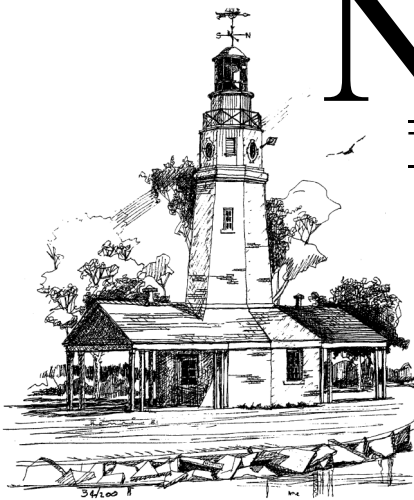


Neenah Notes

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Message from Mayor George Scherck

Once again this year, we had a good turnout at the town meeting with a positive response from citizens. Since we had problems with the televising of the meeting, I thought I would highlight the main points of my State of the City presentation. This was the 7th annual town meeting and I focused primarily on goals/values and vision since what elected officials believe provides direction to our community.

The following represents some of the highlights of my remarks:

- Neenah needs to continue its progress in finding effective and meaningful ways to communicate with our citizens.
- Elected officials have a responsibility to insure their promises match performance.
- Neenah's success is a result of consensus building, creating diverse leadership involving not just the Mayor, but the Council and private citizens.

- Government cannot and should not try to do everything for everyone, thus the private-public partnership is crucial to our continued growth and economic development.
- The legacy of generosity that has contributed so much to this community is alive and well today.



*The future you see
is the future you get.*

Robert Allen

Above all, Neenah needs to continue to find ways to be more effective and efficient, controlling the cost of government while maintaining our positive bond rating that ranks in the top 10% in the nation. I talked about the projected 2010 budget deficit and my proposals to freeze the Mayor's salary for four years, non-represented employees through 2010, and to restructure

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Elections

**Spring Primary:
Tuesday, February 16**

**Spring Election:
Tuesday, April 6**

**Your vote
really matters!**

Refuse & Recycling Guide Inside

IMPORTANT!

Neenah residents **MUST** use the enclosed recycling stickers and follow the enclosed **NEW** recycling rules!

Recycling Stickers Inside

Contact us!

Mayor	
George Scherck	886-6104
City Attorney	
Jim Godlewski	886-6106
City Clerk	
Patty Sturn	886-6100
Community Development & Assessment Director	
Chris Haese	886-6125
Finance Director	
Mike Easker	886-6140
Fire Chief	
Al Auxier	886-6200
Health Department Director	
Judy Crouch-Smolarek	886-6155
Human Resources Deputy Director	
Heather Barber	886-6102
Information Systems Director	
Joe Wenninger	886-6170
Library Director	
Steve Procos	886-6300
Parks & Recreation Director	
Eileen McCoy	886-6060
Police Chief	
Kevin Wilkinson	886-6000
Public Works & Utilities Director	
Larry Wattering	886-6180

Aldermanic District 1

Jim Hemes	450-2135
Mark Lange	729-0831
Nick Piergrossi	751-0842

Aldermanic District 2

John Ahles	727-1306
Marge Bates	729-5556
Judy Zaretzke	722-1291

Aldermanic District 3

Tim Hamblin	722-4593
Lee Hillstrom	722-0774
Todd Stevenson (Pres.)	722-5440

Credits

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

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Percentage of your property tax that funds city services.

2009 property tax bill at a glance

Remember, while the City sends out the tax bill, your total tax represents the taxes as determined by four taxing entities.

	<u>% OF TOTAL TAX BILL</u>	<u>2009 INCREASE OVER 2008</u>
Neenah Joint School District	35.61	6.48%
Winnebago County	23.26	2.98%
Fox Valley Technical College	7.18	2.92%
City of Neenah	33.95	.98%

Replacing water mains and services

Since 1992, the Neenah Water Utility has had a policy of replacing water main and water services on an annual basis. We have spent an average of \$500,000 a year for these replacements.

A water main is replaced because it breaks frequently, is no longer large enough to carry an adequate supply of water, the interior of the pipe is corroding and reducing water quality, or it needs to be moved because of a

conflict with other utilities. (Sewers generally require gravity flow and therefore take precedence over water main, which flows under pressure.)

Water services are replaced because they are lead, they are corroded and affect water quality, or they have a history of frequent breaks or freezing. Water main and service replacement is usually coordinated with street reconstruction or other utility replacement projects.

