

Neenah Notes

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Meet the Mayor

Do you have a question or concern about our community? Stop in for a cup of coffee and an informal visit with the Mayor.

TIME: 10:00-11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Neenah Public Library

DATES: June 28, July 31, & August 30

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

Message from Mayor George Scherck

Diversity of opinion is critical to a free and progressive society and government needs to not just accept criticism but encourage it. Constructive criticism provides a springboard for change, opens up a public dialogue, and channels free expression from negative hindsight to an atmosphere that moves a community forward.

Recent controversies in Neenah have led to more criticism than I can remember, but one critical fact has been overlooked. The controversy was created because Neenah's elected officials openly sought out an independent review of the police department's management and operations and made certain that the entire process was communicated clearly to the public. This openness has led to an abundance of negative media attention, but it also has established a sound basis for change and reinforces our commitment to conduct the public's business in public.

Also overlooked in the cloud of controversy is the fact that Neenah continues to be a community on the move, experiencing dramatic improvements in all sectors of our City. There was \$51 million in new construction last year, an incredible new Oak St. Bridge, new industrial expansion, two major new housing projects, a thriving downtown, commercial expansion at Westowne, the completion of the water plant (under budget), and the Cecil St. overpass is targeted for

completion by the end of the year. Next, we turn our attention to improving the traffic flow on Green Bay Rd. and Winneconne Ave.

But a community is more than economic development and infrastructure improvements. The remodeling of the Whiting Boathouse and a new shelter at Memorial Park further our focus on the recreational needs of our community. The generosity of Neenah citizens financed the Plexus Rocket at Riverside and our



*He has a right to criticize,
who has a heart to help.*

Abraham Lincoln

spirit of volunteerism led to a community build in April to construct the project that will serve countless generations of our children. For three days, Rotarians, Plexus employees, elected officials, City of Neenah employees, and Future Neenah staff volunteered to complete this incredible playground.

Neenah has a strong sense of community, a volunteer spirit, a strong financial condition, planned growth, economic development, an expanding tax base and an open, accessible government. Can anyone doubt that this is a special community and that our best days are still ahead of us?

Best wishes,

George

Free information!

www.neenahlibrary.org

Visit the City's web site!

www.ci.neenah.wi.us



Contact us!

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George Scherck	886-6104
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Mike Easker	886-6140
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Len Vander Wyst	886-6200
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Human Resources Coordinator	
Heather Fuller	886-6103
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Joe Wenninger	886-6170
Library Director	
Steve Proces	886-6300
Parks & Recreation Director	
Eileen McCoy	886-6060
Police Chief	
Ray Appel	886-6010
Public Works Director	
Tim Hamblin	886-6240
Water Works Director	
Larry Wattering	886-6180

Aldermanic District 1

Jim Hemes	729-1289
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Credits

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

Talk about pressure!

Why is it that some times you open your kitchen sink faucet and there is a strong stream of water, and at other times, the stream seems to be weaker? It all depends on the water pressure, which can vary from minute to minute throughout the City. There are many factors that affect the water pressure that comes from your faucet.

One factor that affects pressure that most people do not think about is the height of the elevated water tanks in the City. Pressure can be considered a measure of the height of water above a certain point. The higher the elevated tank, and the more water in the tank, the more pressure available.

Other factors that may affect the water pressure at your house are:

- The number of pumps operating at the water treatment plant—the more pumps on, the higher the pressure.
- The elevation of your house—the lower the ground elevation, the higher the pressure.
- The distance from the water treatment plant or elevated tank—the closer, the higher the pressure.
- The water main size leading to your house—the larger the pipe, the

higher the pressure.

- The house plumbing size, including the water meter—the larger the size the higher the pressure.
- The condition and age of the water main or the house plumbing—the newer the water main or house plumbing, the higher the pressure.
- The water demand—heavy summertime use results in lower water pressure. And multiple uses in a house at the same time result in lower pressure.
- The number of floors in the house—there is less water pressure on the second floor than on the first floor.

