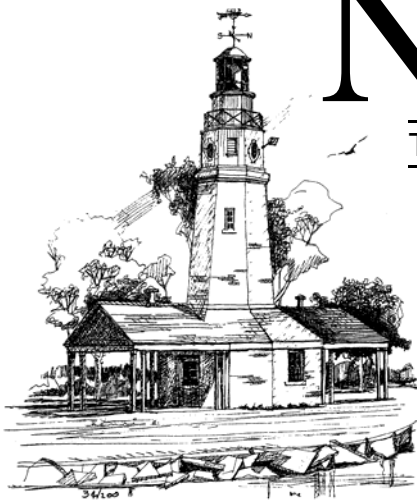


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www.ci.neenah.wi.us

Message from Mayor George Scherck

This past year has been a time of progress and even greater promise for our community. But government cannot rest on its laurels or be satisfied with the status quo. The new year will be a time of several new initiatives in the City of Neenah.

As part of our ongoing effort to keep people informed and involved, we now televise all Council meetings, which will be replayed on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 6:00 p.m., on cable Channel 2.

Our community is also moving toward recognition as an eco-municipality that endeavors to make concern for our environment a factor in City decision

making — recognizing that we have a responsibility to pass on to the next generation a sustainable community. The challenge to accomplish this vision is not merely for government but for each of us to do our part.

The Police Department will soon unveil an initiative to further our efforts to control speeding and increase safety in our neighborhoods. Stopping at stop signs and driving the speed limit are not voluntary activities but rather a mandate for each of us.

Our commitment to maintain the city's infrastructure will focus on reconstruction of three major arterials: S. Commercial St., the Green Bay Road/Winneconne corridor, and S. Lake St. In addition, we will continue to resurface residential streets with 10 additional projects this year.

As part of an on-going commitment

to doing more with less, 2008 will see the consolidation of the Public Works Dept. and Water Utility under one director, increasing efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

A multi-million dollar redevelopment project on Doty Island and a proposed Community Development Authority site assembly, Brownfield clean-up, and redevelopment project in the downtown area will continue our successful efforts to enhance the tax base—one more way we work to control the increase in property taxes.



The most damaging phrase in the language is: "It's always been done that way."

Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper

Citizens are reminded that if they have questions or concerns about these initiatives or any other subject, stop in the library and come to a Meet the Mayor session, stop anytime at my office for a visit, call, or e-mail me.

Remember, government in a democracy is not run by the majority, but rather by the majority who show up. Government governs best when you are informed and involved.

Let's all pray that 2008 is the year that brings peace to our nation, continued growth and prosperity to our community, and health and happiness to our families.

Best wishes,

Refuse & Recycling Guide Inside

Contact us!

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Credits

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

34

Percentage of your property tax that funds city services.

Unexpected benefits from water plant

The new water treatment plant was built to meet new and pending water quality regulations and to increase the capacity to meet anticipated needs as the City grows. It has accomplished both of these goals.

However, an unexpected benefit is the reduction in the number of water main breaks and service leaks throughout the City since the new plant went on line. From 2004 through 2006 we averaged 58 water main breaks per year. In 2007 we have had only 27 water main breaks through the end of October. Most of those occurred in January and February before the new plant went on line.

The old plant was served by two pump stations, one at the plant and one at the Cedar Street Reservoir. When these pumps were turned on, there was an immediate surge of pressure through the water distribution system. Pipe that had weakened over

the years due to corrosion was susceptible to breaking when the surge of pressure occurred.

The new plant has only one larger pump station. The old pumps at both pump stations were rehabilitated and moved to the new pump station; variable frequency drives were added. Now, when these pumps are turned on, the pressure in the pipe slowly ramps up to the desired level, almost eliminating the surge of pressure.

Each time we dig in the street to repair a water main break or service leak, it is expensive. So the reduction in breaks has saved a significant amount of money this year.

In addition, the old pumps were generally "full" flow or "no" flow. We now have the ability to adjust the flow for each pump within a fixed range to obtain more exact pumping volume. This makes energy usage more efficient.