Message from Mayor George Scherck

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existing union contracts or provide layoffs. The result of this was net savings of \$375,000. In June, I directed staff to reduce spending for the remainder of 2009, providing a cushion to help reduce the levy and reduce the sting of actions by the State that had a \$379,000 negative impact on Neenah. Finally, staff negotiated a 0% increase in our health insurance premiums.

As the newly elected President of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, I am committed to working with leaders across the State to fix the structure and operation of State government, finding ways to take the burden off the residential property taxpayer.

Our goals for 2010 and beyond include continuing efforts to improve cost-effectiveness without sacrificing vital services, economic development that enhances the tax base and our quality of life, protecting our neighborhoods through education and enforcement, continuing to reinvigorate our sense of community and citizen involvement, and working with our neighbors to find cooperative

ways to deliver public services.

The actions of local government are a significant part of the legacy this generation will leave for the next. Our legacy will be determined by whether people knew we could be trusted, that we cared about everyone and that we pursued excellence rather than business as usual.

The challenges we face are great, but challenges become opportunities when everyone involved in government applies common sense leadership, works together to do what is right, and is committed to the belief that the best days of our community will always be ahead of us.

As the new year begins, it is my prayer that we face our future with a sense of optimism and a desire to improve our neighborhoods; that your family will experience health, safety, and economic well-being; and that above all, our young men and women in harm's way will return to us soon.

Best wishes for a prosperous New Year,



Meet your new department head

Name:
Chris A. Haese

Position:
Director of Community Development & Assessment

Previous position:
Principal Planner, Neenah

Experience: Professional Planner, 22 years

Education: B.S., UW-Stevens Point—Resource Management; M.S., UW-Madison, Urban and Regional Planning

Family: Wife—Rebecca Frelich; son—Collin (10).

Hobbies: Traveling, field trialing retrievers, hunting.

Comment: Neenah is a strong, progressive community that continues to grow. I am proud of our rich history and I look forward to being a part of our exciting future.



City employees care & contribute

Neenah's employees serve this community with professionalism and pride but they do so much more. City Hall employees have a monthly charity day where employees make a contribution and can wear jeans. The Fire Dept. supports a variety of charitable activities including the Mayor's Charity Golf Outing and the Fill the Boot Campaign for Muscular Dystrophy. Our Police Dept. recently joined other area law enforcement officers in support for Special Olympics. Many of our employees are generous supporters of the United Way, other charitable activities, and actively participate in area programs that serve those in need. For most, it is much more than just a job!

\$12

2010 property tax increase for City purposes on a \$150,000 home.

Mayor elected president of LWM

At the 111th annual conference of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, Mayor George Scherck was elected President for a one-year term.

The League is a voluntary association of 189 cities and 390 villages working to advance municipal government. Scherck said his focus for the year will be on, "Changing State laws that limit the ability of elected officials to manage their communities in ways that save taxpayer dollars while maintaining the services citizens need. We need to change both the structure and the operation of State government to take the burden off the residential property taxpayer."

Give thanks for our veterans year round

We celebrated Veterans Day and Thanksgiving in the same month and that was certainly appropriate as America's veterans are one of our greatest blessings.

No military in history has fought so often for the freedom of others because this nation is safer and more secure when others are free.

Over 48 million Americans have served the cause of freedom in an unbroken line from Lexington and Concord, to the Beaches of Normandy, to the Chosin Reservoir in Korea, to the jungles of Vietnam and now the deserts of Iraq and the mountains of Afghanistan.

Let's not give thanks only on Veterans

- After 24 hours, unshoveled walks are shoveled by the City and billed to the property owner.
- When walking or biking at night, wear reflective gear to let motorists know where you are.
- 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.

Day, but rather start the New Year in thanksgiving for all of our veterans and their families and with a prayer for our young men and women in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places around the world and here at home. It's the least that we can do.



Good News Here

NEED SOME GOOD NEWS?

A new website has started up in the Fox Valley at:

www.YourGoodNewsNetwork.net
The intent is to share positive, inspirational thoughts during a time when we all need something to uplift our spirits.

One section will be short interviews with people from Fox Valley Communities who express optimism and recognize that despite our problems, the Valley is a great place to live. Why not give it a try!

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Percentage of Neenah Police Department officers who are veterans.

Free information!
www.neenahlibrary.org

City of Neenah Finance/Treasurer's Department Important Tax Information

Contact us

The City of Neenah Finance/Treasurer's Department is located at City Hall: 211 Walnut St. Telephone 886-6144.

Payment information

Real Estate tax payments are due in full by Jan. 31, 2010 or you can take advantage of our installment plan. The front of your tax bill will indicate how much your installments are and the installment due dates. Please remember, if you miss a payment by the installment due date, your remaining tax bill balance then becomes delinquent and is subject to a penalty until paid in full. *A timely U.S. postmark is adequate for a payment to be considered paid on time.*

Tax collection hours & locations

Normal office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday (exception: closed on January 1).