In Neenah, the elevated tanks are designed to provide 60 pounds per square inch (psi) of pressure at maximum capacity. Since the tanks are only at maximum capacity for a brief time each day, the average pressure is closer to 55 psi.

During normal operating conditions, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources only requires a minimum pressure of 35 psi. If there is a huge demand, like a fire, the pressure can drop below 35 psi, but it is not allowed to go below 20 psi.

Police aid child victims

Neenah Police Detective **Chris Sievert** recently completed training to become an Advanced Forensic Interview Specialist. That allows him to perform recorded forensic interviews with child victims at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin - Child Advocacy Center. Detective Sievert will have access to the facility 24-7.

Lt. Steve Larson, Detective Sievert's supervisor, applauded this ability. "We can now interview a child victim immediately and not have

to wait as long as a week to get access to the proper facility. The special training Detective Sievert has developed can be passed on to other officers making all our interviews more effective," said Larson.

The department and the citizens in our community will be beneficiaries of Detective Sievert's skills and training as well as the partnership developed with the Child Advocacy Center. As with all the Police Department does, *Together We Succeed*.

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Number of elected officials who worked on the Rocket Build.

78

Number of volunteers who worked on the Rocket Build.

918

Number of volunteer hours needed to build the Plexus Rocket.

Meet your alderperson



Name:
Lee Hillstrom

Address:
1021 Sterling Ave.

District: 3

Years on Council: New

Occupation: Vice President, Munroe Studios, Inc.

Hobbies: I enjoy spending my free time in Neenah's great parks, going for walks, and doing a little gardening.

Community involvement: President of the Paper Valley Youth Soccer Club and the Neenah-Menasha Jaycees. Plexus Rocket Playground steering committee. Neenah Summer Fun Runs committee member. Parks & Recreation Commission. Cable TV Committee.

Family: Wife—Joy; son—Mike, daughter—Jackie.

Reason for government involvement: Between my small business and volunteering experience and my love for the City of Neenah, running for alderman was just a natural progression for me.

35

Percentage of your property tax that funds City services.

Neighbors helping neighbors

Are you interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch in your area? Call Crime Prevention Officer Pam Martin at 886-6022.



DID YOU KNOW?

- We are accepting contributions to restore the clock tower.
- Many of your neighbors are cooperating with Pair Up.
- Odd-Even parking system is now in effect.
- If you leave your grass/weeds grow, the City will cut and bill you.
- Nothing is allowed on the curb until 12 hours prior to pick-up.
- The City Hall drop-off site at the Tullar Garage is also open Saturdays 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., staffed by the Mayor, Aldermen, and State Representative Kaufert.
- You need a permit for an outdoor fire pit.
- The Cecil Street overpass will be finished by the end of this year.

Meet your citizen representatives

Name:
Water Commission

Meets:
Third Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Main purpose:
Directs and oversees all business connected with the Neenah Water Utility.

Contact for more information:
Water Utility Director Larry Wettering—886-66182.

Members:
Mayor George Scherck, President
Arthur Schmeichel, Secretary
Bill Pollnow
Mike Smaby
Lee Hillstrom
City Council Representative

Juvenile fire safety

Have you recently talked to your children about fire safety? This is an important topic that cannot be repeated enough times. As summer sets in many pre-teens and teens become "bored" and start to explore other options to occupy their attention; some turn to fire.

As he and his father took a seat in our conference room, the mood was light. He had a bounce in his step and a broad smile on his face, trying hard to mask his anxiety and guilt. The physical evidence remaining in his charred and blackened bedroom was a convincing indicator that I was about to interview a juvenile fire starter. The conversation was casual at first and frankly, truthful. Slowly, however, signs of deceit were jumping out at me. The broad smile had disappeared, replaced by a grim expression. Knowing I had caught him being dishonest several times, his head hung. Redirecting his eyes, welling up with salty tears, back to my eyes, his lower lip quivering, his hands shaking, my hand moved to his shoulder, the truth and the tears came gushing out. Details of how he set the fire were consistent with the physical evidence. I looked to Dad wiping

tears from his eyes also. Now, what do we do he asked? We recover, we rebuild, let's start with your son.

