

Urban Living in a Rural Setting

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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Greetings Everyone,

The holidays are officially here! I and the Town Board hopes your Thanksgiving was filled with delicious food and memorable moments. Now that Thanksgiving is behind us, we're looking forward to the festive season ahead. Here's what's been happening at the Town and looking forward.

First, I want to thank everyone for their understanding and patience in our town reconstruction of Larsen Road. The finished product is very functional and "Beautiful." Well as beautiful as a "new" road looks until a year of wear and tear. The new road "hollowing or humming noise" will dissipate with that wear and tear. But for right now please know that the faster you go above 35MPH speed limit, the louder the road noise. Ya get my point?!? And, just so you know, the Town of Neenah and the Town of Clayton will be monitoring the speed of vehicles traveling north and south on Clayton Ave, between Larsen Rd and II.

The Town is in the process of updating our Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Cedar Corp, a professional planning Architectural / Engineering firm has created a project hub for town residents to be actively engaged in planning updates. Our Administrator, Ellen Skerke, has links on our Town website titled "OUR TOWN OUR TOMMOROW" for planning information, meeting information, an opportunity for you to provide input, and developments on this project hub. Hopefully you have received and seen meeting information from post cards, press releases, and posts on Facebook. This planning process is an opportunity for all of our town residents to have public input.

Speaking of planning opportunities, your Town Planning

Commission and Parks & Trails Committee have a vacant position on each.

Because of numerous inquiries, we have adopted an application process for town residents to fill these open positions.

Applications are available on the website and at the Town Hall.
Applications will be reviewed by the Planning Commission, Park



Bob Schmeichel

Committee, and Town Board for selection consideration. Given our Comp Planning process going on, here is a great opportunity for "You" to get involved. There are also two, 2-year term, positions up for re-election/election in April 2026.

And NOW...time for my, sometimes interesting, Fun Facts:

Did you know; In 2025, one interesting fact is that 2025 is a "perfect square year" since $45^2 = 2025$, and the sum of the digits in 2025 is 2+0+2+5=9, which is also a perfect square 3^2 . (I know a bit nerdy, right)

The year 2025 marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. Hmmm, one would thought mankind would have learned something about "war" but here we are in today's world.

And one more; The global population is projected to reach 8 billion by the end of 2025. Approximately 18% of the world's population owns a car, or about one in six people. Sure looks like that, driving around the Fox Valley these days!

With that, I and your Town Board wish one and all a Joyous Holiday Season and a Creative, Productive 2026.

Be Safe out there. Bob Schmeichel ~ Town Chairman

TOWN OF NEENAH FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

SOLD!! Our 1995 Pierce Saber has been sold to Dixie Tech in Utah. E39 has served our Fire Department and Community for the last 30 years and has now been delivered west. E39 will serve as an instructional tool for their newly formed Fire Program. In addition to receiving our Engine, TNFD also donated a few sets of expired turnout gear for their educational purposes.





Ride to School Program TNFD offers the chance for all Neenah Students, grades k-5, to win a ride to school in a Fire Truck. This year we

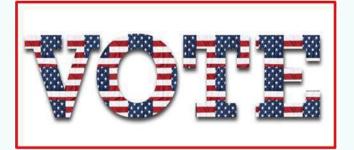
put a smile on 13 kids, gave 8 rides, offering siblings to ride along too. This opportunity is very rewarding for our department members; we enjoy it just as much as the students. The ride to school offers students the chance to engage with department members and visually see many of the fire-fighting tools and equipment we use.

Battery Extrication Tools: THANK YOU!! With

the generous support of the Town of Neenah Board and donations from the community, we have been able to purchase battery extrication tools. These Hurst Extrication Tools increase our capabilities and allow us greater flexibility in the event of an auto accident. In September, members of TNFD went to a Bus Extrication class to enhance their skills and knowledge. In addition, we recently used our new Hurst Tools in a training exercise at Fox Valley Iron & Metal.



TNFD is Hiring: If you or someone you know is interested in becoming part of this amazing team, please contact the Town Hall (920)725-0916 or check us out at townofneenah.com and fill out an application. No experience is necessary, the State of Wisconsin funds the necessary training.



2026 Elections

February 17, 2026: Spring primary April 7, 2026: Spring general election August 11, 2026: Primary

Two Town Supervisor positions are eligible to be elected to succeed the present incumbents during the Spring general election. The term for these positions is two years, beginning on Tuesday, April 16, 2026. Supervisor David Bluma and Supervisor Jim Weiss are the present incumbents.