For your convenience we have drive-up window service and a night deposit box for after hours payments. The City does not accept debit/credit card payments at the drive-up window.

Through Jan. 31, tax payments may also be made at the following bank locations:

- Associated Bank—
100 W. Wisconsin Ave.
640 S. Green Bay Rd.
1530A S. Commercial St. (Copp's)
828 Fox Point Plaza (Pick'n Save)
 - M&I Bank—
643 S. Green Bay Rd.
 - Wells Fargo Bank—
931 S. Green Bay Rd.
 - First National Bank Fox Valley—
550 S. Green Bay Rd.
 - Bank Mutual—
101 W. Wisconsin Ave.
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Lottery credit

The lottery credit is a property tax relief program offered through the state. Your tax bill qualifies for a lottery credit if, as of Jan. 1, 2009 you owned the home on your bill and used it as your primary residence. If a home was bought or sold during the year, the lottery credit stays with the property. The credit is also available if the property being taxed was owned by someone else and used as their primary residence on Jan. 1, 2009.

If your home was newly built and completed after Jan. 1, 2009 this year's tax bill does not qualify for the lottery credit. The lottery credit must be claimed by you – it isn't automatic. If you qualify for the credit and have not filed a claim form, you may request a claim form by contacting our office.

If you claimed a credit last year, your current bill should show a lottery credit. **Please check for the credit.** The deadline for claiming the 2009 credit in our office is Jan. 31, 2010. A late claim form may be filed with the State of Wisconsin until Oct. 1, 2010. This form is available in our office.

Escrow payments

Tax bills are mailed to taxpayers only. Any arrangements with an escrow agent are between you and that agent.

If you are paying with an escrow check, please make sure your check is properly endorsed before you mail it to the City.

If an escrow check is greater than the actual amount due and the tax bill is paid in full, immediate refund will be given if the difference is less than \$100.00. Customer refunds of more than \$100.00 will be issued by check from the City of Neenah; however, there will be an approximate two to three week turn around for processing.

If this is not satisfactory to you, please arrange for your escrow agent to pay the correct amount.

Tax bill payment by credit card/E-check

The city has a program offered through Official Payments, a third party provider, to allow payment of taxes by credit card and e-check. Do not use these payment methods if you have an escrow agent.

The payment program may be accessed through the Internet or by use of your telephone. Both are available 24 hours a day. A convenience fee of 2.75% for a credit card transaction and \$2.75 per e-check transaction up to \$10,000.00 is assessed. All fees charged are retained by Official Payments, not by the City of Neenah. Here is the information you will need: 1-800-2PAY-TAX (1-800-272-9829) or visit www.officialpayments.com. You will need to use jurisdiction code 6712. You will be informed of the amount of the convenience fee before you authorize the charge to your credit card. After authorization of your payments, you will be given a confirmation number that you should keep for your records. Debit card payments with a four digit pin number may also be made in the Treasurer's Office.

NSF checks

There is a \$35.00 fee charged on all returned checks. When a check is returned, credit for the tax payment is reversed and the check is not re-deposited.

Reminder: Dog & cat licenses

Dog and cat licenses for the 2010 calendar year are due by Mar. 31, 2010 and may be purchased at the City of Neenah's Treasurer's office located on the first floor of City Hall. A valid rabies vaccination certificate is required each year in order to license your pet: Spayed/Neutered - \$6.00
Unspayed/Unneutered - \$11.00

2010 election dates

Spring Primary - February 16

Spring Election - April 6

Partisan Primary – September 14

General Election – November 2
(Governatorial Election)

Local offices on the Spring Election ballot include the City of Neenah Mayor, Menasha-Neenah Municipal Judge, Alderman, and School Board Members. If you are not registered to vote, please register early. If you plan to be gone, vote by absentee ballot or come to City Hall and vote early beginning approximately three weeks prior to each election.



HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

1. **BY MAIL:** Download the application GAB131 from the Government Accountability website, complete the form and mail it the City Clerk, 211 Walnut Street, Neenah, WI 54956. Proof of residence must be included when submitting the registration application by mail. To find what constitutes an acceptable proof of residence, visit the Government Accountability website at <http://elections.state.wi.us>.

2. **IN PERSON:** Register in the City Clerk's office at 211 Walnut Street, Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

3. **AT THE POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY:** If you wish to register to vote at your polling place, you must bring proof that you have lived at your present location for at least 10 days preceding the election and supply either a Wisconsin Driver's License or the last four digits of your social security number.