Police Chief's Citizen Advisory Board

The Neenah Police Chief's Citizen Advisory Board met Tues., Nov. 13, 2007 to establish its purpose, vision and board responsibilities.

Members include Steve Morton, President of Morton Pharmacy; Gerald Rickman, Fox Valley Technical College (retired); Jeff McGregor, Youth Pastor at First United Methodist Church; Dr. Mark Westfall, Theda Clark Regional Medical Center; and Mark Ellis, Marketing, Town & Country Electric.

The purpose of board is to build new collaborative community rela-

tionships between community groups and the Neenah Police Department providing avenues for the community to engage the police department in its ability to identify issues before they become problems and adapt to the community's changing needs and demands.

"I am excited about the energy and enthusiasm of this group," said Neenah Police Chief Ray Appel. "The ties these citizens have with the community will provide yet another avenue to help us understand the desires and needs of the people we serve and provide better service."



PAIR UP to save tax dollars

The PAIR UP program is saving the City tax dollars! Our crews have noticed approximately 10-15% of you are already "pairing up" on a regular basis.

With over 8,750 households in Neenah, pairing up could save more than 4,000 stops per week. Fewer stops means less wear and tear on garbage trucks caused by frequent starting and stopping and a

much more efficient operation. Please talk with your neighbor and see if you can place garbage cans together.

IF 50% of the homes would "pair-up," the purchase of an additional \$250,000 garbage truck can be deferred for many years.

Join the growing number of citizens who PAIR UP to help save City tax dollars. Thank you!



Meet your citizen representatives

Name:

Loan Assistance Board

Meets:

On call.

Main purpose:

Reviews applications for business and housing rehabilitation loans.

Contact for more information:

Assistant Planner Carol Kasimor—
886-6128.

Members:

James Czech, Chair

Michelle Bauer

Bonnie Flegle

Joyce Speech

Marge Bates

City Council Representative

Mayor elected Vice President

Mayor George Scherck was recently elected 2nd Vice President of the Wisconsin League of Municipalities at the League's annual meeting in Milwaukee. Scherck's election by Wisconsin's Mayors and Village Presidents means he will become President of the League in 2010.

The League, with 571 member municipalities, is a non-profit, non-partisan association of cities and villages working to advance municipal government.

"Because Wisconsin municipalities represent 70% of Wisconsin citizens, I look forward to working with other elected representatives in our combined effort to serve the interests of our citizens," Scherck said.

10,000

Projected number of vehicles that will use the Timothy Hamblin Bridge on Cecil Street daily.

Credit card option

A credit card payment option is now available for Real Estate Tax payments. This option can be selected 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, located on the first floor of City Hall, has one available for processing payments.

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 for credit card payments, charges a 2.75% convenience fee for this service. American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa are accepted.

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: Jan. 31, Mar. 3, Mar. 27

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

DID YOU KNOW?

- When walking or biking at night, **wear reflective gear** to let motorists know where you are.
- **Sidewalks** need to be **shoveled** within 24 hours of a snowfall.
- It's OK to put **garbage on the curb** during daylight hours the day before your pickup.
- Many citizens are beginning to **Pair Up**, combining garbage at one location with their next-door neighbor because it is good for the environment and saves money.
- You can **drop off a flag** that needs to be disposed of at City Hall.
- You can play a role in making Neenah a **Sustainable Community**.
- Neenah **water rates** are once again among the lowest in the Valley.
- Neenah police officers helped raise \$15,000 for **Special Olympics**.
- **Dog and cat licenses** for the 2008 calendar year are due by March 31 and may be purchased at the City Hall Treasurer's Office. A valid rabies vaccination certificate is required each year in order to license your pet.
- As of Nov. 1, the **Clocktower Committee** has \$77,000 available, with 66 donors. Kuehl Electric has stepped forward and offered to do all of the electrical work. Our goal is to raise \$195,000 in contributions, pledges and in-kind contributions. If you would like to help us preserve this part of Neenah's rich heritage, send your tax-deductible check to Friends of the Clocktower c/o Mayor George Scherck, 211 Walnut St. Neenah WI 54956.

