

Neenah Notes

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Meet the Mayor

In an effort to further improve communications, the mayor is scheduling a monthly, informal opportunity for you to stop in for a cup of coffee and discuss your concerns or ask questions.

TIME: 10:00-11:30 a.m.
PLACE: Neenah Public Library
DATES: April 30 and May 31

Or, stop by his office anytime; call 886-6104; or e-mail gscherck@ci.neenah.wi.us.

Message from Mayor George Scherck

On Tuesday, April 3, you have both the right and the responsibility to vote as Neenah selects three aldermen and new school board representatives. The right to vote protects all other significant American freedoms, which was won and preserved by the struggle and sacrifice of previous generations but is exercised by way too few of us.

When you do not exercise this right you abdicate your responsibility and allow others to make the decision for you. Remember, our government is not run by the majority, it is run by the majority who show up!

One of my constant goals is to continually improve communications with every citizen. This newsletter, a radio spot called Fox Cities Viewpoints, open office hours, the annual "town meeting" public forums, the Citizen Advisory Council, and the Internet column called Mayor Scherck Answers Your Concerns, will now be joined by a monthly Meet the Mayor at the Public Library.

Please see the schedule in this newsletter and then join me for a cup of coffee and an informal visit about your questions and concerns. But remember, my door really is always open and I am as close as your telephone (886-6104) or your computer (gscherck@ci.neenah.wi.us).

This is your government, I am your Mayor and meeting your needs is the primary purpose of everything we do. But you need to communicate and then hold us accountable.

There are many ways for you to become involved in our community and to help us make a difference. We need volunteers for a spring Community Build. The library continues to need volunteers to help shelve books. Soon we will initiate a fundraising effort to restore and revitalize the City clock tower, our most enduring symbol of Neenah's past.

Other opportunities are Adopt-a-Garden, Volunteers in Parks and we always need more help during our very special CommunityFest Celebration. How about joining us during the annual May Clean Up Day? Join the Mayor's Advisory Committee?

Call me if you want to get more involved in our community. Together, we really do succeed!

Best wishes,



Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote once a year, but when you volunteer you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

Marjorie Moore

Free information!

www.neenahlibrary.org

Visit the City's web site!

www.ci.neenah.wi.us



Contact us!

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Credits

The 'Lighthouse' artwork courtesy of Henri Miles. Photographs were submitted.

New police mission statement

The Neenah Police Department recently introduced its new mission statement, guiding principles, and motto. All three focus on collaborative partnerships at all levels of the organization.

"This mission statement is the roadmap to our success as a part of a team to improve and maintain a high quality of life for the citizens of Neenah," said Neenah Police Chief Ray Appel. "For many years we have been a community-oriented agency, developing partnerships with civic organizations, schools, citizens, other city departments, and other public safety organizations in the Fox Valley. Our new mission statement articulates who we are and what we do."

The mission statement was presented to the department at a January meeting. The department rededicated itself to a community problem solving philosophy, striving for excellence, and enhancing community collaboration. During the meeting Appel quoted Sir Robert Peale of Scotland Yard, revered as the father of modern policing, "The police are the public, the public are the police. The police are only members of the public, who are

paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on EVERY citizen, in the interest of community welfare and existence."

Recognizing the importance of these relationships, Appel presented the new motto for the Neenah Police Department, "Together We Succeed." The motto represents a unified organization, the goals of which cannot be accomplished by one person.

Appel closed the meeting by saying, "Together, we succeed. Together as teams in the organization to succeed in our mission, together with customers as we successfully provide excellent service, together with the community identifying needs and demands to be successful in adapting to change, together with our stakeholders while we successfully resolve community issues before they become problems, together with victims to successfully seek justice, together with other city departments and support agencies to successfully create and maintain a high quality of life, together with the citizens of Neenah to successfully demonstrate who we are and what we stand for. We stand together... one team, one mission, one goal... Together, we succeed."

You spoke... we listened.



Together we succeed!