To check your voter status or look up your polling place location visit the Government Accountability Board Voter Public Access website at <https://vpa.wi.gov/>.

2,600

Children heard the fire safety presentation from the Fire Department's Public Education Team.

Mayor Scherck responds to concerns

Q What were the main features of the operating budget proposed by you and passed by the Council?

A General operating fund expenditures increased by 0.8% and the assessed tax rate increased by .98% which comes out to \$.08 per thousand of assessed value of your home. Taxes on a home assessed at \$150,000 will increase \$12 to \$1271 for municipal purposes. Sanitary sewer rates were scheduled to increase by \$5.00 so I recommended cutting that in half, more than neutralizing the property tax increase on the above \$150,000 home. Remember that 34% of the tax bill you receive is for municipal services and the rest is determined by the School Board, County, State, and Fox Valley Technical College.

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

Q What are the major projects included in the 2010 capital budget?

A In the budget I submitted for Council action and adopted on Nov. 17, I reduced department head requests by \$869,000 to maintain our goal of reducing the City's outstanding debt. The major project will be the reconstruction of Winneconne Ave./Green Bay Rd. and Winneconne Ave./Lake St. and the construction of roundabouts at those locations. Wisconsin Ave. west of S. Commercial St. will be reconstructed using primarily Federal stimulus money. The same will be true of the Adams St. Bridge. The first two projects will be constructed under traffic that will allow access to the businesses in both locations. Continuing to support our downtown and Fox Point area businesses is important to preserving a vibrant Neenah business community. It's worth a little inconvenience to keep all of these local merchants in business. Construction will begin in the spring of 2010.

City's financial position remains strong

The City's 2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, issued by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause and released in July 2009 indicates that City finances remain strong.

The audited statements reported that the City ended 2008 with total net assets for all activities of \$126.7 million, up approximately \$1 million from 2007. Net assets are considered a leading indicator of continued investment in city infrastructure. The City also ended 2008 with a general fund undesignated fund balance of \$4.2 million, or 18.7% of the 2009 operating budget.

The City's strong financial position is confirmed by the Bond Rating Report completed in November 2009 by Standard and Poor's. In the report, Standard and Poor's confirmed the City's 'AA' bond rating and "stable outlook" for its outstanding debt. That healthy rating continues to place the City in the top 10% of comparable credit ratings nationwide.

In the opinion of Standard and Poor's, the rating reflects the City's

access to a diverse employment base, good income and wealth indicators, strong financial reserves, and moderate overall debt burden.

The report states that "... Neenah's conservative budgeting approach has, in general, led to consistent general fund operations and maintenance of, what we consider, very strong reserves." It also looks positively on the City's "above-average" debt repayment schedule and the City's current policy to "restrict new debt issuance to no more that it will retire in a given fiscal year."

Given the current economic environment, the City obviously faces many challenges in maintaining this strong financial status for our citizens. Current elected officials and staff remain committed to continued policies and strategies that ensure the City's financial sustainability and resiliency for current as well as future generations.

~Michael K. Easker, CPA,
Director of Finance

Layoff Monday scheduled days off

The following dates are scheduled Layoff Mondays. On these dates, the listed departments will be closed (City Hall will remain open). If your garbage or yard waste was scheduled to be picked up on the date the Sanitation Department is closed (all Mondays), it will be picked up the next day (Tuesday). The goal was to reduce employee compensation with a minimal disruption of service.

Department	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Street & Sanitation	Apr. 19	May 24	Jul. 19	Aug. 30	Sep. 20	Oct. 4
Water Utility	May 10	Jun. 14	Jul. 12	Aug. 9	Sep. 13	Oct. 11
Parks	Jan. 18	Feb. 15	Mar. 29	Oct. 11	Nov. 8	Dec. 13
Cemetery	Jan. 18	Feb. 15	Mar. 29	Oct. 11	Nov. 8	Dec. 13

H1N1 and flu-like illness guidelines

The novel H1N1 flu virus is causing illness in the United States and countries around the world. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) expects that infections may continue for some time. As a result, you or people around you may become ill. If so, you need to recognize the symptoms and know what to do.

The symptoms of novel H1N1 flu virus in people are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, and fatigue. Some people also have diarrhea and vomiting.

If you become ill or are at risk for complications, contact your health care provider. He/she will determine whether flu testing and/or treatment are needed. He/she can also advise you as to when flu vaccine, seasonal and/or H1N1, may be available to you and your family.

