

Town of Neenah

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New faces in Town government

Board filled three vacancies for the Town and Sanitary District.

The Board appointed Jim Weiss to the Town Board to fill the remaining term of Dave Dexter, who resigned Sept. 30.

Jim Weiss

Dexter has moved out of state. Weiss' term will expire in April, 2014.

Jim Weiss is a 20vear Town resident. He has a keen interest in promoting a safe, healthy, and sustainable Town of Neenah. Weiss has been involved in sales.

marketing and corporate training. He is a sales consultant for Bergstrom Acura. He and his wife, Margie, have four children and five grandchildren who all reside in the Fox Valley area. Jim is involved in numerous organizations, including St.

Margaret Mary parish, the YMCA, and Neenah Rotary Club.

The Board also appointed Dan Osero to the Town of Neenah Sanitary District #2 commission, replacing Don Verbrick who resigned Sept. 30. Osero



Dan Osero

At its Sept. 23 meeting, the Town has served as a Town volunteer fire fighter since 2011. He is married with two children. He will finish out Verbrick's term, which expires in April, 2015.

> Gordon Falck, who serves as Town representative to the Neenah-Menasha Sewerage Commission, has moved from the Town but will be completing his term which expires Dec. 31, 2013. The Town Board appointed Steve Coburn to a full term effective Jan. 1, 2014.

Candidates may begin circulating nomination papers December 1

Elections for town, county, state and school district nonpartisan offices will be held Tuesday, April 1. If a primary election is necessary it will be held on Feb. 18.

Offices up for election in the Town of Neenah include two supervisory spots (incumbents Glenn Armstrong and Jim Weiss). Supervisor terms are for two years. Candidate packets for Town of Neenah offices are available from the Town Clerk. The first day to circulate nomination papers is Dec. 1, 2013 and the deadline for filing is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014.

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TOWN OF NEENAH

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

Budget Hearing set for Nov. 11

A public hearing for the Town of Neenah's 2013 budget will be held at 6:30 Monday evening, Nov. 11, at the Town Hall. A meeting of the Town Electors will immediately follow the hearing for the purpose of approving the Town tax levy.

The Town Board will be conducting budget workshops at the Town Hall on Oct. 3, 10, and 17, starting at 9 a.m.

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER:

It's 'Indian Summer' in the Town of Neenah

I must have blinked, I see by the calendar that fall is here but it sure feels like summer yet. It's turning out to be a beautiful "Indian Summer" fall in the Town of Neenah.

In my "Chairman's Chatter" news articles I usually share fun facts and Town of Neenah recent and/or pressing issues. However, this time I am not going to again bring up the subject of composting leaves rather than burning them. Nor am I going to state the obvious about walking with reflective clothing, especially dur-



Town Chairman
Bob Schmeichel

ing twilight hours. Also, given that we have had a few recent issues that have gained media attention, I am not going to discuss them here. I do invite you all to review the minutes of our town board meetings for the last few months. These minutes are available on our town website:

<townofneenah.com>. Better yet, why not attend one of your town board meetings to keep abreast of current issues?

With that, I've decided to stay with the fun facts in this issue.

In the fall it seems that almost any warm day is referred to by most people as Indian Summer. So just what is an Indian Summer?

Here are criteria for an Indian summer:

- As well as being warm, the atmosphere during Indian summer is hazy or smoky, there is no wind, the barometer is standing high, and the nights are clear and chilly.
- A moving, cool, shallow polar air mass is converting into a deep, warm, stagnant anticyclone (high pressure) system, which has the ef-

fect of causing the haze and large swing in temperature between day and night.

- The time of occurrence is important: the warm days must follow a spell of cold weather or a good hard frost.
- The conditions described above must occur between St. Martin's Day (Nov. 11) and Nov. 20. For over 200 years, *The Old Farmer's Almanac* has adhered to the saying, "If All Saints' (Nov. 1) brings out winter, St. Martin's brings out Indian Summer."

Why is it called Indian Summer? Some say it comes from the early Algonquian Native Americans, who believed that the condition was caused by a warm wind sent from the court of their southwestern god, Cautantowwit.

The most probable origin of the term goes back to the very early settlers in New England. Each year they would welcome the arrival of cold wintry weather in late October when they could leave their stockades unarmed. But then came a time when it would suddenly turn warm again, and Native Americans would decide to have one more go at the settlers. "Indian Summer," the settlers called it.

