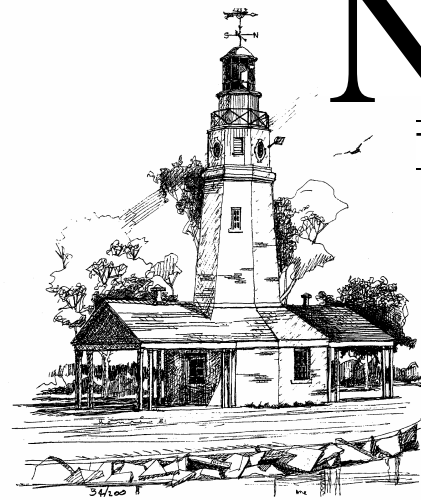


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Pedestrians

...should always cross at intersections, marked crosswalks, or with a green light at traffic signals. Once pedestrians enter the crosswalks, motorists **must** yield the right of way—this is not a courtesy, it is the law. The roadway must be shared. Be alert and walk and drive safely!

Message from Mayor George Scherck

Summer in Wisconsin! The only thing better than summer in Wisconsin is summer in Neenah, Wisconsin. The long, cold winters and blustery spring keep us apart while summer encourages us to come back together as neighbors and as a community.

In the Spring issue of Neenah Notes, I encouraged everyone to work to make a difference in Neenah this year. I concluded with, "Good citizens make good neighborhoods and good neighborhoods make a great community." What else makes for a great community?

First, remembering and taking pride in our shared past. Not forgetting our veterans, remembering the contributions of community builders of the past, and taking pride in our heritage and common accomplishments.

Secondly, a shared vision for a future that passes on that pride in the past to our children and grandchildren, while leaving them a world where they will be safe, well-educated, and full of promise and opportunity.

Great communities have citizens willing to share in the task of making government more cost-effective through a sense of mutual sacrifice. We need to be willing to accept government doing less as we do more. But a vibrant, exciting community is not just about visions of the past and

future, it is about celebration. Celebrating our common identity, celebrating our pride in Neenah, celebrating and giving thanks for the many blessings we enjoy individually and collectively.

This celebration started with the Walk to Cure Diabetes in May. It continues in high gear with Street Ball, COMMUNITY-FEST, the Mayor's Charity Golf Outing, and BooFest.

This year we will have a special reason to celebrate. On July 30, a special concert and day of fun will serve as the grand opening of the Riverwalk at Shattuck Park. Inspired by the dreams of Neenah citizens and funded with the resources of our citizens, the River-

walk will provide us with the "hometown square" that will physically bring us together with concerts, special events, family activities, and a renewed sense of pride in Neenah.

Neenah is a great community and our best days are ahead of us. Join with us in celebrating that promise.

Best wishes,



*One generation plants the tree;
another gets the shade.*

Chinese Proverb

Free information!

www.neenahlibrary.org

Visit the City's web site!

www.ci.neenah.wi.us



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Credits

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

33%

Percentage of your property tax that funds city services.

Breezewood Lane construction

Construction on Breezewood Ln. between Pendleton Rd. and Tullar Rd. begins in June and is scheduled for completion before school starts in the fall. The new concrete road will have 2 vehicle travel lanes, a 2-way left turn lane, and 2 on-street bike lanes. An 8-foot blacktop trail will be built along the south side of the street and a 5-foot sidewalk along the north side of the street.

During construction, a detour will be posted along Bergstrom Rd., CTH G, and Woodenshoe Rd. For those residents living south of Breezewood Ln., Baytree Ln. can be used to cross Breezewood.

A roundabout will be constructed at the intersection of Breezewood Ln. and Tullar Rd. (The first in Neenah, but Menasha has two roundabouts on Kernan Ave., the Village of Howard has roundabouts on Lineville Rd., and DePere has roundabouts on Chicago St./CTH G.)

How do roundabouts work?

As drivers approach the roundabout, they must yield to traffic in the roundabout. When an approaching driver sees a gap in traffic, he or she enters the roundabout. Once in the roundabout, drivers proceed until they need to make a right turn at their desired exit.

Are roundabouts safe?

Studies by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety show that roundabouts provide a 38% reduction in total crashes, an 89% reduction in fatal crashes, and a 76% reduction in injury crashes, as well as significant reductions in pedestrian and bicycle crashes.