Mission statement

The Neenah Police Department, in partnership with our community, will provide excellent customer service through proactive problem solving efforts which protect life and property while enhancing the quality of life enjoyed by the citizens of Neenah.

Police find technology cost-effective

The Neenah Police Department benefits from technology to enhance criminal investigations and to make new and existing operations more efficient and cost-effective.

Patrol cars and the Detective bureau are equipped with digital cameras. A computer stores the images; software insures those images are not altered. By eliminating the cost of film, processing, prints, and labor, savings surpassed initial equipment purchases in only ten months. Thousands of dollars will be saved annually.

Benefits go beyond monetary savings. Digital photography allows unlimited photographs to be taken at

crime scenes. Prints can be produced on demand, and there is immediate feedback on the quality of the image.

With the success of digital photography, expansion into digital video and sound recording is happening as well. Like photography, digital recording allows for a "paperless" system. Recordings are transferred and stored similarly to digital photographs, and access is granted only when needed for investigation or prosecution.

To further cut costs, images and recordings can be transferred via e-mail. Also, reusable media such as flash drives and rewriteable CDs save on

supply purchases. Labor costs are drastically reduced since transfer or copying of digital media is virtually instant.

Grant funds are used whenever possible. Recent awards have included cell phone extraction equipment and training totaling nearly \$6,000. This new technology allows for the retrieval of information from cell phones in minutes. This information may include numbers, photos, and call logs.

These many technological opportunities are proving to be both economically and functionally advantageous to law enforcement.

Meet your citizen representatives

Name:
Committee on Aging

Meets:
Second Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Main purpose:
To serve as a forum at which older adults can obtain information and express concerns related to the community and aging.

Contact for more information:
Carol Kasimor—886-6128

Members:
Martin Ruge, Chair
Dorothy Gain
Elmer Gollnow
Patty Maehl
Donn Marshall
Milt Pollnow
Lorraine Prellwitz

Serena Bornick and her late husband, Karl, served for many years on the Committee on Aging—our City is a better place due to their years of dedicated service. Thank you!



If you are cooperating with the Pair Up program, thank you! **If not, why not?**

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Million dollars of construction activity in the City in 2006.

Sgt. Woldt honored

The January 30, 2007, edition of *Women* magazine featured an article on female police officers. The article, titled “A Badge of Honor” was in the monthly column “9-5” and depicted nine female officers from the Fox River Valley.



Sgt. Angela Woldt

The column featured Fox Valley career women describing their experience and duties, as well as advantages and challenges of a woman in their position.

In addition to her regular patrol duties, the article identified Sgt. Woldt’s supervisory duties, including coordinating the department’s Community Service Officer Program.

Woldt reported she became a police officer partly because she didn’t want to be “stuck in a building behind a desk.” She enjoys the challenge of not knowing what’s “around the next corner” and the responsibility of making decisions on her own.

Oak Hill Cemetery

Annual Spring Cleanup

The annual spring cleanup for Oak Hill Cemetery is scheduled for April 2. On the first Monday in April, the staff of the City-owned cemetery, located on Oak Ridge Rd., will begin the process of picking up and disposing of autumn and holiday decorations.

Items such as wreaths, silk, and other artificial plants and flowers will be picked up and discarded. People who wish to save these items are requested to retrieve them before that date.

Any questions regarding the cleanup or other related matters should be directed to the cemetery administrative office at 886-6143.