Nomination papers can be circulated beginning on December 1, 2025 and are due in the Clerk's Office by 5:00 PM on Tuesday January 6, 2026.

New resident to the Town of Neenah, a change of address or change of name? Visit MyVote.wi.gov to register to vote. You may request an absentee ballot beginning January 1, 2026 for the 2026 elections.

SUPERVISOR'S SPOTLIGHT

RADON AWARENESS

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from the breakdown of uranium in soil and rock. It builds up under the home and makes its way into the living space through gaps and cracks in the foundation, the sump crock, or even directly through concrete. After entering a home and becoming trapped radon gas breaks down into fine radioactive particles that attach to dues particles which are inhaled. It is colorless, odorless, and tasteless making it impossible to detect without a proper radon test being done.

Radon is very common in Winnebago County. It is the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer and can damage DNA found in our bodies. Newly constructed homes are just as vulnerable to high levels of radiation.

Testing is the only way to determine the level. Testing should be done in the winter when the home is closed up tight. Place the test kit in the lowest living space away from doors, windows and vents. A fist floor bedroom or living room where there is longer exposure is the best location.

Test kits can be purchased Winnebago County Health, 211 N Commercial St in Neenah, 920-727-2894. Open Monday - Friday 8am to 4:30pm. Or at the Town of Neenah Office. Test kits cost \$10.00. During the month of January, Radon Awareness month, you can purchase a radon test kit for \$5.00



David Bluma



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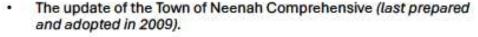
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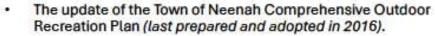


An on-line Project Engagement Hub has been created for residents and stakeholders of the Town of Neenah to inform and seek input the Our Town, Our Tomorrow planning efforts.



Our Town, Our Tomorrow includes two distinct opportunities for Town residents to voice their opinions and help formulate a solid vision and pathway for the Town's future:







Use the Project Engagement Hub to get the latest information about each of these planning efforts and to provide us YOUR ideas and input on the Town's vision for accommodating future growth and the

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needs of residents.













If you have guestions or need more information, please contact Bob Schmeichel, Chairman at 920-729-5995 / rschmeichel@tn.neenah.wl.dov. or Eric Fowle at 920-785-7307 / eric fowle@cedarcorp.com



TOWN OF NEENAH SEEKING RESIDENT INPUT VIA ON-LINE RECREATION USERS SURVEY IN EARLY 2026

The Town of Neenah, in cooperation with Cedar Corporation consultants, is in the process of preparing its 2027-2031 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (or CORP), an update to its current plan which was last prepared and adopted in 2015.

The process is being led by the Town of Neenah Parks & Trails Committee to serve as a short-range planning tool for addressing the needs for park and recreation spaces and activities, as well as serving as a long-range guide for the continued development of critical trail linkages throughout the Town.



Building off the highly successful Resident Visioning Workshop held in late November 2025, the Recreation Users Survey allows the Town to seek more in-depth information and opinions on the conditions of existing parks and trails, as well as future recreation and trail needs and opportunities. Tom Jankowski, the Parks & Trails Committee Chair, stated that "resident's opinions and ideas are very important to this process and their direct feedback will help to ensure the Town is properly prioritizing future park, recreation, and trail improvements." Mr. Jankowski added that "since recreational activity demands have increased greatly since the COVID-19 pandemic, we want to be sure the Town is making the proper investments to help keep our community members safe, active, and healthy."

The on-line survey will only take about 10–12 minutes to complete and will be available between January 5th and February 13th, 2026. The survey can be accessed from the Town of Neenah's website (https://townofneenah.com/) or from the dedicated Project Hub which can be accessed here: https://townofneenah-cedarcorp.hub.arcgis.com/.

For more information about this effort, please contact Ellen Skerke, Town of Neenah Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer at eskerke@tn.neenah.wi.gov or 920-725-0916.





