complain to me and to the county sheriff's department.
- The same holds true with loud aerial fireworks.

Tempers flare, citations can and may be issued, and the principle of the golden rule is broken. Let's all be reasonable, respectful of our neighbors, and engaging. Because... "we like it here!"

Speaking of spring – otherwise known as the "vernal equinox" – here's a fun fact: There are persistent myths that at the vernal equinox, and only at the vernal equinox, you can stand a raw egg on its end. There is an equally persistent rebuttal that says it's not possible at any time to balance a raw egg on its end. Neither assertion is true. With a little patience (or sometimes a lot), you can balance a raw egg on its end at any time of year. The first day of spring has nothing to do with it.

— Bob Schmeichel
Town Chairman

to these areas, heavy rain events WILL cause flooding. Poor drainage is the #1 residential concern here in our town.

As you know, April 22 is annually referred to as "Earth Day." I would offer that any weekend in the spring would be a great time to have an Earth Day event of your own right in your neighborhood. A general cleanup day or two would be beneficial, not only for drainage issues but also for neighborhood pride

With the warmer weather, motorists need to take extra care when traveling on our town roads because walkers and bicyclists are emerging like returning robins, so PLEASE SLOW DOWN. You walkers and bicyclists also need to take precautions and should wear brightly colored reflective clothing so all can safely see you. Carrying a flashlight at dusk or night is a good idea, but do not assume that WE can see YOU. Reflective clothing is best.

We all live in the Town of Neenah for various reasons. Some because they have grown up here, some for the nice blend we maintain between rural and suburban lifestyles, and almost everyone because of lower taxes when compared to neighboring communities. But in general, it's "because we like it here"

Having said that, I want to make reference to that age-old golden rule of "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." In the past, myself and other town supervisors and the town clerk have received verbal concerns

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Town population: 3,306

CHAIRMAN

Robert Schmeichel – 729-5995

SUPERVISORS

Glenn Armstrong – 722-3355
Jan DeKeyser – 725-3284
Dave Dexter – 858-6096
Geoff Hibner – 729-4780

CLERK/TREASURER

Robin Coburn – 725-0916

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Gary Klinka – 727-9200

FIRE CHIEF

Ed King – 725-8261

ANIMAL CONTROL

Glenn Armstrong – 722-3355

PARKS & TRAILS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

JAN DEKEYSER – 725-3284

PLAN COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

Tom Stolla – 967-3364

WEED COMMISSIONERS

Dave Dexter – 858-6096
Geoff Hibner – 729-4780

NEWSLETTER

Dave Dexter – 858-6096

SANITARY DISTRICT COMMISSION PRESIDENTS

#2 – Don Verbrick – 722-4651
#3 – 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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Renew Our Waters

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Household Hazardous Waste

Cleaning out the garage and keeping our waters clean

We all have the opportunity - and the responsibility - to dispose of waste materials properly. The rule of thumb is: If you wouldn't dump it in the river, don't let it touch parking lots, soil, or any other place where it can be washed into a stream or storm drain. Post this sheet in your garage storage area as a reminder. This will help us change one habit at a time, so we have good fishing, swimming, paddling and waterskiing when the work is done.

HARMFUL SUBSTANCES

Certain household chemicals, when not used up properly, become household hazardous waste. These products can contain the same chemicals as strictly regulated industrial wastes.

If you wouldn't dump it in the river, don't let it touch parking lots, soil or any other place where it can be washed into a stream or storm drain.

These products include: cleaning products and wash water, food oils and grease, automotive oil, grease and waste fluids, paint, petroleum-based solvents, rodent baits, batteries, herbicides, pesticides, concrete wash water and sidewalk salt.

HANDLE WITH CARE

To avoid the potential risks associated with household wastes, always monitor the use, storage and disposal of products with potentially hazardous substances.

PROPER DISPOSAL

All of the counties in Northeast Wisconsin have Household Hazardous Waste drop off programs or collection days. Contact your local environmental, health or solid waste agency for instructions on proper use and disposal.

USING LESS

The quantity of waste from a single household may be small, but that quantity adds up fast considering the number of households in Northeast Wisconsin. Consider reducing your purchase of products that contain hazardous ingredients.

Stormwater is rain or snowmelt and water from things people do, like overwatering the lawn. As water makes its way to the storm drain it picks up pollutants like oil from car leaks and improperly disposed of waste. When we choose products carefully and dispose of products properly, we can reduce the amount of pollution that enters our local waterways through runoff.