Roundabouts move traffic safely through an intersection because of slower speeds, fewer conflict points, and easier decision-making. A conflict point is any point where a vehicle has to diverge from, cross, or merge with other traffic. Crashes between two or more vehicles happen at these conflict

points. A typical 4-leg intersection has 32 vehicle conflict points. A roundabout intersection has only 8 conflict points.

How do I enter/exit a roundabout?

Drivers:

- Slow down.
- Watch for traffic signs.
- Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists as you enter and exit the roundabout.
- Yield to your left before you enter the roundabout. Remember to be prepared to stop.
- Enter and merge when it is safe.
- Keep your speed low within the roundabout. Speeds of 15 mph or less are adequate.
- Exit carefully to your destination.

Bicyclists:

- If you are riding on the bike lane, merge into the traffic lane before it ends.
- Signal your intent to move into traffic.
- Once inside the roundabout, don't hug the curb.
- Ride close to the middle of the lane to prevent cars from passing and cutting you off.
- Watch for cars waiting to enter the roundabout, as they may not see you.
- If you do not want to ride your bike in the roundabout, use the sidewalk and proceed as a pedestrian.

Pedestrians:

- At the curbside, look left for oncoming traffic before crossing.
- At the splitter island, look right for oncoming traffic before crossing.
- Do not cross the circular roadway

For more information, contact the Department of Public Works at 886-6240.

Meet your citizen representatives

Name:
Public Library Board of Trustees

Meets:
Third Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at the library.

Main purpose:
The Library Board governs the operations and promotes the development of the library.

Contact for more information:
Library Director Steve Proce—
886-6300.

- Members:**
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Property tax installment due July 31

The final installment of Real Estate Property Taxes is due on Sun., July 31, 2005. Because the installment due date falls on a weekend, taxes may be paid on Mon., Aug. 1 in the City Hall Treasurer's Office 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Taxes may be placed in the night deposit box next to the drive-up window on or before July 31. Payments postmarked Aug. 1 will be considered on time. Please note: tax payments placed in night deposit box on Aug. 1 will be considered delinquent.

2,100

Fire inspections conducted annually by Neenah Menasha Fire Rescue.

Community updates

- ❑ Welcome to Art Affair, a new business opening in downtown Neenah at the old Morton Pharmacy site on Wisconsin Avenue.
- ❑ The Riverwalk at Shattuck Park will be ready for you to enjoy this summer. Grand Opening Concert July 30th. A regular concert series and noon lunch in the park with local entertainment will follow. Join us for the fun.
- ❑ The Police Consolidation Study Committee is scheduled to have a report for the community to consider by fall.
- ❑ In 2004, new construction in Neenah reached an almost unbelievable \$98 million, a 119% increase over 2003 (and 2003 was the 3rd highest year in our history).
- ❑ The City will be combining the Assessor's Office with the Community Development Office effective July 1, 2005. This will have the affect of significantly reducing the costs of the Assessor's Office.
- ❑ Have you noticed the new development on the west side of Neenah? A Quiznos Subs will soon be joined by Culver's, Applebee's, Arby's, and a new medical facility. Watch us grow.
- ❑ Welcome to Pinnacle, a new full service photography located on S. Commercial St. across from the Dairy Queen.
- ❑ Congratulations to Mike Schuelke, named National Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year, Mike Coan, named National Youth Soccer Coach of the Year, and Jon Fleming, named Wisconsin Middle School Principal of the Year!

Revaluation in 2006

The City is planning for a complete revaluation of all property in 2006. State law requires that cities carry out a revaluation when assessed values drop below 90% of the fair market value. The value of your property may change but the total value of all city property will also change, making your share of taxes more equitable. Watch for details to follow.

Library Volunteer of the Year

The Friends of the Neenah Public Library named **Matt Noffke** its 2005 Volunteer of the Year. Matt began volunteering as a Neenah High School student and has continued after graduation. In charge of preparing videocassettes for checkout, Noffke has worked steadily, twice a week, for the past 20 months. Very popular with staff, Noffke brings a warm and engaging presence to his volunteer service. "Matt's dedication to his work and lively sense of humor make him a valued volunteer—we're always glad to see him," said library director Stephen Proce. "He certainly deserves to be named Volunteer of the Year."