Property tax collection dates & hours

Payments can always be made at the Treasurer's Office on the first floor of City Hall, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Friday (except holidays).

First installment or in full payments can be made in January only at the Associated Banks, Wells Fargo Bank, M & I Bank, First National Bank Fox Valley, and Bank Mutual (Neenah locations only).

Due date for first installment and for in full payments:

Thursday, January 31, 2008

Due date for second installment:

Monday, March 31, 2008

Due date for third installment:

Monday, June 2, 2008

Due date for the fourth installment:

Thursday, July 31, 2008

For more information, call 886-6143.

PARKS & RECREATION

Leisure Connections

Leisure Connections, the *January to May Activities Guide* has been distributed through Neenah schools. The *Guide* includes youth and adult activities as well as parks and facilities information. Additional copies are available at www.neenahgov.org, the City Hall Parks & Recreation office, or at the Neenah Public Library. Activity registrations and building rentals accepted online.

Volleyball!

Get your friends, family, co-workers, or neighbors together for fun in the sun! **Adult Summer Co-ed Sand Volleyball leagues** for 16-year-olds and up will play on the Neenah Pool courts on Thurs. evenings. **Tentative** starting date is Jun. 12 for the 10-week session. Registrations packets available at the City Hall Parks & Recreation office or at www.neenahgov.org on Feb. 4. Team entry **deadline** is May 16. Limited spaces available.

Softball!

Exciting adult softball action Mon., Wed., and Thu. Evenings May through mid-Aug. Leagues play 12 games at Memorial or Washington parks. **Tentative** starting date is the week of Apr. 28. Registration packets will be mailed to 2007 team managers and will be available at the City Hall Parks & Recreation office or at www.neenahgov.org on Jan. 7. Team entry **deadline** is Mar. 20. Limited spaces available.

- Men's (A & B) - Mon. & Thu.
- Co-ed (A & B) - Wed.
- Men's over 35—Thu.

1300

Cubic yards of concrete used in the Cecil Street Overpass project.

Mayor Scherck responds

Q What action did the City recently take to move toward becoming a Sustainable Community?

A I recently proposed a resolution, which was adopted by the Council, that commits the City, when economically feasible, to move toward the goal of becoming an eco-municipality; a community that aspires to develop an ecologically, economically, and socially healthy community.

The goal is to create a more sustainable community, building on the actions the City has already taken, to reduce reliance on fossil fuels, reduce energy consumption, seek out alternative energy sources, and reduce reliance on chemicals and other substances that can accumulate in nature. For example, the City is exploring solar energy as an alternative for municipal facilities.

Neenah joins six other Wisconsin

communities that have committed to this principle and challenges all citizens to find ways that they can develop a personal philosophy and action plan for stewardship. Things to consider include:

- Replace light bulbs with compact fluorescents.
- Turn down the thermostat.
- Avoid fertilizers that contain phosphorus.
- Mulch your leaves & keep grass clippings out of the street.
- Participate in the **Pair Up** program.

As more ideas and recommendations are developed, we will continue to keep you informed of our progress and of what you can do to help us accomplish our shared vision of passing on a better community to the next generation.

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

Community Spotlight

This edition's community spotlight shines on **Cari Lendrum**, a devoted community activist. Cari started her involvement by taking her Golden Retriever, Barney, to Theda Clark as a therapy dog, putting a smile on the faces of young and old alike. Her experiences at the hospital led to a commitment to serving our senior citizens. Cari developed a

website of local services called, "How to care for your aging parent." See www.caringforyouragingparents.com.

Cari was appointed by Mayor Scherck to the Committee on Aging, serves on the Mayor's Citizen Advisory Committee and is secretary of the Doty Island Development Council. Neenah is a better place because of people like Cari Lendrum.



Steps toward Sustainable Neenah

Prior to initiating the efforts to become a sustainable community, Neenah has already taken significant steps in that direction. Actions include:

- A highly successful recycling program.
- Use of recycled oil to heat the City garage.
- Replacing traffic signals with less energy using LED lights.
- Replacing incandescent lights with compact fluorescents.
- Leadership in construction of roundabouts.

