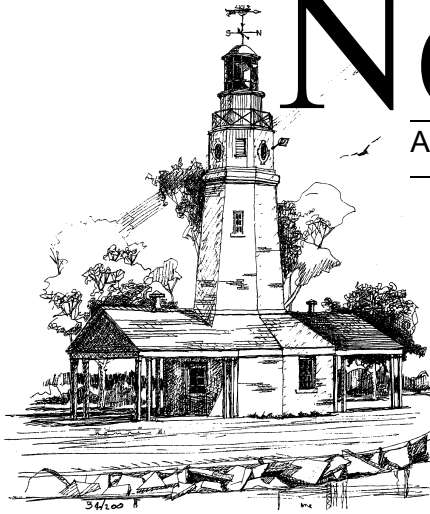


# Neenah Notes

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Spring is such a wonderful time in Neenah! The parks literally come back to life, the sailboats find their way back to the harbor, the streets get swept, and people have time to chat in the fresh air. This year we also received a new grocery store as a May Day gift.

Of course, then construction season begins. It is often said, "that no good deed goes unpunished". In an attempt to save City tax dollars by partnering with the State Department Of Transportation for road construction within the City, we have again landlocked our downtown merchants. We have much less input regarding the timing of these projects when the funding is primarily coming from the State and Federal Government.

This summer and fall, all of Neenah will be open for business including the Downtown (easily accessible via Winneconne and Commercial Streets). Please make a special effort to shop right here in Neenah, it is worth the trip. In October, we will have a brand new gateway to the City, a restored Neenah Clock Tower, as well as some of the best restaurants in the State offering smoke-free dining to our citizens and friends. Our goal is to present Neenah as a great place to visit as well as a great place to live.

Please be safe and remember, working together we can do great things.

Ken Harwood  
Neenah Mayor

## Neenah's Best Kept Secret

The Bergstrom-Mahler Museum is so much more than a collection of old paperweights. The museum's galleries offer wonderful exhibits of art from around the world. In addition, the museum offers classes for both adults and youth and the spectacular new Museum Shop has special gifts for any occasion.

The museum located at 165 North Park Avenue is open daily and Thursday Evenings (closed Monday). If you would like to schedule a group tour or special event, please call the museum at 751-4658.



The City Web Site can be found at:  
[www.ci.neenah.wi.us](http://www.ci.neenah.wi.us)

211 Walnut St., P.O. Box 426, Neenah, WI 54957-0426

## People Preserving Parks

“Parks and gardens alone cannot solve the problems faced by our cities, but they are crucial to the health of urban communities. We need to take seriously the evidence that open space counts in human lives and that places where we play can be places of hope.”

--Martin J. Rosen, President of Trust for Public Lands.

Your Neenah park system includes 356 acres of land, 16 buildings including one historic home/museum and a lighthouse, 7478 feet of shoreline, 3 boat launches, an outdoor swimming pool complex, 8 ball diamonds, an archery range, 2 basketball courts, 5 soccer fields, 17 tennis courts, 4 ice rinks, 12 playgrounds, a sculpture/fountain, miles of paved trails and various other recreational facilities.

Needless to say, we really appreciate it when we get offers to help enhance and maintain these assets. An ambitious Eagle Scout candidate, Ian Klingenberger, organized a group of friends and fellow scouts to cut and treat buckthorn at Carpenter Preserve. It was a tremendous effort and they made a significant impact on the Preserve.

The Mahler Farm Homeowners Association has taken on the landscaping of Bill Miller Park and Trail. They plant shrubs and perennials, spread wood chips and work closely with the Parks and Recreation Department to enhance the park. Their efforts make the park and trail more enjoyable for us all.

Neighbors of Wilderness Park have been working on the buckthorn in that location and a similar effort is now being organized for Carpenter Preserve.

If you'd like to know how you can get involved, contact our new Volunteer Coordinator, Stephanie Feurstein, at 727-9401 or e-mail at [schhtein@aol.com](mailto:schhtein@aol.com). Ask for information on our new volunteer group, People Preserving Parks. We get some wonderful things done and have fun at the same time.

