

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Hello Town of Neenah. At this writing, today is "Fat Tuesday", and we are already half way through our shortest month in days. Short and Gone. And the weather these past couple of months has been "Crazy" with up and down temperatures creating some unfortunate crazing on roadway surface conditions. "CLUNK" RATTLE RATTLE Ah...Shucks another Pothole! Potholes – no one likes them. They're just a fact of life during this time of year. They seem to pop up overnight. In reality, potholes are created in a number of ways. When water seeps into cracks on the road's surface, freeze thaw occurs, and combined with the vibration of traffic it causes the asphalt to fail. "POTHOLE". Winnebago Hwy Department maintains our town roads, as well as many other county roads, and they complete the repair of these pesky pothole problems the best that they can during this time of the year. So please Slow your speed down and maintain a safe distance from vehicles ahead to spot holes early. Avoid hitting brakes hard if you cannot avoid a pothole. Speaking of driving fast on a town road, I have received numerous complaints about traffic speed on our newly constructed Larsen Road west of County Hwy CB out to Clayton Ave. It's a nice, new, wider road that drivers are cruising faster than the posted speed limit signs. Please, for safety's sake, Slow Down to the posted speed limit.

Last November 18th 2025, Cedar Corporation facilitated an open house at our town hall regarding the planning process for the towns required update of our Comprehensive Plan. Under the State of Wisconsin comprehensive planning law, a comprehensive plan "must be" updated no less than once every 10 years. That posted open house meeting was nicely attended, could have been better, but Cedar Corp. gathered core information to proceed with facets for the future of the town planning and park development possibilities. There has been and will be future meetings conducted by Cedar Corp. updating the planning process. They have created an



Bob Schmeichel

information "Hub Planning" site on our town website. <https://townofneenah-cedarcorp.hub.arcgis.com/> I highly recommend that our town citizens look at this website and participate in this informative gathering process. As stated "Our Town, Our Future".

Getting involved in town issues also involves attending Town Board, Town Planning Commission, and Town Parks and Trails Committee meetings. All agendas are posted online and at our town hall. Residents can voice concerns during public comment sessions, and connect with your local officials.

Now for my "FUN FACTS" we go all the way back to the top of this article, Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras:

While Fat Tuesday is the finale, Mardi Gras is actually a season that officially begins on January 6th. And the first American Mardi Gras was not in New Orleans, but in 1699 near present-day Mobile, Alabama, initiated by French explorers.

New Orleans' Mardi Gras parade floats are forbidden from having corporate sponsorships; everything is funded by the krewes, local social clubs, themselves.

Over 25 million pounds of items (beads, toys, cups) are thrown from floats and balconies during the season. The most coveted item is a Zulu coconut. A Zulu Coconut is a hollowed-out coconut adorned with decorative faces. Just what I'd want...! (("T'll next time Enjoy the coming spring and "Be Safe Out There".

Bob Schmeichel

ANNUAL MEETING
 Tuesday April 21, 2026
 7:00 PM at the Town Hall

Keep Informed About Your Future



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:



- The update of the Town of Neenah Comprehensive (*last prepared and adopted in 2009*).
- The update of the Town of Neenah Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (*last prepared and adopted in 2016*).



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 needs of residents.

Take a picture of the QR Code to go directly to the Project Engagement Hub or visit the Town's website at: <https://townofneenah.com/>



Did you know?

Most of the trash that ends up in our rivers and lakes starts on land. Rain and snowmelt carry litter from streets, parking lots, and shorelines into nearby waterways. Removing trash *here* prevents pollution downstream!



Saturday, May 2, 2026

Northeast Wisconsin's largest volunteer trash cleanup. Join over 1,700 volunteers as we clean up over 65 public sites in our watershed. We anticipate removing over 7,000 pounds of trash.