So with that in mind, may we all have a peaceful and beautiful "Indian Summer"

Thanks.

— Bob Schmeichel Town Chairman

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Town population: 3,371

CHAIRMAN

Robert Schmeichel - 729-5995

SUPERVISORS

Glenn Armstrong – 722-3355 Jan DeKeyser – 725-3284 Geoff Hibner – 729-4780 Jim Weiss – 727-1952

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Ellen Skerke - 725-0916

Building Inspector
Gary Klinka – 727-9200

FIRE CHIEF Ed King – 725-8261

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Glenn Armstrong – 722-3355

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PLAN COMMISSION CHAIRMAN Tom Stolla – 967-3364

WEED COMMISSIONER Geoff Hibner – 729-4780

Newsletter

vacant (contact Town Clerk Ellen Skerke)

SANITARY DISTRICT COMMISSION PRESIDENTS

#2 – *vacant* #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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Fire Dept. concludes successful picnic

Once again our Town of Neenah Fire Dept. picnic was a huge success! After a rainy 2012 picnic, the sunshine and blue skies were a welcome sight.

Thank you to Lt. Brad Liebhauser for doing an awesome job of heading up this year's special 75th anniversary edition. Also, thanks go to Glenn Armstrong for digging up all those old Fire Department photos and news articles.

The day's events included displays from the Winnebago County Sheriff and ThedaStar, and a demonstration of a vehicle extraction by our own firemen.

We had several Town residents who were winners of major prizes from our raffle. The raffle earned around \$5,000 for the Fire Department, which will go toward purchasing ice rescue equipment and other Department needs.

Once again, thank you to everyone who supported our Fire Department. Special thanks goes to all our Town volunteer firefighters and first responders who put in hours and hours of hard work to make this event a success.

Town ranks third in county recycling

Through July of this year, Town of Neenah residents recycled an average of 133.84 pounds of material per person, placing the Town third among the 15 municipalities in Winnebago County. Town of Neenah was narrowly edged out of second place by the Town of Black Wolf, with 134.87 pounds. The county leader was the Town of Vinland, with 148.25 pounds collected per person.

Our neighbors in the Town of Clayton recycled 123.54 pounds per person; the City of Neenah recycled 93.69 pounds per person; Town of Menasha residents recycled 89.28 pounds, and City of Menasha residents recycled 82.48 pounds.

Revenues from the county recycling program are distributed to individual municipalities in proportion to the amount of materials contributed, so the more the Town of Neenah residents recycle, the more money the Town receives.

Deputy recognized



At its Aug. 12 meeting, the Town Board recognized retiring Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Diana Schmidli for her five years of service. She received a certificate of appreciation from Chairman Bob Schmeichel.

Exactly what makes up the county's recycling stream? Here is the percentage breakdown for the first half of the year:

Aluminum	1%
Tin/Steel	3%
Plastic	8%
Mixed paper	12%
Cardboard	15%
Glass	27%
Newspaper	34%

Would you like to help your neighbors?

Do you enjoy and gain satisfaction from helping others?

Do you have any special skills that could benefit others?

Do you enjoy working with others to reach a common goal?



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

If so, the Town of Neenah Fire Department may be able to help you put those skills to work. The Town of Neenah Fire Department is currently looking for persons interested in being a volunteer firefighter and/or first responder. Firefighters and first responders receive modest compensation for their efforts and all training and equipment is provided at no cost. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Fire Chief Ed King for more details and an application. Chief King can be reached at 920 450-4102.



BUILDING PERMITS

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

July, 2013

NAME	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>JOB</u>	COST
Case/Black Haak	1325 Harvest Moon Dr	HVAC	\$2,700
Zig Builders	647 Firefly Lane	New House	\$300,000
Oitzinger/Wesenberg	644 Harvard Dr	New House	\$269,000
Erickson	621 Stanford Dr	Shed	\$3,000
Grotenhuis/Rhino	112 Woodside Ct	Electrical	\$12,000
VanHouwelingen	151 Kuettel Ct	Shed	\$3,400
Boardwalk Bldrs	956 Sundial Ln	New House	\$205,000
Meyer	1347 Harvest Moon Dr	HVAC	\$2,450
Rogers/Nelson	1348 Harvest Moon Dr	Remodel	\$20,000
Cermack/Stone Creek	104 Highland Ct	Addition	\$27,000