- Keep matches and lighters up high, out of reach, out of sight or locked up.
- Use child resistant lighters; remember, they are not child proof.
- Teach children not to touch matches or lighters and to report to an adult if they find matches or lighters.
- Never use matches or lighters as a source of amusement—our kids imitate us.
- Talk to your kids about the importance of fire safety and use real life examples of how their exploration could potentially harm people that they care about in a very dramatic way.
- If you child is unduly fascinated with fire or plays with matches or lighters contact a local community counseling agency or Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue at 886-6200.



Fire Rescue web site

<http://www.nmfire.org/>

PARKS & RECREATION

Senior Games

Tue., Aug. 21 — 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.—Jefferson Park, Menasha—Activities, entertainment, & a grilled chicken lunch. Open to all Seniors—\$8/person, includes a T-shirt. Transportation available. Sign up by Fri., Aug. 10. Forms at the City Hall Parks & Recreation office, the Menasha Senior Center, or the YMCA. No on-site registration. Co-sponsors: M&I Bank Prestige, Network Platinum Plus, Morton Pharmacy, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Volunteer Center of East Central Wisconsin/RSVP.

Fall Co-ed Adult Kickball

Revisit your schoolyard days by getting a kickball team together for a night of hitting the big red ball! Play begins Aug. 29. Registration packets at the City Hall Parks & Recreation office. (Ages 16+) Info: 886-6060.

Riverside Players Theatre in the Park

Biloxi Blues

A comedy by Neil Simon
(Rated PG-13)
Directed by Tim Marsh
June 20-24
8:00 p.m. Wed.-Sat.
7:00 p.m. Sun.

Sweet Charity

Bob Fosse's Musical
(Rated G)
Directed by Mike Schuh
July 19-22 & 25-29
8:00 p.m. Wed.-Sat.
7:00 p.m. Sun.

Reserve tickets/More information:
886-6060. Season tickets
available at a discount.



Mayor Scherck responds

Q Why was it necessary to get a court order for police to view the video of the man committing an indecent act in our public library?

A In 1981, the State Legislature passed a law to preserve the confidentiality of records in all public libraries. In November 2006, the Attorney General's office issued a ruling that surveillance tapes were library records and, therefore, could not be released without a court order. I found that to be totally ridiculous and have asked our state representatives to introduce legislation correcting this situation. Any law protecting this type of behavior must be changed.

Q Why did you propose another study of the Neenah Police Department?

A Ultimately, calls for accountability rightfully stop at my desk. That is the reason I asked the Council to conduct the original study (by RMA) that resulted in 61 recommendations for change in the department. That is the reason I presented the Police Chief with 13 management objectives and insisted on public scrutiny of the progress in implementing both. Now the Council has asked for a professional, independent review of the investigation of Dan Dringoli. When completed, whatever the results, it is time to move on and return to a focus on the positive plans and developments that make this community so special. The RMA study concluded that we have a

highly progressive and professional police force and that its men and women serve the community well. Let's not let this incident tarnish that well deserved reputation or the many positive things happening all around us.

Q What are the plans for the Green Bay Road/Winneconne Avenue corridor?

A In 1999, a study indicated significant traffic improvements were required when that area was fully developed. With the completion of Westowne, new businesses on the Krueger True Value corner and now the prospect of a high value retail/commercial development in the corridor, it is time to make the necessary improvements. To wait until the traffic situation becomes even more hazardous is simply delaying the inevitable. The Council supported my proposal to initiate the study/preliminary design and property acquisition as the first phase of this improvement. Whether this specific redevelopment plan materializes or not, it will be necessary to make changes to this corridor in the near future. To do it when we can utilize Tax Incremental Financing, before the traffic becomes worse, just plain makes good sense from a fiscal, planning, traffic, and tax base perspective.

