

Town of Neenah Today

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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER:



**Town Chairman
Bob Schmeichel**

"Here we go again" !

I've heard it from friends, my wife, and John Q Public....I'm talking about our "Wonderful Wisconsin Weather", but alas it is what it is and that's why we "Hardy Wisconsinites" make the best of what we are dealt... so pass the hot chocolate, enjoy the season, and look forward to next year.

Speaking of next year, we have some exciting things happening in 2015. The first phase of reconstructing South Park Avenue here in the town was

completed successfully. This first phase was the most challenging phase so thank you for your patience and understanding in navigating the construction zone. The 2015 second phase will complete the stretch from Secretariate Lane north to the intersection of South Park Avenue and Bell Street /Maple Lane. It will not be as complex as the first phase, but we will have to exercise the same amount of patience during construction of this roadway.

To help the town offset the cost of this reconstruction road project, the Town of Neenah has been very fortunate to complete the final sale of town properties to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The town sold 34.831 acres of land for a final amount of \$535,076.59. This property was previously known as the north Grimes Farm located north of Oakridge Road, east of County CB and south of County O. Although this sale was not orchestrated for the South Park Avenue project, it did come to fruition at an opportune time and it has turned out to be a "Win - Win" for all parties.

Another positive issue we are going to address in 2015 is our current town ordinance of: Junked Motor Vehicles. During the past couple of years I have received numerous voiced concerns of "nuisance vehicles". We do have an ordinance in place for these vehicles which defines nuisance vehicles and the associated penalty for any violations. Going forward, we intend to be more aggressive in enforcing this ordinance.

And now for my shared "Fun Fact". I previously referred to our Wisconsin weather; the Winter Solstice is the shortest day of the year which usually falls around December 21st or 22nd above the equator. The word solstice is derived from the Latin sol (sun) and sistere (to stand still) because at the solstice, the Sun's path (as seen from Earth) comes to a STOP...before reversing direction. Huh...I always thought only "Superman" could reverse the direction, but it reverses so we have seasons of the year!

On that thought...I wish you all a Joyous Holiday Season and "Happy Solstice"

Bob Schmeichel

Chairman



Road construction on South Park Avenue

Meet Your Town of Neenah Fire Department:



Rod Mutart

Home: Town of Neenah
Firefighter since March 1977
Position on the department: Firefighter
Age: 61
Family: Single

Address: 2190 NeeVin Rd

Education: Neenah High School

Past Community Involvement: 4H, CountyFair

Hobbies: Work on equipment

Full Time Employment is: Partner at Mutart Brothers Farm (with brother Bill)

Why does he like being a Firefighter: It is an interesting occupation. It is very rewarding when we get the privilege to help others. I once got a hug from a town resident after putting her house fire out. There are also great people on the department. When Steve and I joined the department, there was a 50% turnover in firefighters due to retirement. It has been fun to see new people come on the department, learn from the veterans, and now teaching the new recruits.

Most memorable firefighting experience: I remember our first day on the department was a Wednesday. On Thursday (second day on the department) there was a semi fire on 41. We were the first two of 4 people who fought the fire and didn't yet have gear. After helping to keep the air compressor from exploding and keeping the big embers from burning, John said "we need to get you gear." That was back before all of the training firefighters get now a days. We learned a lot on the job.

Congratulations!

Arlen Belisle has recently been promoted from the rank of fire fighter to lieutenant on the Town of Neenah Fire Department. Arlen has been a member of the fire department for 6 years and has been very active in training as well as community activities. Good Job Arlen!



Steve Keuhn

Home: Town of Neenah
Firefighter since March 1977
Position on the department: Safety Officer
Age: 57
Family: Married for 34 years to Mary. Two

Children: Paul 34 and Jennifer 31; 2 grandchildren

Address: 6025 Sherman Rd

Education: Neenah High School, FVTC- Agriculture

Past Community Involvement: 4H

Hobbies: Spending time with Grandchildren. (They grow up too quick)

Full Time Employment is: Kuehn Farms (Partner)

Why does he like being a Firefighter: To Serve the community. It has been real rewarding to help people.

Most memorable firefighting experience: The Ravino Ballroom Fire. I can remember being inside and seeing fire on all four sides of me and watching the bottles of liquor explode.

Did you know:

- Last year, TNFD started a tradition of adopting local families through the Salvation Army's Adopt a Family Program. For the last couple of years, TNFD has helped the Salvation Army by volunteering for Red Kettle bellringing.
- Come out and support your Town of Neenah Fire Department bell ringers on December 3rd and 4th at Cops Grocery Store and December 16th and 18th at Festival Foods.
- TNFD has 4 women on the department. 2 joined in 2014.
- TNFD firefighters have responded to 83 medical calls and 52 fire calls from January – October 2014. Firefighters have attended almost 120 hours of training for State certifications from January - October 2014.