Shattuck Park & Riverwalk

GRAND OPENING FESTIVITIES

Sat., July 30 - Featuring music by The Competition

CONCERT SERIES

Wednesday Evenings
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Aug. 10 - Groove Hogs
Aug. 24 - Haze

- Free admission -

Coordinated by the City of Neenah and Future Neenah, Inc.

4.6

Annual tons of pollutants removed by city owned trees.

PARKS & RECREATION

Neenah Pool

2005 Pool season:

Fri., June 10 — Fri., Sept. 2

Open Swim 1:00-8:00 p.m. daily

Open Swim options

- Purchase a season pass for individuals or the family
- Daily coupons—buy 8 for the price of 6
- Daily fees

Swim Lessons

Session I: June 20 - July 14

Session II: July 18 - August 11

Adult (16+) Water Exercise & Lap Swim

Noon-12:45 p.m., Mon.-Thu.

See the summer brochure for details.

Special Events

Pool Parties, Contests & Movie Nights—See the summer brochure.

Location

600 S. Park Ave.

COMMUNITYFEST

COMMUNITYFEST is Neenah's special way to celebrate Independence Day. Activities in Riverside Park include children's events, food and novelty vendors, Wisconsin Singers, Neenah Community Band, the Venetian Boat Parade, and a fabulous Fireworks Display!

COMMUNITYFEST is supported by donations and staffed entirely with volunteers. You can be a vital part of the festivities by joining our volunteer team on July 4. *We have a BLAST!*

Call Parks & Recreation at 886-6060 for information and to help out.

90,000

Pounds of large items and metal dropped off at the City's Tullar Garage drop-off site Jan. 1-Apr. 15.

Mayor Scherck responds

Q Why did the City remodel City Hall?

A While building for the future is a basic responsibility of government, preserving what we have is equally important. Not many of us live in a house that has the same furniture, wallpaper, and carpeting as it did 30 years ago. City Hall is your house, where services to our citizens are planned and provided. Cracked and yellowing ceiling tiles, worn carpets, and peeling wallpaper does not present an image of a community on the move, where new businesses and new homeowners will want to locate. Nor does it give each of you a sense of pride when you are here to conduct business.

Our ability to effectively serve the public needed to be renovated as well. New technology, ergonomically correct workstations, improved security, and enhanced efficiency made the remodeling much more than a long overdue face lift. The new Council Chambers now has your elected representatives facing you – not their backs turned to you. A new sound system will allow you to hear what is happening and new technology will provide you the opportunity to more effectively present your opinions to the

Council and to view the documents the Council is seeing. City Hall is now prepared to continue serving your needs for another 30 years.

Q Why did the City agree to pay \$300,000 to the Department of Transportation for a landlocked parcel of land?

A The State has mandated that all communities construct detention ponds to remove sediment from storm water. On the west side of Neenah we had two possible locations to meet this mandate. One was a DOT remnant parcel, the other involved buying four private properties at a cost of \$400,000 and removing them from the tax rolls. After two years of negotiations with the DOT, the \$300,000 price was a take it or leave it offer. I commented that it was a choice between "a sharp stick in the eye and a punch in the face—we took the punch in the face". I was sharply critical of the price the City was forced to pay, but it was the best option available to the City.

For the complete text of all Mayor Scherck's responses, go to the City's website: www.ci.neenah.wi.us.

Mayor's Charity Golf Outing

The 3rd annual Mayor's Charity Golf Outing will tee it up on Fri., Aug. 26 at Bridgewood Golf Course. In the first two years, \$11,000 was raised for local charitable groups. This year's beneficiaries will be the Boys & Girls Brigade and Habitat for Humanity. Join in the fun—and help support two worthy organizations!

Shotgun Start (AM or PM flight)

Call 722-1920 for details and to register.

Jack Casper

Every citizen is important to our community, but a few special individuals become the heart and soul of what makes Neenah a great place. Jack Casper was one of those people.

Jack, who recently passed away, was described by John Dery, executive director of the Brigade, as "a giant among us." Casper was the first executive director of the Brigade, serving for 45 years, guiding the lives of thousands of area youth, developing leaders and citizens with character. Dan Donovan of the Brigade said, "Jack was a source of leadership and inspiration, with far reaching influence." The Jack Casper Service Above Self Award will live on as a lasting reminder of his impact on our community. Jack, we will miss you but never forget you.

