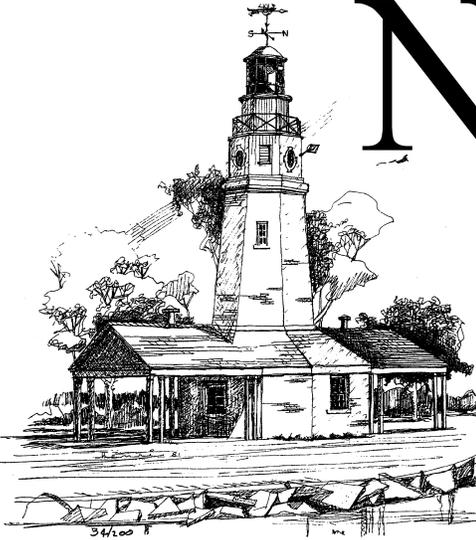


Neenah Notes

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Message from Mayor Dean Kaufert

Dear Friends,

Fall is in the air and winter is right around the corner. As I write this message, the mornings are becoming brisk and the beautiful colors up north have faded and the leaves have fallen.

"Time flies when you are having fun." I can tell you that quote really says a great deal about the past six months as I serve as the leader of this great community.

It is exciting to live in a place where so much effort is put into making sure the residents have many opportunities right in their own backyards.

Looking back, this summer has been filled with events that young and old could take part in and leave with good memories. Our parks brought families out to play and picnic, the swimming pool was a popular place, our trail system is becoming more popular than ever with walkers, bikers, and joggers. The new trail behind Arrowhead Park along Little Lake Butte des Morts is now open and is getting great reviews. Street-Ball weekend, CommunityFest, and Art in the Park have all enjoyed wonderful weather and large crowds. The downtown Wednesday evening and Thursday lunchtime concerts in Shattuck Park brought families out to relax and enjoy the music and atmosphere. Even though it is always too short, summer in Neenah was a blast.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the City budget will have been adopted. Working with City staff, I believe we will have a document that taxpayers can afford and yet looks to build upon the foundation we already have and prepare for the future.

In 2015, our focus will be on continuing the high level of services to our residents throughout City govern-

ment. Our employees will strive to provide a level of quality services and find ways to do things more efficiently with limited resources. Communication and listening to our residents on ways to improve will be a priority.



Making economic development policies will be a challenge, but we must continue to grow our tax base and provide opportunities for businesses to prosper and provide jobs for our citizens. In Neenah, our partnership with the private sector will continue to provide those opportunities to grow.

All of our employees work hard to help us prosper. In the next few years many long-time employees will be retiring and we must prepare the next generation to take over. We also need to make sure our employees have the necessary equipment, are properly trained, and adequately compensated. This budget will provide the tools to make sure we provide the very best service we can to you, our residents.

My goals in this budget were to stay within the State-imposed levy limits, keep expenditure increases to a minimum, continue the tradition of paying off more than we borrow, maintain our infrastructure, and look for ways to enhance our tax base.

The budget will provide a path to fiscal discipline, while providing good quality services to you. We understand that in these tough economic times we have limited resources. Choosing where to invest

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*Neenah
Community
Band
Winter
Concert*

Sunday, December 14
2:00 p.m.

Held at Perry Hall, UW Fox Valley
1478 Midway Rd, Menasha

Free admission. Donations appreciated.

Important information about PROPERTY TAXES—page 3

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'Lighthouse' cover artwork courtesy of Henri Miles.



Public Works Department info

Have you ever been stopped at a traffic signal for a seemingly endless amount of time? Most traffic signals in Neenah are operated by sensors that detect vehicles. While there are many different types, the sensor most commonly used is called an *induction loop*. A loop is simply a coil of wire that is placed underneath the pavement, usually in the shape of a rectangle. When a large metal object, such as a car, is positioned over the loop it affects the loop's magnetic field. The traffic signal senses the change in the magnetic field and then knows that a vehicle has traveled over the loop, sending a message to the traffic signal.

You can often see the loops, because they are saw cut into the pavement and covered in black tar – but not always. If you find yourself waiting a long time at a traffic signal, chances are your vehicle has not been detected by a loop. To make sure you are detected, position your vehicle just behind the painted stop line. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 920-886-6240.