Town Clerk Ellen Skerke

Clerk's Corner:

Town Board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of the month, 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Agendas are posted on the Town of Neenah website and on the posting boards located at Town Hall, at Conservancy Park and Oakridge Place. Minutes of each meeting can be found on the website. The following are highlights since our last newsletter.

August 2014

- Approved new Town Firefighters Patrick Lukaszewski and Alexi Quinn to the Fire Department roster.
- Approved the Agreement between the Town of Neenah Fire Department and Town of Vinland Fire Department for responses to Highway 41
- Approved the property lease agreement between the Town of Neenah and Nsighttel Wireless (Cellcom) for an option to install a telecommunication tower on Town-owned land.
- Approved a CMS for Jonathan Maloney, 584 Irish Rd.
- Approved Inter-governmental Agreement with the County to satisfy eligibility for recycling consolidation grant for calendar year 2015.
- Increased injunctive relief insurance limits for the Town of Neenah.

September 2014

- Responded to TNSD#2 Informational surveys related to sanitary sewer in Rolling Heights subdivision.
- Approved 2015 maintenance agreement with Winnebago County Highway Department.
- Approved Memorandum of Understanding with Winnebago County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update and appointed Dan Osero as local emergency representative.

October 2014

- Approved agreement for sale of parts of Town-owned land to WisDOT for wetland mitigation.
- Approved a rental agreement for Town-owned land located at Oakridge and Tullar Road to Amos Ihde for agricultural purposes.
- Approved Operator's License for Elizabeth Gurske.
- Accepted Firefighter retirement for Rob Koland.
- Accepted Firefighter resignations for Justin Malin and Tom Szymik.
- Approved Resolution 2014-09 to commit Impact Fee funds to Franzoi Park Shelter fund.
- Approved joint powers agreement with Winnebago County 911 Emergency System.

Town of Neenah

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Town Population: 3,435

Chairman

Robert Schmeichel- 729-5995

Supervisors

Glenn Armstrong - 722-3355

Jan DeKeyser - 725-3284

Geoff Hibner - 729-4780

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 Stolla - 967-3364

Parks and Trails Committee Chairman

Jan DeKeyser - 725-3284

Weed Commissioner

Geoff Hibner - 729-4780

Newsletter

Pam Winek - 428-0768

Sanitary District Commissions

#2-President - Dan Osero - 740-5757

#3-President-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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The Good Ol' Days



By Supervisor
Glenn Armstrong

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – 1875

Within the Town of Neenah there were four districts. Each district had a school house. All of these were later merged into the Neenah Joint School District. This is one of the many forms Town Clerks had to fill out for the State of Wisconsin. Our Town Clerk, Ellen Skerke, gets many forms as well, although I believe they are just a little bit different!

No. of boys over four and under twenty in district	32
No. of girls over four and under twenty in district	33
Total No. of children in district	65
No. of children over four and under twenty in school	47
No. of departments in school	1
No. of teachers required in school	1
Wages per month paid male teachers	none
Wages per month paid female teachers	\$24.00
District library	none
Money on hand August 31, 1874	\$18.68
Money on hand August 31, 1875	\$56.90
Town of Neenah (four schools or districts)	
No. of school houses in Town	4
No. of pupils school houses will accommodate	179
No. of pupils in school	136
No. of school house sites less than one acre	4
No. of school houses well enclosed	2
No. of school houses built of stone or brick	0
No. of school houses having outhouses in good condition (yikes what about the other 2)	2
No. of Districts in which a list of text books has been adopted by board	0
No. of school houses furnished with outline maps	0
Cash value of all school houses in Town	\$920.00
Text Books used – Spelling, Readers, Arithmetic, U.S. History, Geography and Grammars	
No. of private schools in town	0

Glenn Armstrong is a town of Neenah supervisor and a long-time member of the Town Fire Department.



DOG LICENSES:

All dogs must be licensed in the Town of Neenah. Licenses are issued by the Treasurer and can be purchased when you pay your taxes in person or by mail. The cost of a license for neutered or spayed dogs is \$5.00; non-spayed and non-neutered dogs are \$10.00. A kennel license (5 to 12 dogs) may be obtained for \$60.00.



Dear Town of Neenah employees and Board Members,

Please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for all your efforts to remake South Park Avenue into a beautiful and safe street for residents and fellow travelers alike. It is a joy to look upon and drive on every day.

It has been a fantastic project and we are thankful to the Town for its successful design, management and time you all contributed to this project. South Park Phase I is a roaring success!

A special thank you to the construction crew Advance Construction. Their staff was professional in every way, so courteous of the homeowners and a joy to see at work.