Protect Yourself, Your Family, and Community:

- Contact your health care provider regarding receiving the annual seasonal flu vaccine.
- Contact your health care provider with questions regarding the availability of H1N1 flu vaccine and when your family may be able to receive it.
- Cover all coughs and sneezes with a tissue and dispose of it in a waste container. Cough or sneeze into your sleeve if a tissue is not available.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you

cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners may be used if soap and water are not available.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- DO NOT share eating utensils, water bottles, beverage containers or other personal items.
- Avoid close contact with ill people.
- If you are ill with a flu-like illness, STAY HOME from work or KEEP YOUR CHILDREN HOME from school and other social activities for 24 hours after your/their fever has ended without the use of fever reducing meds, except to seek medical care. For children under 5 years of age, it is recommended that they be out of school for at least 7 days and 24 hours after they are fever free without fever reducing meds.
- If you are ill and sharing a common space with other household members in your home, wear a facemask to help prevent spreading the virus.
- Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds, and other social distancing measures.
- Develop a family emergency plan as a precaution. This should include a supply of extra food, medicines, and other essential supplies.

Please visit the following websites for further information:

<http://pandemic.wisconsin.gov>

<http://cdc.gov>

<http://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/pandemic/flu.html>

Holiday fire safety

The holidays bring friends and family together to celebrate. These times are often spent sharing stories with loved ones and reflecting back on all of the good times. However, the holiday season brings an elevated level for the potential of a fire.

On average, 11,600 fires are reported during the holiday season (late Nov.-Jan.) with an annual loss of over \$80 million. Let's take some time to review some safety tips to make your holidays a success:



- Keep your tree fresh by placing it in a stand that holds water
- Never smoke around the tree or flammable decorations
- Do not place decorations or trees in the way of a potential exit
- Avoid hanging stockings near an open flame
- Use power strips instead of extension cords
- Never leave food unattended while cooking
- Keep children away from open flames and cooking to prevent burns
- Make sure burning candles are in sturdy holders and away from combustibles

Following these safety steps and being aware that a fire can happen in the blink of an eye will help your family stay safe during the holidays. From our family to your family, we wish all of you a Happy Holiday season. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue at 886-6200.

\$1,271

The amount the owner of a \$150,000 home will pay for 2010 property taxes for all City purposes.

Community Spotlight — VCR team

This issue's spotlight focuses on the **Victim Crisis Response (VCR) Team** of the Fox Valley police departments. The VCR Team consists of 30 wonderful volunteers who respond around the clock, 365 days a year. VCR's are dispatched to the scenes of major crimes to provide direct services to people who have been victimized or traumatized. The VCR's provide defusing of incident stress, support to crime victims and their families at the scene, referrals to local service agencies, and follow-up calls after the incident.

In 2009, our volunteers provided

over 1300 hours of community service to the police departments and to victims of crime. The officers called upon the VCR's over 100 times to assist victims of crime as well.

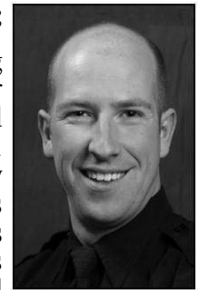
This is a very special group of volunteers who are present in the time of need to assist and to lend a helping hand during someone else's struggles. We have received thank you letters from victims, grateful for the presence of the VCR's. The Neenah Police Department and the other participating Fox Cities police departments extend their thanks to each VCR volunteer for the special services they provide to everyone.

Thank you!
VCR Team

Cops contribute to Special Olympics

Neenah Police employees have been supporting Special Olympics for decades. Officer Stuart Zuehls, the department's coordinator, states, "When I see the impact and smiles on the faces of the athletes, I melt, and keep coming back!"

Fox Valley law enforcement officers participate in year-round Special Olympics' fundraisers. February has "Polar Plunge" supporters jumping into icy waters, raising over \$275,000 in 2009. In April, "Cops-n-Lobsters" gets officers bussing tables and asking for pledges at Red Lobster in Appleton. In June, runners carry the Special Olympics torch past schools and businesses raising pledges and interest in Special Olympics. The "Torch Run" destination: opening ceremonies of the annual Special Olympics competition in Stevens Point.




Officer Zuehls


A favorite event is "Lock-Up-A-Cop," held at the Neenah Wal-Mart. The Fire Department, Gold Cross Ambulance, and area law enforcement unite for this two-day event in October. Citizens donate \$10 or more to handcuff officers and escort them to a makeshift jail. Volunteers hand out candy to kids during a special trick-or-treat time.

New in 2009 was "Cops Gone Wild." This table-bussing event, similar to "Cops-n-Lobsters," was held at Buffalo Wild Wings.