Cemetery Well

We are sorry for the inconvenience that the well failure caused at the end of last summer. Major system repairs will be completed this spring, and the cemetery well should be up and running shortly after that.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Rummage sale signs must be free standing, removed within one day, and must include the date of sale.
- Free concerts in the park and out to lunch concerts return in June.
- CommunityFest on July 4 will be better than ever.
- Illegal materials on the curb could cost you \$105.
- The odd-even parking system begins April 15.
- You can register for recreation programs on-line.
- It costs \$6,400 to outfit one firefighter to enter a burning building.
- Neenah Utilities now accepts Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments for your Utility Service Invoice from your checking or savings account. If you would like to have your payments automatically withdrawn from your account, stop by the City Hall Treasurer’s office, call 886-6149, or e-mail jrosenau@ci.neenah.wi.us to obtain a form.
- Starting May 1, Neenah Utilities will be accepting Debit/Credit Card payments for Utility Services. Watch future invoices for more information.
- Long grass and weeds left uncut will be cut by the City and billed to the property owner.
- Residents can drop off unwanted household pharmaceuticals and personal care products like prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications and pet medications on Tue., May 1, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at the Thompson Community Center, 820 W. College Ave., Appleton or on Wed., May 2, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at the Oshkosh Senior Center Annex, 234 N. Campbell Rd., Oshkosh. Winnebago County residents can contact Jennifer at 232-1850 for more information.
- Good neighbors keep their dog on a leash, pick up after it, and do not allow a dog to run loose, especially in City parks.
- The Neenah Public Library’s annual checkout rose to 760,554 in 2006. That is 48% more than 1999 checkout—the year before moving into the new library building.

PARKS & RECREATION

Summer Leisure Connections Guide

The Parks & Recreation Department's *2007 Summer Leisure Connections Guide* has been mailed to City of Neenah residents. If you did not receive a copy, guides are available for pickup at the City Hall office or at the Neenah Library (2nd floor reference desk). Registration begins for City of Neenah residents on Wed., Apr. 4 at the City Hall Parks & Recreation office. Neenah Pool Discount Passes can be purchased, for a reduced price, until May 11.

Volleyball!

It's time for some summer fun with your friends, family, co-workers, or neighbors! Sign up for an outdoor volleyball league at the Neenah Pool. **Adult Summer Co-ed Sand Volleyball leagues** are now forming for 16+ year-olds. Leagues play on the Neenah Pool courts on Thursday evenings. Registration packets are available at www.ci.neenah.wi.us or at the City Hall Parks & Recreation office. Leagues begin play June 14. Deadline for accepting teams is May 11.

180

Pounds per person recycled in Neenah in 2006.

2nd Annual Neenah Classic Boat Show

Sat., Jul. 28 — Shattuck Park

Open to the Public

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Registration packets available at:
Neenah Parks & Recreation
Neenah Police Station
West Marine

For information call 886-6060.
www.ci.neenah.wi.us

Mayor Scherck responds

Q What is Neenah's financial picture like in 2007?

A Our Aa2 bond rating is in the top 15% of all ratings nationwide.

- The City's tax rate for municipal purposes ranks 26th out of the largest 42 cities in Wisconsin.
- The City's property assessed value increased by 32.76% to \$1,843,845,100.
- Our general fund reserve is 15% of our operating budget.
- Our tax burden on citizens ranks 144th out of 171 communities in Wisconsin.

Q Why is the City exploring a wellness program for employees?

A An independent survey of 365 large corporations found that two-thirds had a wellness program in place. Wellness programs are not viewed as an employee benefit but as a cost-effective investment that improves the bottom line of companies. For every dollar invested, the average payback in the private sector is \$3.50.

Not only do such programs reduce the use of sick pay & absenteeism but they increase productivity and in the long term can reduce health insurance premiums. Companies with Wellness Programs have experienced reductions in health care costs of 5-10%, which far exceeds the cost of the programs.

Q Why was the reconstruction of South Commercial Street delayed to 2008?

A The State Department of Transportation, which is financing most of the cost of this project, directed a delay of at least one year because of a shortage of state funding. The only way to overcome the directive was to "provide overwhelming evidence" as to why such a delay was impossible. While the delay will cost more, every project in the State that is funded by the DOT will have that same negative impact, so that reason would not be sufficient to keep the project in the 2007 plans.

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

Property tax collections

Payments can be made at the Treasurer's Office (located on the first floor of City Hall) 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mon.-Thu.; 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Fri. (except holidays).

An online credit card payment option is now available for Real Estate Tax payments. Select this option by visiting the City of Neenah's website at www.ci.neenah.wi.us and selecting "Online Payments" in the left margin of the home page.