Ready to roll up your sleeves and make a real impact? Registration is live for Northeast Wisconsin's largest volunteer trash cleanup, and we're calling on you to help protect our beautiful waterways. Let's come together and transform our local environment—one cleanup at a time!

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2026 ELECTION SEASON



Spring Election – April 7, 2026
Partisan Primary – August 11, 2026
General Election – November 3, 2026

POLLS OPEN 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM



MYVOTE.WI.GOV

MyVote.Wi.Gov is the official state website for everything related to voting in the state. Think of it as your personal “voter dashboard”. It is designed to be user-friendly and allows you to manage several election tasks from the comfort of your home.

- **Check your registration:** Not sure if you’re still active? Type in your name and birthdate to find out instantly.
- **Register to vote:** If you have a valid Wisconsin driver’s license or state ID, you can register or update your address online.
For the April 7, 2026 Spring Election, the deadline to register to vote through MyVote is March 18th. After this date, you need to register in the Clerk’s Office or at the polls on Election Day.
Everyone who wishes to register to vote or update their voter registration must present a proof of residence document to prove that he or she resides at the address listed on the Voter Registration Application. The most common proof of residence documents are: Valid WI Drivers License, tax bill for the current year, recent utility bill, bank/credit card statement, or paystub.
- **Request an absentee ballot:** You can ask for a mail-in ballot for a single election or for the entire year.
- **Track your ballot:** Just like a FedEx package, you can see when your ballot was mailed to you and when the clerk received your completed version.
- **Find your polling place:** Enter your address to see exactly where you need to go on Election Day.
- **See what’s on your ballot:** View a sample ballot before you head to the polls so you can research candidates and referendums in advance



Spring Election Supervisor Candidates on Ballot

In addition to our local Town Board positions, several other races will be on the April 7, 2026 Ballot:

- Justice of Supreme Court
- Court of Appeals District 2
- County Board Supervisor and Neenah Joint School District.

Visit MyVote.WI.gov to see the candidates currently filed for these offices.



David Bluma

David has been a Town resident since 2010 and is running for a third term as Supervisor for the Town of Neenah. "I have enjoyed meeting residents and increasing my knowledge of the Town of Neenah". David has been with his current employer Avery Dennison for 34 years and is a member of the leadership team

overseeing orders, scheduling and material purchasing.

Jim Weiss

Town of Neenah Supervisor Jim Weiss is running for reelection to the Town Board of Supervisors for a 8th



term. Jim has been a Town of Neenah resident for more than 27 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 during his career. He currently is a driver for Bergstrom Automotive. Jim has 4 children and 12 grandchildren who all reside in the Fox Valley area. Jim's son Dave lives in the Town and is a volunteer fireman for the Town of Neenah Fire Department.

Jim is involved in numerous organizations including St. Margaret Mary parish and the Neenah-Menasha YMCA.

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Tom Wilde

Understanding Our Town's Market Revaluation – Part One

Ensuring Fairness and Accuracy in Our Community. In 2026, Town of Neenah will complete a "market revaluation" of the assessed value of your property.

Why is this happening now? Wisconsin law 70.05(5) requires each municipality to assess all property within 10% of full value once in a five-year period. To remain in compliance with state law, Bowmar Appraisal will be conducting a Market Update Revaluation for 2026. The last revaluation was performed in 2020. The Town is currently at 65.84% of the State's estimate of average fair market value.

How does the assessor determine my value? The assessor uses all market evidence, including recent valid sales of your home or comparable homes, to determine the new assessed value.

Does a higher assessment mean higher taxes? Not necessarily. This is the most common misunderstanding. A reassessment is not a "tax hike" in disguise; it is a re-balancing of the scale. Imagine the town's total tax budget (the "levy") is a large pizza. The assessment doesn't change the size of the pizza; it only determines how the slices are cut. If everyone's home value goes up by 20%, your *share* of the pizza remains exactly the same, and your taxes may not change at all. If your value increases more than the town average: Your taxes may go up. If your value increases less than the town average: Your taxes may actually go down.