You can help out by donating to the above events. More information: http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org/area_4.asp



KIDS KONNECTION



Youth Activity Fair

FREE FAMILY EVENT

Saturday, March 27th, 2010
9:00 am-Noon

Kids must be accompanied by an adult

fun activities

Face painting * games * art activities * sports * fitness


Informational booths

Healthy foods

Open to all ages


Boys' & Girls' Brigade

109 W. Columbian Ave. Neenah



Watch for more details in early March

Sponsored by
Neenah & Menasha Youth Coalition



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Years in a row that Officer Larry Rodencal has been **Grand Champion** of the Fox Valley Police Pistol League.

Parks & Recreation

Visit <http://www.ci.neenah.wi.us/departments/parks-and-recreation.html>
Guide available on-line or may be picked up at the Neenah Library or City Hall

Leisure Connections

January–May 2010 Parks & Recreation Guide



Park & Rec guide will **NOT** be distributed through the schools (*the Jan.-May 2010 guide only*). Visit www.neenahgov.org for details on parks & recreation facilities and programs.

Watch for the summer *Leisure Connections* guide, through the mail, the last week in March 2010.

Includes Youth & Adult Activities
And Parks & Facilities Information such as;

- Park Shelter Rentals
- Park locations & amenities
- Shattuck Park Boat Stall Rentals
- Memorials for the Living program (park benches and trees)
- Volunteering opportunities
- Ice Skating Rinks and Warming Shelters
- Sledding/Snowshoeing/XC-Skiing Locations
- Adult Zumba®, Pilates & Yoga Classes
- Adult badminton, softball basketball, & volleyball
- Women & Girls Self-Defense
- Youth sports programs & camps; tennis, bowling, basketball, football, golf, etc.
- Toddler sports, fitness & story programs
- Non-school day programs & Friday night happenings
- Kids theatre, sewing, Karate, Fishing, etc.
- Family Bicycle Maintenance classes, Spring Community Band Concert, Milwaukee Bucks Trip
- Riverside Players Auditions
- Summer Part-time Jobs

Program registration accepted on-line, at our city hall office & through the mail.

Neenah Parks and Recreation Department
Creating Community Through People, Parks & Programs

Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation

Summer Part-Time Job Openings

Applications available at
Neenah City Hall, 211 Walnut St
Neenah HS-Student Services,
St. Mary's HS or
www.neenahgov.org

USE SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION ONLY!

*Deadline for accepting
applications is
Friday, February 5, 2010*



**Adult (age 16+) Co-ed
Summer Volleyball Leagues**
thursdays @ the neenah pool
visit www.neenahgov.org
for details & forms

Summer Adult Softball Leagues

Team registration begins
January 4

Leagues begin
week of April 26



Find details and forms on
www.neenahgov.org

Open Gym Basketball for Adults

Monday & Wednesday 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Shattuck Middle School
North Gym

pay @ the door - \$2.00

for a detailed schedule, go to:
www.neenahgov.org

sponsored by Parks & Rec.



Summer Boat Stalls At Shattuck Park

May 1—November 1

Rental rates range \$315-\$410

Water and electricity available

Boat stall applications available
at the City Hall Parks & Rec
office, or at www.neenahgov.org

Adult Doubles

Badminton League

Matches played at Shattuck
Middle School on Wed. nights
starting in Jan. Bring your
own racket. Register by Jan. 8.

Ages 16+

Outdoor Winter Activities

ICE SKATING

Supervised ice rinks
with warming
shelters are located
at three sites around
the City of Neenah.



LOCATIONS & SHELTER HOURS:

Green Park – 337 Columbian Ave.

Friday 4:00-8:00 PM
Sat. & Sun. Noon-4:00 PM

Washington Park - 631 Winneconne Ave.

Mon.-Fri. 4:00-8:00 PM
Sat. & Sun. 10:00 AM-8:00 PM

Memorial Park – Enter off Apple Blossom Dr.

Friday 4:00-8:00 PM
Sat. & Sun. Noon-4:00 PM

*HOLIDAY BREAK
WARMING SHELTER HOURS:
(Depending on weather)*

Dec. 24 CLOSED
Dec. 25 CLOSED

Dec. 26 –31 & Jan. 1 – 3

Noon - 4:00 PM Memorial & Green
10 AM – 8:00 PM Washington

UNSUPERVISED RINK NO WARMING SHELTER

Doty Park Lincoln St.

Hockey not allowed on unsupervised rink
when recreational skaters are present.

*All shelters close when the combination of
temperature and wind is unsafe to
skate/sled/ski.*

Neenah Community Band Spring Concert

March 21—2:30 p.m.

