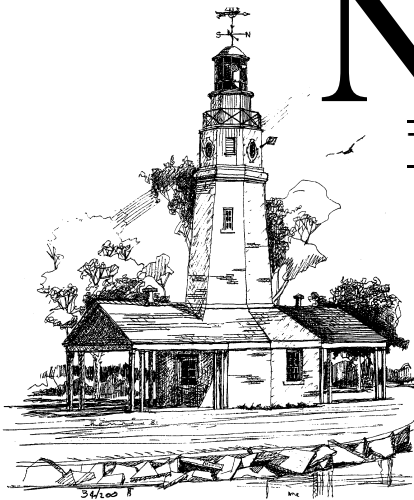


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Message from Mayor George Scherck

Many in government complain about citizen apathy, but I never once believed that citizens don't care or are not interested, but often simply don't know what they can do or question whether their actions will make a difference. Mother Theresa once said, "Sometimes we feel that what we do is like a drop in the ocean, but the ocean would be different without that drop." Everyone can't run for Mayor (at least I hope not) or even serve on a board or commission (even though we need more volunteers) but all of us can be more involved. Local government works best when citizens make their opinions known. If you have a concern,

neighbor with his or her yard work or taking out the garbage. Random acts of kindness are like ripples on a pond, with a tendency to spread out and influence others. Neenah didn't become a great community because of the actions of a few, but rather the combined kindness and generosity of many.

Great communities require great neighborhoods and that comes from you being a good neighbor. Maintain your property so it is an asset to the neighborhood; keep the grass mowed and put your garbage on



The place to improve the world is first in one's own heart and head and hands.

Robert M. Persig

come to a public forum prior to every meeting or call me at 886-6104 or send an e-mail to gscherck@ci.neenah.wi.us. Constructive criticism helps government govern better and insures that elected officials are being held accountable for doing what they promised to do.

And of course, we are always looking for volunteers to work at *COMMUNITYFEST*, adopt a trail or a flower garden in one of our many outstanding parks, or help shelve library books. If you would still like to join in supporting the restoration of the Clocktower, donations can still be sent to me here at City Hall.

There are many worthy organizations that desperately need your help so they can help others. Maybe your role is to simply help an elderly

the curb at the appropriate times. With spring in the air, we have a rebirth of the earth, but also it's time to rekindle our interest in our community. Join us at StreetBall in June, *COMMUNITYFEST* in July, and don't forget the concerts at the Riverwalk and the Community Band concerts at Riverside.

Our nation is going through tough times, but we still have much to be thankful for. Join with me in praying for economic recovery, relief for those in need, and for the safe return of our young men and women of the Armed Forces.

Best wishes,

George

VOTE!

Tuesday, April 7

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

Free information!

www.neenahlibrary.org

Visit the City's web site!

www.ci.neenah.wi.us



Contact us!

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Information Systems Director	
Joe Wenninger	886-6170
Library Director	
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Parks & Recreation Director	
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Police Chief	
Ray Appel	886-6000
Public Works & Utilities Director	
Larry Wattering	886-6180

Aldermanic District 1	
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Lee Hillstrom	722-0774
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—Open seat: to be decided on April 7—	

Credits

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

Lead in drinking water

As you may have heard, lead levels in Neenah drinking water exceeded the allowable limits in December 2008. A brochure was mailed to all Utility customers in January explaining the issue in detail.

There is no lead in the water that leaves the water treatment plant, or in the distribution system. The source of the lead is the water service from the water main to the house and the interior house plumbing.

The houses that may have lead plumbing were built before 1960. Also affected are houses with copper plumbing that have lead solder. These houses were built before 1984. Houses built after 1984 do not have a lead issue.

When water sits in lead pipe for sev-

eral hours, the lead can be dissolved into the water. The simple resolution to the problem is to allow your water to run for approximately 30 seconds when you first get up in the morning. This flushes out any water that may have absorbed lead overnight.