Volunteer Spotlight

Youth Go is a voluntary, youth directed, supportive community which offers youth opportunities to learn, grow and feel comfortable with themselves and others.

History

Youth Go, Inc. is a non-profit teen drop-in center located at 213 Nicolet Blvd. Youth Go was founded in 1969 by youth and supportive adults looking for a safe gathering place. This organization is dedicated to empowering young people by providing a safe environment, exciting opportunities, and educational resources. All agency services are free of charge, and open to any child in grades 6-12.

Youth Go is attended by teens of all family, socio-economic, and cultural backgrounds, and the diversity among participants makes the center a very unique place. A special emphasis is placed on recruiting youth who are underserved by traditional after-school activities.

Recreation program

Youth Go hosts a supervised drop-in

recreational center, open during after-school and evening hours. Teens may play pool and video games, listen to music, watch television, or talk with friends.

Structured activities, such as field trips, dances, and movie nights, are held on a weekly basis.

Counseling program

Trained staff members are available to work with teens and their families on an appointment basis. Youth workers are able to provide support, information, referral, and discussion groups on tough teen issues such as substance abuse, depression, and dating.

Education program

Youth Go offers tutoring programs in all subject areas. Weekly educational programs are held at the center, on topics such as employment, current events, and life-skills.

For information on Youth Go programming, or for volunteer opportunities, contact Rebecca at 722-1435.

Grass clippings

When using grass clippings in landscaping beds, please be aware of the following:

- **Do not** use grass clippings that have been recently applied with herbicides.
- Dry grass clippings before applying. Fresh clippings may deplete soil nutrients, mold, and smell. (Grass clippings contain more than 85% moisture and will dry in several days.)
- Do not spread more than an inch thick.
- Grass clippings can create a fire hazard.
- Grass clippings are lightweight and are susceptible to being blown and/or washed away.
- Wet grass does not breathe like other mulches. Use in combination with compost, leaf, or bark mulch.

Alternatives:

- Mow the lawn with a mulching mower.
 - Grass clippings **do not** cause thatch.
 - It takes a third less time to mow with a mulching mower.
 - **It reduces fertilizer needs!** (Up to 25% of the fertilizer nutrients are returned in clippings.)
- Add grass clippings to a compost pile.

For healthy lawns:

- Never cut more than 1/3 of the grass blades.
- If you have to cut more than 1/3, use a bagger. (This is very useful in the spring when grass is growing quickly and is very wet.)
- Especially in warmer weather, cut northern grasses at 3 inches. (Approximately the length of your pointer finger.)

PARKS & RECREATION

Summer Concerts

Neenah Community Band at Riverside Park

- Tue., June 7, 7:00 p.m.
- Tue., June 21, 7:00 p.m.
(German Band at 6:45 p.m.)
- Mon., July 4, 7:45 p.m.
(COMMUNITYFEST concert)
- Tue., July 12, 7:00 p.m.
- Tue., July 26, 7:00 p.m.
(Children's concert)
- Tue., Aug. 9, 7:00 p.m.
- Tue., Aug. 16, 7:00 p.m.
(Ambassador Dance Band)

Free admission. Donations welcome.

Riverside Players Theatre in the Park

Caught in the Net

A British farce by Ray Cooney
Directed by Tom Stadler
June 22-26

Annie Get Your Gun

Music and lyrics by Irving Berlin
Original book by Herbert & Dorothy
Fields, as revised by Peter Stone
Directed by Christopher Pazdernik
July 21-24 & July 27-31

All performances at Riverside Park. Show times 8:00 p.m. Wed.-Sat., 7:00 p.m. on Sundays. Call 886-6090 for reservations or purchase tickets at the Washington Park Recreation building on Winneconne Ave. Tickets: Adults \$10/\$12; Student (under 18) & Seniors (55+) \$7/\$9. Season tickets available—save \$3.

Fall Co-ed Adult Kickball League

Revisit your schoolyard days by getting a kickball team together for a night of hitting the big red ball! Play begins Aug. 31.

Registration packets available at the City Hall Parks & Recreation Office and at www.neenahgov.org. (Ages 16+)

663,894

Items checked out from the
Neenah Public Library in 2004.

