

## JOIN US VIRTUALLY

Last year the Town of Neenah began using Zoom to enable residents to connect with us virtually for meetings. This year we have taken our ability to connect with residents a step further by setting up the large conference room in the Municipal Building with Zoom Room capabilities.

A Zoom Room means the Town now has the following abilities:

- A camera that can switch between speakers and follow the speaker.
- Surround microphones to enable everyone in the room to be heard by the virtual audience.
- Surround speakers to enable the in-person audience to hear virtual speakers.
- Two televisions to enable in-person viewers to see virtual attendees and presentations.

The Town of Neenah invites everyone to join them virtually to attend meetings via Zoom. Zoom links are listed on meeting agendas and posted to the calendar under the event date.

## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) following 1) the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA); 2) the Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES); and 3) the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA).

The Town of Neenah received \$65,080.39 in 2020 through CARES/ Wisconsin's Routes to Recovery, and will receive an **estimated** \$348,646 from ARPA with five allowable "uses for the funds:

- ◇ *To respond to the public health emergency with respect COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts.*
- ◇ *To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency.*
- ◇ *For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public emergency*
- ◇ *To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure*
- ◇ *To transfer funds to private non-profit organizations, tribal organizations*

Funds will be allocated in two payments, one in Summer 2021 and the second in Summer 2022 with the

requirement to spend the funds by the end of 2024.

Local governments are also allowed to transfer the funds back to the state government, and some may want to send the money back to Washington so the Federal deficit isn't too big. Unfortunately, that is not how the CARES funding worked or how the ARPA funding will work. If we do not use the money. It will go back to Washington and they will send it somewhere else.

New ARPA guidance and interpretation is coming out regularly, Elected Officials and staff continue to learn more about the most efficient and effective ways to use the ARPA Funds to improve the Town of Neenah.

The Town Board is also keeping up to date on the Neenah Joint School District progress

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**Check out the updated Recycling Calendar on page 8.**

**The month of August's recycling weeks have been corrected.**

## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER



Bob Schmeichel

Given that I am writing this newsletter “pre” Memorial Day weekend, you have hopefully enjoyed a wonderful celebration of our National Holiday. We have optimistically turned the corner in our Covid-19 efforts, given that the case rate trends are trending downward. But the real reason to have celebrated is that we can once again get together to acknowledge those who have stood for the freedom of our Country.

As usual, the Wisconsin weather has again been notoriously fickle. But none the less we all have embraced the good with the not so good, which leads me to my annual decrees:

1. Motorists, please be very vigilant of families and walkers, and cyclists using our town roads. Walkers and cyclists, please, PLEASE wear reflective apparel at all times.
2. All Town residents need to be cognizant of state and local regulations and restrictions regarding the use of fireworks. Respect your neighbors.

Speaking of getting together. All of our Town Board meetings are once again open to the public both in person and now by our new “Zoom Room.” A number of upcoming agenda items of discussion and interest are; the amendments and new language additions to our existing boundary agreement with the City of Neenah, the potential new boundary agreement with Fox Crossing, and the ongoing information meetings with the Neenah Joint School District regarding the new high school. Also, there are always numerous additional agenda items for your “consumption.”

I have been receiving inquiries about our new stormwater pond on CTY Rd “O” adjacent to Ogden Development. The pond was constructed last year and is now fully functional. However, the last of the construction is yet to be completed, and that is the revegetation and landscaping on the exposed soils with native plant species. Like our Conservancy Park area on Cty. Rd “A” and South Park Ave. this process will take at least 3-4 years for the seeding and plants to fully take hold. “The first year they sleep, the second year they creep, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year they leap” is the adage to think about a native wildflower planting. Many of you have enjoyed watching the growth progression by walking the paved walkway. However, unlike the Conservancy Park Pond site, this site is not and will not be open to the public. So please DO NOT enter without permission, trespass, or encroach on the site to possibly do wrong or cause destruction to the plantings. Thank You.

I would like to go back to Memorial Day Facts:

Memorial Day (previously, but now seldom, called Decoration Day) is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the military personnel who have died in the performance of their military duties while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Memorial Day started as an event to honor Union soldiers who had died during the American Civil War. The commemorative day was a response to the unprecedented carnage of the Civil War, in which a total of some 620,000 soldiers died. The loss of life and its effect on communities led to several spontaneous commemorations of the dead.

