



Town of Neenah Today

Save the Date:
Town Of Neenah Annual
Meeting
April 15, 7PM

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Town Board Supervisors run uncontested

April 1 is election day for a number of local offices. At the local level, Incumbent Town of Neenah Supervisors Glenn Armstrong and Jim Weiss are running for reelection to the Town Board of Supervisors.



Weiss



Armstrong

Supervisor Jim Weiss has been a Town of Neenah resident for 20 years. He has a keen interest in promoting a healthy, safe and sustainable Town of Neenah. Jim has been involved in sales, marketing and corporate training. He is a sales consultant for Bergstrom Acura. Jim and wife Margie have 4 children and 6 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.

Supervisor Glenn Armstrong is seeking reelection this year. A lifelong resident of the Town, he's 58 years old and operates

a beef and grain farm. He has served on the Town Board for 12 years and the volunteer fire department for 36 years – five as fire chief. Armstrong has also served on many town committees, including planning, land trust, municipal building, and fire station study.

County Board

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

Neenah Joint School District

Six candidates are running for four seats on the Neenah Joint School District Board of Education. Candidates include incumbents Peter Kaul, Michelle Swardenski and Scott Thompson,

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challenged by Tom Hanby, Margaret Murphy and John Van Meter.

Elections and Voting:

The Town of Neenah's population estimate is 3,371 with approximately 2,571 eligible voters. All voters in the Town of Neenah vote at Town Hall located at 1600 Breezewood Lane. Polls Open at 7AM and close at 8PM for all elections. The Wisconsin Voter Registration Application is available on the Town of Neenah website or in the Town Hall Office. Register early to ensure that your name appears in the April 2014 Election Poll Books. Election Day registration is also available.

Chairman's Chatter:

FORWARD WE GO INTO 2014

This past year has had its ups and downs here in the Town of Neenah. I would offer however; that throughout the year, we had more positive and beneficial actions than not. So how do we keep that positive direction going?

Here is the Challenge: GET INVOLVED in your local government.

The other day there were these three town residents having coffee at a local diner when I overheard one say; "Did ya hear what they're fixen to do in the town? "Well I did hear that they're gonna fix the county G viaduct", another said. "No, you-behind-the-times person, they've already did that", rebukes the first. "But I've heard from one of my neighbors who heard from their first cousin that there's something gonna happen this year here in the town". "Ya don't say", scoffs the second. A "yup, but I donno what", exclaims the first. "You know maybe we oughta ask someone from the town". Or, finally pipes up the third resident, "why don't we all go to a town meeting or two". BRILLIANT !

Yes you're right; I did present you this same challenge last year. However, my call to become engaged or stimulate interest in town issues fell short of the majority of you. Consider this: The higher percentage of the residents in the Town of Neenah are in the range of 35 to 65 years of age, and at our annual meeting in April of each year, traditionally there are but a couple dozen people that attend "YOUR" meeting. Too, there is a town board meeting every second and fourth Monday of the month, and a Planning Commission and Park Board meeting once a month. Very few town residents regularly attend your town meetings. Involvement by YOU in and at these meetings is an important necessity for positive and beneficial town actions. We all like to, at sometime or another, rant and rave about government actions. Enacting change at higher levels of government is a daunting task. But here at your town level, citizen interaction with your town board, commissions, and committees, is welcome. WE, the officials of the town work for you and strive to make beneficial decisions regarding town matters. The fact that we all have busy personal lives and other commitments is a given. But when is the last time YOU attended any town meeting? We do have some very interesting issues coming up in 2014 so...Get Involved in your local government, or you just might miss what is going on in your town.

WINTER TIME SNOW:

It looks like we are on a record pace for cold temperatures and snow and ice. As a reminder to everyone, there is a No Parking ordinance on Town of Neenah roads and right-of-ways from December 1 to April 1 from 2AM until 7AM. The county snowplow trucks need a clear roadway for the snowplows. Any vehicle parked on town roads or right-of-ways during the specified times will be removed at the owner's expense and there is a fine. Also, after any snow event, let's all please help the rural route mail carriers by shoveling the windblown snow away from your mail box areas so the mail carrier has easy access to the box. I have been told more than once how much they appreciate a cleared access to your mail box.

Chatter continued on pg. 4



**Town Chairman
Bob Schmeichel**

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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

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

President - Dan Osero - 740-5757

#3-President-Bryan Von Deylen-751-8791

County Board Representatives

District 7-Bill Roh - 725-5999

District 9-Bill Widener - 725-1156

District 30-Chuck Farrey - 582-7733

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The Good Ol' Days

by Supervisor Glenn Armstrong



April 6, 1868 Annual Meeting

Motion carried that the sum of \$200 be raised and left in the hands of the supervisors to be used in building a wall or other means of protecting the riverbank – from Dr. Robinson's house to the slough bridge – from the wash of the lake.