LIBRARY

Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 - 9

Friday 9 - 6

Saturday 9 - 1

Sunday Closed

Adult Summer Library Program

Why should kids have all the fun?

Some Like it Hot! Sizzlin' Summer Reads—The adult Summer Library Program, June 6-July 30, again features rewards for reading. Register online (www.neenahlibrary.org) or at the Adult desk on the library's second floor. Prizes include: signed first editions, gift certificates, Timber Rattlers' tickets, and a DVD/VHS player.

Storytimes!

Summer storytimes run June 6-July 29. No registration is required. All programs are free.

Babytime — Wed. & Thu. — 9:15 a.m. (Babies, birth—12-months-old) Thursday is a repeat of Wednesday's program.

Toddletime — Wed. & Thu. — 10:30 a.m. (Toddlers, 12-23 months old) Thursday is a repeat of Wednesday's program.

Lapsit — Wed. & Thu. — 10:00 a.m. (2-year-olds) Thursday is a repeat of Wednesday's program.

Family Storytime — Tue. — 10:00 a.m. (Especially for children 3- to 5-years-old, but adults and siblings are welcome)

Afternoon Classics — Tue. — 1:00 p.m. (Ages 7+) Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, or blanket and a friend—relax listening to favorite stories in children's literature.

Puppet Theatre! — Wed. — 1:00 p.m. (Ages 5+)

Storycrafters — Fri. — 10:00 a.m. (Ages 3-6) Stories and a craft project!



Residential sump pump discharge

Sump pumps are the storm sewer pipes exiting from a resident's house. In newer subdivisions, sump pumps are discharged into the City's storm sewer system. In most other areas, sump pumps discharge into the resident's yard. If your sump pump discharges into your yard, the following requirements apply:

- A sump pump's outlet point may not be within 10' of any property line. This includes the front right-of-way as well as all side and rear lot lines.

A sump pump discharge may not, under any circumstances, be connected to the sanitary sewer.

- Sump pump discharge cannot affect any neighboring property, cross public sidewalks, or become a safety hazard. In the event the sump pump discharge becomes a safety hazard, the City Inspectors may ask the resident to move the location of the discharge, and ask the resident to resolve the safety hazard.

- In the winter months, if the sump

pump discharge is causing ice to form across a sidewalk or into the street, this may also form a potential safety hazard. The resident should remove the ice from the sidewalk or street, and notify the Department of Public Works (886-6240) about the problem.

- Property owners are responsible to maintain drainage paths on their individual property according to the overall drainage pattern for the area. Additionally, a property owner may not create a drainage problem for a neighboring property.

- If a storm water dispute arises between property owners, it needs to be settled among the parties involved, as the properties in question are privately owned. City staff can offer suggestions for correcting the problem, however it is up to the property owners to make necessary changes to drainage paths on their properties.

Signs note

City ordinance does not allow "off-premise" signs (18.05-2-b). Off-premise signs are those signs advertising a business or sale that actually is at another location.

City ordinance also does not allow placing signs in public right-of-way without approval of the city traffic engineer (5.03-2). Public right-of-way is land that has been dedicated to the city or purchased by the city for transportation purposes.

We Energies also does not allow signs, other than traffic signs, on its power poles.

How might this affect you? The signs covered by the City ordinances and We Energies policy include, but are not limited to, election signs, realty signs, "For Sale By Owner" signs, "For Rent" signs, and "Open House" signs. These signs can only be located within the property to which the sign applies and cannot be placed within public right-of-way.

If you have questions about the location of public right-of-way, please contact the Department of Public Works at 886-6240.

Oak Street Bridge construction

Construction on the Oak Street Bridge, formally known as the Wayne Bryan Bridge, is scheduled Aug. 2005—Oct. 2006. The new bridge will have two lanes of traffic, bike lanes, sidewalks, an overlook on each side, and decorative lighting. During bridge construction, a detour route will be marked along Commercial St. and Wisconsin Ave.

The City will also reconstruct First St. from Nicolet Blvd. to the bridge and Oak St. from the bridge through the Wisconsin Ave. intersection. Public meetings will be held later this summer to review design options. Construction will take place in 2006 and should be completed in time for the bridge reopening.

11,232

City of Neenah Public Health
Nurse visits made in 2004.

Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds!