The Utility is investigating some changes at the water treatment plant that will make it more difficult for lead to be absorbed by water. The results of those changes may not be known until the summer.

If the plant changes are not successful, the Utility will have to replace lead water services from the water main to the terrace. Replacement of the service from the terrace to the house and the interior plumbing is the responsibility of the home owner.

Police teach high schoolers self-defense

Neenah Police Department has partnered with Neenah High School to teach students personal protection. The world is ever changing and unfortunately the numbers of young adults being assaulted, abducted, and worse continue to rise.

According to the latest statistics from the SAFETI Clearinghouse, 1 in 12 college females will be a victim of an assault or attempted assault within a one-year period. Of those victimized, it is estimated that only 8% report the crime.

Student Assistance Program/Health Coordinator Vicki Beyer is painfully aware of these statistics. Instead of accepting them as a fact of life, she looked to equip young people with the tools to fight back. She contacted the police department to see if officers could translate their real life experiences to the students in her classes.

Lt. Karner, Lt. Thompson, and Lt. Malcore, with a combined total of 60+ years experience, used their varied training backgrounds in the areas of SWAT, Firearms, Defensive Tactics, and Personal Safety to provide a practical and effective program.

The officers relate real life situations coupled with practical physical responses to best prepare a student both mentally and physically for an assault. Students and officers interact in a positive setting allowing for the exchange of questions and ideas.

The program, in its fourth year, has been a tremendous success from both the school and department perspectives. It is a great opportunity for officers and students to learn, laugh, and have fun.



Together We Succeed

34

Percentage of your property tax that funds city services.

NOTICE

Residents walking their dogs
MUST clean up after them.

It's the LAW!

68

Percentage of Americans who have a library card.

Alderman Rhoades to retire

After 24 years of dedicated service, Bruce Rhoades has decided not to seek re-election as a representative of the 3rd Aldermanic District. Bruce, who recently retired as a Captain with the Sheriff's Department, has served as Chairman of the Public Services Committee for 20 years as well as many other committees. "Bruce was an effective, behind the scenes consensus builder who provided excellent leadership to the committee, guiding them through many complex issues. He will certainly be missed by the Council and his constituents," said Mayor George Scherck. Tim Hamblin and Steve Ehrbach are competing in the April 7 election to fill this position.

VOTE on April 7!

On Tue., Apr. 7, you will again have both the sacred right and responsibility to cast your vote. While large turnouts are typical for national elections, not many turn out to record their vote for local representatives. The 3rd Aldermanic District in Neenah has a contested race to replace retiring Alderman Bruce Rhoades. You will also have an opportunity to select your school board representatives. To find your polling place, visit our website at www.ci.neenah.wi.us and check out the voting location chart.



Visit the City's web site!
www.ci.neenah.wi.us

136

Number of station tours provided by Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue in 2008.

COMMUNITYFEST LIGHT PARADE

A great way to promote your organization or business while helping celebrate July 4th!

Wanted

Entries for the parade

Why

To promote patriotism and a sense of community

Who

Anyone and Everyone. Families, Churches, Service Clubs, Businesses

Description

Floats, vehicles, musical groups —anything that can be lit up—

When

Evening of July 3rd

Sign Up

Call 886-6060 for more information

Clocktower progress

The working clock and bell remind us of our past; the lights illuminate our future—but we have a lot to do to restore our most visible and enduring symbol. If you would like to join the hundreds of citizens and businesses that are making this possible, please consider sending a tax-deductible contribution to the Friends for the Clocktower Restoration and mail it to Mayor George Scherck, 211 Walnut St., Neenah, WI 54956. With your help future generations will appreciate our history and recognize the generosity of this generation.

DID YOU KNOW?