For those who don't have access to a computer, the Treasurer's Office has one available for processing pay-

ments. The service may also be reached by calling 1-800-2PAYTAX (1-800-272-9829) and using jurisdiction Code 6712.

Official Payments, the service provider, charges a 2.75% convenience fee for this service. American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa are accepted.

Due dates for installment payments:
Second installment — Mon., Apr. 2.
Third installment — Thu., May 31.
Fourth installment — Tue., July 31.

For more information, please call 886-6143.

VOTE!

Tuesday, April 3

To find your polling place,
visit the City website at
www.ci.neenah.wi.us

15,000

Dollars contributed by the Neenah Police Benevolent Association to worthy causes.

Community Spotlight

The community spotlight focuses on **Neenah citizens** who get involved—donating their time, talents, and financial resources to worthy projects and organizations, and who take a constructive, positive approach.

Neenah has a legacy of caring, committed citizens who joined together to make our community a special place. This generation has picked up that torch and supported projects like a new library, the Riverwalk at Shattuck Park, Great Northern Park, Bill Miller Playground, the lighting of the Oak St. Bridge, and the Rocket at Riverside.

Hundreds of our citizens serve civic & religious organizations that serve all of us. Most Neenah citizens recognize that there is a lot that is good about this community and don't let periodic negative news destroy their optimism for our future.

Neenah voters have a history of supporting candidates with a positive vision for that future, that use the past to fix problems rather than fixing blame. This creates a political culture where elected officials feel comfortable in supporting new ideas and innovative ways to make government more effective. **Neenah citizens**—take a bow!

Historic Boat House renovated



The newly renovated Whiting Boat House features: accessible rest rooms, air conditioning, updated kitchen, gas fireplace, and outside patio with grills. The Boat House is the most popular rental facility in the Parks & Recreation system. For information: 886-6060.

Revaluation of City property values

Mandated by the state and designed to make certain that all property owners pay their fair share of the property tax burden, the 2006 revaluation resulted in:

- 38.5% of all properties saw a decrease in their tax bill
- 7.5% saw no change from last year
- 16% increased less than 5%
- 14% increased between 5-10%
- 24% increased more than 10%

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Percentage of properties that saw a tax decrease or no change as a result of the revaluation.

PARKS & RECREATION

Gifts & Endowments

Parks and Recreation play a vital role in building and maintaining the health and well being of the individual, the economy, the environment, and the community as a whole. A donation to Parks and Recreation is an investment in quality of life.

Contributions in any amount may be made to trust funds for Park Land Acquisition, Development, and Recreation Programming, or for specific programs and facilities such as Riverside Players, Community Band, Playgrounds, Soccer Fields, and Doty Cabin.

Remembering Neenah Parks and Recreation in your will is a wonderful way to continue to have an impact on your community. Leave a legacy – contribute to quality of life.

Riverside Players

Theatre in the Park

Auditions

Sat., Apr. 14 — 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Sun., Apr. 15 — 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Horace Mann Middle School
1021 Oak St., Neenah
(Use south parking lot & door)

Shows include:

Biloxi Blues, a comedy by Neil Simon, directed by Tim Marsh

Musical (tentative) *Chicago*, directed by Mike Schuh

Scripts available for checkout at the Appleton & Neenah public libraries and at the City Hall Parks & Recreation office.

More information: 886-6060



LIBRARY

School Year Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 - 9

Friday 9 - 6

Saturday 9 - 5

Sunday 1 - 5

MMBK

Monday Morning Book Klatch discusses a selected title one Monday a month at 10:00 a.m. in the Shattuck Community Room. The books are chosen from various subject areas. Anyone who has read the book is encouraged to attend. Parents and caregivers are welcome to bring children (and are responsible for their care). Light refreshments are provided, along with toys for the kids. You can pick up a copy of the selected title at the checkout desk—ask for the MMBK book.