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

Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium

P.O. Box 1861 Appleton, WI 54912 | 920.858.4246

RenewOurWaters.org

BUILDING PERMITS

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

December, 2012

| NAME | ADDRESS | JOB | COST |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------|
| Integrity Construction | 802 Sundial Ln | New Home | \$187,000 |
| Boardwalk Builders | 2632 Towerview Dr | New Home | \$205,000 |
| Smoot/Milbach Const | 1429 Ridgeway Dr | Remodel | \$5,800 |
| Boardwalk Builders | 1376 Terra Cotta Ct | New Home | \$235,000 |
| Boardwalk Builders | 2644 Towerview Dr | New Home | \$195,000 |
| Germonprez/Modern | 126 Woodside Ct | HVAC | \$3,295 |
| Michaels/Black Haak | 700 Tullar Rd | HVAC | \$2,635 |



All building permits are issued by Building Inspector Gary Klin-ka (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.

January, 2013

| NAME | ADDRESS | JOB | COST |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| Robert Talarcyk | 1310 County Rd JJ | HVAC | \$3,000 |
| Larsen/Untouchable | 166 Villa Dr | Remodel | \$21,000 |
| Sid McGinnis | 142 Courtney Ct | Remodel | \$24,315 |
| Boardwalk Bldrs | 712 Milkweed Ct | New Home | \$185,000 |
| Boardwalk Bldrs | 706 Milkweed Ct | New Home | \$185,000 |
| Boardwalk Bldrs | 2776 Towerview Dr | New Home | \$210,000 |
| Boardwalk Bldrs | 2638 Towerview Dr | New Home | \$195,000 |
| Gallmeier/D&S Htg | 1850 Oakridge Rd | HVAC | \$3,000 |

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|--------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------|
| Boardwalk Builders | 2656 Towerview Dr | New Home | \$190,000 |
| Siebers/Black Haak | 1429 Shreve Lane | HVAC | \$3,562 |
| Feller/Rucon | 490 Rainbow Beach Rd | Remodel | \$15,000 |
| Barker/Gambisky | 1275 Winneconne Ave | Remodel | \$9,875 |
| Joe Mattson | 1971 County Rd G | HVAC | \$5,875 |
| McGinnis/Precision | 142 Courtney Ct | Electrical | \$2,700 |

February, 2013

| NAME | ADDRESS | JOB | COST |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| Ogden/Frontier | 1497 County Rd O | Office | \$180,000 |
| McGinnis/Lead Safe | 142 Courtney Ct | Remodel | \$20,000 |
| Boardwalk Builders | 2650 Towerview Dr | New Home | \$215,000 |

March, 2013

| NAME | ADDRESS | JOB | COST |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------|----------|
| Jim Weiss/Ogden Plbg | 590 Plummers Harbor | Remodel | \$7,600 |
| Liebeskind/Houlihan | 494 Sunrise Bay Rd | Windows | \$2,500 |
| Sassie/Anderson Htg | 112 Highland Ct | HVAC | \$8,000 |
| Kernen/Heiberger | 155 Old Orchard Ln | Remodel | \$40,178 |



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Recent appointments

Town Chairman Bob Schmeichel has re-appointed Dave Dexter and Tom Wilde to the Plan Commission. He has also appointed Aaron Zemlock and Dave Bluma to the Parks & Trails Committee. Terms are three years. There is one vacancy on the Parks & Trails Committee. The committee seeks a representative from the Keating Park area. If you are interested, please contact Town Chairman Bob Schmeichel.

Firefighters needed

The Town's fire department is seeking applicants for paid-on-call firefighters and first responders. Persons residing in the Town of Neenah or within two miles are invited to apply. Information is available at the Town Hall.

The Good Ol' Days



by Supervisor Glenn Armstrong

August 1860 – Here comes the railroad!

A special meeting was held at Weedens Hotel to vote upon an ordinance authorizing the Board of Supervisors to subscribe to the capitol stock of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company, for an amount not exceeding \$30,000. The result of said meeting was as follows:

- Whole number of votes cast – 215
- Number cast for railroad ordinance – 153
- Number cast against railroad ordinance – 62

The ordinance allows the Town of Neenah to subscribe to stock to extend said railroad north of the City of Oshkosh. In consideration thereof, the depot for freight and passengers shall be centrally located to accommodate the mills and business interests of said town. Bonds shall be issued by the town chairman, signed by the town chairman, and countersigned by the town clerk. Bonds shall be issued in amounts from \$25 to \$500 each, with interest warrants or coupons attached, drawing annual interest rate of 8 percent per annum, to be paid semiannually.



Glenn Armstrong is a Town of Neenah Supervisor and a long-time member and former Chief of the Town Fire Department.