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



600 S. Park Avenue

2007 POOL SEASON

FRIDAY, JUNE 8 - SUNDAY, AUG. 26

Open Swim 1:00 – 8:00 PM 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 18 – July 19 (no lessons week of July 2)
Session II: July 23 – August 16

Adult (16+) Water Exercise & Lap Swim

Noon – 12:45 PM (Monday – Thursday)

Community Spotlight

This issue's Community Spotlight focuses on all those people who contributed money and/or volunteered to participate in the **Community Build of the Plexus Rocket at Riverside Park.**

Led by local Rotarians, the build was completed in three days when it was expected to take six. The owner of the company supervising the build said it was the best group of volunteers he has ever

worked with, bar none. This was the fifth playground build that Rotary has led. Their manpower, when added to their \$20,000 contribution to this \$260,000 project, once again emphasizes what a valuable asset this group is to our community.

Thank you!
Plexus
&
Neenah Rotary

A special thanks to all Rotarians, to Plexus and its employees and to everyone who joined us in making this dream a reality for our children.

Neenah Community Band



Enjoying a Neenah Community Band concert at Riverside Park. See schedule at right.

Parks & Recreation Special Events

Event	Date	Open To Ages
Father's Day Fun T-Shirt Creation	Thu., June 14	All Ages
Family Movie Nights at the Neenah Pool	Jun. 15, Jul. 13 & Aug. 10	Families
Wal-Mart® Kid's All-American Fishing Derby	Fri., Jun. 22	Ages 6-16
4 th of July Tie Dye T-Shirts	Fri., Jun. 29	Ages 6-12
The Building For Kids Trip	Wed., Jul. 11	Ages 4-6
Cave Of The Mounds Trip	Thu., Jul. 19	Ages 6-12
Bowling (Regular & Bumper)	Thu., Jul. 26	Ages 5-12
Elks Club Soccer Shootout	Sat., Jul. 28	Ages 6-13
Terrific Turtles Trip (Heckrodt Wetlands Reserve)	Fri., Aug. 3	Ages 4-6

PARKS & RECREATION

Riverside Park Concerts

Neenah Community Band concerts at Riverside Park on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

- Jun. 5 - *Welcome Back, Summer!*
- Jun. 19 - *Riverside Blues*
- Jul. 4 - *COMMUNITYFEST!*
- Jul. 17 - *Movies in the Park*
- Jul. 31 - *Children's Concert*
- Aug. 14 - *Music of the World*
- Aug. 21 - *Ambassadors Dance Band*

Shattuck Park Concerts

Evening Concerts at Shattuck Park on Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m. Bring your own blanket or chair.

- Jun. 13 - *Boogie and the Yo-Yoz*
- Jun. 27 - *Andy's Automatics*
- Jul. 11 - *3 Beers to Dubuque*
- Jul. 25 - *Nashville Pipeline*
- Aug. 8 - *Cooper Box*
- Aug. 22 - *Sonic Circus*

Out to Lunch Concerts at Shattuck Park on Thursdays 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Bring or buy a lunch—(restaurant serving food noted).

- Jun. 7 - *Blueheels* - (Great Harvest)
- Jun. 14 - *D. Ruzicka Trio* - (Remington's)
- Jun. 21 - *Rob Anthony* - (Eddie's Sky Club)
- Jun. 28 - *Mike Mangione* - (Cousin's)
- Jul. 5 - *Ellery* - (Zuppa's)
- Jul. 12 - *Danville* - (Great Harvest)
- Jul. 19 - *Island Magic* - (Choices)
- Jul. 26 - *Hillary Reynolds* - (Remington's)
- Aug. 2 - *Stacks Edward Band* - (Choices)
- Aug. 9 - *Kevin Wells, Tom Theabo & Tony Taylor* - (Cousin's)
- Aug. 16 - *Fox Valley Symphony Quintet* - (Eddie's Sky Club)
- Aug. 23 - *Jazz Orgy* - (Zuppa's)
- Aug. 30 - *Danen Kane* - (Domino's)