Snow removal

Municipal code states that the owner/occupant of a lot abutting the sidewalk within the City is responsible for clearing snow and ice from the sidewalk, mid-block

crosswalks, corner crosswalks and ramps within 24 hours of the end of a snowstorm. Blowing and plowing snow onto City streets is prohibited.

Overnight parking—winter rules

Unless specifically posted otherwise, parking is not permitted from 2:00—5:00 a.m. for all City of

Neenah streets and parking lots through March 31 for efficient city snow removal.

Tullar drop-off site closed Jan.—Feb.

The large item and metal drop-off site at the Tullar Road Garage will again be closed during January and February to reduce costs during low-use months. Service resumes on weekdays in March from 7 a.m.—5 p.m. The drop-off site is for City of Neenah residents only and

proof of residency is required. The site accepts yard waste, some large items, and used oil. Allow enough time to unload prior to closing. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 920-886-6240 or the City Garage at 920-886-6260.

Water Department

Fixed versus variable costs for the Water Utility

Many people have asked "how does the amount of water treated and pumped daily affect the Water Utility budget?"

Water rates are influenced by two factors: fixed costs and variable costs. The fixed costs are independent of the amount of water that is treated and sold. It includes labor and benefits (one plant operator on all shifts), equipment maintenance, building maintenance, meter reading and billing, water main maintenance, utilities not related to the treatment process or pumping, payment in lieu

of taxes to the City, and debt. In 2013, these fixed costs were estimated to be 86% of the total cost to treat and deliver potable water. Variable costs are directly related to the amount of water that is treated and sold. It includes chemicals, utilities related to the treatment process and pumping, and sludge removal. In 2013, these variable costs were estimated to be 14% of the total cost to treat and deliver potable water. Because this is a small percentage of the total cost, a change in the amount of water treated and pumped daily has only a small affect on the Water Utility budget.

Annual Tax information—*what you need to know...*

2014 REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX BILLS WILL BE MAILED THE SECOND WEEK OF DECEMBER.

If you are paying your property taxes in installments, here are the dates you need to know:

- 1st installment or in-full payment due date: January 31, 2015
- 2nd installment due date: March 31, 2015
- 3rd installment due date: May 31, 2015
- 4th installment due date: July 31, 2015

Make checks payable to:

City of Neenah
P.O. Box 582
Neenah, Wisconsin 54957-0582

Hours and locations of TAX COLLECTION sites

- **City Hall, Treasurer's Office, 211 Walnut St, Neenah, Wisc. 920-886-6144**

Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Friday, 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Our office will be closed on the following days:

December 24, 2014 (Christmas Eve)

December 25, 2014 (Christmas Day)

January 1, 2015 (New Years Day)

A payment drop box is available behind City Hall at the drive-up window location for after-hours convenience.

Tax payments can also be made at the following financial institutions through January 31, 2015. **Escrow check cash refunds** will be given at these locations:

- **Associated Bank**

100 W. Wisconsin Avenue (Neenah main location)
647 S. Green Bay Road (Festival Foods)

- **First National Bank Fox Valley**

550 S. Green Bay Road

- **BMO Harris Bank**

643 S. Green Bay Road

PAYMENTS

Escrow Checks: If you are paying with an escrow check, please make sure your check is properly endorsed. Checks with missing signatures will not be accepted for payment.

Credit card/e-check payments: For your convenience, you may pay your tax bill on-line (www.ci.neenah.wi.us) or by calling 1-800-272-9829 (use jurisdiction code 6712). Service fees will apply on these transactions.

NSF checks: There is a \$35.00 fee charged on all returned checks.

Receipts: Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your tax bill and payment if you want your bill stamped "paid" and returned to you.

REFUND POLICY

If your mortgage escrow check is larger than the amount of your tax bill, the full amount of your check will be applied to the tax bill and a refund check will be issued within 30 days. Cash refunds of \$20.00 or less will be given at the City Treasurer's office. **The financial institutions listed above will issue refunds immediately for payments over the full tax bill.**



Did you receive your LOTTERY & GAMING CREDIT?

If you do not have a Lottery/Gaming credit on your tax bill, you may still be eligible.

To qualify for the credit, your primary residence must be located in Wisconsin and be owner-occupied.

This is a State of Wisconsin program that is facilitated by the City of Neenah.

Forms are available in the Treasurer's Office or online at www.revenue.wi.gov/forms/lottery.