Apr. 23 — *Book of Bright Ideas* — Sandra Kring

May 21 — *House on Mango Street* — Lisa Tucker

Jun. 18 — *Once Upon a Day* — Lisa Tucker

Readers Review

The Readers Review book club welcomes adults to discuss the following books on the third Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Apr. 16 — *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

May 21 — *Intuition* by Allegra Goodman

Jun. 18 — *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan (nonfiction)

Girlfriends Read

Enjoy and explore the joy of children's literature with girlfriends, moms, aunts, sisters, grandmothers, & neighbors.

This reading group is just for girls and women! Come alone or come together, but don't miss out on reading and talking about these super books about girls.

May 6 — 2:00 p.m. — *The Star of Kazan* by Eva Ibbotson

LIBRARY

Book Club To Go

Are you a member of a book discussion group or interested in starting one? The library has a new program to support your book club! Our **Book Club To Go** program includes more than 100 titles with at least five copies available, many of which have been successful book club titles nationally and locally. Most titles are also available in large print and in audio. For a list of titles or for more information, call 886-6315 or stop by the Adult Information Desk on the second floor.

Movies

Movies at the Library on Tue. nights:

Apr. 3 — 6:30 p.m. — *Charlotte's Web* (rated G)

Apr. 24 — 6:30 p.m. — *The Queen* (rated PG-13)

May 1 — 6:00 p.m. — *Dreamgirls* (rated PG-13)

Popcorn and soda will be served.

Poetry Circle

I Looked into my Heart Poetry Circle—come learn about the poets and their works among folks who simply like poetry and enjoy a good conversation. For more information: call Pat at 886-6330 or email hew-itt@neenahlibrary.org.

Apr. 12 — 1:00 p.m. — W.B. Yeats

May 10 — 1:00 p.m. — William Shakespeare

Tea with Laura Ingalls Wilder

Mothers, daughters, girlfriends, and grandmothers are invited to the **Mother's Day Tea with Laura Ingalls Wilder**. Actress Pat Day portrays the famous author of the *Little House on the Prairie* books. Participants are welcome to come "dressed up" in fancy clothes or pioneer costumes! May 12 — 2:00 p.m.

Wisconsin Public Radio

Apr. 2 — 2:00 p.m. — **Randall Davidson — History of WHA Radio & Educational Broadcasting in Wis.**

Home Fire Extinguishers

It is important to have two fire extinguishers in every home. One should be located near the kitchen or a wood-burning stove; the other in the garage. Do not place the extinguisher too close to a potential fire source—you may not be able to reach it if a fire occurs.



The basic fire extinguisher to purchase is a 5 lb., multi-purpose, dry chemical ABC extinguisher which sells for \$20-30. It is a good idea to replace your extinguishers every five to eight years. Make sure you write the date you purchased your extinguisher with marker on the extinguisher. The old extinguishers could be placed in the trunk of your car in case you have a small engine fire.

The simple acronym for the correct use of your extinguisher is PASS:

- P** – Pull pin
- A** – Aim nozzle
- S** – Squeeze trigger
- S** – Sweep nozzle back and forth

Begin your fire attack a safe distance (10 ft.) away and work towards the fire source. Aim the nozzle at the base of the fire. Once the fire is extinguished, you still need to call 911 to have our department dispatched. We will respond in non-emergency mode to check for possible extension of the fire into walls or cupboards.

If you are unable to put the fire out with one extinguisher, don't run to find the second extinguisher. Get everyone out of the home and call 911. If you have any questions, please call Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue at 886-6200.

City Garage Drop-Off Site

Open Saturdays
Starting May 5
8:30-11:30 a.m.

Staffed by your
elected officials

New water plant

Since the 1930s, Neenah has used water from Lake Winnebago as its primary source of drinking water. The main treatment processes in the early years were settling, filtering, and chlorination. In the 1950s, the settling process was modified and softening and fluoridation were added to the treatment processes. In the 1960s, the plant capacity was expanded to 9 million gallons per day.

The new water treatment plant will produce 12 million gallons a day and uses the same processes as the old plant, with updated, more efficient equipment.