Neenah High School

Pickard Auditorium

1275 Tullar Rd.

Neenah

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LIBRARY

School Year Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 - 9
Friday 9 - 6
Saturday 9 - 5
Sunday 1 - 5

MMBK

Monday Morning Book Klatch discusses a selected title one Monday a month at 10:00 a.m. in the Shattuck Community Room. Anyone who has read the book is encouraged to attend. Light refreshments are provided. Pick up a copy of the title at the Adult Services Desk. Information: Nicole — hardina-wilhelm@neenahlibrary.org; 886-6315.

Jan. 25 — *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

Feb. 22 — *Rooftops of Tehran* by Mahbod Seraji

Mar. 22 — *Latehomecomer* by Lao Kalia Yang

Readers Review

The Readers Review book discussion group meets the third Monday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Carpenter Conference Room. Anyone who has read the book is invited to attend. Light refreshments are provided. Check at the Adult Services Desk for availability of a copy of the book. Information: Cheryl — 886-6315; kraft@neenahlibrary.org.

Jan. 18 — *The Piano Teacher* by Elfriede Jelinek

Feb. 15 — *Go with Me* by Castle Freeman

Mar. 15 — *Secrets of a Fire King* by Kim Edwards

Adult Afternoon Programs

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

Feb. 1 — **Fill'er Up** with author Jim Draeger

Mar. 1. — **People of the Sturgeon** with author Kathleen Schmitt Kline

Apr. 5 — **Spring Woods Awakening** with authors Roy & Charlotte Lukes

Tuesday Night Movies

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

Jan. 5 — *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* (PG)

Jan. 19 — *Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian* (PG)

Feb. 2 — *Whip it* (PG-13)

Feb. 16 — *Boys are Back* (PG-13)

First Friday Concerts

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

Feb. 5 — **A Children's Hour** — Four hand piano music from around the world dedicated to children — Linda Sparks & Nell Buchman, pianists

Mar. 5 — **Selections from Lawrence Conservatory of Music vocalists** — with Steven Paul Spears

Apr. 2 — **Lawrence University Brass Quintet**

Sunday Concerts

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

Mar. 14 — **John Harmon Trio**

Please visit the library website for more information on Sunday concerts:

www.neenahlibrary.org

Monday Matinees

Movies at the library on the second Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Shattuck Community Room. Popcorn and soda will be served. Title subject to change. Information: 886-6315. Free.

Jan. 11 — *Public Enemies* (R)

Feb. 8 — *My Sister's Keeper* (PG-13)

Shakespeare on Screen

Films moderated by Katherine Roberts. Third Wednesday in the Shattuck Community Room. Information: Gretchen — raab@neenahlibrary.org; 886-6315. Free soda/popcorn. Free.

Jan. 20 — *Taming of the Shrew* with Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, 6:30 p.m.: 122 minutes.

Feb. 17 — *10 Things I Hate About You* with Heath Ledger and Julie Stiles, 6:30 p.m.: 97 minutes (PG-13)

Bowling at the Library!

Wii Bowling at the library—no experience necessary and no heavy lifting. Adults only. Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. in the Shattuck Community Room. Information: 886-6315. Free. Ages 18+

Event dates: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10

Free Legal Clinics

The Winnebago County Clerk of Courts and local volunteer attorneys are offering free legal assistance to individuals who need help with simple legal questions, assistance with forms, or referrals to attorneys who offer reduced-cost and/or unbundled services.

Volunteer lawyers, paralegals, and pre-law students from UW-Oshkosh will be available to offer help in the following case types: family law, small claims, domestic abuse/harassment injunctions, probate/wills or guardianships, and property disputes.

Held in the Shattuck Room 4:00-6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. First come first served. Information: Cheryl — kraft@neenahlibrary.org; 886-6314.

Event dates: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, Apr. 13.

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

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Number of assigned school crossings in Neenah.

Youth Go success

Youth Go just wrapped up their 24th annual Haunted House Project. This year, they had over 100 youth volunteer their time and talents to “Neenah’s Most Haunted.”

These dedicated youth put in over 3000 volunteer hours assisting with room construction, set design, and acting inside of the Haunted House. Almost 1600 guests dared to enter “Neenah’s Most Haunted” located at 333 West Cecil Street inside Neenah’s Old City Garage.

These brave souls encountered a twisted jester, a zombie filled theater, a room with many doors, a few very dark mazes and much more. They also welcomed 1700 children and adults at the Children’s Day at the Haunted House vents.

Families were able to trick-or-treat throughout the Haunted House with the lights on, play carnival games, and get their faces painted! Youth helping themselves and bringing the community together, you can’t do better than that now can you.