## Summer “G.R.E.A.T. K.I.D.S.” Program

This program teaches alternative choices to negative behavior. The goal is to provide youth with tools to become stronger and more confident when faced with the tough choices they must make in today's society. The 2001 five-week program runs Monday through Thursday, from June 11 – July 19, 2001, with the week of July 4th off. The summer program offers area 6th, 7th, and 8th graders educational and recreational opportunities that involve leadership, self-esteem, and skill building activities that stress respect, responsibility, and community and gang awareness.

The Neenah, Menasha, and Town of Menasha Police Departments, Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, Neenah Parks & Recreation, Best Friends of Neenah-Menasha, Neenah-Menasha Boys' and Girls' Brigade, YMCA, Youth-Go, and TRICOM sponsor the “G.R.E.A.T. K.I.D.S.” Program.

To sign up or for additional information, please call Lori Ball, Youth-Go, at 722-1435.

## Public Transportation In The City Of Neenah

There are several ways in the City of Neenah to “leave the driving” to someone else. These services are economical, convenient and safe. Valley Transit provides fixed route, handicapped accessible bus service in Neenah and throughout the Fox Cities. The fare is \$1.00 (65+ or disabled pay \$.50). Transfers are free.

Oshkosh Transit also provides transportation between the Neenah Transfer Center (Downtown Neenah) and the Oshkosh Transit Center (Downtown Oshkosh). The fare is \$1.00, and the bus makes the trip Monday through Saturday. Transfers are available to either the Oshkosh Transit System or to Valley Transit.

Northern Winnebago Dial-A-Ride serves City of Neenah and Menasha residents who are aged 60+. Riders travel in cars operated by Lamers Bus Lines to all areas of the two Cities for \$2.25 plus a ticket for a one-way trip. It costs \$2.00 more to go into the Appleton area. To register for the program, residents can go to the Community Development Department in City Hall or call 751-4660 for more information.

Qualified City of Neenah disabled residents may use the Valley Transit II transportation program. Riders must be certified, and schedule their trips at least 24 hours in advance. For information about the program, call Valley Transit at 832-5800.

Please watch for our **Neenah Restaurant Guide**, featuring smoke-free dining opportunities, available early this fall.

## Yard Waste Collection

Starting in June, yard waste collection will move from a weekly basis to a monthly pickup. Please check the 2001 Recycling and Refuse Guide for the list of dates yard waste will be collected in your area. As you can see in the Guide, the monthly yard waste collection always starts on a Monday. Sometimes, we can collect all the yard waste in an area in one day and sometimes, depending on how much is on the curb, it may take four or five days to complete the pickup. Please place yard waste on your terrace for collection and not in the street. Also, please remember that the City will not collect grass clippings. Grass clippings may be disposed of at the Winnebago County Landfill (727-2884). Information on this is also listed in the Guide.

## Come Out & Play



“Most people spend most of their days doing what they do not want to do in order to earn the right, at times, to do what they may desire.” We can all relate to this observation of John M. Brown, an American literary critic. Too often, we expose ourselves to the stresses in life without taking enough time for recreation. If you think you have to “earn the right” to play, you’re missing out on the benefits of recreation and may actually be doing

yourself harm.

This year, your Neenah Parks & Recreation Department chose the theme Come Out & Play for the cover of the 2001 Summer Activity Guide (still available at City Hall). We mean it and it’s not just for kids! Be good to yourself and learn to golf, play tennis or take our new yoga class. Enjoy an evening with the Community Band or a Riverside Players show. Take a walk or roller blade the paved trails in various parks. Go fishing. Enjoy. Come Out & Play!

## New Neighborhood Groups Formed

Several new advocacy groups are taking an active role in improving our community. These grass roots groups can bring issues to the attention of our Mayor, the Council, and City Staff. On May 5th, they hosted a citywide cleanup day. They also provide a great opportunity for you to be heard regarding issues concerning your neighborhood. Groups currently meeting on a regular basis include, the **Doty Island Development Council**, the **Neenah West Community Alliance**, the **South Commercial Neighborhood Committee**, and **Downtown Neenah Action Committee**. For more information on these groups, please contact Future Neenah Incorporated at 722-1920.

## Neenah Cares About Its Senior Citizens

Our community is working hard to create special opportunities for our seniors. Currently, the YMCA Senior Friends Program meets Monday-Friday and everyone is welcome. In addition, Neenah citizens are also welcome at the Menasha Senior Center, which offers a variety of activities and opportunities to socialize. If you enjoy a game of cards, the Brigade has set aside Thursday afternoons to just drop in and play.