Pet Licenses

All dogs and cats over 5 months of age are required to be licensed in the City of Neenah. Licenses can be purchased at the Treasurer's Office. A valid, current rabies certificate is required to issue a license.

The fees are:

- \$6.00 for altered pets
- \$11.00 for unaltered pets
- A \$5.00 late fee will be imposed if the license is purchased after April 1, 2015.



Library *visit us online www.neenahlibrary.org*

Sunday Concerts

- Bill & Kate Isles, acoustic singers/songwriters: December 7, 2 p.m.
- SunRaEyeS, Music for Traveling: February 8, 2 p.m.

First Friday Concert Series

- Small Forest: December 5, 2:00 p.m.
- Catherine Kautsky, pianist: January 9, 2:00 p.m.
- Erin Krebs & Jeff Johnston, Jazz: February 6, 2:00 p.m.

Monday Matinees & Tuesday Night Movies

Held on the second Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. and the first and third Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. Call for titles, ratings, and run times—920-886-6315.

Adult Afternoon Programs—Held on first Mondays at 2:00 p.m.

- *Letting Go of What Holds Us Back* with Sandra Peterson: December 1
- *Yellowstone: Animals, Geothermal Features & the Canyons* with Don Lorenz: January 5
- *You Must Answer This* with Gary Beyer: February 2
- *This Superior Place* with Dennis McCann: March 2



Tech Talk Tuesdays

Held on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Learn about the latest gadgets and new technology.

- Tablet Basics: December 9
- Downloading ebooks using Wisconsin's Digital Library: January 13
- Choosing Good Kids' Apps: February 10
- *Evening edition: Downloading ebooks: Monday, January 12, 6:30 p.m.*

Embracing Wellness

A series on living a natural, whole, and balanced life.

- Meditation & Mindfulness: Monday, December 1, 6:30 p.m.
- Feng Shui: Monday, January 5, 6:30 p.m.
- Ageless Grace: Monday, February 2, 6:30 p.m.

Fitness Fridays

Fitness Fridays are held every first, third, and fifth Fridays of the month. Fifth Fridays will be special—with giveaways, healthy treats, and special surprises! Held 9:15—10:15 a.m. If you're interested in teaching a class as part of Fitness Fridays, or have questions, contact Arielle at loy@neenahlibrary.org.

Suburban Homesteading

- Home Creamery Series, Session 3: Holiday Cheese Making: Monday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.

Book clubs for adults

- Monday Morning Book Klatch (MMBK) is held one Monday a month at 10:00 a.m. Ask at the Adult Services desk for a copy of the selected title.
- Cookbook Book Club meets every second Thursday of the month from 6:30—7:30 p.m. Visit the Library's website for information on the themes.
- YA & J Book Club—A book discussion group for everyone who loves young adult and juvenile literature. Join us on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Legal assistance clinics

Free legal assistance with simple legal questions, forms, or referrals to attorneys who offer reduced-cost services. Held on the second Tuesday of each month from 4—6 p.m.

Memory Café

For those with early-stage dementia, mild memory loss, or cognitive impairment, and their family & friends. Activities, refreshments, and camaraderie! Third Mondays from 1:30—3:00 p.m. Note: If help is needed to participate, please bring someone along to assist you. Co-sponsored by the Fox Valley Memory Project and Valley VNA.

English Afternoon Tea

You are cordially invited to Afternoon Tea at the Library on Friday, January 23, 4:30 p.m. Enjoy *Discovering Austen*, a play about Jane Austen by Lawrence University alum, Kristin Hammargren, (pictured left). Don your finest from your favorite era, indulge in tea and "sweeties," and pose for a photo in front of *Downton Abbey*!

Magazine sale

Friends of the Library will hold their first annual magazine sale on Saturday, February 28, from 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Magazines withdrawn from the Library's collection along with donated magazines will be available for purchase. Donations of current magazines appreciated!

New library cards

The Library is unveiling two new card designs to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the new building (2015). The "regular" card, designed by graphic artist Renee Miller, features an updated logo on a black background. And, for the first time, the Library is offering a "My first Library card," for babies and children, featuring a reading dinosaur. New to the Library? Your first card is free. Replacement cards are \$1.00 for adults and .50 for children.



Download e-books and audiobooks to your devices—Free!
Visit the library for more information.