Emergency notifications

Many area residents no longer have land lines and would not receive emergency notifications from Winnebago County about impending disasters and emergencies. Now, you can sign up for that service for your cell phone or email address.

To register for the service, visit www.co.winnebago.wi.us, click on the box that starts out, “Register your cell phone or email address...” and follow the prompts at the web site.

Those without computers may use one at the library or call 920-236-7459 to leave a message for a volunteer to call you back and assist you.

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Food items donated to the Neenah -Menasha Red Cross via the library’s Food for Fines program.

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Dog Tales

Kids Reading to Therapy Dogs

Reading to a therapy dog can provide children a wealth of benefits: their self-esteem increases, they can maintain focus for a longer period of time, they become confident with reading aloud, and they become more motivated to read. **Dog Tales** is a special reading opportunity designed for kids in first through fifth grades to read aloud to therapy dogs who listen patiently and without judgment for 15 minutes.

Dog Tales dogs are registered therapy dogs that are gentle, calm, and polite and enjoy working with children of all ages. Each dog is carefully selected to ensure a safe and fun experience for each child. The owner/handlers are library volunteers who love helping children become enthusiastic readers.

Call 886-6335 for more information or to register a child (1st – 5th graders only).

Event dates (pre-registration required): Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10.

Brown Bag Lunch Book Club

Parents: pack a lunch and drop children ages 8-10 off at the library for an opportunity to discuss books, characters, writing, and stories. We’ll provide beverages. The discussions will include a related activity.

Sessions are the first Saturday of each month from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Registration is required, but only on a monthly basis. Pick up the books at the Youth desk. Please call 886-6335 for more information or to register.

Event dates: Jan. 2, Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 3.

Little Penguin



A winter Read-to-Me program for children ages 2-5. February. Information: 886-6315, or stop by the Youth Services Desk at the library.

GirlfriendsRead

Enjoy and explore the joy of children’s literature featuring books with strong girl characters by women authors in these unique book groups. 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.

Especially for **ages 9-12**
(with or without an adult):

Jan. 17 — *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech

Feb. 21 — *Rodzina* by Karen Cushman

Mar. 21 — *Wild Girl* by Patricia Reilly Giff

Especially for **teens 12 and up**:

Jan. 10 — *Dairy Queen* by Catherine Gilbert Murdock

Feb. 14 — *A Brief History of Montmaray* by Michelle Cooper

Mar. 14 — *Waiting for Normal* by Leslie Connor

Apr. 11 — *Spindle’s End* by Robin McKinley

Storytimes!

Winter to Spring storytimes run Jan. 5 through May 13. 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 5 only *without* a caregiver. Second Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Free information!
www.neenahlibrary.org

Refuse & Recycling Guide Inside

IMPORTANT!
Neenah residents **MUST** use the enclosed recycling stickers and follow the enclosed **NEW** recycling rules!

Recycling Stickers Inside

Single stream recycling starts January 4!

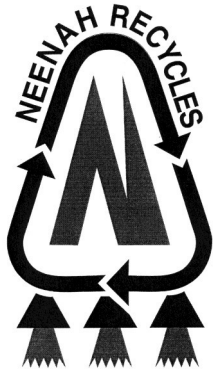
The new Outagamie County Recycling Center is in full operation. All recycled materials from Brown, Outagamie, and Winnebago counties will now be taken to this new single stream recycling facility.

This means that as of Jan. 4, 2010, City of Neenah residents will be able to mix recyclables (glass, aluminum, plastic, and paper products) into a single container without the use of blue (or any other type of) bags.

The new Recycling Center is designed to separate these products and the use of plastic bags will jam the mechanisms. Single stream recycling does NOT mean you can mix your regular garbage with your recycling.

Your recyclable container will be

identified by a sticker provided by the City. Two stickers are included in this newsletter, along with your 2010 Recycling and Refuse Guide. Each property owner is responsible for providing their own recycling container. More than one container is allowed.



As with your regular garbage cans, the recycling container must not be larger than 35 gallons, must have handles and a removable cover, and when filled weigh less than 50 pounds.

Starting January 4, your new recycling container will be picked up each week along with your regular garbage.

Any remaining blue bags you have can be used for regular garbage. See the enclosed **2010 Recycling and Refuse Guide** for additional information.

2010 Census count

The nation's next official Census day is April 1, 2010. Neenah residents will begin to receive short 10-question census surveys during February and March. Your responses are absolutely confidential and no court of law, not even the President himself, can access your individual responses. Please complete and return your survey, as your input will help decide where over \$400 billion in federal and state funds will be distributed.