- You need to keep trees and bushes over the sidewalks trimmed?
- Good neighbors keep their grass cut and maintain the appearance of their property?
- The odd-even parking system goes into effect on April 1?
- The drop-off center at the City Garage will be open on Saturdays from May through October?
- If the drop-off site is abused by inappropriate dumping, it is an extra service that could be dropped?
- The July 3 Lighted Parade is a chance to express your patriotism, celebrate our community, but if crowds continue to shrink, fewer entries are willing to participate?
- You should have house numbers on your home to insure emergency vehicles can find you quickly if the need arises?
- Long grass and weeds left uncut on your property will be cut by the City and billed to the property owner?
- Unplugging unused electrical appliances and equipment reduces your risk of a fire and reduced your electrical bill?
- 82% of fire deaths occur in our homes and fire kills more Americans than all natural disaster combined?
- That under the leadership of Chief Len Vander Wyst, Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue is discussing proposed service to the Town of Clayton, a full merger with the Town of Menasha, and has entered into discussions with the City of Appleton on how we can work together? Regional fire rescue service makes good dollars and good sense!

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, 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 Treasurer's Office at 886-6378 or visit the City's website at www.ci.neenah.wi.us



PARKS & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation Contact & Registration Information

For more information (including registration) about events, visit the City Hall Parks & Recreation office (open Mon.-Thu. 7:30-4:30, Fri. 7:30-4:00), call

Neenah Pool

The Neenah Pool's **Early Bird Discount** on season passes, which saves \$3 on an individual pass or \$5 on a family pass, will end May 1. Passes can be purchased at the City Hall Parks & Recreation office.

Volleyball!

It's time for some summer fun with your friends, family, co-workers or neighbors! Play with an outdoor co-ed volleyball league on the sand courts at the Neenah Pool on Thursday evenings. Leagues start Jun. 11. Deadline for accepting teams is May 15. Ages 16+

Rod/Reel loaner program

Through a grant from the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation, six fishing sets, including tackle boxes and tackle, are available to youths for a \$5 refundable deposit. Reserve and pick up your fishing sets at the City Hall Parks & Recreation office (now-Jun. 5 and after Aug. 16) or at the Washington Park Summer Recreation Office (Jun. 6-Aug. 15).

Junior Angler

Wed., Apr. 20 — 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. — Memorial Park Appleblossom Shelter. Learning a lifetime sport, such as fishing, at an early age will insure a lifetime of wonderful memories and experiences. This educational program, created by the Dept. of Natural Resources, teaches youth in grades 3-6 the basics of fishing and how our environment has an effect on the aquatic habitat. Registration deadline Apr. 23. Cost - \$5.

Mayor Scherck responds

Q What did the City decide to do about traffic improvements on Winneconne Avenue?

A After considerable evaluation, the City has chosen to reconstruct the Winneconne Ave./Green Bay Rd. area using roundabouts at the major intersections. This will eventually result in roundabouts at the intersections of Winneconne Ave./Green Bay Rd., Winneconne Ave./Lake St., Green Bay Rd./Fox Point Plaza, and Green Bay Rd./Shopko Plaza. Project design is programmed for 2009 along with utility work on Winneconne Ave. Construction of the Winneconne Ave./Green Bay Rd. and Winneconne Ave./Lake St. intersections is programmed for 2010. Construction on the Green Bay Rd. intersections will occur after the reconstruction of the USH 41/Breeze-wood interchange by the Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation and will be determined by area development and traffic needs.

The roundabouts on the project will be multi-lane roundabouts. Part of the City's efforts on the project will be to educate the public on how to drive a

multi-lane roundabout safely. The rules for using multi-lane roundabouts safely are basically the same as the rules for single lane roundabouts with a couple of additions.

- Choose the correct lane as you approach the roundabout, following the signs and pavement markings.
- Slow down.
- Yield to all lanes of traffic within the roundabout.
- Once in the roundabout, do not switch lanes.
- Do not pass trucks within the roundabout. Large trucks often need to straddle lanes as they maneuver through a multi-lane roundabout.
- Look out for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Roundabouts are safer, less costly, reduce emissions, and save time; but they do require public education and we will make that our highest priority until concrete is laid.