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Month	Address	Project	Value
	469 Maple Lane	HVAC	\$3,500
	584 Irish Road	Residential Alteration	\$2,000
	139 Cummings Lane	Deck	\$65,000
	232 Mandella Ct	Accessory Structure	\$9,000
August	1720 North Street	HVAC	\$5,500
2025	236 Mandella Ct	Electrical	\$8,000
	561 Plummers Harbor Rd	Accessory Structure	\$10,000
	204 Limekiln Dr	HVAC	\$5,800
	1720 North St	Electrical	\$4,360
	644 Harvard Drive	Residential Alteration	\$18,500
	472 Sunrise Bay Road	Electrical	\$1,000
	105 Cumings Lane	HVAC	\$15,000
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September	712 Milkweed Ct	Electrical	\$500
2025	843 Terra Cotta Drive	Electrical	\$1,000
	105 Cumings Lane	Residential Alteration	\$15,000
	540 Muttart Road	Electrical	\$650
	2017 Oakridge Rd	Electrical - Solar	\$8,850
	6780 Woodenshoe Road	Accessory Structure	\$60,000
	1417 Larsen Road	Electrical	\$1,000
	6760 Woodenshoe Rd	Residential Addition	\$50,000
	540 Sunrise Bay Rd	Residential Alteration	\$50,000
	6780 Woodenshoe Road	Electrical	\$60,000
	876 Bayview Road	Electrical	\$20,000
October	116 Schramm Way	RE-Roof	\$24,000
2025	1451 Green Valley Road	HVAC	\$22,000
	8486 Clayton Ave	Electrical	\$2,600
	606 Plummers Harbor Rd	Electrical	\$5,000
	1771 County Rd A	Residential Alteration	\$45,000
	8314 Clayton Ave	Electrical	\$1,100
	8398 Clayton Ave	Electrical	\$1,000

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Building Inspection Services for Town of Neenah are managed by SAFEbuilt Inspection Services. The permitting process is managed online through a program named CommunityCore. Visit Town of Neenah website for additional information. https://townofneenah.com/building-inspector/

SANITARY DISTRICT #2

The Town of Neenah Sanitary District #2 continues to focus on maintaining reliable service and responsible financial planning. While the 2026 budget is not balanced due to costs associated with an emergency generator project at Lift Station #8, user rates will remain the same again for 2026.

The District remains committed to investing in critical infrastructure to ensure dependable service for residents. In addition, the Neenah-Menasha Sewage Commission is moving forward with design work for the phosphorus removal and UV disinfection expansion project at the treatment plant. The overall project is estimated in the

multi-million-dollar range, and Sanitary
District #2 will be responsible for a
proportionate share of that cost depending on
flow and usage, currently less than 2% of the
total usage. The District has been anticipating
this expense for several years and continues to
plan accordingly to minimize future financial
impact on residents.



Matt Schmeichel, Sanitary District Commissioner

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A Week Recycling -EAST side of Hwy 41 B Week Recycling- WEST side of Hwy 41 Large Item Pick-Up

(Please call Harter's office at 888-804-8556 for pricing and to schedule.)

Holiday Observance Jan 1st - New Year's Day May 25th- Memorial Day July 4th - Independence Day Sept 7th - Labor Day Nov 26th - Thanksgiving Day Dec 25th - Christmas Day

Shape the Future of Neenah: Volunteer Opportunities Available!

Do you want to make a difference in the Town of Neenah? We are seeking enthusiastic residents to fill open positions. Now is the perfect time to lend your voice and expertise!

Plan Commission: Your Chance to Influence Development

This is a dynamic role where you'll review land use and development requests, such as Zoning Map Amendments, Conditional Use Permits, and Certified Survey Maps. Most importantly, the Commission is currently undertaking the Comprehensive Plan Update, a major initiative continuing through 2026. Meetings are typically on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.





Parks and Trails Committee: Help Enhance Our Outdoors

We are looking for a new Committee Member for the Parks and Trails Committee! If you are passionate about Neenah's outdoor spaces, trails, and parks, your input is needed! This committee will be integral in creating the updated Outdoor Comprehensive Plan. Meetings are held seasonally on the first Monday of the month from March to October at 6:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for community involvement! Visit the Town of Neenah website or the Clerk's Office for additional information or to complete an application.