April 5, 1870 Annual Meeting

Motion carried that the sum of \$250 be raised for the purpose of completing the walk from the slough bridge to the cemetery.

April 1, 1873 Annual Meeting

A portion of the electors of the Town met at the place where the last annual meeting was held (the fire station). In the absence of all of the old town board, they organized by choosing a new chairman, inspector of election, and clerk. In consequence of said place being within the recently incorporated limits of the City of Neenah, and not within the Town of Neenah, it was resolved to adjourn to the schoolhouse in School District No. 4 and there hold the election. A notice was posted and a person stationed at the door to notify the electors of the adjournment to the schoolhouse.



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

April 7, 1874 Annual Meeting

Motion made to appropriate \$200 for expenses for the coming year, to be placed in the hands of the treasurer, and \$75 of which be used to maintain bridges. Motion failed. Motion carried to use \$50 to maintain bridges. Motion made that cattle, sheep, and hogs be restrained from running at large within the limits of the Town. Motion failed.

April 6, 1875 Annual Meeting

Motion made and passed to restrain or stop people from hunting and shooting on the bridges and along the stream, or anywhere in the Town of Neenah on the Sabbath day.

Town obtains new specialized wet suits

The Town of Neenah Fire Department recently put into service five new Stearns cold water rescue suits. They will be used for water and ice rescue, especially on ponds and off the shores of Lake Winnebago. The suits and all necessary equipment were purchased with a \$2500 grant from the John E. Kuenzle Foundation as well as money raised by the fire department members during their annual gun raffle. No taxpayer funds were used. The suits are used to insulate firefighters from the cold water as well as keep them dry. This time of year is especially dangerous with all the water and ice in the Town.

Picture: Volunteer fireman Steve Lanzer models a suit next to the cold water rescue equipment.



Building Permits

(Projects valued at \$1000 or more)

SEPTEMBER, 2013

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>JOB</u>	<u>COST</u>
Lens Custom Bldrs.	171 Rockwood Ln.	NSFD	\$244,000
Integrity Heating & Air	723 Terra Cotta Dr.	HVAC	\$12,645

OCTOBER, 2013

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>JOB</u>	<u>COST</u>
Boardwalk Bldrs.	790 Sundial Ln	NSFD	\$215,000
Hennessey Homes	1310 Harvest Moon Dr.	NSFD	\$215,000
Cypress Homes	122 Kuettel Ct.	NSFD	\$225,863
Kevin Schmitting	184 Adella Beach Rd.	Electrical	\$1,500
Boardwalk Builders	855 Sundial Ln.	NSFD	\$240,000
Barbara Moravec	103 Sherri Lea Ln.	HVAC	\$5145
William Ricketts	114 Kappell Dr.	Garage	\$12,000
Stark Construction	1326 Larsen Rd.	NSFD	\$220,000
Kuehl Electric	1470 Deerwood Dr.	Electrical	\$1200
Vangement/Steffens	157 Old Orchard Ln.	Electrical	\$1000

NOVEMBER, 2013

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>JOB</u>	<u>COST</u>
Your Electric	142 Ricker's Bay	Electric	\$1800
Boardwalk Bldrs.	2649 Towerview Dr.	NSFD	\$240,000
Modern Sheet Metal	102 Limekiln Dr.	HVAC	\$15,584
M.R. Teas	123 Michael Ave.	Elec. generator	\$3500
Abby's Htg & Cooling	128 Schramm Way	HVAC	\$1500
MCM Air	217 Mandella Ct.	HVAC	\$3000
Custom Family Homes LLC	2673 Towerview Dr.	NSFD	\$261,980
Black-Haak Heating	1433 Shreve Ln.	HVAC	\$3600
Modern Sheet Metal	1590 Oakridge Rd.	HVAC	\$3169
Dan Osero	2686 Towerview Dr.	Detached Garage	\$24,000
Ron Dercks	570 Plummers Harbor Rd.	Addition	\$50,000

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WINTER FUN FACT:

Hoar Frost and Graupel?

An old saying claims the Eskimos have dozens of different words for describing snow. While that turned out to be a myth, there are many types of snow crystals and even more snow formations. Aside from the snowflake, there's also hoar frost and graupel, according to the National Snow and Ice Data Center.