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

Protecting your health

The Neenah Department of Public Health (NDPH) serves as Agent of the state's Dept. of Health Services (DHS) and Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP).

The inspections, conducted by the NDPH's Environmental Sanitarian, are a way of determining if establishments meet the standards of the State Food Code and state statutes regarding proper sanitation. Education and guidance are part of the inspection program to help establishments raise their standards of operation.

For DHS, the NDPH enforces codes for the inspection and licensing of restaurants, hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, school lunch programs, industrial cafeterias, vending machines, delicatessens, catering businesses, temporary events where food is sold to the public, public swimming pools, and tattoo and body piercing establishments

For DATCP, the NDPH enforces codes for retail food establishments

(permanent and mobile) including supermarkets and convenience stores. The primary goals are to:

- Reduce potential health hazards that affect the well being of consumers,
- Reduce exposure to environmental & safety hazards in public lodging, food, and recreational areas,
- Prevent and control exposure of the general public to foodborne, waterborne, and recreational hazards,
- Promote awareness of what people can do to keep their food, water, and recreational resources sanitary and safe.

In 2008: 161 establishments were inspected through the Environmental Health program; 377 inspections were completed, with an additional 81 consultations performed; there were 42 environmental hazard/nuisance complaints with 127 follow-up contacts. No enforcement actions were needed.

For further information, please call the Neenah Department of Public Health at 886-6156.

Community Spotlight

The year 2008 has been a tough year for many Fox Valley families but when the situation is the toughest the **American Red Cross** is always there. I have always believed that none of us are truly well off until all of us are better off and the countless Red Cross volunteers are committed to assisting those in need.

In 2008, our local chapters of the Red Cross provided assistance to the following:

- 150 people affected by house fires
- 750 military personnel and their families
- Provided 37,000 meals through the food pantry
- Instructed over 11,000 people with life saving skills like CPR, AED use, and first aid

- Sponsored many blood drives

The next person who needs the comfort and support of the Red Cross may be you or your neighbor.

When you give to the Red Cross, you change a life, starting with your own. For over 90 years, the Red Cross has served our communities, saving lives and making our communities a better place to live.

Thank you!
Red Cross
Volunteers

We can't do everything but each of us can do something to assist the thousands of people who will need the assistance of the Red Cross in the coming year. That's why this issue's Community Spotlight focuses on the **hundreds of dedicated volunteers** of the local chapters of the American Red Cross.

~Mayor Scherck

Don Weinmann retires



Don Weinmann with his two grandsons Matthew and David Hall. Don has retired from his position as the Neenah Pool Supervisor after thirty-five summers. The City of Neenah wishes to thank Don for his dedication to the safety of our community swimming pool and his compassion for presenting a quality swim lesson program to thousands of Neenah children. We'll miss you Don!

PARKS & RECREATION

Sticks for Kids

Junior golf club loaner program

Our Parks & Recreation Dept. was one of 100 designated park and recreation agencies selected nationwide to implement the Sticks for Kids pilot program. The premise behind Sticks for Kids is to provide the opportunity for all youth to participate in golf instruction and then take what they learn out on the golf course. This program is meant to serve those who do not have the opportunity to have their own equipment.

Sticks for Kids Junior golf clubs are made possible through a partnership with the National Recreation & Parks Association and the Golf Course Builders Association of America. Ten sets are available to junior golfers ages 5-14 with a \$20 refundable deposit (bags, balls, & tees included). Golf clubs may be reserved for a maximum of two days.

Reserve and pick up your golfing sets at the City Hall Parks & Recreation office (now-Jun. 5 and after Aug. 16) or at the Washington Park Summer Recreation Office (Jun. 6-Aug. 15).

Friday Flick and more!

Fri., Apr. 24 — 5:30-9:00 p.m. A fully supervised event for grades 1-6, this program includes a kid friendly movie, a friendly Wii competition, snacks, and prizes. Held at the Boys & Girls Brigade, 109 W. Columbian Ave., \$5. Registration information on page 4.