Memorial Day is much more than just a three-day weekend and a chance to get the year's first sunburn. It's a time to remember the people who sacrificed their life and limbs for their country. Waterloo, New York, began holding an annual community service on May 5, 1866. Although many towns claimed the title, it was Waterloo that won congressional recognition as the "Birthplace of Memorial Day."

On May 5, 1868, General Logan, a keynote speaker at a Carbondale, Illinois, gathering, who was the commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans, issued General Order No. 11, which set aside May 30, 1868, "for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves

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## SUPERVISOR'S SPOTLIGHT



Brooke Cardoza

By definition, a **Town** is – (noun) An urban area that has a name, defined boundaries, and local government, and that is generally larger than a village and smaller than a city.

But what does it mean to be a town or city, or specifically, what is the difference between the Town of Neenah and the City of Neenah?

First, some numbers showing the difference between our two municipalities:

	Population	Square Miles	Tax Mill Rate	Miles of Streets	Annual Budget
<b>Town</b>	3,600+	17.8	\$1.00 per \$1,000	28	\$1,333,285
<b>City</b>	25,000+	9.61	\$8.39 per \$1,000	136	\$26,726,000

With a higher tax mill rate and annual budget, the City of Neenah provides full-time police and fire resources, a staffed community development department, and a full-time public works department. The City has a mayor and a 9 member Common Council, while the Town's governing body has a Chairman and 4 Supervisors.

Although the Town of Neenah's operating budget is much smaller, the same types of services are still offered, just in a different way. The Town has a 33 member, paid-on-call, Fire and EMS department, and police services are provided by the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department. Public Works projects are performed by outside contractors. Both Town and City residents attend schools in the Neenah Joint School District. Additionally, all Town of Neenah residents have access to the Neenah Public Library, Neenah Parks & Recreation programs, Neenah Public Pool, and City parks, including shelter rentals for a non-resident fee.

Although there are differences, the Town of Neenah and our surrounding areas make up a great community for all of us to live in!

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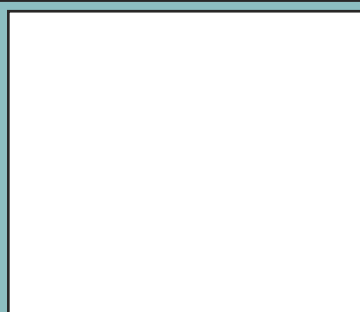
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## CHAIRMAN CHATTER CONTINUED

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of comrades who died in defense of their country during the rebellion."

Calling Memorial Day a "national holiday" is a bit of a misnomer. While there have been 10 federal holidays created by Congress—including Memorial Day—they apply only to federal employees and the District of Columbia. Federal Memorial Day, established in 1888, allowed Civil War veterans, many of whom were drawing a government paycheck, to honor their fallen comrades without being docked a day's pay. For the rest of us, our holidays were enacted state by state. New York was the first state to designate Memorial Day a legal holiday in 1873. Most northern states had followed suit by the 1890s. The states of the former Confederacy were unenthusiastic about a holiday memorializing those who, in General Logan's words, "united to suppress the late rebellion." The South didn't adopt the May 30 Memorial Day until after World War I, by which time its purpose had been broadened to include those who died in all the country's wars.

In 1971, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act shifted Memorial Day from May 30 to the last Monday in May.

And now you know "The rest of the Memorial Day Story."

Have an enjoyable summer in the Town of Neenah, and stay safe out there!

Bob Schmeichel, Town of Neenah Chairman

## FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL PICNIC

Sunday, August 22nd

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Mahler Park

1536 S. Park Avenue

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Department's rescue equipment.***

## FIRE DEPARTMENT IS HIRING

The Town of Neenah Fire Department is looking for individuals who want to make a difference in their community, feel a real sense of pride, and satisfaction in helping others. If that appeals to you, we may have a role for you as a Paid-on-Call Firefighter or as an Emergency Medical Responder/First Responder.

To learn more, contact Fire Chief Ed King at [chiefking@townofneenah.com](mailto:chiefking@townofneenah.com) or review additional information regarding the Fire Department on the Town of Neenah's website at <https://townofneenah.com/fire-department/>. An employment application can be found at <https://townofneenah.com/fire-department/fire-department-employment/>.



## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Lauren Meyer, daughter of Ronald and Michelle Meyer, is a Town of Neenah resident graduating as the St. Mary Catholic High School Valedictorian for 2021. During her high school career, she won Center Stage High School Musical Theater Award for Best Actress. Lauren was recently awarded the Winnebago County Board Scholarship for 2021. She has also been awarded several other scholarships including, the Brandon Willems Memorial Scholarship, Francis Sawyer Hefti Scholarship, Neenah-Menasha Kiwanis Club Scholarship, and Dan Johnson Neenah Rotary Scholarship.



Lauren looks forward to attending UW-Madison, where she will be majoring in zoology. She aspires to attend medical school to become an obstetrician-gynecologist in the future.

Are you interested in nominating someone to be featured in the next Resident Spotlight? You can call the Town Office at (920)725-0916 or send an email to [elizabeth@townofneenah.com](mailto:elizabeth@townofneenah.com)

## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

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with the new high school project, which will have an impact on traffic along Larsen Road and Oakridge Road. We are working with our Engineers on possible grant opportunities in the hopes of securing funds to offset the cost of these projects. The Town Board will consider how ARPA Funds might be applied toward one of these road reconstruction projects as stormwater sewer must be addressed in the projects.

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Ed and Jan DeKeyser worked for the Town of Neenah in various roles for over 30 years. To honor their dedication to the Town of Neenah our donors presented the Town with a bench.



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- ♦ Glenn Armstrong

## PARKS AND TRAILS

Thank you, Fay Dennis for donating a bench to Mahler Park in Memory of Wayne Dennis. The bench can be found next to the large playground at Mahler Park.

*If you are interested in the Parks & Trails bench or tree donation program please visit the Parks & Trails website:*

<https://townofneenah.com/parks-trails/>



## FRANZOI PARK NEW KITCHENETTE



Franzoi Park's new kitchenette is complete and ready for your summer rental needs. The kitchenette features a full-size refrigerator, a 10 foot counter, stainless steel sink, and a concession window.

If you are interested in renting the Franzoi Pavilion, please contact Cowling Property Management at 920-725-0426 or via email at [pavcooffice@gmail.com](mailto:pavcooffice@gmail.com).

## SCHEDULE AND LOCATION OF 2021 PARKS & TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- ♦ Monday, July 5th – Keating Park, 128 Klompen Court
- ♦ Monday, August 2nd – Franzoi Park, 1450 Radcliff Road
- ♦ Tuesday, September 7th – Mahler Park, 1536 S. Park Avenue
- ♦ Monday, October 4th – Municipal Building, 1600 Breezewood Lane

### Park Open & Closing Times

**Open: 6:30 AM**

**Close: 9:30 PM**



## ROADS DEPARTMENT

Our road construction season is in full swing. Earlier this spring, we were busy cutting brush in Town road ditches. We are now crack sealing. That is where we clean out cracks in the road and fill them with hot tar. Then a thin white paper is rolled over the top to prevent the tar from getting on your car. To many of us, this looks like toilet paper was rolled on the road! We are also paving some larger areas of bad spots with blacktop. To help preserve our older roads, we then chip seal over the top of the road in its entirety. Some of the roads we are chip sealing this year are Breezewood Lane, South Park, and Kuettel Court. Later this year, we will be working on the drainage for Kappel Drive and Cheryl Ann Drive. These two roads will get full reconstruction in 2022.



Many of you may have noticed the outburst of purple and white flowers in our road ditches, fence lines, and woodland edges. These flowers are called Dames Rocket, among many other names. They are part of the mustard family, have 4 petals, and are often confused with Phlox, which has 5 petals. Dames Rocket is actually an invasive species, and therefore can't be purchased in Wisconsin.

It grows tall and rapidly and will overtake native species, eventually disrupting ecosystems. So enjoy their beauty, but please don't transplant them or do anything to encourage their growth!

## SANITARY DISTRICT #2

The majority of Town of Neenah residents receive sewer service from the Town of Neenah Sanitary District #2. The District provides service through lift stations which use two pumps to enable sewer service. Wipes clog and tear up the pumps inside the lift stations causing the District to repair or replace the pumps. The District needs YOUR help to keep user fees affordable by NOT flushing wipes or feminine products. Thank you for your cooperation!