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August, 2013

				Herziger/Drucks	152 Adella Beach Rd	HVAC	\$7,000
NAME	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>JOB</u>	COST	Thoma	1809 County Rd A	Detached	\$160,000
Ziolkowski/Devalk	130 Kuettel Ct	Deck	\$29,000	Boardwalk Bldrs	678 Firefly Ln	New House	\$215,000
Hayes	136 Ferdinand Ave	Remodel	\$20,000	Dennee	1638 S Park Ave	Culvert	\$1,100
Tallon	743 Milkweed Ct	Deck	\$6,000	Boardwalk Bldrs	1346 Hoot Owl Ct	New House	\$215,000

Drive carefully - school is now in session

Schools are now open for the school year. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everybody that numerous children are out on school playgrounds, waiting to be picked up by the school bus, etc. As you come into the cities, children will be using sidewalks as well as crossing streets at the school zones in the early morning and mid-afternoon. Please slow down and observe the speed limit in school zones and watch out for children. The fine for speeding in a school zone starts at \$223, and is a three-point violation on your license for 10 miles-an-hour over the school zone speed limit.

Here is what you should know about school crossings. According to the state statutes, the speed limit is:

• 15 miles per hour when passing a schoolhouse at those times when children are going to or from school or playing within the sidewalk area at or about the school.

- 15 miles per hour when passing an intersection or other location properly marked with a "school crossing" sign of a type approved by the department when any of the following conditions exist:
- 1. Any child is present.
- 2. A school crossing guard is within a crosswalk at the intersection or the other location or, if no crosswalk exists, is in the roadway at the intersection or other location.
- 3. A school crossing guard is placing or removing from the roadway a temporary sign or device that guides, warns, or regulates traffic.

In addition, the operator of a vehicle which approaches the front or rear of any school bus which has stopped on a street or highway and is displaying flashing red warning lights, shall stop the vehicle not less than 20 feet from the bus and shall remain stopped until

the bus resumes motion or the operator extinguishes the flashing red warning lights. The fine for failure to stop for a school bus is \$326.50 and four points assessed to your license.

Please drive safely at all times and be aware when you drive by area schools.

Town seeks newsletter editor

The Town of Neenah is seeking a volunteer to compile and edit its quarterly newsletter. Good writing skills and familiarity with page-layout software are desirable.

For further information, contact Clerk Ellen Skerke at 725-0916.



The Good Ol' Days

by Supervisor Glenn Armstrong

May 1862

A committee from the trustees of the Village of Neenah (now City of Neenah) met with the Board of Supervisors. They agreed to hold the "Dog License Fund" in common with the Town for "the payment of all damage done by dogs at large".

September 1862

Board of Supervisors approved the following bills:

• H. C. Rauney - for surveying	\$5.00
• S. G. Richards – one day laying out of road	\$1.00
• J. Brown – Shoe making for the poor	\$6.54

February 1864

A special meeting of the electors was called for the purpose of raising money to pay volunteers to free the Town from the coming draft (for Civil War). Whereas under the call of the President of the United States for 300,000 volunteers to be raised by the fifth day of January, 1864. The quota of the Town of Neenah is fixed at twenty four men. The supervisors and citizens deemed it expedient to offer a bounty to each volunteer, payable in one year for a sum sufficient to fill the quota of said town. 134 votes were cast, 132 for raising the bounty and 2 against raising the bounty.

August 1864

A special meeting was held for the purpose of raising the sum of eight thousand dollars to pay the bounty to volunteers to fill the quota of said town, for the coming draft (for Civil War) September 1864. 252 votes were cast, 144 votes for the bounty and 108 votes against the bounty.

April 1865 Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting the Board of Supervisors voted to ascertain where and for what price four acres of land could be obtained for a cemetery and report results at next annual meeting.

April 1866 Annual Meeting

The offer of four acres of land for burial purposes for one thousand dollars, made by Mr. Albert Hurley considered by meeting. Motion carried to purchase cemetery grounds. Motion carried to raise two hundred dollars to grub and fence burial grounds.



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

April 24, 1866 Special Meeting

Authorized Board of Supervisors of the Town of Neenah, to raise by tax, for taxable property of said town, the sum of fifteen thousand seven hundred fifty dollars to purchase five acres of ground on Doty Island, and to aid in the erection of a normal school building.

April 1868

505 town residents vote at Spring election (a new record).

July 1868

Contract awarded to L.C. Shepard and V.N. Maxwell for five thousand four hundred ninety five dollars to build a bridge across the south channel of Fox River according to plans and specifications in clerk's office. His bid being the lowest of nine received.