Library *Children's programs and events at the Library*

Story times January 12—May 8

- Baby Time (0-11 months): Wednesdays, 9:15 a.m.
- Toddle Time (12-23 months): Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m., Thursdays, 9:15 a.m.
- Lapsit (2-year-olds and young threes): Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.
- Our Time (ages 3 to 5): Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.
- Twilight Time (ages 2 to 6): Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Special Program

WonderWorks (ages 3 to 5): Wednesdays, 1 p.m. Held in February.

Book Groups

- Page Turners (ages 8 to 11): Every other Thursday, 3:45 p.m. January 22 through May 21.
- The Middle Shelf (ages 11 to 14): Every other Thursday, 4:15 p.m. January 22 through May 21.
- Girlfriends Read (ages 8 and up): Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. January 15 and February 5.
- Pooches and Pages (grades 1 to 5): Kids Reading to Therapy Dogs, 15-minute appointments between 10:00 -11:00 a.m., January 10 and February 14.

Family Programs (Saturdays)

- Gifts Galore: December 6, 1 p.m.
- All Aboard the Polar Express: December 13, 1 p.m.
- Drive-in Movie: January 12, 10 a.m.
- Stuffed Animal Sleepover: January 31, 1 p.m.
- Take Your Child to the Library Day: February 7, all day!

Early Dismissal Movies

- *Dolphin Tale 2*: January 16, 1 p.m.
- *Boxtrolls*: January 30, 1 p.m.
- *Toy Story*: February 20, 1 p.m.
- *Alexander*: February 26, 1 p.m.

Thursday Night @ the Movies (6:00 p.m. start)

- *Transformers*: December 11
- *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*: January 8
- *Maze Runner*: February 12

Winter Read-to-Me Challenge—month of February

Read 100 books in February to receive a free book (for babies to 5-year-olds)

Give a Kid a Book November 7—December 7

Provide the gift of a new, unwrapped book to a local family in need.

Parent Place—new!

- Choosing Good Kids' Apps: January 27, 6:30 p.m.
- Sleeping Through the Night: February 24, 6:30 pm.

Winter Break-It-Up

- *Annie* (movie): December 26, 1 p.m.
- Bingo Bonanza: December 27, 1 p.m. (with a special guest Bingo caller!)
- Family games: December 28, 1 p.m.
- Science fun: December 29, 1 p.m.
- Memory keepsakes & thank you cards: December 30, 1 p.m.
- Nearly New Year's: December 31, 11 a.m.

Legos at the Library (ages 5 and up)

Last Sunday of every month, 1:30 p.m.

Advice for Parents in the Digital Age

With more time spent in front of a screen, parents need to successfully integrate technology into their children's lives. Healthy use of media by children is possible—and it's more important than ever as today's children will live in a world fully integrated with technology. There are digital resources out

there that can impact intellectual, social, and emotional development in children. The challenge comes in selecting the videos, games, and devices that will have a positive impact and using them in beneficial ways. Here are some tips:

Interactive. Choose interactive games and videos with an emphasis on adult-child interaction. Instead of using your smartphone as a babysitter, create a dialogue. Sit and discuss what you are seeing, ask questions, and encourage imagination.

Age-appropriate. Children's needs change as they grow. Babies and toddlers should experience technology with an adult, such as reading an e-book together; preschoolers may enjoy using a touch screen.

Engaging. Find active, hands-on, and creative technology that engages kids with the world and with the people around them. Look for games, websites, and apps that encourage outdoor play, critical thinking, and other life skills.

Digital Literacy. Adults can model using media in smart, healthy ways that complement, instead of compete, with their growth while giving them greater access to all the opportunities living in the digital age provides. Most importantly, be aware of how your family's media habits can affect development in even the youngest children.

Tuesday, January 27, 6:30 p.m.: Choosing Good Kids' Apps—interactive, age-appropriate, & engaging apps.



Police Department *visit us online at www.ci.neenah.wi.us*

Neenah Police Department receives awards

The Neenah Police Department recently received two significant and diverse awards. On October 7, Officer Chris Gorden and his K9 partner, Cedric, received the "Meritorious K9 Narcotics Find" award. The team was selected from seven nominated teams around the state at the annual conference of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handlers' Association in Stevens Point. The award was presented to the team for their work in locating a vehicle based on a rough description and recovering more than 336 grams of methamphetamine. This was one of the largest meth seizures in Northeastern Wisconsin history.