When will my 2026 property taxes be determined? In December 2026. Your taxes are calculated by multiplying your new assessed value by the 2026 tax rate. The new tax rate will not be known until the town, county, school district, and technical college adopt their budgets. Tax rates are determined by the taxing authorities, not the assessor.

2026 property assessments will be completed in the Summer of 2026. Part Two of this article with additional information will appear in the Summer 2026 newsletter

Myth vs. Fact: The 2026 Revaluation

MYTH	FACT
Myth: A 20% increase in my assessment means a 20% increase in my taxes.	Fact: Assessment increases do not equal tax increases. If the town-wide average increase is also 20%, your tax "share" remains exactly the same.
Myth: The Town is doing a revaluation just to collect more money.	Fact: Revaluations are revenue neutral . The Town cannot collect more total tax dollars through this process; it only ensures the "tax pie" is sliced fairly among neighbors.
Myth: The Assessor sets the tax rate.	Fact: The Assessor only determines value . Tax rates are set by the "taxing authorities" (Town, County, School District, and Tech College) during their budget hearings in the fall.
Myth: If I didn't pull a building permit, my value shouldn't go up.	Fact: Market demand drives value. Even if your home stayed exactly the same, what a buyer is willing to pay for it in 2026 is likely much higher than it was in 2020.
Myth: I have to wait for a Board of Review to fix a mistake on my notice.	Fact: Most errors (like an incorrect bedroom count) can be fixed during the informal Open Book period by simply talking with the Assessor.

BUILDING PERMITS

Month	Address	Project	Value
November 2025	8428 Clayton Ave	Electrical	\$1,000
	236 Mandella Court	Plumbing	\$75,000
	552 Sunrise Bay Road	Residential Addition	\$41,000
	113 Woodside Court	Accessory Structure	\$5,773
	136 Kuettel Court	Electrical	\$14,118
	8360 Clayton Ave	Residential Alteration	\$30,000
December 2025	574 Plummers Harbor Rd	HVAC	\$4,800
January 2026	8428 Clayton Ave	Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC	\$715,000
	318 Linwood Lane	Electrical	\$5,760
	194 Rickers Bay Rd	HVAC	\$8,000
	134 Woodside Ct	HVAC	\$5,700

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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/>

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A Friendly Reminder About Weed & Lawn Maintenance

We all take pride in our homes and yards, and our Noxious and Nuisance Weeds Ordinance helps us to keep it that way. Managing invasive growth isn't just about aesthetics, it is about preserving the local charm of our community, protecting our neighbors' yards, our local farms, and our local wildlife.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our town healthy and vibrant! Your efforts truly make a difference in the place we call home.

Invasive Plants to Watch For

To protect our local ecosystem, the Town ordinance requires property owners to remove Noxious Weeds as soon as the weather allows. These aggressive spreaders include:

Canada Thistle • Leafy Spurge • Field Bindweed

Any species classified as noxious by the Wisconsin DNR (under NR40).

Additionally, residents are asked not to plant or cultivate Nuisance Weeds, which can trigger allergies and crowd out native plants. These include: Purple Loosestrife (non-native *Lythrum* species and hybrids), Common Ragweed and Giant Ragweed.

Lawn Maintenance & Grass Height

Regular lawn care is a vital part of keeping Neenah beautiful. For all properties owned, occupied, or controlled within the Town, unmanaged grass and weed growth must be maintained at a height of 8 inches or less.

Why Mow Regularly? Beyond staying in compliance, keeping your lawn trimmed helps:

- * Stop the Spread: Prevents invasive and allergenic plants from seeding.
- * Pest Control: Reduces hiding spots for ticks, mosquitoes, and other pests.
- * Healthier Lawns: Promotes stronger, more resilient turfgrass.
- * Curb Appeal: Supports a neat and welcoming appearance for the whole neighborhood.

