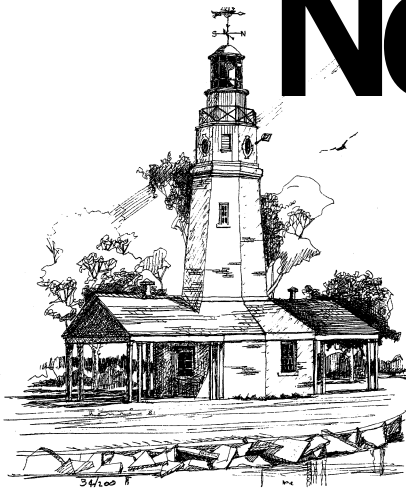


# Neenah Notes

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## Message from Mayor George Scherck

Summer in Neenah is a special time for families, community celebrations, and vacation travel. As we relax and celebrate together this summer, let's focus on the many things we all have to be thankful for. One way to show our appreciation for what we have is to give back to the community. We are looking for volunteers to help at Communityfest to reduce the City's cost of putting on this celebration. Please call the Park and Rec Dept. if you are willing to help out (886-6060).



We are always looking for citizens willing to serve on boards and commissions. Call me if you are interested in this way of serving our community (886-6104).

In the spring issue, I discussed with you my concern for moving toward a more caring and cooperative community. That's not a spring thing, but an everyday thing. We all need to ask ourselves what we can do to help others and serve our community. Are you and your neighbor combining your garbage to make pick up more efficient and cost effective? Have you helped an elderly neighbor with yard work? Do you keep your property in a condition that improves the look of your neighborhood? Let's all pitch in to make Neenah a better place for all of us.

The flags and ribbons downtown are another reminder of the debt we owe to those who serve. Let's all pause on July 4<sup>th</sup> and everyday to give thanks for the freedom we enjoy and for the armed forces who protect and extend that freedom.

I know there are many opinions on the Waterfront Project at Shattuck Park, but this is a "community building opportunity" to combine government investment with private contributions and create a special legacy from this generation to the next. Because the City will finance the \$1.6 million public expenditure with Tax Incremental Financing, the loan will be paid off by the taxes on new development that occurs near the park and not by the general taxpayer. Everybody wins.

I appreciate the calls and letters I continue to receive with suggestions and complaints as well as praise. It is through your input that we make government work for all of us. City Hall works for you. Have a great summer!

Best wishes,

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### Free information:

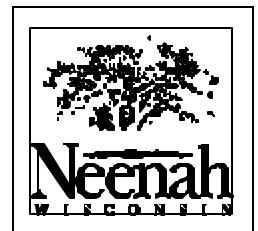
[www.neenahlibrary.org](http://www.neenahlibrary.org)  
[www.ci.neenah.wi.us](http://www.ci.neenah.wi.us)

On March 3, the Mayor and City staff volunteers participated in Read Across America, reading to Washington Elementary School students. The program calls for every child to be reading regularly with a caring adult. Mayor Scherck also read Dr. Seuss to both Taft and Lakeview Elementary students. Below, Community Development Department Administrative Secretary Julie Raehl reads to Carly Zingler.



## New Brush Drop-off Site

In addition to the normal curbside yard waste collection, a brush drop-off site is now available at the City Garage at 1495 Tullar Road. Loose brush **only** (no bags or cans) may be brought to the City Garage Mon.-Fri. from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (except holidays).





## Meet your alderperson

**Name:** Jim Hemes

**Address:** 329 Ninth Street

**District:** 1

**Years on the Council:** 5

**Community involvement:** City Council Finance & Personnel Committee Chair, Neenah/Menasha YMCA Board of Directors, Boys & Girls Club of the Fox Valley Board of Directors, Catholic Hospital Association of Wisconsin Public Policy Committee, Government Affairs Committee Oshkosh and Fox Cities Chambers of Commerce.



**Occupation:** Director of Community & Government Relations, Affinity Health System.

**Family:** Wife—Lisa; Sons—Sam (11), Will (9), Jay (7).

**Interests/hobbies:** Sailing, golf, group exercise at the Y.

**Reason for government involvement:** I like to think of myself as a positive and clear thinker, and my hope is that I can contribute to our community in a meaningful and creative way.

**Goals for the coming year:** Continue to find creative solutions to reduce the tax burden and enhance service to our residents, much like we found in the Neenah/Menasha consolidation of our fire-fighters.

## Summer Library Program



Jointly sponsored by the Neenah Public Library and the Neenah Joint School District, this year's theme is "Show the World You Care: Read!"

The total program runs from June 9 through July 25 at the public library. Days and times vary for the school libraries. Watch for handouts or call 886-6335 for more information.

Special programs (at the Neenah Public Library):

Tue., June 10, 6:30 p.m.—Jeff McMullen—Comedy & Magic!

Tue., June 17, 6:30 p.m.—Kay Weeden—The Clever Storyteller. La Cuentista Lista.

Wed., June 18, 2:00 p.m.—New Zealand Storyteller!

Thu., June 19, 11:00 a.m. for younger kids, 1:00 p.m. for older kids—Wooden Shoe Carving Demonstration.

Tue., June 24, 2:00 p.m. for younger kids, 6:30 p.m. for older kids—Dr. D. Light—Storyteller.

Tue., July 15, 6:30 p.m.—David HB Drake—Songster.

Tue., July 22, 6:30 p.m.—Randy Peterson—Songster.

Fri., July 25, 1:00 p.m.—Bob Kann—Comedy & Stories.

## Large items pickup

The City offers a monthly collection for large items and metal items.