On November 11, representatives of the Neenah Police Department were on hand at the "Celebrate Life" event hosted by Community Giving Tree, where they were presented with that organization's first "Compassionate Employer" award. While the police department has been through a number of difficult issues in the past few years (including the loss of an officer to cancer, a leukemia diagnosis of an officer's child, other employees with cancer treatments, and many other significant personal crises), the nomination was for the department's response to the Afghanistan shooting of Army Sergeant Brian Eisch. Brian is the brother-in-law of Neenah Police Lieutenant Tom Van Sambeek. The department was presented the award for the concern shown to Brian's family, and the way they honored him when he was able to return to the Neenah area.

Locks and alarms: Important crime prevention tools

Neenah Police recently responded to four different business burglaries. In three of those, the suspects stayed on scene for a protracted time, damaging materials and stealing valuables. At the fourth burglary, the suspects left in a big hurry, causing very little damage and almost no loss in property. Was that

one business just lucky? Nope. That business had an audible alarm that sounded and scared off the culprits. Locking doors and installing simple alarm systems are two of the easiest things residents and businesses can do to prevent crime. Got a door? Lock it. Got a business? Alarm it.

Did you know?

- New drivers (probationary drivers) may not use a cell phone while driving. No texts, no e-mails, no phone calls coming in or going out. The only exception is to make an emergency call.
- All drivers are prohibited from texting while driving.
- The overnight parking ban begins Nov. 1. No on-street parking from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m.
- U-turns are lawful at all intersections, except where otherwise posted.
- Speed is a major factor in accidents, especially in winter weather. Slow down!
- Your police department offers lock-out services. Lock your keys in your car? We can help.
- The police department can keep an eye on your home while you go south to avoid winter weather. Contact Officer Edgar Gonzalez at 920-886-6022.
- The police department has an engraving tool to loan out to help you mark your valuables.
- Bicycle riding is prohibited on the downtown sidewalks.
- The first squad car radio was

- installed in a Neenah Police Department vehicle in 1940.
- The approximate cost of a digital squad radio today is \$4,200.
- 17.5% of Neenah officers have prior military experience.
- The cost for Neenah taxpayers when a subject is held at the county jail for a Neenah warrant is \$51.46 per day.
- 5,200 students attended the PARTY at the PAC in October and learned the importance of good driving decisions.

Below: Officer Chris Gorden accepts the "Narcotics Find" award from WLECHA President Todd Skarban.



Above: Army Sergeant Brian Eisch receives a framed recognition display from the Chief Kevin Wilkinson from the Neenah Police Department.

Neenah Menasha Fire-Rescue *visit us online at www.nmfire.org*

Heating safety

It's a cold winter night. You decide to use a space heater or perhaps light a fire in the fireplace to save on the heating bill. Comfortable from its warmth as bedtime approaches, you think, "What harm could it cause to leave it on overnight?" Think again.

While these heating devices may help you feel cozy and warm, they can become extremely dangerous if not used properly. Home heating fires are largely preventable. Our goal at Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue is to reduce the number of home-heating fires in our community. But we need your help to do this: We urge you to use extra caution this winter when heating your home. The majority of fire deaths are caused by space heaters or by creosote build-up in the chimney.

To help keep you and your family safe this winter, we recommend that you follow these simple guidelines:

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from space heaters. Items such as paper, bedding, and furniture can all burn. Space heaters need space!
- Turn portable heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.

- Plug power cords only into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord. Inspect for cracked, frayed, or broken plugs or loose connections. If it is damaged, replace it before using it.
- Have your chimney regularly inspected and cleaned by a professional.
- Allow ashes to cool before disposing. Dispose of ashes in a metal container out of doors.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Test your alarms monthly.
- Install and maintain a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.

With these simple precautions, you can help us meet our goal of decreasing home-heating fires this winter.

If you have any questions, please call Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue at 920-886-6200.

Fire safety education

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue provided fire safety education to 2,579 students in grades 1, 2, and 3 during Fire Prevention Week in the Cities of Neenah and Menasha.

Photo below: Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue's Dive Team was invited by Michels Quarry to participate in this year's Quarry Quest for a training scenario called "Beneath The Surface." The divers wore GoPro cameras (wearable, mountable HD video cameras—about 2" wide) and people were able to see what the divers do when performing a dive rescue.