In addition, several new processes have been added. The three most significant changes are the use of granular activated carbon to reduce organic material in the water, the use of ultraviolet light to control *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia*, and the use of sodium hypochlorite (bleach) for disinfection.

The granular activated carbon contactor is a biological process that uses helpful bacteria to digest the organic material in the water. The ultraviolet

light and the sodium hypochlorite later destroy these bacteria. By reducing the organic material, we reduce the presence of chemicals in the water that may be harmful.

Most people are aware of the problems that *Cryptosporidium* caused in Milwaukee in 1993. Because of that, all water treatment plants must provide treatment for this microbe. Ultraviolet light is the lowest cost process available to effectively treat *Cryptosporidium*. The process works by passing the water through a beam of concentrated ultraviolet light at a specific wavelength. The light rearranges the DNA in the *Cryptosporidium* and other microbes, making them incapable of reproduction.

Sodium hypochlorite replaces the hazardous chlorine gas that was used for disinfection. This new water treatment chemical is just as effective as chlorine gas, and is much safer to transport and handle.

The new plant went on line in February of this year. The construction project still has some site work to be done; it should be completed by May.

Earth Day celebration Apr. 21-22

Loving the Earth from the Bottom to the Top

Learn to love the earth and all that it has to offer this Earth Day weekend! Join us at the Neenah Public Library for a fun day of hands-on exploration while we learn about the onset of spring, the reason why the weather has been so unusual, and how we can learn to respect the earth through understanding our responsibilities toward it. A highly sensory based program brings these concepts down to the basics for children but will open the eyes of many adults as well!

Sat., Apr. 21 — Stephanie Feuerstein, Nature's Guide Independent Naturalist Service. 11:00-11:45 a.m. for ages 3-5; 1:00-2:00 p.m. for ages 6-8.

Douglas Wood in Concert: EarthSongs, EarthStories

Renowned musician and author Doug Wood will perform his music on Sun., Apr. 22, (Earth Day), at 2:00 p.m. at the library.

Doug's music "resonates with the great truths of nature," and features vocals, 6- and 12-string guitar, piano, fiddle, and banjo. He has four recordings currently available. In performances and speaking engagements across the country, he blends storytelling and musicianship, personal warmth and humor. He has a rare ability to lift the human spirit.



Douglas Wood is an award-winning writer with over one million books in print. His children's classics, *Old Turtle* and *Grandad's Prayers of the Earth*, have earned him readers of all ages, and his adult non-fiction honors the natural beauty and power of the northern woods.

Books and CDs will be sold and autographed.

For more information on either program, call 886-6335.

LIBRARY

National Poetry Month

On Sun., Apr. 15 at 2:00 p.m. **The Prairie Fire Poetry Quartet** presents **Lorine Niedecker: A Life by Water**. Poets Robin Chapman, John Lehman, Richard Roe, and Shoshauna Shy will honor the life and work of Wisconsin poet Lorine Niedecker, who lived a life of obscurity but whose work is steadily growing in stature in the U.S. and around the world.

On Mon., Apr. 16 at 7:00 p.m. **A Trio of Local Poets** program presents Doug Flaherty, Laurel Mills and Tom McKeown, three widely published and renowned local poets who will read and discuss their own work.

Win a Book of Poetry! The Friends of the Neenah Public Library, which is sponsoring the National Poetry Month festivities, will be giving four books of poetry away each week in April—one for very young children, one for older children, one for middle-schoolers and teens, and one for adults. Books will be awarded from random drawings.

More information: Pat — 886-6330 or e-mail hewitt@neenahlibrary.org.

Storytimes!

Spring storytimes continue through May 18. No registration is required. All programs are free.

Babytime — Tue. or Wed. — 9:15 a.m. (Babies, birth—12-months-old).

Toddle Time — Thu. at 9:15 a.m. or Fri. at 10:30 a.m. (Toddlers, 12-23 months old).

Lapsit — Wed. or Thu. — 10:00 a.m. (2-year-olds *with* a caregiver).