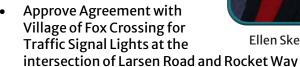


Information

CLERK'S CORNER

- Appoint Jeramy Kwiatkowski, Cyndi Pleshek and Carrie Sturn to the Salary Ad Hoc Committee effective until December 31, 2025
- Resolution 2025–22 Zoning Map Amendment Request:
- 1326 Larsen Road, Applicant is requesting a Zoning Map Amendment from A-2(General Agriculture District) to R-1 (Rural Residential District) for the creation of new parcels
- Resolution 2025-24: Public Participation Plan 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update
- Resolution 2025-25: Provide Compensation to Plan Commission and Parks and Trails Committee members for attendance at Meetings for Comprehensive Plan Update and Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Update.
- Accept Fire Fighter Application for Sawyer Foss effective October 27, 2025.
- Appoint Jeremy Kwiatkowski to Winnebago County Ad Hoc Steering Committee

- **Approve Maintenance** Agreement with Winnebago **County Highway Department** for 2026
- Approve 5-Year Parks and Trails Management and Maintenance Agreement for 2026 - 2030





Ellen Skerke

- Approve Operator's Licenses for Martin Ash, Kayla Bentle, Haylie Dexter, Jacob Piegols expiring June 30, 2027.
- Approve Resolution 2025–27 Adopt the 2026 Town of Neenah and Stormwater Utility District Budgets.
- Accept Change Order # 2 for Larsen Road Project in the amount of \$136,038.43

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS - Newsletter and Website Coordinator



The Clerk's office is seeking volunteers to assist with the newsletter publication and/or maintaining website content.

The newsletter is published quarterly through LPi using Canva software. The newsletter Editor will assist in the layout and design of the publication and make suggestions for content.

The website is hosted through Town Web Design and uses WordPress. The website coordinator will assist to keep website content current, enter new information and make suggestions for content. The Town will complete a website update in 2026, and you will have an opportunity to be a part of the update.

Training and tools are provided. This is a very flexible opportunity, you may work from home, or in the Town office. You may work when you want and at your own pace.

This is a great opportunity to become involved in local government, help keep our residents informed of what is happening in the Town, and work with your Elected officials and Town Staff.

Contact Ellen at (920) 725-0916 or eskerke@tn.neenah.wi.gov if you would like more information.

INFORMATION FOR 2025 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Online Payments: Tax bills can be paid online through Winnebago County website:

https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/treasurer

In-Person Payments: In person payments may be made in the office during regular office hours with the following additional hours:

December 24—26 CLOSED for Holiday December 29-31 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

January 1—2 **CLOSED** for Holiday By Mail: Town of Neenah 1600 Breezewood Ln Neenah, WI 54956

Receipts: If you require a receipt, enclose a selfaddressed, stamped envelope with your payment. All payment information and receipts are available on Winnebago County website as soon as payment is posted, you can print tax information for your records.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE



Visit https://championcenterwi.com/ Search for Legacy Scholarship Applications are due March 31, 2026

Town of Neenah 2026 graduating seniors attending an institution of post-secondary education may be eligible for a \$1,000 Legacy Scholarship through the Community First Champion Center. Eligibility requires that you are a resident of one of the communities in the Fox Cities Tourism Zone, and that you participated in an event at the Community First Champion Center, as an athlete, coach, or staff member. The Legacy Scholarship Committee will consider the following categories with equal weight to each: GPA, financial need, community involvement/service, leadership.

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Weed Commissioner
Dave Bluma (920) 636-8340

Town of Neenah Sanitary District
Commission #2-President
Dan Osero (920) 740-5757

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

Sanitary District #2

Second Tuesday

WINTER REMNDERS

- STREETLIGHT OUTAGE report to WE Energies on their website for streetlight outages or contact the Town Hall with location of streetlight.
- MAILBOXES Ensure your mailbox is properly installed and secure to withstand the force of snow thrown off a snow plow during the winter season. If the snow thrown from the equipment damages your mailbox, it is your responsibility to replace the mailbox.
- ADDRESS SIGNS keep your brown address sign in front of your home clearly visible at all times, make sure there is no snow, overgrown brush, grass or tree branches blocking the view of your address sign. These signs insure that police, fire and rescue will locate your property quickly in the event of an emergency.
- WINTER SAFETY TIPS prepare your home by winterizing it and creating an
 emergency kit, prepare your vehicle with a survival kit, and dress in warm layers to
 protect against cold. Safety tips include avoiding overexertion, staying hydrated,
 being cautious while driving, and taking steps to prevent slips and falls by clearing
 sidewalks and wearing appropriate footwear.
- NO PARKING on any Town Road between the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- Plowing snow across a Town Road is illegal. Plowing snow across a public road can be dangerous, causing icy patches and ruts.

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