Neenah Public Library & Neenah Joint School District Summer Library Program

Neenah Public Library programs for kids & families

Reid Miller - Songs & Stories — Mon., June 6 at 6:30 p.m. — Opening Event! *Gus the Dragon Mascot!* Enjoy a piece of the Castle Cake. Sign up for the reading program and learn about winning prizes and helping the Search Dog Foundation. (All ages)

Jeff McMullen - Family Vaudeville — Tue., June 14 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. — Magic, juggling, slapstick, storytelling, mime, plate spinning & balloons! (All ages)

Dog Obedience, Agility & Tricks — Tue., June 21 at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. — Trainer **Sharon Tischer** and her dogs on stage! The 6:30 performance also includes a veterinarian who will speak about maintaining your dog's health. (Ages 4+)

Sir Eggbert & the Battle of the Mighty Dragon's Breath — Thu., June 23 at 6:30 p.m. — Scientist **Gary Lefko** takes us back through the mists of time to the Middle Ages when dragons breathed fire and knights rode out on fearless steeds to rescue lovely maidens. (Ages 4+)

The Wild, Wacky, Whimsical World of Dragons — Wed., June 29 at 6:30 p.m. — **Dr. D. Light** brings music, puppets, song & dance! (All ages)

Jesters & Castles, Knights & Dragons — Wed., July 13 at 6:30 p.m. — **Jane Swiggum** combines ventriloquism, magic, juggling, music & role playing chickens, royalty, magicians, knights & dragons. (All ages)

Rondini's Magic — Tue., July 19 at 6:30 p.m. — **Ron Lindberg's** professional magic show includes music, balloon animals, audience participation, live animals and more! (All ages)

Randy Peterson - Musician & Storyteller — Fri., July 29 at 1:00 p.m. — Randy's upbeat program includes audience participation, costumes, props, & special effects. (All

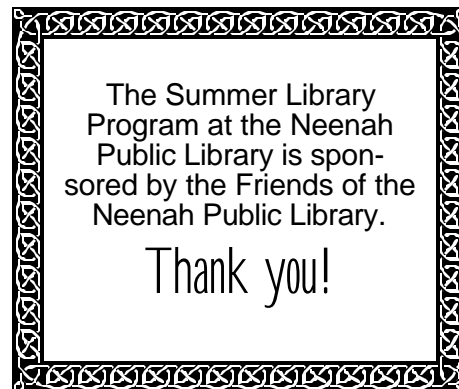
Neenah Joint School District elementary school libraries open!

You can also participate in the *Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds!* program at a school library this summer! All of the Neenah public elementary school libraries will be open the weeks of: **June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18 & July 25.**

Students, preschoolers, and parents are invited to check out books and use computer labs at Clayton, Coolidge, Hoover, Lakeview, Roosevelt, Spring Road, Taft, Tullar, and Wilson schools.

Schools are open **Monday through Thursday between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.**

You can participate at any school. Win prizes! Join the fun! Read!



I Can Fly — kids and creativity series

The Neenah Public Library presents an award-winning, fun, and exciting series that explores the creative process in art, music, song, pottery, and dance. (Ages 7+)

Registration required! *Class limited to 24.* Registration begins June 6 at 9:00 a.m. Programs held at the Neenah Public Library. Call 886-6335 for more information.

All programs are Thursdays at 1:00-2:00 p.m. All programs include a film and an art project.

June 9 - **Creativity**

June 16 - **Painting/Art Appreciation**

June 23 - **Painting & Modern Art**

July 7 - **African American Art**

Neenah Public Library programs for Tweens and Teens

Tweens and teens are invited to participate in their own Summer Library Program **Joust for Teens**. Check out the reading lists featuring fantasy, science fiction, medieval life and more. Win prizes!

Joust Chess — Mondays 6:30-8:00 p.m. June 13, 20 & 27; July 11, 18 & 25 — Learn about and play this ancient board game with other teens. Bring a friend or come on your own. For beginners to experienced players. Chess sets available or bring your own. Light refreshments. Program leader: **Max Davies** - longtime chess player and instructor.

The Ancient Art of Knitting — Mondays 6:30-7:30 p.m. June 13, 20 & 27; July 11, 18 & 25 — Learn the basics of knitting in a relaxed atmosphere. Needles and yarn will be provided for a beginner's project. If you know how to knit, bring your own needles and keep us company. *Limited to 6 beginners.* **Registration required.** Program leader: Library Youth Services Manager and knitting pro **Pat Hewitt-McNichols**.