Our Time — Tue. At 10:00 a.m. and Wed. at 1:00 p.m. — (For children 3- to 5-years-old *without* a caregiver).

Story Craft — Stories & Crafts for children aged 3, 4, 5, & 6 only *without* a caregiver.

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. on Apr. 5, 19; May 10.

Fridays at 9:15 a.m. on Apr. 6, 20; May 11.

More information: 886-6335.

Open Burning

Under city ordinance, you are only allowed to burn in a fire pit if you have a burning permit and follow the specific guidelines of the burning ordinance. Bonfires are prohibited. People who obtain permits are allowed to burn from 6:00 p.m. to midnight, seven days per week. The purpose of this ordinance is to allow residents to have a recreational fire in a safe manner. Bonfires, as well as the burning of leaves, brush, and garbage are prohibited. To obtain your burning permit or to find out more about the City's burning policy, please call the City Clerk's Office at 886-6100 or visit the City's website at www.ci.neenah.wi.us.

Yard Waste

Remember that all hedge trimmings, garden debris, and fine brush should be placed loosely in cans or baskets not to exceed 35 gallons in size or 50 pounds in weight or in 30 gallon biodegradable paper bags. Smalls amounts of brush should be bundled, 2 feet in diameter by 4 feet long and tied with cord or placed in 30 gallon biodegradable paper bags.

Large amounts of brush up to 3 inches in diameter should be kept long and placed adjacent to the street with the butt ends facing one direction for chipping. Check page two of your 2007 Recycling and Refuse Guide for the yard waste pickup dates in your area. A yard waste drop-off site is available at the Tullar Road Garage Drop-Off Center. More information: 8 8 6 - 6 2 4 0 .

Brass Quintet Concert

Fri. Apr. 6 — 2:00 p.m. — Brass Quintet from Lawrence University at the Neenah Public Library's Shattuck Community Room. Free.

State health grants benefit residents

Did you know that the Neenah Department of Public Health implements grants which have a positive impact on City of Neenah residents?

Funding from the **Immunization Grant** is used to research those children that are not up to date on their immunizations by utilizing the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR). Based on reports generated from the WIR, the grant nurse is able to contact parents/guardians and educate them about the immunizations needed now, and in the future, so that the child is compliant with state law when they begin kindergarten.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention is another grant that the nurses use to provide outreach to those children in the City of Neenah who have elevated lead levels (greater than 10 mcg/dL). The level of outreach education depends on the elevated blood level (in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 254) and varies

from phone contact and written materials to more extensive case management. In addition, educational packets on lead hazards are mailed to those residents who apply for a building permit and reside in pre-1950 housing to assure that the work will be done "lead safe."

Parents of infants and children birth to 5 years of age are eligible for home visits from a Public Health Nurse as well as health teaching over the phone. These interventions, along with

Assuring that the children of Neenah receive their primary immunizations is a top priority of the Health Department.

mailing a health education packet to new moms, are funded through the **Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant**.

In addition, the MCH Grant funds the car safety seat program designed to reduce childhood injuries that are found to be a direct result of improper car seat installation.

For further information about grant funded projects, please contact the Neenah Department of Public Health at 886-6155.

Cecil Street Overpass & Street Work

Parts of the Cecil Street corridor from Marathon Ave. to Green Bay Rd. will be under construction from March to December of this year as a multitude of construction projects will be completed along with a railroad overpass at Harrison St.

streets will remain open.

June-August:

City concrete paving from Hunt St. to Green Bay Rd., replacement of the slough bridge, and construction of a roundabout at Cecil St. and Green Bay Rd. Expect major detours.

An informational meeting for interested citizens is scheduled for April 10 at 7:00 pm at City Hall.

March-June:

Preliminary City utility work in the overpass area. Except when the roadway is being excavated, during most of that time both Cecil and Harrison

July-December:

Wisconsin Department of Transportation construction of the overpass at Cecil Street and the railroad tracks/Harrison St. Expect major detours.

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