A Note on Managed Natural Landscapes

We understand that some residents choose to maintain managed natural landscapes that include native or naturalized plants such as wildflowers, ferns, shrubs, ornamental grasses, and trees. These landscapes are welcome in Town of Neenah when they are intentionally maintained. Additionally, even in managed natural landscapes, property owners must destroy any noxious or nuisance weeds that appear.



Happy Spring! Time to start thinking about all the great outdoor opportunities that our parks and trails can provide! We have kicked off our Mahler Park Pickleball fundraising campaign! Thank you to everyone that has already contributed! Here is how you can get involved and be recognized! Sponsorship and Recognition:

No donation is too small

- **Individual and Family Contributor Level:** \$5 - \$249 Recognition in the Town Newsletter
- **Paver Level:** \$250 - \$499 Brick Paver Recognition
- **Explorer Level:** \$500 - \$999 Recognition Explorer Level Donor Board
- **Adventurer Level:** \$1,000 - 4,999 Recognition Explorer Level Donor Board
- **Legacy Trailblazer Level:** \$5,000 + Recognition Legacy Trailblazer Level Donor Board

On behalf of the Park and Trails Committee, thank you for your donations and support.

Tom Jankowski TNPTC Chair

Mahler Park Pickleball Campaign

The Town of Neenah Park and Trails Committee invites you to be a part of an exciting community initiative: Mahler Park Pickleball.

Our mission is to enhance Mahler Park by creating a safer, more vibrant recreational hub for everyone.

We firmly believe that expanding recreational opportunities directly support community fitness, engagement, and the continued use of our beautiful park spaces.

Mail Donations to:
Town of Neenah "Mahler Pickleball"
1600 Breezewood Lane
Neenah, WI 54956

Town of Neenah Park and Trails Committee
Tom Jankowski Town of Neenah Park and Trails Chair

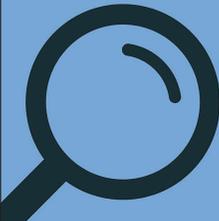
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CLERK'S CORNER

December 2025 – February 2026

- Approve Joint Municipal Court Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement
- Ordinance 2025-02 - Joint Municipal Court Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement
- Resolution 2025-28 - Resolution Appointing the Municipal Judge for the Winneconne Joint Municipal Court.
- Resolution 2025-29 - 2026 Town of Neenah Compensation Schedule
- Resolution 2025-30 - 2026 Town of Neenah Sanitary District #2 Compensation Schedule
- Resolution 2025-31 - 2026 SWUD Rate
- Approve Statement of Intent for 2026 Winnebago County Industrial Development Board Per Capita Funds of \$4,227.19.
- Approve Temporary Class "B" / "Class B" Retailers License, Paynes Point Hook & Spear Club, 1934 County Rd A. Event: Paynes Point Hook & Spear Fishing Club Fisheree, February 12-14, 2026.
- Approve Resolution 2025-32 Accept DNR Urban Forestry Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for 2026.
- Approve Resolution 2025-33 Adopting the option to allow split shifts for Election Workers.
- Approve Resolution 2025-34 Adopt a policy for the minimum number of Election Workers required for an Election.
- Appoint Election Inspectors, per attached list, for the 2026-2027 Election cycles effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.
- Approve 2026 General Engineering Agreement with McMahon Associates Inc
- Resolution 2026-01 – 2025 Budget Amendment
- Accept Fire Fighter Resignation for Eric Whitman, effective December 31, 2025
- Accept Fire Fighter Application for Landen Koning, effective January 12, 2026
- Resolution 2026-03 – Certified Survey Map Location of Premises Affected: Woodside Lane Tax Parcel No: 010-03300402
- Accept Fire Fighter Application for Paul Bosio, effective January 26, 2026
- Appoint Andrea Madsen to the Plan Commission for a three year term, effective February 9, 2026 and expiring on April 30, 2029
- Appoint Bryce Dux to Parks and Trails Committee for a two year term, filling the vacancy left in 2025 effective February 9, 2026, expiring April 30, 2028.
- Notice of Claim: received from Christine and David Zilisch for damage to their vehicle
- Approve Resolution 2026-04 – Zoning Map Amendment – Town of Utica
- Approve Resolution 2026-05 – Zoning Map Amendment – Town of Winneconne
- Approve Resolution 2026-06 – Zoning Map Amendment – Town of Black Wolf
- Explanation: Petition for the above referenced towns to remain in Winnebago County General Zoning for shoreland zoning purposes.
- Resolution 2026-08 – Special Exception Request, Applicant: Chad H. Chartre'
- Location of Premises Affected: 637 Harvard Drive, Tax Parcel No: 010-1511 & 010-1513 Explanation: Owner is requesting a special exception to construct a garage on a vacant lot adjoining a lot with a principal structure.
- Approve Resolution 2026-09 – Disallow Claim from Christine and David Zilisch