- Support for enabling legislation to authorize a Regional Transportation Authority.
- An expanding trail system.
- Support for green development in the Church Condominium project.
- Adoption of the 20/20 Comprehensive Plan.
- Tree City USA designation.
- Direction from Mayor Scherck to explore solar energy options.
- Exploring the purchase of a nitrogen compressor that improves fuel mileage and extends tire life.

Summer Director positions available

Riverside Players ~ Theatre in the Park

Straight Show
June 25-29

Musical
July 24-27 &
July 30-August 3

Shows performed at the Riverside Park Pavilion. Send theatrical credentials and show proposal(s) by **January 18 to:**

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

Questions on salary and responsibilities? Interested in other staff positions (Tech Director, Music Director, Costumer, Choreographer, or Orchestra Member)? Call 886-6060.



In addition to your theatrical credentials, please include the following for each show proposed:

- A brief synopsis of the show content.
- The number of cast members (males & females).
- The date you believe the proposed show was last performed in the area.
- The company that holds the royalty rights to the show (if you know).

Riverside Park gets a new road

Riverside Park has a new entrance and road, designed to slow down traffic in the park. The width of the road was narrowed, however, it can still accommodate snowplows and emergency vehicles. Spaces for handicapped parking were created inside the park, across from the pavilion.

These changes, along with enforcing the "no parking" rule will help make the park safer, particularly with the increased activity at the new Plexus Rocket playground. The work that would have been done to build a wider new road and associated curb might have damaged a number of trees. By narrowing the road, all the existing trees were saved.

In a related matter, the north side of Wisconsin Avenue adjacent to the park has been changed to angle parking. This will increase the number of parking stalls from 52 to 90.

Grand Times

A Workshop for Grandparents who spend time with their Grandkids. Feb. 6, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

The grandkids are coming for a visit! How can I make their visit special and fun? Workshop will focus on the grandparent/grandchild relationship and how you can close the generation gap together for an enjoyable visit.

Workshop will focus on how to better understand today's child and their playing habits as well as low cost activities you can share with your grandkids.

Join us at the NEW Memorial Park shelter for coffee, juice, and a muffin. Handouts will be available on all activity ideas presented.

Pre-registration is required at least one week in advance of the workshop.

Register today by visiting us at the City Hall Parks & Recreation office or at www.neenahgov.org.

PARKS & RECREATION

Neenah Community Band

Spring 2008 Concert, Mar. 16, 2:30 p.m. Neenah High School Pickard Auditorium, 1275 Tullar Rd., Neenah.

FREE admission. Donations accepted to help fund student scholarships.

Summer Part-Time Job Openings

Applications are available at the City Hall Parks & Recreation Department Office (211 Walnut St.), Neenah High School Student Services Office, or at www.neenahgov.org.

Deadline for accepting applications is Fri., Feb. 8.

Jobs are open to **15-year-olds and older**. The minimum age requirement varies with the position. Check the job descriptions.

Recreation Instructors: Archery, Baseball, Tot Lot, Crafts, Playgrounds, Drama, Nature Quest, Tumbling, Operation Rec., Tennis, Golf, Soccer, Tot Sports.

Swimming Pool Jobs: Lifeguards, Lesson Instructors, Concessionaires, Admission Controllers.

Other: Softball Scorers, Umpires, Volleyball Officials, Park & Cemetery Maintenance Workers.

Competitive Wages & Excellent Working Conditions. Call 886-6060 for more information.

1.83

Percent increase in the City's general fund expenditures for 2008.

Elections

Spring Primary:
Tuesday, February 19
(Presidential Preference Primary)

Spring Election:
Tuesday, April 1

Partisan Primary
Tuesday, September 9

General Election
Tuesday, November 4

LIBRARY

School Year Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 - 9

Friday 9 - 6

Saturday 9 - 5

Sunday 1 - 5

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. Ask at the second floor Adult Services Desk for a copy of the book. Shattuck Community Room, 10:00 a.m. Information: Nicole — hardina-wilhelm@neenahlibrary.org; 886-6315.