**All concerts are free.
Donations welcome.**

LIBRARY

Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 - 9

Friday 9 - 6

Saturday 9 - 1

Sunday Closed

MMBK

Monday Morning Book Klatch is a book discussion where parents and caregivers are welcome to bring children (and are responsible for their care). Light refreshments are provided, along with toys for the kids. Pick up a copy of the book at the checkout desk—ask for the MMBK book. Shattuck Community Room, 10:00 a.m. Information: Nicole—886-6315.

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

Jul. 23 — *March* — Geraldine Brooks

Aug. 20 — *Rattled* — Debra Galant

Readers Review

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

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

Jul. 16 — *The Kitchen Boy* — Robert Alexander

Aug. 20 — *Slaughterhouse Five* — Kurt Vonnegut

Sep. 17 — *I Feel Bad About My Neck* — Nora Ephron (nonfiction)

Movies

Movies at the Library on Tuesday nights in August at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn and soda will be served. Information: 886-6315.

Aug. 7 — *Arthur and the Invisibles* (rated PG)

Aug. 14 — *Astronaut Farmer* (rated PG)

Aug. 21 — *Bridge to Terabithia* (rated PG)

Aug. 28 — *Wild Hogs* (rated PG-13)

Volunteer of the Year



Al Kahl has logged over 200 hours of volunteer time during the past nine months at the library. He helps manage the DVD collection by sorting, preparing, and shelving movies that have been checked in by library staff. Circulation manager Nancy Britten calls him, "Hardworking, dedicated, organized, and efficient." For his outstanding service, the Friends of the Library have named him 2007 Volunteer of the Year.

Al's keen sense of humor has endeared him to staff, who call him, "Video Al." He even sent a postcard to staff from a spring vacation, reassuring them that he would be back soon. "I like working here," says Kahl, "the people are nice."

The son of a retired librarian from Ohio, Kahl is a retired research and development associate who worked at Appleton Papers. He also volunteers for the American Red Cross, at Packer games through St. Patrick's Church, and at St. Joe's Food Pantry.

The Friends annually select a volunteer of the year from the over 50 active library volunteers. "We literally could not keep the library open without our volunteers," said library director Stephen Proce. "They are our lifesavers and we appreciate them very much."



Special Events for Teens @ the library

Circle of Drums with Bill Kehl

An interactive musical experience designed for participants to explore and enjoy the timeless tradition of percussion. Instruments provided, or bring your own.

Thu., Jul. 12 — 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Chess, Etc., with Max Davies

A chance for beginners and experienced players to play chess and improve skills. Chess will be the focus, but other games of strategy may be introduced. Games boards provided.

Mondays—Jun. 11, 18, 25; Jul. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30—7:00-8:00 p.m.

Make-it-Yourself Nights with Dodie

Make a macramé choker with beads on the first night and an accordion-folded memory book (sports events, special occasions) on the second night. Supplies provided.

Wednesdays—Jun. 20; Jul. 25—6:30-7:15 p.m.

Summer safety tips

Summer is here, and so are the scrapes, bumps, and bruises caused by accidents and other injuries. Many childhood injuries are preventable, and families can take simple steps to ensure that their children have a safe summer:

- Our family buckles up on every car ride.
- Our family members all wear bike helmets regularly.
- Kids are always supervised in or near water.
- Our home has working smoke detectors and we check the batteries monthly.
- Our water heater is set at no higher than 120°F to prevent scald burns.

- If guns are kept in our home, they are kept unloaded and locked away at all times.
- Kids are protected against falls from windows, stairs, furniture, playground equipment, and other potentially hazardous household items.
- Household cleaners, medications, and vitamins are stored out of young children's reach.
- Kids under 10 never cross streets alone.
- Our home has emergency numbers posted near telephones and first aid supplies.