Sincerely
John and Eileen Costello

Building Permits

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

August 2014

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>JOB</u>	<u>COST</u>
Boardwalk Bldrs.	1360 Eagle Feather Tr.	New House	\$210,000
Morrison	172 Old Orchard Ln.	Shed	\$1000
Faith Technologies	110 Limekiln Dr.	Electric	\$6,300
Sunroom Design Group	1601 Oakridge Rd.	Sunroom/ Pergola	\$40,312
Silvercrest Homes	215 Cty. Trk. CB	Storage Unit	\$80,000
Folski Electrical	119 A-B S.Fieldcrest Dr.	Electric	\$2,000

September 2014

Froehlich-Vosters	1921 County Rd. A	ADD./remodel	\$70,000
Anderson	136 Adella Beach Rd.	Garage	\$30,000
Boardwalk Bldrs.	978 Sundial Ln.	New Home	\$210,000
Alexander Homes	814 Sundial Ln.	New Home	\$236,000
Calmes & Rohm Const.	920 Sundial Ln.	New Home	\$235,949
Boardwalk Bldrs.	1346 Birch Bark Ln.	New Home	\$210,000
RGL Logistics	1715 Dixie Rd.	Construction	\$30,000
Houlihan	1479 Cty. JJ	ADD. Bedroom/ Bathroom	\$25,000
Bay Area Services	464 Maple Ln.	HVAC	\$5,845
Maloney	584 Irish Rd.	Garage	\$20,000
Neabling	588 Hunters Point Rd.	Garage	\$25,000
Christenson	107 Hedgeview Dr.	Addition/Deck	\$15,000
Portside Bldrs.	104 Sally Ln.	Bathroom Remdl.	\$20,000
Portside Bldrs.	104 Woodside Ct.	Kitchen Remdl.	\$28,000

October 2014

Zilisch, Zilisch, Hanlan	1488 North St	Renovation	\$15,000
Morey	776 Harvard Dr.	Remodel	\$4,264
Paulik	1749 Oakridge Pl.	Deck	\$4,130
Time Warner Cable	514 County Road G	Electrical	\$3,000
Time Warner Cable	514 County Road G	HVAC	\$30,000
Bay Area Services	219 Carey Court	HVAC	\$3,005

The 2015 Trash and Recycling Calendar is posted on the Town Website at www.townofneenah.com and refrigerator magnets are available at the Town Hall.

Seeking a Volunteer for the Plan Commission

There is a vacancy on the Plan Commission for which the Town Board is seeking a volunteer. This appointment is for a three-year term. The Plan Commission is made up of seven members that meet once per month to review all land use planning aspects of the Town Neenah including CSM's, zoning changes, the comprehensive plan, plus others as requested. The Commission then makes recommendations to the Town Board. There are approximately 4 additional opportunities each year to meet and network with neighboring communities to discuss planning issues.

If you are interested contact the Town Hall at 920-725-0916

Town Fire Department Accepting Applications

The Town of Neenah Fire Department is looking for applicants to fill open positions in the department. Training and equipment is provided at no cost.

People interested in becoming a firefighter/first responder and looking for more information can either contact Fire Chief Ed King at 725-8261, the Town Fire Department or pick up an application at the town hall during regular business hours or on the town website.



Mark Your Calendar:

The next election will be held on Tuesday April 7, 2015 which includes several local positions on the ballot. If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

Two Town Supervisor positions and the Town Chairman position will be on the ballot. The incumbents are Jan DeKeyser, Geoff Hibner and Bob Schmeichel. The term for all Town offices is two years, beginning on Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

There is a Commissioner position for each of the two Sanitary Districts on the upcoming ballot. Dan Osero is the incumbent for Sanitary District #2 and Loretta Kjemhus is the incumbent for Sanitary District #3. The term for all Sanitary District offices is 6 years, beginning on Tuesday April 21, 2015.

Anyone interested in running for one of these positions must take out nomination papers from the Town Clerk, Ellen Skerke, and obtain a few signatures. Ellen will advise you of the procedure.

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2014. The final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00pm on Tuesday January 6, 2015.

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Starting
December 1, 2014

Newly Accepted Items:

The 2015 Trash and Recycling Calendar is posted on the Town Website at www.townofneenah.com and refrigerator magnets are available at the Town Hall.

Cartons:
Milk • Soy Milk
Juice • Cream
Egg Substitutes
Broth • Soup
Wine • Etc.