New recyclables accepted at Tri-County Facility

We're often asked, "Why can't I recycle more plastics?" The good news is that now you CAN recycle many more plastics...and cartons, too!

The Tri-County (Brown, Outagamie and Winnebago counties) Single

Stream Recycling Facility, located in Appleton, has expanded its processing capabilities to add new materials. This expansion was made possible by the regional growth of the facility, which now serves haulers and municipalities from all over the greater Northeast Wisconsin region. With that growth has come more efficient use of the original capital investment and greater economies of scale necessary to invest in equipment.

Another important factor considered by the Tri-County Recycling Facility was available markets

and long-term viability to recycle additional items. Reliable, domestic markets were required in order for the facility to increase recyclable recovery.

Here's the list of newly recyclable items:

- Cartons (milk, juice, soup, wine)
- Dairy containers (yogurt, sour cream, margarine, cottage cheese)
- Produce, bakery and deli containers (donut, potato salad, berries)
- Lids from those containers

Questions? Call the Winnebago County Recycling Specialist at 920-727-2896 or visit the website for more information: www.WinnebagoCountySolidWaste.com.



Parks and Recreation *visit us online at www.ci.neenah.wi.us*



BUILDING ICE RINKS

The best conditions to build ice are when there is at least 2 inches of frost in the ground and the temperature is below 17°. With too little frost and temperatures warmer than 17°, applying water can actually draw the frost out of the ground.

ICE SKATING

Supervised ice rinks with warming shelters are located at three sites:

Green Park

337 Columbian Ave.

- **Fridays: 4–8 p.m.**
- **Saturdays & Sundays: Noon–4 p.m.**

Washington Park

631 Winneconne Ave.

- **Mondays–Fridays: 4–8 p.m.**
- **Sat. & Sun: 10 a.m.–8 p.m.**

Memorial Park

Enter park off Apple Blossom Drive

- **Fridays: 4–8 p.m.**
- **Saturdays & Sundays: Noon–4 p.m.**

WARMING SHELTER HOURS during holiday break (Dec. 26–Jan. 2) *Depending on weather*

- **Memorial & Green: Noon–4 p.m.**
- **Washington: 10 a.m.–8 p.m.**

All shelters close when the combo of temperature & wind is unsafe to skate/sled/ski.

HOCKEY

Hockey helmets are highly recommended.

- **Washington Park: Half of rink during all open shelter hours. *Skaters with hockey sticks will only be allowed on the Washington west rink.***
- **Green Park & Memorial Park: *Hockey not allowed when recreational skaters are present.***

X-COUNTRY SKIING

Groomed cross-country ski trails are maintained (when snow conditions are favorable) at Memorial, Southview and Riverside parks. Skiing is allowed in any City of Neenah Park.

SLEDDING

Sledding hills are located at:

- **Memorial Park - off Apple Blossom**
- **Washington Park - behind shelter**
- **Quarry Park - Cedar Street**
- **Island Park - 1st & E. N. Water St.**

Free Family Open Gym

Adult, Teen & Family (14 & under must be accompanied by an adult) Wednesdays, 6:30–8:30 p.m. through March 2015. No Open Gym on December 24 or 31, or February 25. Held at Shattuck Middle School. Call for more information at 920-886-6060.

Adult Basketball Open Gym

Monday and Wednesday evenings, Shattuck Middle School, North Gym from 7:00–9:00 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 per night, payable at the door. Details, including the complete schedule, can be found on www.ci.neenah.wi.us.

Part-Time Job Opportunities

Applications available at www.ci.neenah.wi.us. Applications must be completed and submitted online. Applications for summer job positions will be available December 1. Deadline for applications is February 6. Positions include park and cemetery maintenance, pool, softball umpires and scorers, youth sports and playgrounds.

Summer Adult Softball Leagues

Team registration begins January 12. League play begins week of April 27. Co-ed and Men's Leagues. Registration forms and league details can be found on the City's website at www.ci.neenah.wi.us.

Summer Boat Stalls—Shattuck Park

Interested in a summer boat stall at Shattuck Park? The season runs May 1–Nov. 1. Rental rates range from \$315–\$410. Applications accepted according to the following priorities:

- Feb. 2: Last year's City of Neenah resident renters, for the stall they occupied last season, or for a stall previously occupied by a non-resident.
- Feb. 16: Any City of Neenah resident, for vacant stalls.
- Feb. 23: All other applicants

Boat stall applications are available at the Parks & Recreation Office and on our website beginning January 30.