Also, our own Parks and Recreation Department sponsors the summer band concerts, Senior Games and the Riverside Players. There is also the Retired Men’s Fellowship. Are you looking for a place just to relax, don’t forget the Neenah Library, which offers quiet comfort, a great selection of current books, newspapers and magazines, and a great view of the harbor. Neenah also offers some great residential facilities for seniors including Fireside Commons, Hearthside Apartments, Island Shores, VNA, Vallhaven Care Center, Assisi Homes and Villa St. Clare.

## Senior Directory

Neenah-Menasha YMCA	729-9622	Vallhaven Care Center	725-2714
Boys’ & Girls’ Brigade	725-3983	Fireside Commons	722-2242
V.N.A.	727-5555	Hearthside Apartments	725-8816
Dial-A-Ride Program	751-4660	Island Shores	725-7110
Menasha Senior Center	967-5173	Neenah Library	751-4722
Winnebago County	729-4797	Assisi Homes, Inc.	722-5100
Senior Information Line		and Villa Saint Clare	

# Office Hours

## City Hall

Mon - Fri 7:30 AM - Noon & 1 PM - 4 PM  
 Treasurer's Office, Community Development,  
 Health, Parks and Rec & Water Departments are  
 open during the noon hour.

## Police & Fire Departments

Mon-Fri 8 AM - 4 PM (Records/Office)  
 Everyday 24 Hrs. (Lobby)

## Neenah City Parks

Everyday 4 AM - 10 PM

# Meetings

**Common Council** First and third Wednesday of each month 7 PM

**Finance & Personnel Committee** Monday in week preceding council mtg. 7 PM

**Public Works & Services Committee** Tuesday in week preceding council mtg. 7 PM

**Plan Commission** Tuesday in week preceding council mtg. 4:15 PM

Several additional committee and board meetings are scheduled each month. The agendas for these meetings are posted in City Hall and at the Library. A directory of all committee members and regular meeting times is available in the City Clerk's office.

A schedule of meetings is also available on the Internet at:  
[www.ci.neenah.wi.us/schedule](http://www.ci.neenah.wi.us/schedule)



What do I need a building permit for?

A building permit is needed for all new construction, additions to homes and garages, basement remodeling, fences, pools, decks (higher than 24" above grade), signs, interior remodeling, accessory buildings, and wrecking. If you have questions on whether you need a permit or not, please call the City Inspection Department at 751-4669.

# Our Summer Calendar

Between our summer Parks and Recreation Programs and summer Library Programs, we do not have enough space for all the events scheduled this summer. What a great problem to have. Please contact or visit our Library or Parks and Recreation department for detailed brochures.

From singers and storytellers to Brewers games and Great America, we truly have something special for everyone. Also, please watch for special events celebrating our Main Street Overpass opening this fall.

## Summer Dates

<b>Neenah Community Band</b> Concerts In Riverside Park *Ambassador Dance Band	Tuesdays June 12, 26 July 4, 10, 24 Aug 7, 21, 28*	7:00 PM
<b>Summer Library Programs</b> Great Programs for Kids and Adults Not enough room for details	June 11, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 27, 28, 29 July 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 27	Various Times Call 751-4722 Ext. 550 Or visit our Library For Details and Brochure
<b>Street Ball Challenge</b> Downtown 3 on 3 Basketball	Sat. & Sun. June 9 & 10	All Day
<b>The Nerd</b> Theatre In The Park Riverside Players	June 20 thru June 24	8:00 PM 7:00 PM Sunday Call 751-4747 for tickets
<b>Communityfest</b> Events in Riverside Park & Menasha	July 3 & 4	Watch for times and locations
<b>The Farmers Market</b> Downtown Neenah	Saturdays July 14 thru Oct. 13	7:30 AM to Noon
<b>Oliver!</b> Theatre In The Park Riverside Players	July 19 thru 22 and July 25 thru 29	8:00 PM 7:00 PM Sunday Call 751-4747 for tickets
<b>Sidewalk Sale</b>	Thursday July 26	8 AM to 8 PM
<b>Jazz Fest</b> Shattuck Park	Sat. & Sun. Sept. 1 & 2	Noon to Dusk