For more information, contact the Neenah Health Dept. - 886-6155.

Get A Clue @ Your Library

Neenah Public Library & Neenah Joint School District Summer Library Program

Neenah Public Library Summer Library Program

June 11 - August 3

For more information, stop by the library or call 886-6335.

Neenah Joint School District

elementary school libraries will be open Mondays through Thursdays

June 18-28 and July 9-26

8:00-11:00 a.m.

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

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

Neenah Public Library Book Groups

Registration is required and begins Jun. 11 at the Youth desk or by phone—886-6335.

Library Detectives

Kids going into 2nd grade. Mondays: Jun. 18, 25; Jul. 9, 16, 23, 30.

Reading Sleuths

Kids going into 3rd and 4th grades. Wednesdays: Jun. 20, 27; Jul. 18; Aug. 1.

Clue Chasers

Kids going into 5th and 6th grades. Thursdays: Jun. 21; Jul. 12; Aug. 2.



Neenah Public Library Special Events & Family Nights

Comedy Magic of Lou Lepore

Bringing smiles to faces of all ages! Tue., Jun. 12 — 6:30 p.m.

Art in a Suitcase in *The Case of the Seven Mystery Animals!*

A little natural history museum that travels! Mary Tooley. Ages 5+ Thu., Jun. 14 — 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

Casey & Greg

Enthusiastic musicians play guitars, mandolin, harmonica, and sing in beautiful harmony.

Tue., Jun. 19 — 6:30 p.m.

La Cuentista Lista (The Clever Storyteller)

Stories that promote reading and celebrate diversity. Multicultural and multilingual. Kay Elmsley Weeden. Tue., Jun. 26 — 6:30 p.m.

Frogs & Toads

Children will experience frogs and toads by holding, feeding, and listening to them—from tiny spring peepers to big bullfrogs. Randy Korb. Tue., Jul. 10 — 6:30 p.m.

Comedy & Magic with Jeffrey McMullen

Jeffrey will tickle your funny bone with over 25 years of experience in family entertainment.

Tue., Jul. 17 — 1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Will & Branch

“Will & Branch are the best kind of musicians—making everything they play their own, while acknowledging the tradition from which the music comes.” *Sing Out!* magazine.

Tue., Jul. 24 — 6:30 p.m.

Debra Morningstar, Oneida Storyteller

Debra weaves tribal teachings, songs, and stories into an entertaining and educational cultural presentation.

Tue., Jul. 31 — 6:30 p.m.

Bob Kann—Storyteller, Juggler, Magician

Kann dramatizes stories from contemporary children’s literature, tells folktales from around the world, and juggles everything but the kitchen sink.

Fri., Aug. 3 — 1:00 p.m.

LIBRARY

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. More information: Pat at 886-6330. Enrollment is limited. Call 886-6335 to register or stop by the Youth desk—and get a copy of the book. Minimum age to participate is 9.

Jun. 26 — 7:00 p.m. — *Saffy’s Angel* — Hilary McKay

Jul. 31 — 7:00 p.m. — *Permanent Rose* — Hilary McKay

Storytimes and More!

Lullaby time—Mon.—6:30 p.m.—Storytime - ages birth to 23 months, with a caregiver.

OurTime—Tue.—10:00 a.m. & Wed.—1:00 p.m.—Storytime - ages 3-5, without a caregiver.

Family Time—Tue.—6:30 p.m.—Special performances including magic, music, storytelling, reptiles, and more. (No program Jul. 3)

Babytime—Wed.—9:15 a.m.—Storytime - ages birth to 12 months, with a caregiver.

Lapsit—Wed. & Thu.—10:00 a.m.—Storytime - age 2, with a caregiver.

Toddletime—Thu. & Fri.—9:15 a.m.—Storytime - ages 12 to 23 months, with a caregiver.

Art Time—Fri.—11:00 a.m.—3-5 year-olds; Fri.—1:00 p.m. 6-8 year-olds.—Story and art projects.