\$135,000

2008 value of average assessed home in Neenah.

\$20.33

2009 tax increase on average assessed home.



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 open to anyone who has read the book. Light refreshments are provided. 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.

Apr. 27 — *Stolen Innocence* by Elissa Wall

May 18 — *The Lottery* by Patricia Wood

Readers Review

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

Apr. 20 — *Limbo: A Memoir* by A. Manette Ansay

May 18 — *Cannery Row* by John Steinbeck

Adult Afternoon Programs

The first Monday of the month brings interesting programs to the Shattuck Community Room at 2:00 p.m. Free.

Apr. 6 — **How to Attract Birds to Your Yard** with Roy & Charlotte Lukes.

First Friday Concerts

Held in the Shattuck Community Room at 2:00 p.m. on selected Fridays. Free.

Apr. 3 — **Vocalists Sigourney Tanner, mezzo soprano, and James Antony, baritone**

May 1 — **Vocalist Christopher Besch, bass-baritone**

Movies

Movies at the library on Tuesday nights in the Shattuck Community Room. Popcorn and soda will be served. Free. Information: 886-6315. Most movies start at 6:30 p.m. Titles subject to change depending on DVD release dates.

Apr. 7 — *Quantum of Solace* (PG-13)

Apr. 21 — *Twilight* (PG-13)

May 5 — *Marley & Me* (PG)

May 19 — *Bolt* (PG)

Sunday Concerts

Held in the Shattuck Community Room at 2:00 p.m. on selected Sundays. Free.

Mar. 29 — **Island Magic Steel Drum Band**—with Chris Kuborn and Marisol Meza .

Apr. 26 — **Madison Marimba Quartet**—Four marimbas! Wisconsin's premier percussion ensemble.

Answers 24/7

Answers you can trust, available anytime, day or night. Go to the library's web site for more information on how to connect with a Reference Librarian by chat, email, telephone, or in person. Check it out at: www.winnefox.org/ask/neenah.html

Resources you can't find on Google: www.neenahlibrary.org/Research/index.html — Take advantage of databases and research tools paid for with your tax dollars. These tools are authoritative sources, not random hits of suspect information. (Some databases paid for by the state, some by the Winnefox Library System, and some by the Neenah Public Library.)

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Years that the Neenah Public Library has occupied its current site.

Fox Cities Book Festival @ NPL

Fox Cities Book Festival events at the Neenah Public Library (unless noted):

Thu., Apr. 16 — 10:00 a.m. — **Michael Perry**, author of *Population 485: Meeting Your Neighbors One Siren at a Time* and *Truck: A Love Story*. Wisconsin native Perry is a humorist with subtle observations of small-town life. His band, **Michael Perry and The Long Beds** will perform at the PAC Apr. 16 at 7:00 p.m. Free: tickets required, limited seating.

Fri., Apr. 17 — 2:00 p.m. — **Mary Relindes Ellis**, author of the award-winning novel *Turtle Warrior*, set in rural northern Wisconsin during World War II and the Vietnam War eras, is filled with a heat-wrenching and unforgettable way of life for a Midwestern family and its neighbors.

Sat., Apr. 18 — 10:00 a.m. — **Jim Draeger & Mark Speltz**, authors and filmmakers of *Fill'er Up: The Glory Days of Wisconsin Gas Stations*.

Sun., Apr. 19 — 1:30 p.m. — **Phil Gulley**, author of the *Harmony* series and *Front Porch Talk*, Gulley has become the voice of small-town American life and a candid observer of humanity. Have brunch with Phil on Sun., Apr. 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. Tickets required.

Sat., Apr. 18 — 1:45 p.m. — **A. Manette Ansay: Good Things I Wish You (Plus a Few Things I Don't)** — **Advice for the new and emerging writer**. Wisconsin native Ansay has authored five novels, including the popular *Vinegar Hill*, an Oprah Book Club selection.