Hoar frost forms on surfaces that are colder than the frost point in the air around them, so water goes straight from vapor to solid. This spiky, fluffy snow tends to form on tree branches, telephone wires and other skinny items exposed to the chilly air. Graupel, which consists of hard ice pellets, forms when snowflakes fall through a cloud that contains super cooled water droplets. The droplets freeze onto the snowflakes and form misshapen, lumpy balls.

Well that's it for this issue.... C U around town and hopefully at a meeting or two.... Have a Great 2014 Year!

Bob Schmeichel
Town Chairman

ADVERTISING RATES FOR THIS NEWSLETTER

full page-\$240
half page-\$120
1/4 page-\$60
1/8 page-\$30

This newsletter is circulated quarterly to all Town of Neenah property owners. Call the Town Hall at (920) 725-0916

Dog licenses due

Owners of dogs more than five months of age on January 1 of any year or reaches five months of age within the license year, shall annually, on or before the date the dog becomes 5 months of age, pay the dog license fee and obtain a license. (Wisconsin Statute 174.05). Dog licenses issued for 2014 will be valid through December 31.

The fees are \$5 for neutered/spayed dog and \$10 for unneutered male or unspayed female. There is an additional fee if paid after April 1.

When applying for a license, please present the animal's current rabies vaccination certificate from a licensed veterinarian.

All checks should be made payable to the Town of Neenah and mailed or dropped off at the Town Hall, 1600 Breezewood Dr., Neenah



Absentee Ballot:

If you are unable to come to the polls on election day, you may request an absentee ballot. There are two ways to cast an absentee ballot, either in person at Town Hall or you can request an absentee ballot to be mailed to you.

If you are unable to vote in person on election day, please note that in person absentee ballots are the most cost effective way to cast an absentee ballot. Including postage, additional mailing envelope, and personnel time required to prepare the ballot for mailing, the cost to mail out an absentee ballot is about \$4.18 per ballot. If you vote in person at Town Hall, the cost is only about \$1.78. If you require an absentee ballot, consider voting in person to help save the tax-payer money.

Visit the Town of Neenah Website for more information click on Elections, Voter Registration and Absentee Ballots.

Snowfall Reminders

~There is no parking on Town Roads between 2AM and 7AM from Dec. through March 31.

~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 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 don't have an easy job.

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

Carbon Monoxide Safety

Our fire department has been responding to an increase in carbon monoxide (CO) calls recently. CO is an odorless, colorless, poisonous, deadly gas produced by incomplete burning of fuels or malfunctioning equipment. Early warning signs of CO poisoning are headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness. If you are experiencing these signs of CO poisoning, or if your CO alarm is going off, get outside to fresh air and call 911. Test your CO alarm regularly and change batteries. CO alarms have a recommended replacement age. They get old and need to be replaced as recommended by the manufacturer.



Renew Our Waters

Every choice counts.

Ice and Snow Control

We can have safe walkways in the winter and cleaner water all year round.

Winter in Northeast Wisconsin is a great time for outdoor fun, like ice fishing, ice skating, sledding and skiing. Here, winter also means mountains of snow to shovel and layers of ice to remove from driveways and sidewalks.

We often try to make ice removal easier by using products like salt and sand to melt the snow and ice. Many people do not realize that these products are harming local waters and the animals that rely on them. When the ice and snow melt, the salt and chemicals flow into street drains that lead directly to rivers and lakes.

SHOVEL OFTEN AND EARLY

Shoveling often during and immediately following the storm removes the snow from walkways and driveways before it gets packed down by tires and feet. The most important part of deicing is removing as much snow as possible before applying salt or sand - it's also great exercise!

Use only the recommended amount.

Throwing down more salt will not speed up the melting process.

MAKE THE MOST OF THE SALT YOU USE

It is not always necessary to see bare pavement to have a safe winter surface. Ask yourself if it is necessary that the snow or ice be removed. For salt to be effective, air temperature needs to be warmer than the surface temperature of the area you want to treat. A little goes a long way. Use only the recommended amount. Throwing down more salt will not speed up the melting process. Use only enough deicer to break the bond between the ice and the pavement, then remove the remaining slush by shoveling.

LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF SAND YOU USE

Sand provides traction. It does not melt ice. Sand, although not chemical, contributes to polluting our local waters. It adds to the excess sediment that is entering waterways, eliminating important habitat for aquatic plants and animals. Sand does play a role in winter road management. It is often used by municipalities on roads to help maintain traction. Since ice removal is typically the concern of homeowners, sand may not be necessary.

Stormwater is rain or snowmelt and water from things people do, like overwatering the lawn or washing the car on the driveway. This water runs off our properties, into the street and down the storm drain - picking up pollutants on its way. Once it reaches the storm drain the water and the pollutants it carries is discharged into local waterways.