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A Week Recycling -EAST side of Hwy 41  
 B Week Recycling- WEST side of Hwy 41  
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Holiday Observance  
 Jan 1st - New Year's Day  
 May 31st- Memorial Day  
 July 4th - Independence Day  
 Sept 6th - Labor Day  
 Nov 25th - Thanksgiving Day  
 Dec 25th - Christmas Day



## BUILDING PERMITS - DECEMBER 2020 - FEBRUARY 2021

Tom Peters	116 Klompen Ct.	Garage Addition	\$10,000
Glen Beiser/Black Haack Heating	199 Villa Drive	HVAC	\$4,000
Scott Pietila	1648 S. Park Ave.	HVAC	\$5,499
Brad Cardoza/Trio Inc.	1629 S. Park Ave.	HVAC	\$3,750
Danielle Rask	953 Sundial Lane	HVAC	\$4,000
Darrin Kuehn	1403 Green Valley Rd.	Remodel motel to multi-family 7 unit	\$1,175
Melody Verhagen/Tundra Land Home Improvements	1443 Deerwood Dr.	Walk-in Shower/Plumbing	\$10,561
Palisades Heating and Cooling/Gallmeier/Carol Miller	131 Poplar Ct.	HVAC	\$18,460
Jeff Lee/Van's Heating & A/C	676 Dartmouth Dr.	HVAC	\$6,320
Patrick Fischer	114 Cheryl Ann Dr.	Shed	\$12,000
American Colliod Co/Statewide Razing	901 Acco Ave	Razing	\$1,400
Scott Kaufert/Black Haak Heating	1477 Glenview Dr.	HVAC	\$4,000
Andy Bergstrom/Black Haak Heating	831 Sundial Lane	HVAC	\$4,000
Ellen Jack/Curt Kuester/A.G. Mechanical	113 Limekiln Dr.	Remodel	\$40,000
Juan Lopez	161 Plummer Court	Remodel Basement	\$1,000
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# TEN THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION

## 1. *Never dump anything in storm ditches or down storm drains*

Your stormwater ditch is a direct link to local streams, rivers, lakes, and wetlands.

## 2. *Pick up after your pet*

Pet waste left on streets, yards, or trails near streams can easily wash into area creeks and streams. Pet waste can add harmful bacteria to our water to make the water unsafe to swim or play in. Pet waste also has nutrients that cause algae to grow in waterways which can be harmful to the animals that live there.



## 3. *Check your car for leaking fluids and recycle your motor oil*

Improper disposal of used oil, which includes oil leaking from cars, contributes significantly to stormwater pollution. The EPA estimates that American households improperly dump about 193 million gallons of used oil every year, or roughly the equivalent of 17 Exxon Valdez oil spills. If you have an oil leak, do your part and have it repaired. If you change your own automotive fluids, recycle your used motor oil. Many places that sell motor oil also collect it for free.

## 4. *Don't litter! Pick up trash you see on the ground (even if it is not yours) and participate in a creek or watershed clean-up!*

Litter can wash into area creeks and streams through the storm ditch.

Litter can be dangerous to wildlife that might mistake it for food or get tangled in the trash.

## 5. *Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways and sidewalks after application*

Use fertilizers according to your lawn and plant needs and the labeled instructions. Sweep driveways after application, fertilizers that are applied in excess or scattered onto driveways have the potential to be carried by rain runoff into creeks and streams, causing high levels of nutrients in our waters.



## 6. *Compost yard waste and sweep grass clippings off your driveway after mowing*

Most people don't think of grass clippings and leaves as possible pollutants, but they can when they end up in waterways through our storm ditch system. These materials can contribute nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous, which cause unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and aquatic weeds in the waterways. Too much algae is harmful to streams and lakes. It blocks sunlight and prevents other plants from growing. When it dies and decays, it also takes much needed oxygen away from fish. Mulch leaves by running the lawnmower over them and leaving the shredded leaves and grass in the lawn. This also adds needed nutrients back to your lawn, minimizing the need for added fertilizers. Be sure to sweep up any leaves and grass from driveways, so they don't end up down the storm drain.

## 7. *Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces and slow water down*

Divert your gutter downspouts to grassy areas; runoff can be slowed and allowed to soak into the soil.