Jan. 28 — *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert

Feb. 25 — *Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield

Mar. 24 — *Kabul Beauty School* by Deborah Rodriguez

Apr. 28 — *Blackbird House* by Alice Hoffman

Readers Review

The Readers Review book club welcomes adults to discuss the following books at 6:30 p.m. in the Carpenter Conference Room. Pick up a copy of the book at the Adult Desk. Information: Cheryl — 886-6315; kraft@neenahlibrary.org.

Jan. 25 — *The Story of Lucy Gault* by William Trevor

Feb. 18 — *Holy Cow: an Indian Adventure* by Sarah Macdonald

Mar. 17 — *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

Western Swing Band

Feb. 24 — **The North Country Drifters Western Swing Band** will perform at 2:00 p.m. in the Shattuck Community Room. Western music from the 1930s-'50s, including classic songs from Jimmie Rodgers, Ernest Tubb, and Willie Nelson. Refreshments will be served. Free. More information: 886-6315.

Fox Cities Reads Alice Hoffman!

All Fox Valley residents are invited to read books by Alice Hoffman, author of acclaimed novels, short stories, and books for children and teens. Her novel *Here on Earth* was a featured Oprah Book Club title.



Featured titles in the **Fox Cities Reads** program will be *Blackbird House* and the teen novel *Green Angel*. Our library has many copies of each for checkout.

Alice Hoffman will give a presentation at our library on Fri., Apr. 18 at 10:00 a.m. There will also be a book signing/reception. Due to the expected crowds, tickets will be required. Watch local news for more details. For more information, contact the li-

brary at 886-6315, visit our website at www.neenahlibrary.org, or go to www.foxcitiesreads.org for full program information.

In addition to a Fox Valley community reads program, our library is part of the **Fox Cities Book Festival**, which takes place Apr. 17-20. Events taking place across the Valley include former poet laureate Billy Collins, poet Naomi Shihab Nye, and author Charles Baxter, whose novel *Feast of Love* was recently released as a motion picture.

For more information, go to www.foxcitiesbookfestival.org or call the library at 886-6315.

These area-wide literary events are sponsored by local libraries and many other organizations.

Adult Afternoon Programs

The first Monday of the month (with one exception) brings interesting programs to the library's Shattuck Community Room at 2:00 p.m.

Jan. 28 — **Bioterrorism and the Avian Flu** with Dr. Robert Dedmon.

Feb. 4 — **Diecast Cars and Airplanes** with Dave Roebke.

Mar. 3 — **Gone but not Forgotten: Milwaukee's Lost Homes of Grand Avenue** with John Eastberg, Pabst Mansion Director of Development.

Income tax help

The AARP, in cooperation with the IRS, will be offering free tax help for low- and middle-income tax filers (with special attention to those 60 and over). Trained and certified volunteers will prepare your tax return without charge.

If your return is relatively complex, you will be advised to seek professional tax assistance.

The volunteers are scheduled for Monday afternoons 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the Carpenter Conference Room at the Neenah Public Library, Feb. 4-Mar. 24. No appointments are necessary.

Watch local media for more information.

9-1-1 emergency calls

Did you ever wonder whom you would be talking to when you call 911? Some think they are calling their local police or fire station. In most counties in Wisconsin a central emergency call taking center, called a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) receives these calls. PSAPs coordinate all public safety response within their service area. In addition to police, fire, and ambulance, this could include emergency management resources, wrecker services, crisis response volunteers, or chaplains and utilities. PSAPs can also coordinate response from state and federal agencies as well as private rescue services.

Around the north end of Lake Winnebago we have three PSAPs servicing all public safety agencies in their respective counties. They are in Appleton, Oshkosh, and Chilton and are connected by a wide area network to the Brown County PSAP.

These PSAPs all operate off of a shared Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system that tracks your call for service and the resources available. A call can come into any of the PSAPs and entered into the CAD system and the information is automatically routed to the proper dispatcher in the proper PSAP.

Neenah Kids Read: One Book Together

2008 Kids Community Reading Celebration

Why?

By inviting all the youth (ages 9-12) of Neenah to read one exceptional book together, our community will lift up and celebrate the power of books to enrich our lives.