Be prepared for winter snows

Last winter's mild weather shouldn't cause us to forget that we are still in Wisconsin, and Wisconsin winters usually mean lots of snow! Following are snowfall reminders:

- There is no parking on Town roads between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m., from December through March.
- Check your mailbox is it stable enough to survive the winter?
- Don't plow snow across the road when cleaning your driveway.
 - Don't place markers in the road

right-of-way. We must have a place to push the snow.

- Don't place your garbage or recycling containers in the roadway where they could be struck by a snowplow.
- Don't park on the road *at any time* during a snow event.
- Don't lose patience with our snowplow drivers. They do not have an easy job.

If you have any questions or concerns with snow plowing, please call the Town Hall at 725-0916.

Town growing 8 times faster than state

The State of Wisconsin reports that its preliminary estimate of the population of the Town of Neenah as of January 1, 2013 is 3,371 persons. This represents a 4.1 percent increase since the 2010 census. During that same time period, the state's population increased by .5 percent.

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.

WEST of Hwy 41
RECYCLING PICKUP
TUESDAYS (except where noted*)

GROUP A	GROUP B
Oct. 1	Oct. 8
Oct. 15	Oct. 22
Oct. 29	Nov. 5
Nov. 12	Nov. 19
Nov. 26	Dec. 3
Dec. 10	Dec. 17
Dec. 24	Dec. 31
Jan. 7	Jan. 14
Jan. 21	Jan. 28

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.

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

GROUP A	GROUP B
Oct. 2	Oct. 9
Oct. 16	Oct. 23
Oct. 30	Nov. 6
Nov. 13	Nov. 20
Nov. 27	Dec. 4
Dec. 11	Dec. 18
*Dec. 26 (THURS)	*Jan. 2 (THURS)
Jan. 8	Jan. 15
Jan. 22	Jan. 29

Please remember the following recycling-collection requirements:

- 1) Only carts supplied by the recycling company 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) Advanced Disposal (formerly 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 Advanced Disposal at 800 688-4285.

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



Renew Our Waters

Every choice counts.

Kids can help too!

There are lots of things kids can do to help keep our rivers and lakes clean.

Have you ever thought about where rain goes after it lands on your house or driveway? Rain drops roll down your driveway and into the road. Once in the road, rain enters the storm drain - the grates that are in city streets.

Do you know what happens to things that enter the storm drain? Water or any thing else that enters those drains travel through pipes that empty right into our rivers and lakes!

You can help clean up our local rivers and lakes by making sure that only rain goes down the storm drain.

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CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET!

Pet waste is not only gross to find in yards or on sidewalks, it carries bacteria and germs that cause beach closings in the summer.

To keep our waters clean, pick up after your pet often. Even waste in your backyard can pollute local waters.

Bring a small plastic bag with you on walks and pick up after your dog.

HELP WITH THE YARD

Grass clippings and leaves from our yards are causing our lakes and rivers to turn green! You can help by sweeping grass clippings off your driveway and sidewalk back onto your lawn after your mom or dad mows the grass. You can also help your dad and mom rake up the leaves in your yard in the fall!

GET SOME EXCERCISE

You may have heard that car and trucks can cause air pollution but did you know that driving cars and trucks can also affect water? Oil, grease and other dirt that fall from our vehicles when we are driving are washed into storm drains and into our rivers and lakes. One way to help clean up water is to drive less. Instead of asking for a ride, ask your mom or dad if you can walk or bike with them to a friend's house or the park!

MOST IMPORTANTLY, NEVER PUT ANYTHING DOWN THE STORM DRAIN. THE FISH AND FROGS AND ESPECIALLY YOUR FRIENDS DON'T LIKE TO SWIM WITH GARBAGE! ONLY RAIN SHOULD GO INTO THE DRAIN!

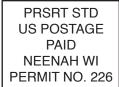
Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium P.O. Box 1861 Appleton, WI 54912 | 920.858.4246 Stormwater is rain or snowmelt and water from things people do, like overwatering the lawn. As water makes its way to the storm drain it picks up pollutants like oil from car leaks and bacteria from pet waste. When we choose products carefully and dispose of products properly, we can greatly reduce the amount of pollution that enters our local waters 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

RenewOurWaters.org





1600 Breezewood Lane Neenah, Wisconsin 54956

— 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.

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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 Advanced Disposal. 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.

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.