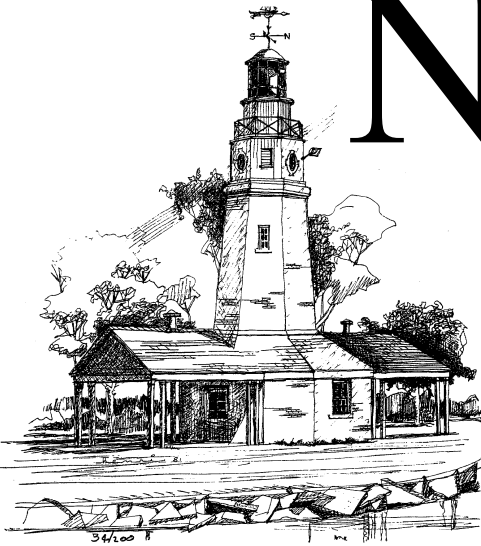


NeenahNotes

The City of Neenah Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor

Dear Friends,

The temperature has dipped to about 32 degrees as I sit in our cottage on Crooked Lake in Mountain, Wisconsin on this Sunday morning in late October. It appears another summer has come to an end, fall has arrived, and snow shoveling season will soon be upon us. That's what makes living here so great for me: The four seasons we enjoy make Wisconsin the place to be.

Our community received good news from our local regional hospital. Dr. Imran Andrabi, President and CEO of ThedaCare, announced that "after much study, we have determined to focus on improving our existing Fox Cities facilities at the current locations."

I was somewhat surprised, but very pleased, with the decision. The CEO and ThedaCare Board of Trustees listened, evaluated, and determined that the path forward is to enhance their current campuses in Neenah and Appleton.

Our senior City staff and I spent many hours discussing the history, impact, and legacy the Hospital has on the community. Access to quality healthcare was, and is, a top priority for our community. We stressed the importance of keeping this world-class facility in its current location. I am committed to ensuring that the City will support ThedaCare through infrastructure improvements and campus upgrades to protect top-notch healthcare services for the future.

This quality regional hospital is so important to our community for many reasons: the economic impact they bring, access to a Level II Trauma Center, the Children's Hospital, and the many highly regarded surgeons, doctors, and staff. When minutes matter, having a quality emergency facility like

ThedaCare, combined with excellent pre-hospital care from the paramedics of Gold Cross Ambulance, can make the difference in critical lifesaving decisions.



ThedaCare's commitment to this community is appreciated. And I believe that by working together, we can enhance the current location for the next generation.

Another project that will be completed by the time you receive this newsletter is the City budget. My goals are simple: To improve our quality core services, keep the property taxes you pay affordable, set fees at or below current levels, evaluate our services and focus on how those can be enhanced while staying within the revenue and expenditure goals of the budget, and to pay off more debt than we take on each year, which we delivered once again.

Our budget is just over \$24.5 million dollars per year, which is supported by a tax levy of \$13,424,960. Including debt service, the budget is just over \$16.8 million dollars, an increase of just over \$232,000 over 2017.

Street assessments are on my radar and I would like your opinion. We currently assess homeowners, whose streets are being reconstructed, with part of the cost. We now bill homeowners on each side of the street one-third of the cost, with the City paying the remaining third. This means a property owner could face a bill of \$3,000 to \$4,000 when the street is redone. We allow a 5-year payment plan. However, in many cases, this cost puts a large financial burden on the homeowner.

The City Council is reviewing alternatives

ELECTION INFORMATION

Spring Primary: February 20, 2018
Spring Election: April 3, 2018

Local Offices on the Ballot:

- Mayor
- Alderperson
District One, Two, or Three
- Neenah-Menasha Joint
Municipal Court Judge
- Neenah Joint School District
School Board Members

*** REMINDER***

**PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED
TO VOTE IN WISCONSIN**

Visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website for information on acceptable forms of photo identification and how to obtain a free Wisconsin ID card for voting:

elections.wi.gov/

or

www.bringitwisconsin.com/

To find your polling place, visit My Vote Wisconsin Website:
myvote.wi.gov

You can register to vote at the Clerk's Office up until the Friday before the election or at the polling place on Election Day.

Contact the Clerk's Office at 920-886-6100 with any questions.
211 Walnut Street, Neenah



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Contact us

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'Lighthouse' cover artwork courtesy of Henri Miles.