When?

February and March 2008. Details soon!

Who?

Children ages 9-12 alone, or together with their families.

What?

Register to read *The Last Dragon* by Silvana De Mari and receive a free dragon finger puppet! Copies of the book will be available for an extended loan period. Exciting dragon craft programs and book discussion groups will be offered.

Where?

Youth Services—call 886-6335 for more information or email youthdesk@neenahlibrary.org.

The Story

In a post-apocalyptic world, Yorsh struggles to survive as the earth's last elf. Soon Yorsh discovers he is part of a powerful prophecy: when the last dragon and the last elf break the circle, the past and future will meet, and the sun of a new summer will shine in the sky.

The Reviews

"With its combination of humor and deeply felt emotion, *The Last Dragon*, fueled by De Mari's powerhouse talent, will leave readers enthralled."
—Hornbook

"At times hilarious, at times poignant, and always entertaining, the story will grip young fantasy fans."
—Booklist

"The author weaves a beautifully crafted tale, filled with humor, horror, desperation, and dreams."
—Children's Literature

Prepare for winter weather

Has this ever happened to you? It's -3 degrees Fahrenheit, the light west wind drops the wind chill to -12 degrees. You and yours have just stepped outside the restaurant after a holiday celebration, the main doors close and lock behind you.

Your group makes its way to the family sedan, snow squeaking underfoot, frosted windows, crackling seats, chilled fingertips, and visible breath vapor outside and inside the car as well. You fumble for the key, insert it in the ignition switch and give it a turn. Then, the car won't start.

Winter weather is here. It's vital that you take some precautions and plan ahead for the "What ifs."

What if...

- I get caught in a snowstorm?
- I'm faced with extreme cold conditions?
- I have chest pain while shoveling snow?

Consider these winter weather safety tips:

- ♦ Share your travel plans with a

friend: where you're going, when you are leaving, and when you're planning to arrive. Carry a cell phone.

- ♦ Have your auto tuned-up and stock these basics: jumper cables, extra clothes, blankets, a flashlight, boots, non-perishable foods, and a shovel.



- ♦ Dress in layers and keep your ears, face, and fingers covered. Wear non-slip footwear.

- ♦ While working or exercising, be aware of any abnormal chest pain, dizziness, or shortness of breath. If any of these occur, stop what you're doing and summon assistance.

- ♦ Keep your hands and clothes away from the moving parts of your snow blower. Turn the machine off before performing any maintenance or repair.

- ♦ Take frequent breaks, warm yourself slowly, and sip a warm beverage, chill out.

Safely enjoy the upcoming winter season! Questions or comments, please contact Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue, 886-6200.

LIBRARY

Girlfriends Read

Explore the joy of children's literature with girlfriends, moms, aunts, sisters, grandmothers, & neighbors. A reading group 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. Enrollment is limited; call 886-6335 to register. Pick up a copy of the book at the Youth Desk. Information: Pat —hewitt@neenahlibrary.org; 886-6335. Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Ages 9+.

Jan. 27 — *The Klipfish Code* by Mary Casanova

Feb. 24 — *The Saturdays* by Elizabeth Enright

Apr. 27 — *Penny from Heaven* by Jennifer L. Holm

Storytimes!

Winter storytimes are Jan. 8—May 23. No registration is required. More information: 886-6335.

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

Toddletime — Tue. or Fri. at 10:30 a.m. (Toddlers, 12-23 months old).

Lapsit — Wed. at 10:00 a.m.; Thu. at 9:15 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. (2-year-olds with a caregiver).

OurTime — Tue. At 9:15 a.m. and Wed. at 1:00 p.m. — (For children 3- to 5-years-old without a caregiver).

Storycraft — Stories & crafts for children aged 3 to 6 only without a caregiver. Fridays at 1:00 p.m. on Jan. 11, 18, 25; Feb. 8, 15, 22; Mar. 14, 21, 28; Apr. 11, 18, 25; May 9, 16, 23.