Large items may include: furniture (sofas, chairs, tables, etc.), TVs, mattresses and box springs, carpeting, doors, windows, other furniture items and small amounts of lumber. This collection does **not** include appliances.

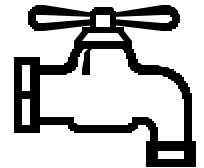


The large item and metal collection day is a certain Wednesday of each month depending on the area you live in. The *Recycling and Refuse Guide* lists the dates of this collection. The *Guide* also outlines the procedure to dispose of an appliance.

If you have any questions regarding the appliance or large item pickup please contact the Public Works Department at 886-6240.

## Leaks cost you money

Did you know that a small drip from the faucet or a small leak from the toilet tank into the toilet bowl not only wastes water, but can cost you hundreds of dollars.



It's true! A leak as small as one sixteenth of an inch, or about the size of a pencil lead, can waste 74,000 gallons of water every three months. This will cost you over \$230 in water and sewer charges.

Drips from faucets are easy to see and hear. They should be fixed immediately. Toilet leaks are tougher to find. If you think you may have a toilet leak, you can put some food dye into the toilet tank and check back in a few hours. If the dye is in the toilet bowl you have a leak that needs to be fixed.

The Water Utility will also send someone to your house to investigate for leaks. Unfortunately, we are not qualified to repair the leaks, and a plumber may need to be hired if a leak is found. To set up an appointment to investigate for leaks, call 886-6180.

## What happened to the beautiful trees downtown?

The trees were dying and needed to be replaced. In partnership with Future Neenah, the Business Improvement District and a DNR grant, new trees will continue to make downtown Neenah a beautiful place to be.

## Credits

The 'Lighthouse' artwork courtesy of Henri Miles. Photographs courtesy of Michelle Tauscher and Gretchen Raab.

## City of Neenah telephone numbers have changed!

For Numbers or General City Information	
Not Listed Below Call.....	886-6100
City Assessor .....	886-6115
City Attorney's Office .....	886-6106
City Clerk .....	886-6100
Community Development Department—	
General Information & Planning .....	886-6125
Building & Electrical Inspector .....	886-6132
Heating & Plumbing Inspector .....	886-6133
Housing.....	886-6128
Finance Department—	
Accounting.....	886-6147
Director.....	886-6140
Taxes, Treasurer & Collections .....	886-6144
Fire/Rescue—	
<b>Emergency.....</b>	<b>911</b>
For All Other Business .....	886-6200
Health Department—	
Health Officer & Sanitarian .....	886-6156
Public Health Nurses & School Nurses.....	886-6155
Human Resources.....	886-6102
Information Systems .....	886-6170
Library—	
Adult Reference & Information.....	886-6315
Automated Operator.....	886-6333
Checkout Information & Renewals.....	886-6325
Director.....	886-6300
Fines & Overdues .....	886-6320
Hours-Recorded Message .....	886-6306
Meeting Room Reservations—	
Community Room & First Floor Small Group .....	886-6335

Library ( <i>Continued</i> )—	
Second Floor Conference Rooms .....	886-6315
Youth Programs-Recorded Message.....	886-6329
Youth Reference & Information.....	886-6335
Mayor's Office.....	886-6104
Municipal Court (Menasha-Neenah) .....	886-6285
Oak Hill Cemetery .....	886-6144
Parks & Recreation Department—	
Information Line-Recorded Message.....	886-6068
Office .....	886-6060
Riverside Players.....	886-6090
Summer Recreation Office .....	886-6090
Swimming Pool .....	886-6080
Police Department—	
<b>Emergency.....</b>	<b>911</b>
Non-Emergency.....	886-6000
Administration.....	886-6010
Crime Prevention .....	886-6021
Detectives .....	886-6030
Records Section .....	886-6004
Traffic Reports .....	886-6003
TDD Terminal Emergency Center.....	727-2895
Public Works Department—	
General Information.....	886-6240
Engineering & Traffic .....	886-6240
City Services Building (Garage) .....	886-6260
After Hours & Emergency.....	886-6000
Water Department—	
Office .....	886-6180
Plant .....	886-6190
After Hours & Emergency.....	886-6190

### NEENAH COMMUNITY BAND

SUMMER CONCERTS-2003

TUESDAYS~RIVERSIDE PARK

JUNE 10 .....	NCB .....	7:00 PM
JUNE 24 .....	NCB .....	7:00 PM
	[GERMAN BAND - 6:45PM]	
JULY 4 (FRIDAY).....	NCB.....	8:30 PM
	[COMMUNITYFEST CONCERT]	
JULY 15 .....	NCB .....	7:00 PM
JULY 29 .....	NCB .....	7:00 PM
	[CHILDREN'S CONCERT]	
AUG 12 .....	NCB .....	7:00 PM
AUG 19 .....	NCB .....	7:00 PM
	AMBASSADOR DANCE BAND	
FREE admission — DONATIONS accepted		

### Dogs in Parks

Dogs are welcome in City of Neenah parks with some restrictions.

In general, you can walk with your dog on a leash, on the paths or roads in the parks. The exercise is great for both you and your dog, and the time spent together is an important part of being a dog's "person."

For the comfort and safety of all park users, the following rules must be observed:

- Dogs are not allowed in the playgrounds, picnic areas, shelters, or athletic fields.
- While in the parks, keep your dog on a leash, no matter how well behaved it is.
- Most importantly, always clean up after your dog. As a matter of fact, the city ordinance requires anyone walking a dog, anywhere in the City, to carry some means of cleaning up.

Enjoy time with your dog. It's a walk in the park!