Adults—Get a Clue!

Join the adult annual Summer Library Program. Register in person or online at <http://www.neenahlibrary.org/adultsummer.htm>. For every book read, fill out a slip and drop it off for weekly drawings. Weekly prize of an autographed book; grand prizes include a digital camera. Information: 886-6315.

Clocktower Restoration

*Looking Back—
Moving Forward*

Neenah's most enduring historical symbol is in need of a major renovation.

A portion of the necessary funds for the restoration is already in hand. At this time, Friends of the Clocktower Restoration are embarking on a fundraising campaign to raise an additional \$135,000 to complete Phase One and return this historical icon to a status that will restore community pride. The restoration has been divided into two phases:

Phase One: Restore the clock back to working order; restoration and refinishing of the existing bell; restore bricked-in openings back to windows on street facades; addition of accent lighting throughout, including the bell tower and the clock faces; and restoration of the masonry.

Phase Two: Restore bricked-in openings back to windows on rear facades; replace nonconforming masonry with brick to match original work; and creation of a landscaped public plaza around the tower.

Today, the Clocktower stands as the last remnant of the beautiful old City Hall that symbolized the growth and prosperity of early Neenah. Your generosity will insure that this treasured landmark will be there for future generations to enjoy.

Donations may be sent to the office of Mayor George Scherck, City Hall, 211 Walnut Street, Neenah, WI 54956. Make checks out to Friends for the Clock Tower Restoration.

West Nile Virus: risks & prevention

Are you at Risk?

West Nile Virus is spread to people primarily by the bite of a mosquito infected with the virus. Mosquitoes get infected with West Nile Virus by feeding on infected birds. Once infected with the virus, a mosquito can transmit the virus to other animals and birds. Anyone can get infected with West Nile Virus, but older people are at a greater risk of acquiring severe illness from the virus. Symptoms usually occur within 3 to 14 days after a West Nile Virus infected mosquito bites a person.

Approximately 80% of the people infected with the West Nile Virus do not become ill. About 20% of remaining infected people may experience a mild illness with fever, headache, eye pain, muscle aches, joint pain, a rash on the trunk, swollen lymph nodes, or nausea and vomiting. Less than 1% of infected people may become severely ill and in rare cases infection may be fatal, particularly in the elderly and people with other medical conditions. Symptoms of severe illness include extreme muscle weakness, inflammation of the brain, paralysis, and coma. Persons who think they may have West Nile Virus should consult their primary care provider as soon as possible.

Preventing an infection

Take the following personal protective measures:

- Avoid being outside during times of

high mosquito activity, specifically around dawn and dusk.

- When outdoors, use effective mosquito repellent containing the active ingredient DEET not exceeding 30% concentration on clothing and exposed skin.
- Wear long sleeved shirts, long pants, socks, and shoes when outdoors.

**Dead Bird Hotline
1-800-433-1610**

- Maintain window screens in good repair to decrease indoor contact with mosquitoes.

- Do not provide a breeding ground for

mosquitoes—remove containers, old tires, and any objects where water can collect and mosquitoes can lay eggs.

The Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services continues to provide dead bird surveillance of crows, blue jays and ravens. Persons who observe a dead bird in their yard or who have a question about a dead bird should call the state's Dead Bird Hotline: 1-800-433-1610.

The hotline is staffed daily to respond to citizen reports of sick or dead birds and requests for West Nile Virus testing.

For further information regarding West Nile Virus, please call the Neenah Department of Public Health at 886-6155. A disease fact sheet on West Nile Virus can be found at the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services web site:

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/factsheets/>

Tax Collection Hours for July 31 payment

The final installment of Real Estate Property Taxes is due on Tue., Jul. 31, 2007. Taxes may be placed in the night deposit box next to the drive up window on or before July 31 or payments may be postmarked July 31 and will be considered on time. Treasurer's Office hours are Mon.-Thu., 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

City Garage Drop-Off Site

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Sat. 8:30-11:30 a.m.
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