4-5readers@npl

A book group just for fourth and fifth graders will meet at 1:00 p.m. Talk about the book, do an activity related to the story, have a snack, and get some new book ideas. Please register to attend: call 886-6335 or email youthdesk@neenahlibrary.org.

Jan. 5 — *The Star of Kazan* by Eva Ibbotson

Feb. 2 — *The Castle Corona* by Sharon Creech

Mar. 1 — *Al Capone does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko

2008 Construction

Street Construction (*includes water-main relay and/or sewer work)

- Alexander/Bruce/Lexington
- Austin St. (Jackson to McKinley)
- Caroline St. (Church to Isabella)
- Cecil St. (Tullar to Stuart)
- S. Commercial St. (Lyon to S. Park)*
- Curtis Ave. (Commercial to Henry)
- Edna Ave. (Clybourn to Center)
- Jackson St. (Commercial to Henry)
- S. Lake St. (Main to Western)*
- Langley Blvd. (Commercial to Marathon)
- Mark Ct.
- McKinley St. (Austin to Henry)
- Nicolet Blvd. (Third to Lake Winnebago)
- Ninth St. (Forest to Nicolet)*
- Orange St. (Commercial to Higgins)
- Park Drive (Nicolet to Forest)
- Riverlawn St. (Western to S. Lake)*
- Second St. (Nicolet to Forest)
- Stevens St. (Doty to Congress)*
- Thomas Ct.*
- Whitlow/Mayer (Harrison to Main)*
- Wright Ave. (Commercial to Marathon)

2" Bituminous Surface

- Remington Rd.
- Remington Ct.
- Paintbrush Rd.
- Shootingstar Dr.
- Hedgeview Dr.
- Amendment Dr.

Watermain Relay

- Reddin Ave. (Cecil to Winneconne)
- Hunt Ave. (Cecil to Madison)
- Claire Ave. (Geiger to Main)
- Betty Ave. (Gail to Cecil)
- Madison St. (Reddin to Zemlock)

Snow and ice removal

Once again the winter season is upon us. We would like to remind all residents of the City's snow and ice removal regulations.

According to Municipal Code 14-3 (b), the owner/occupant of a lot abutting the sidewalk within the City is responsible for clearing the sidewalk of snow and ice within 24 hours of the cessation of any snowstorm.

Failure to remove snow or ice from the sidewalk will result in the City completing the work and the owner facing a potential forfeiture for violating the ordinance and paying the cost of removal. The forfeiture for violating the ordinance is \$109 for the first offense and the minimum charge for the cost of removal is \$105.

The Public Works Department will attempt to contact the owner of the property where the snow or ice needs removal, however, according to Municipal Code, the City does not need to contact the property owner prior to cleaning the sidewalks.

If ice forms that cannot be removed, the owner/occupant is responsible to keep the sidewalk sprinkled with material that will reduce the risk to pe-

destrians of slipping and falling.

The owner/occupant is also responsible for snow and ice removal from mid-block crosswalks, corner crosswalks, and ramps that abut their lot.

Blowing or plowing snow onto City streets is in violation of Municipal Code 14-3(a). Doing so may result in unsafe and icy streets. Depositing snow in the street could result a potential forfeiture for violating the ordinance of \$109 for a first offense.

The Public Works Department will make every effort to plow the streets at night or when traffic is at a minimum. Plowing operations are much safer and more efficient then. This is why no overnight on-street parking is permitted from Nov. 1 to Apr. 1. All vehicles must be off the streets from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. or they will be ticketed and towed.

During heavy or long lasting snowfalls, we may need to plow your street more than once to clean it completely. Unfortunately this may result in the snowplow filling your driveway with snow after you have already opened it.

For more information call 886-6240.

Street lights

If you see a street light that is on during daylight hours or blinking or completely off at night, call WE Energies at 1-800-714-7777, report online at www.we-energies.com/night_aura or call the Neenah Public Works Department at 886-6240. In general, street lights that are mounted on wood poles are owned and maintained by WE Energies. Street lights mounted on metal poles are owned and maintained by the City.

E-Waste drop-off

Residents can drop off their computer equipment, televisions, electronic equipment, etc. at the Tullar Road Garage drop-off site.

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