Mehndi Art (Henna Painting): Temporary Body Adornment — Wed., June 15 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. — Learn about the history and traditions of henna use. Learn how to make henna paste, create designs & apply the dye. Supplies will be distributed for willing participants to use on each other. *Limited to 25.* **Registration required.** Program leader: **Amy Wilde**, professional henna painter.

Fantastic Tales & Tunes with Celia — Wed., June 22 at 7:00-7:45 p.m. — An evening of stories and music by performance artist **Celia**. *Coffee House atmosphere and beverages.*

Medieval Movie Magic — Thursdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 14 - *A Knight's Tale*, July 21 - *Ladyhawke*, July 28 - *Dragonheart*. (All PG-13)

Recreational fires & permits

With the summer finally here, it is time to remind all residents that fire safety should always be a priority. The City of Neenah allows by ordinance section (23.10) the opportunity for citizens to have recreational fires at single-family and two-family dwellings.

- No recreational fire or portable fire pit shall be closer than 10' from any building, structure, shed, garage, fence, or any combustible material.
- All recreational fires shall not have a diameter larger than 2 nor may the fire extend more than 2 above the pit.
- Portable fire pits must be based upon a non-combustible surface.
- No recreational fire shall be started or allowed to continue burning when the wind direction or wind speed will cause smoke, embers, or other burning materials to be car-

ried by the wind toward any building or other combustible materials, nor anytime when the wind speed exceeds 7 mph.

- Smoke from any recreational fire shall not create a nuisance for neighboring property owners.
- The fire shall be completely extinguished immediately upon the complaint of any smoke nuisance.
- No recreational fire may be started or allowed to continue between 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Any person who wishes to have a recreational fire must obtain an annual permit (\$15). Apply at the City Hall Department of Legal & Administrative Services office.

When you purchase a permit, you will receive a complete copy of Sec. 23.10. Please be responsible and be good neighbors so that we can all enjoy a safe summer season.

Cecil St. overpass

The City is proceeding with plans to construct an overpass on Cecil St. over the Canadian National Railways tracks. A hearing regarding the project was held before the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads (OCR) in early April and the project was viewed favorably. At this point, design of the project is being finalized and real estate needed for construction is being acquired. The bridge and approaches will have two lanes for vehicle traffic, two on-street bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Along with construction of the bridge and approaches, Cecil St. will be reconstructed from the Neenah Slough to Commercial St. Construction is scheduled for 2006.

The OCR hearing also addressed the railroad crossings on Byrd Ave., Adams St., and Caroline St. The crossing at Byrd Ave. will be closed sometime the year after opening of the Cecil St. overpass. The crossings on Adams St. and Caroline St. will be closed in the near future.

Child safety seats

Wisconsin law states that all children under the age of 4 must be restrained in a child safety seat. A surprising statistic is that 80% of all car seats are in some way used incorrectly! The Neenah Health Department wants to help improve that percentage through the Child Safety Seat Check program.

Through a grant the City received this year, a Neenah Health Department staff member has recently been trained as a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician.

What does this mean for you? We can now provide safety checks on all types of car seats at regularly scheduled fitting stations. Fox Valley

SAFE KIDS, Neenah Health Department, and other local agencies provide this service free of charge for area residents.

Currently, the fitting stations are scheduled the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Oshkosh Fire Department. To have your child's car seat checked, call Affinity Nurse Direct at 231-6578 or 1-800-362-9900 to schedule an appointment. Expectant parents – please call at least two months before your due date.

Please call the Neenah Department of Public Health at 886-6155 with any questions. Let us help you keep your child safe!

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Valley VNA expands

Valley VNA Senior Services is planning a \$4.5 million building expansion project to meet the growing needs of Neenah-area seniors. Long-range plans include relocating the headquarters, improving amenities for its assisted living residents, and retaining land for future expansion. Sale of the current headquarters building and 9 acres of land are projected to raise over \$3.3 million. The \$1.2 million balance will be raised through private community contributions. This plan highlights Valley VNA's long-standing commitment to the community - past, present, and future. Call Renee Neumeyer at 727-5545, ext. 240, for more information.

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