Ellen Skerke

Spring Cleaning? Keep the "Neighbor" in Neighborhood. As the snow melts and the spring cleanup begins, many of us are headed outside to clear branches and yard debris. In the Town of Neenah, burning is permitted, but it comes with a responsibility to those next door. Before you strike a match, check the breeze—if the wind is carrying smoke directly into your neighbor's yard, please save the burn for another day.

Help Us Keep Town of Neenah Safe:

Fire Danger ×

- Low
- Moderate
- High
- Very High
- Extreme

- **Large Burns:** Planning a big one? Give the Winnebago County Sheriff's non-emergency line a heads-up at **920-236-7000 (0)**.
- **Stay Vigilant:** Never leave a fire unattended until it is completely extinguished.
- **Clear the Air:** It is illegal to burn rubber, plastic, or petroleum-based materials.
- **Watch the Roads:** If your smoke creates a public nuisance or blocks visibility for drivers, it's time to douse the flames.
- **Check the Status:** Always verify there are no active "No Burn" orders from state authorities before starting. Visit WI DNR WisBURN website at <https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn/#/>

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Town of Neenah 2026 graduating seniors attending an institution of post-secondary education may be eligible for one or more of the following scholarships. Visit their respective website for details of requirements and deadlines for applications.

Wisconsin Towns Association - offering ten \$1,000 Scholarships —Application deadline is May 22, 2026.
<https://www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/>

Winnebago County Board Scholarship Program Up to nine \$2,100 scholarships—Application deadline March 31, 2026
<https://www.winnebagoountywi.gov/759/Winnebago-County-Board-Scholarship-Progr>

Community First Champion Center Legacy Scholarship - three \$1,000 scholarships - Application deadline March 31, 2026
<https://championcenterwi.com/legacy-scholarship/>

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT



Saturday May 16th
8:00 AM—12:00 Noon

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1495 TULLAR ROAD NEENAH, WI

Reference: [Recycle ThatStuff.com](http://RecycleThatStuff.com) for more information

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Town Board of Supervisors

2nd & 4th Mondays

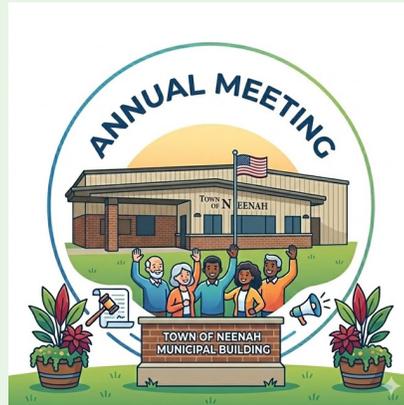
Town Plan Commission

3rd Monday

Sanitary District #2

Second Tuesday

SPRING REMINDERS



Annual Meeting

Tuesday April 21, 2006
7:00 PM

- **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.
- **NO PARKING** on any Town Road between the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.