Sat., Apr. 18 — 3:00 p.m. — **So How Do I Get Published Anyway?** A panel presentation for aspiring authors.

Other Book Festival events

Watch for author events at other locations throughout the Fox Valley: Dr. Zorba Paster, Norman Gilliland, Sherman Alexie, Davis Giffels, Elizabeth Berg, Samantha Chang, and Simon Armitage, among others.

For more information: Call 886-6315 or visit <http://www.foxcitiesreads.org/> and <http://www.focol.org/bookfest/>

Where does the sludge go?

Most people know that Neenah softens the drinking water. But, did you ever think about where the by-products of the softening process go?

When we soften we add lime to the water. This removes calcium and magnesium compounds from the water. The combination of these compounds plus the dirt and algae from the lake are called sludge.

In one year's time, we generate 15,000 cubic yards of sludge at the water treatment plant. And since we do not have much space at the plant to store the sludge, we have to pump it to storage.

The storage lagoons are located behind the warehouses on Breezewood Lane near Harrison, just east of the railroad tracks. There are three large

lagoons and each holds approximately 50,000 cubic yards of sludge. So there is enough storage for approximately 10 years of sludge.

As the sludge sits in the lagoon, water evaporates, and the sludge goes through freeze/thaw cycles, which further dry the sludge.

Eventually we have to remove the dry sludge from the lagoons. To do this we hire a large backhoe and many dump trucks. They haul the sludge to nearby farm fields. Because of the lime in the sludge, farmers can use this material as a soil supplement on their fields.

This solution to the problem not only recycles the material but also is less expensive than sending it to the wastewater treatment plant or using a kiln to dry and reclaim the lime.

Ready for a residential fire?

Do you ever think to yourself, what would I do in the event of a fire; what would my family do? Are you and your family prepared if the unthinkable happens? Let's prepare!

Prevention

- Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking; keep children away from the stove
- If you choose to use candles, place on a non-combustible surface, use a glass chimney
- Keep all heating appliances away from combustibles
- Don't step on or cover flexible electric cords
- Electrical concerns—contact an electrician
- Exercise extreme caution with smoking materials and open flames
- Preach, teach, and live Fire Safety

Detection

- Early warning devices—smoke detectors—are your first line of defense in case of a fire
- A minimum of one smoke detector is required on each floor including the basement
- Test smoke detectors monthly
- Replace smoke detector batteries



annually

- Use a vacuum and wand to clean smoke detectors occasionally
- Replace smoke detectors per manufacturers recommendation, about 10 years

Reaction

- Plan and practice escape routes with your family TONIGHT
- With your family, diagram two ways out of each room, especially bedrooms
 - Post the diagrams in all rooms of your home
 - Plan for special escape from second story windows and below grade rooms
 - Identify a meeting place for all to gather once safely outside your residence
- NEVER RE-ENTER your residence once safely outside
- Call 9-1-1 from a neighbor's house or your cell phone, give your address and the problem, and stay on the phone with dispatch

If you would like more information, please contact us at 886-6200 or stop by one of our stations, we would be happy to help you.

LIBRARY

GirlfriendsRead

Enjoy and explore the joy of children's literature featuring books with strong girl characters by women authors in this unique book club for children and adults. Come alone or come together! Enrollment is limited, so please call 886-6335 to register and stop by Youth Services to obtain a copy of the current book. Information: youthdesk@neenahlibrary.org; 886-6335. Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Ages 9+

Apr. 19 — *Willow Run* by Patricia Reilly Giff

May 17 — *Heartbeat* by Sharon Creech

Storytimes!

Spring storytimes continue through May 22. No registration is required. More information: 886-6335.

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

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

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

Our Time — Tue. At 9:15 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 to 6 only *without* a caregiver. Fridays at 1:00 p.m. on Mar. 27; April 10, 24; May 8, 15, 22.