April 1861 – Annual Meeting

It was approved that we raise \$500 for reconstructing the long bridge across the Fox River and the job be awarded to the lowest bidder by the board of supervisors at a public meeting called for such purpose.

June 1861

Bids for the bridge were opened. They ranged from \$875 to \$1,200. The project was awarded to George Wilcox for \$875. It was resolved that a contract be drawn for building the bridge across the Fox River near the mill of Smith and Proctor. A special town meeting will be called to ask for assistance from volunteers. *[Editor's note: This is the location of the Commercial Street bridge in Neenah. Even though Neenah was a village at that time, state statute vested sole authority for public improvements with the town. Neither villages nor towns provided police protection, that being vested only in the county. That's why the Town of Menasha was split off from the Town of Neenah: it was believed the town was giving preferential treatment to the village of Neenah.]*

October 1861

Board of Supervisors ordered paid to Frank Martin - \$13 for damage sustained by ox breaking through bridge.

June 1862

Bills allowed included:

- Dr. Robinson for "assisting in amputating an arm for Indian." \$5.
- Joh McLeary for house rent for the poor for 10 weeks, at \$.50 per week. \$5.

State seeks to simplify mussel, algae cleanup

A quicker, less expensive permit process would allow waterfront property owners statewide to more quickly and easily clean-up accumulations of zebra mussels, dead fish, algae and other plants from their shore under a state proposal.

Comments on the proposed statewide general permit are being accepted through May 15, with the Department of Natural Resources hoping to have the permit finalized and available for property owners to use by June.

The proposal would allow property owners on all water bodies to have the same streamlined permitting process that has been in place for Great Lakes property owners since 2008, says Martye Griffin, the DNR waterway science policy coordinator.

Property owners asked DNR to be able to use mechanical equipment to help clean up the growing accumulations of mussel shells and algae on their shore because it was getting to be too much to do by hand, Griffin says. "This general permit would allow them to use equipment to do the removal without harming water quality, habitat, and other public rights in our lakes and rivers, and the permit would be in effect for five years so they wouldn't have to keep coming back to us every year."

For more information or to submit written comments on the draft general permit or environmental assessment, contact Martin Griffin (WT/3), DNR Headquarters, 101 S. Webster, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921, or via e-mail at: MartinP.Griffin@wisconsin.gov.

ADVERTISING RATES FOR THIS NEWSLETTER

full page – \$240 • 1/2 page – \$120
1/4 page – \$60 • 1/8 page – \$30

This newsletter is circulated quarterly to Town of Neenah residents and businesses. Call Dave Dexter at 920 858-6096 for information.

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 (except where noted*)

GROUP A

April 16

April 30

May 14

*May 29 (WEDS.)

June 11

June 25

July 9

July 23

GROUP B

April 23

May 7

May 21

June 4

June 18

July 2

July 16

July 30

EAST of Hwy 41 RECYCLING PICKUP WEDNESDAYS (except where noted*)

GROUP A

April 17

May 1

May 15

*May 30 (THURS.)

June 12

June 26

July 10

July 24

GROUP B

April 24

May 8

May 22

June 5

June 19

July 3

July 17

July 31

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.

Joint Recycling Event!

Computers - Electronics

Appliances - Lamps

April 27th 2013

2 Events

Menasha Utilities
321 Milwaukee Street
Menasha, WI 54952



Town of Menasha
Municipal Center
Vehicle Storage Bldg.
2000 Municipal Dr.
Neenah, WI 54956

May 4th 2013

1 Event

City of Neenah
City Garage
1495 Tullar Rd.
Neenah, WI 54956



All residents of the fox valley are welcome at any of these events

All three events are from
8:00 am to Noon
Details Call : 920-955-3760

Hosted By:



City of Neenah Sustainability Committee

Town of Menasha Sustainability Committee

City of Menasha Sustainability Committee



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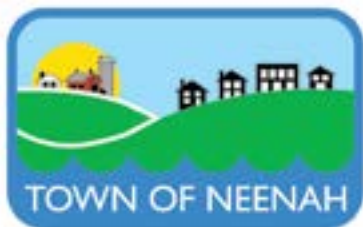


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— TOWN OF NEENAH REMINDERS —

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.

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.

ADDRESS SIGNS: Homeowners are responsible for maintaining the emergency address signs placed in front of their homes by the Town. Assure that the signs remain visible by keeping brush and snow away from the sign. Also, do not remove or relocate the sign.

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.

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 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 build a deck. If you aren't sure you need a permit, check with Gary.

RECYCLING: All town recycling is picked up every-other week, depending on where 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.

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.

MINUTES & AGENDAS: Minutes and agendas for all Town meetings are posted on the Town website and are also available for inspection at Town Hall.