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

Radon Test Kits Available



What is Radon, and Why Worry?

Radon is a cancer-causing radioactive gas. It's colorless and odorless and could be present in your home. The EPA estimates that radon is responsible for about 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year. About 2,900 of these deaths occur among people who have never smoked. **It is the second leading cause of lung cancer overall and the LEADING cause in non-smokers.**

Radon can be found all over the U.S.

Radon comes from the natural radioactive breakdown of uranium in soil, rock, and water. Radon can enter homes through cracks, drain tiles, sump pits, and other openings in basement floors and walls. Since radon is a radioactive element, it is measured in picocuries of radiation per liter of air (pCi/L). The EPA has set the health standard for radon at 4.0 pCi/L.

Why You Should Test for Radon.

Since radon is a radioactive element, it is measured in picocuries of radiation per liter of air (pCi/L). The EPA has set the health standard for radon at 4.0 pCi/L. Testing is the only way to know if you and your family are being exposed to radon. The EPA and the Surgeon General recommend testing for radon in the Lowest Living Level, where your family spends most of their time. It is not necessarily the basement. Test should be conducted in a basement only if the basement has already been converted into a living space (bedroom, family room, or den).

There are two different types of test kits available to test for radon.

- The short-term test kit is left in the home for a period of 2-7 days (depending on the recommendations from the manufacturer). The results of this test provide the homeowner with an idea of the potential for a problem in the home. The ideal time for testing is during the fall and winter heating season, when the home is closed up.
- The long-term test kit is left in the home for a period of up to one year (depending on the recommendations from the manufacturer). The results of this test provide the homeowner with the annual average exposure of radon. It is strongly suggested that the long-term test never be used unless a short-term test kit has been done first.

Radon Test Kits.

Millions of Americans have already tested their homes for radon. The ideal time to test for radon is during the winter months, when the windows and doors are closed. Testing is inexpensive and easy. Test kits are available at Town of Neenah Town Hall at a cost of \$10.

If You Have a Radon Problem, You Can Fix It.

If you discover that you do have a radon problem, there are simple and cost effective ways to take care of it. Even very high levels of radon can be reduced to acceptable levels. Visit the Winnebago County Health Department Website for more information.

Where do your Town tax dollars go for 2014?

General Government: Town Board and Clerk/Treasurer salary, Town Hall Maintenance, Office Expenses

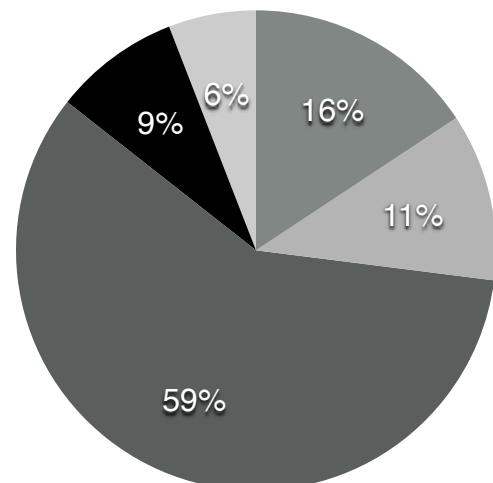
Public Safety: Fire Department, Building Inspections, 911 signs

Public Works: Highway expenses, both summer maintenance and repairs as well as winter snow plowing and trash and recycling

Recreation: Park and trail expenses

Debt Service: Principal and interest for two loans- a fire truck and a land purchase

● General Govt. ● Public Safety ● Public Works
● Recreation ● Debt. Service





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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-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 Veolia 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.

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 the Town parks provided you immediately pick up any waste.

WINTER PARKING BAN: The Town has an ordinance prohibiting parking on Town roads between 2AM and 7 PM from December 1 through March 31.

Numbers for spending graph

Where Town Tax Dollars will be spent in 2013.

General Government 15.7%

Public Safety 11.3%

Public Works 58.6 %

Recreation 8.5%

Debt Service 5.9%

SNOW REMINDERS:

**DONT PLOW SNOW ACROSS THE ROAD WHEN
PLOWING YOUR DRIVEWAY.**

**DONT PARK ON THE ROAD DURING A SNOW
EVENT.**

**DONT PLACE MARKERS IN THE ROAD RIGHT-
OF-WAY...WE MUST HAVE A PLACE TO PUSH THE
SNOW.**

**DONT' LOOSE PATIENCE WITH OUR SNOWPLOW
DRIVERS.....THEY DON NOT HAVE ANY EASY JOB.**