Increased stormwater flows also create larger and faster flushing of creeks when it rains. This accelerates stream bank erosion. Erosion leads to murky water impact the stream's wildlife and increase algae growth from nutrients in the soil. Consider building a rain barrel or installing a rain garden to capture the rain as it flows off roofs.

## 8. *Wash your car at a commercial car wash plumbed to a treatment plant instead of washing your car on a driveway or street*

When you wash your car on the driveway or street, the dirt, grease, and soap can wash into storm drains directly to creeks and streams. Take your vehicle to the car wash, where the rinse water goes to a wastewater treatment plant instead of ditches. If you wash your car at home, do it on grassy or gravel areas that can absorb the water without it washing into the street.

## 9. *Use integrated pest management practices for controlling pests around your home*

Use pesticides cautiously. If pesticides are necessary, use only recommended amounts.

Excess pesticides applied to lawns and around surfaces like driveways and sidewalks wash off and pollute streams. These include bug killers, weed killers, and fungus treatments.



## 10. *Vegetate bare spots in your yard and terrace slopes to minimize erosion*

Cover bare spots in your yard with mulch or vegetation.

Leaving bare soil in your landscape can cause exposed soil to wash away during rain.

## CLERK'S CORNER



Ellen Skerke

*The following is a summary of Town Board action taken during Town Board Meetings over the past few months .*

- Accept Retirement of Fire Fighter Steve Kuehn.
- Accept Fire Fighter Application for Ashley Sakis.
- Approve Resolution 2021-06: Conditional Use Permit Request , 1403 Green Valley Rd, Neenah WI 54956. Applicant is requesting permit for a personal storage facility.
- Approve Resolution 2021- 05: Resolution to Grant Distribution Easement to We Energies parcels along CTH O near the CTH "O" Pond.
- Approve Ordinance 2021-01 to add Personnel Committee to Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 of Town of Neenah Municipal Code.
- Accept resignation of Fire Fighter Briar Hass.
- Approve Resolution 2021-07 In Support of Pedestrian Rapid Flashing Beacons at County Highway CB and County Highway JJ Proposed Roundabout.
- Approve Appointments, Jody Andres, Donald Nussbaum, Peter Weyenberg to the Plan Commission, James Pawlowski to Parks and Trails Committee, Tom Wilde to the Fox Cities Area Room Tax Commission. Duane Sargent to the Sanitary District #2 Commission.
- Approve Resolution 2021-08 Zoning Map Amendment for property located south of 1497 County Rd "O" to rezone to agricultural.
- Accept McMahon Agreement for Topographic Survey Services on Larsen Road and Oakridge Rd.
- Appoint Lonnie Bennet, Margaret (Peg) Vaughan and Laurie Dennee to the Personnel Committee, David Bluma as Weed Commissioner.
- Accept Fire Department Applications for Bryston Hickman, Mackenzie Kimball and Ayden Lloyd.
- Approve Temporary Class "B" / "Class B" Retailer's License for Future Neenah, Farm to Table Event at Mahler Park on August 19, 2021.
- Discuss Contract for Services with Gila LLC, d/b/a Municipal Services Bureau (MSB) for credit card processing services.
- Approve cost share with property owner for alterations to drainage in road right-of-way at 1542 Hidden Acres Lane.



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**Town Board of Supervisors**  
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**Town Plan Commission**  
3rd Monday

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**Sanitary District Commission #2**

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## REMINDERS

- **PETS IN TOWN PARKS:** No animals or pets other than leashed dogs are allowed in Town parks. Dogs owners are required to immediately pick up and dispose of excrement on Town park property or adjacent to Town park property.
- **BURNING:** Remember burning is permitted in the Town as set forth in Ordinance 5.05. Be respectful of your neighbors when burning. Contact Winnebago County Sheriff before and after burning (920) 236-7300 #0 to avoid false alarms.
- **FIREWORKS:** Fireworks are not permitted in the Town of Neenah except as provided by the laws of the State of Wisconsin Ordinance 7.06(5)(h).
- **GRASS IN THE ROAD OR ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:** It is against the Town Ordinance to blow grass clippings into the road or road right-of-way. Please leave your grass clippings on your lawn or bag them for proper disposal. Refer to Ordinance 7.03(1) and Ordinance 13.06(3)