RECYCLE



**Produce, Bakery
& Deli Containers:**
Berry • Donut
Potato Salad
Dips • Etc.

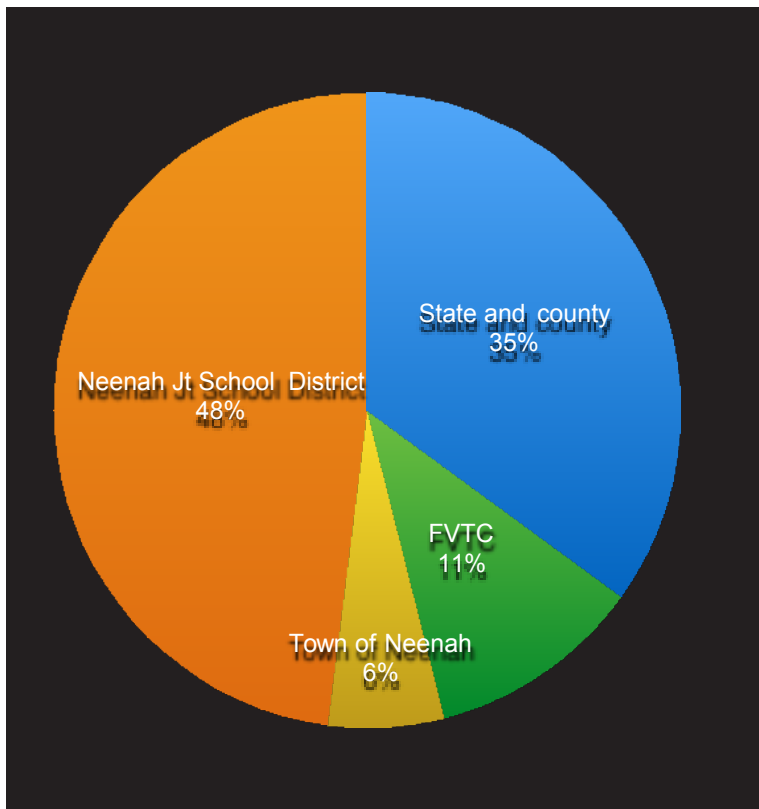
**Dairy
Containers:**
Yogurt • Margarine
Cottage Cheese
Sour Cream
Etc.



www.RecycleMoreTriCounty.org

Where do your property tax dollars go?

The Town of Neenah must send a sizable portion to other governmental units for which the Town acts as a "bill collector". For general property taxes collected for 2013, only 6% stays in the Town.



Tidbits from the Treasurer

The 2015 Budget was adopted on November 10, 2014 following a Public Hearing and Town Meeting of the Electors. The budget summary can be found on the website, full details are available in the Clerk's Office.

Property Tax bills are scheduled to be mailed approximately December 15, 2014. Payments are due no later than January 31, 2015. If paying by installments, the first payment is due no later than January 31, 2015. Second payments are to be paid directly to WINNEBAGO COUNTY TREASURER by July 31, 2015.

Payment may be made in person during office hours, via U.S. mail, or for your convenience, an "After-Hours Lock Box" is available at the front door of the Town Hall. If you pay by mail and would like a receipt, you must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your tax payment.

Regular Office Hours:

Monday	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Thursday	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Friday	Closed

Holiday Hours:

December 22, 2014	Monday	8:30am-4:30pm
December 23, 2014	Tuesday	8:30am-4:30pm
December 24, 2014	Wednesday	CLOSED
December 25, 2014	Thursday	CLOSED
December 26, 2014	Friday	CLOSED
December 29, 2014	Monday	8:30am-4:30pm
December 30, 2014	Tuesday	8:30am-4:30pm
December 31, 2014	Wednesday	8:30am-4:30pm
January 1 and 2, 2015	Thursday-Friday	CLOSED

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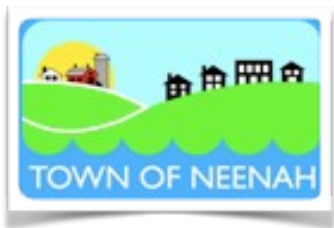
81% Voter Turnout!

November 4th was a very busy day at Town Hall.

- 183 people registered to vote
- 1594 ballots were cast
- 249 absentee ballots were processed.

That is 81% of all registered voters in our Town for the mid-term election. Compared to Statewide voter turnout of 51% of all registered voters, this is nothing less than PHENOMENAL!!

Would you like to be a part of the excitement and activity on Election Day? Election Officials are the back bone to every election. Contact Town Clerk Ellen Skerke for more information, 920-725-0916.



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REGULAR MEETINGS

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

Town Board of Supervisors
2nd & 4th Mondays

Town Plan Commission
3rd Monday

Town Parks & Trails Committee
1st Monday (April thru October)

~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 consider), and that you call the Winnebago County Sheriff's office non-emergency number (236-7300#0) before and after burning to avoid false alarms. Please be considerate of your neighbors when burning, making sure 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 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.

*** 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. All recyclables to be picked up must fit inside the container provided 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 recyclable or in the trash.

***DOG REMINDER:** 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 the Town parks provided you immediately pick up any waste.

***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 pest/wildlife control service.