Teens

GuysRead! is a blog book group featuring books with strong boy characters for ages 9-12. Check it out at:

<http://blogs.winnefox.org/guysread/>
Read and comment on books posted by library staff, or post comments on books you want to talk about...

imo (In My Opinion) is a blog featuring teen opinions on books for teens:

<http://blogs.winnefox.org/imo/>
Let us know what you are reading and what you think about it! More information: Call 886-6335, email moore-nokes@neenahlibrary.org

Teens Rule!

Resources you can't find on Google

www.neenahlibrary.org

Dept. of Public Works' reminders

Yard Waste (Apr. 20-May 22)

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. Small 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 cut ends facing one direction for chipping.

Check page two of your *2009 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.

Grass Clippings

The City will not collect grass clippings. For a fee you may dispose of grass clippings at the Winnebago County Landfill, Cty Rd Y, Oshkosh. Contact them at 920-727-2884.

Tullar Road Garage Drop Off Center

The Tullar Road garage drop off center is open Mon.-Fri. 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sat. mornings (May-Oct.) from 8:30-11:30 a.m. staffed by your local elected officials. Bring yard waste, large items, concrete, oil, metal, computers, bundled cardboard—BUT NO grass clippings! Identification required—Neenah residents only.

Long Grass

Long grass and weeds left uncut will be cut by the City and billed to the property owner—min. charge \$105.

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The Green Corner

The City of Neenah has an active Sustainable Neenah Committee and your local government is looking for ways to make Neenah an eco municipality, but the real key is the actions taken by each of us in our daily life. Here are just a few things each of us can do:

- Wash your car with environmentally friendly soap and do it on the lawn
- Dispose of waste oil at the City garage, never in the storm sewer
- Mulch your leaves and grass, which is a great fertilizer and saves the City pick up costs

- If you rake leaves, keep them on the terrace, not in the road
- When cutting your grass, do not blow the terrace clippings into the road
- Use phosphorus free fertilizers and avoid over fertilizing
- Avoid herbicides and pesticides on the lawn
- Water your lawn less frequently but for longer durations
- Pick up after your pet

Let's all do our part to make certain we pass on to our children and grandchildren a cleaner, better environment.

Sustainability forums

Information & discussion on sustainability issues, sponsored by the Sustainable Neenah Committee:

Wed. Apr. 22—6:30-8:30 p.m. (Earth Day.) Neenah Library. **FLOW** – Sundance Film Festival award-winning documentary on global water issues and ownership. Video and discussion.

Wed., May 20—6:30-8:30 p.m. Neenah Library. **The Business Case for Sustainability**. Video presentation and discussion on how sustainability strategies can boost brand value; in-

crease profits; attract, keep, and motivate top talent. The video features Bob Willard, author of **The Next Sustainability Wave** and **The Sustainability Advantage**.

Wed. Jun. 3—6:30-8:30 p.m. Neenah Library. **How Can We Contribute to Sustainability in Neenah?** Panel discussion with community leaders and Fox Valley sustainability resources.

Email attention Kate Hancock-Cooke at parkrec@ci.neenah.wi.us or call Kate at 729-6730 with questions.

Behind the Scenes

The City of Neenah is blessed with one of the state's truly outstanding Parks and Recreation programs. With 14,027 registrations in 85 different programs, there really is something for everyone. We are also blessed with 24 parks covering 384 acres and with 9,285 feet of shoreline. This issue pays tribute to the **Parks and Recreation staff**—those who provide direction and administration, organization and supervision of the programs, handling reg-

istration, and keeping the parks and our facilities in a condition we can all be proud of. This tribute also recognizes the vision of the **Parks and Recreation Commission**, the citizen group that sets the policies and direction for the department. Community-Fest, the Plexus Rocket, the Riverwalk, Carpenter Preserve, Community Band, Riverside Players, the Whiting Boathouse, lighted tennis courts, ball diamonds and boat launches—it just doesn't get any better than that!

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