Adult (age 16+) Co-ed
Summer Volleyball Leagues



tuesday & thursdays @ the neenah pool

visit www.neenahgov.org for details & forms

Registration begins in early 2015

Parks and Recreation *visit us online at www.ci.neenah.wi.us*

Thinking New Year's resolutions? Look no further... One way to be successful with New Year's resolutions is to plan ahead. Neenah Parks & Recreation can be the solution to keeping your New Year's resolutions. Don't make your resolution on New Year's eve. If you wait until the last minute, it will be based on your mindset that particular day. Instead, it should be planned well before the end of the year. Here are a few sample resolutions and ideas to help you meet your goals. See your *Leisure Connections* book for more information.

Resolution: Lose weight and get in shape. Go for a run, brisk walk, snowshoe, ice skate, or x-country ski in any City of Neenah park. In addition, here are fitness/active programs:

ACTIVITY	OPEN TO	DATE
Adult Yoga, Pilates, Belly dance, & Zumba®	Adults	Ongoing sign-up
Basketball Open Gym	Adults	Mon. & Wed. through March 2015
Quickstart Tennis	Ages 5—10	Begins Feb. 2 and 3
Little Rockets Girls' Basketball	Girls grades 1—5	Jan. 14, 21, 28, and 30
Little Rockets Boys' Basketball	Boys grades K—4	Jan. 7, 14, 21, and 23

Resolution: Spend more time with family and friends. Neenah Parks & Recreation has six year-round park shelters available for rent— perfect for celebrations and family gatherings. All are heated—three have fireplaces. Family and friends programs include:

Christmas cookie & graham cracker house build	Families	Dec. 6
Half-day Hangout	Grades K—5	Jan. 16 and 30 & Feb. 20
Start Smart Sports	Ages 3—5 with parent	Classes being Jan. 26 & Feb. 23
Family Open Gym	Adults, teens, and families	Wednesday nights through March 2015
Seasonal Surprises	Ages 3—5 (parents optional)	Fridays, Jan. 16, 23, 30 & Feb. 6
Smocks & Jocks	Ages 3—5	Fridays, Feb. 6, 13, 20
Colors, Numbers & Shapes	Ages 3—5	Fridays, Jan. 16, 23
Winter Break-to-Create	Ages 7+ (younger with an adult)	
Button Bracelet		Monday, Dec. 29
Mosaic		Tuesday, Dec. 30
Pop Tab Art		Wednesday, Dec. 31
Canvas Painting		Thursday, Jan. 1
Ribbon Weaving		Friday, Jan. 2

Resolution: Learn something new! Try one of these programs:

Fondant workshop (cake decorating)	Adults	Friday, Feb. 6
Saturday Try-It Art Class	Ages 7—Adult	
Wooden Gingerbread House		Saturday, Dec. 13
Treasure Box		Saturday, Jan. 17
Bottlecap Mosaic		Saturday, Feb. 21
Visual Art Adventure	Ages 8—14	
Christmas Extravaganza		Dec. 2, 9, 16
Watercolor Wonders		Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27
Fashion Design		Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24
Adult Art Time	Ages 18+	
Dry Materials		Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22
Dry Materials		Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28
Watercolor		Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25
Platform Tennis	Ages 8—12 & Ages 13—17	Sessions begin Jan. and again in Feb.



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those dollars that will pay off dividends in the future is important to achieving positive economic growth.

As Mayor, my open door policy continues: Whenever you are in City Hall or in the area and have a question, concern, or suggestion, please feel free to stop in and say hello.

Your thoughts and suggestions are vitally important to our success. My "Working with the Staff" program continues, and is giving me good insight into how to improve services.

I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving and wish all a wonderful winter season. Be safe wherever your travels take you and have a great holiday season.

Sincerely,

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The photo, top right, circa 1930s, shows the erecting of a Christmas tree near the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and Commercial Street. The building in the foreground is the National Manufacturer's Bank. The building visible in the distance is the First National Bank.

The photo, bottom right, shows snow removal in the 100 block of West Wisconsin Avenue in 1953. From left to right, the stores visible in the photograph are Van's Candies, the Bluebird Cafe, Wisconsin Michigan Power Company offices, Krueger Hardware, and Schultz Brothers Variety Store.

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A look back . . .



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