Public Works Department

Change in Christmas Holiday Collection Schedule

Is your regular garbage pick-up day Friday?

The *2017 Recycling and Refuse Guide* indicates the Christmas Holiday collection for Friday, December 22, will be on Thursday, December 21. However that has been changed*.

Below is the new collection schedule:

Holiday	Regular Collection Day	Rescheduled Collection Day
Christmas Holiday	Friday, December 22	*Friday, December 22
Christmas Holiday	Monday, December 25	Tuesday, December 26

Tullar Drop-Off Site Closed January and February

The large item and metal drop-off site at the Tullar Road Garage will again be closed in January and February to reduce costs. Service will resume on weekdays in March from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 920-886-6240 or the City Garage at 920-886-6260.

Neenah Historical Society 920-729-0244

The History of the Fire Department

Thursday, January 18, 7:00 p.m., at the Neenah Public Library

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue presents the history of firefighting in our community. *(Photo below: Horse-drawn fire trucks and firefighters.)* Photos, artifacts, and stories. Part of the "Making a Hometown" series. Co-sponsored by Neenah Public Library.



Traveling Trends – Then & Now

Thursday, February 22, 7:00 p.m., at the Neenah Public Library. *(Photo above right: Traveling by ship.)*

Fascinating history about early travel experiences of turn-of-the-century Neenah residents as well as a look at current

travel trends. Cindy Hendren of Neenah's Bon Voyage Travel will share travel journals, photos, and memorabilia from the 1900s and will bring us up-to-date on the most popular travel destinations of today. Co-sponsored by Neenah Public Library.

Neenahhistoricalsociety.com



Annual Property Tax Information

ARE YOU PAYING YOUR PROPERTY TAXES IN INSTALLMENTS? HERE ARE THE DATES YOU'LL NEED TO KNOW:

- 1st installment or in-full payment due date: January 31, 2018
- 2nd installment due date: March 31, 2018
- 3rd installment due date: May 31, 2018
- 4th installment due date: July 31, 2018

Make checks payable to: **City of Neenah, P.O. Box 582, Neenah, WI 54957-0582**

TAX COLLECTION SITES

• City Hall

Treasurer's Office, 211 Walnut Street, Neenah 920-886-6144

Hours: Monday through Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Treasurer's Office will be closed December 25 and December 26, 2017; January 1, 2018.

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, 2018:

- **Associated Bank** *Escrow check cash refunds allowed*
100 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Neenah (Neenah main location)
647 S. Green Bay Road, Neenah (Festival Foods location)
- **Nicolet National Bank** *Escrow check cash refunds allowed*
550 S. Green Bay Road, Neenah
- **BMO Harris Bank** *No refunds*
643 S. Green Bay Road, Neenah

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.

Credit card/e-check payments: For your convenience, you may pay your tax bill online at www.ci.neenah.wi.us or by calling 1-844-309-5946. Service fees will apply on these transactions.

NSF checks: There is a \$35 fee charged on all returned (non-sufficient funds) checks.

Receipts: If payment is made by mail and you would like a receipt, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment.

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 \$50.00 or less will be given at the Treasurer's office. *The designated financial institutions listed will issue refunds immediately for payments over the full tax bill. Identification or depository account may be required.*

Questions about your property taxes?
Contact the Treasurer's Office at 920-886-6144.
The Treasurers' Office is located in City Hall
at 211 Walnut Street, Neenah.

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 on January 1 of the tax year.

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

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

Pet Licenses

All dogs and cats over 5 months of age are required to be licensed annually 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.

Fees:

- \$6 for altered pets
- \$11 for unaltered pets
- A \$5 late fee will be imposed if the license is purchased after March 31, 2018



Police Department

Support the NPD K9 Program

Prior to the inception of the Neenah Police Department K9 program, the average number of drug contacts per year was approximately 92. Since K9 Cedric started patrolling the streets, that number has jumped to a high of 258 drug contacts per year.

Drugs are in our community and we need partners like Cedric to help find them. In just five years, K9 Cedric is credited with eradicating over 50 pounds of drugs off our city streets, including one of the state's largest methamphetamine seizures.

The police department has been given permission to expand the K9 program, allowing us to field two K9s. Our goal is to get one K9 trained and on patrol by the spring of 2018. After Cedric retires another K9 will be trained for patrol.

We would like to partner with you in ridding our community of drugs. Without your support, our \$230,000 fund-raising goal would not be possible.

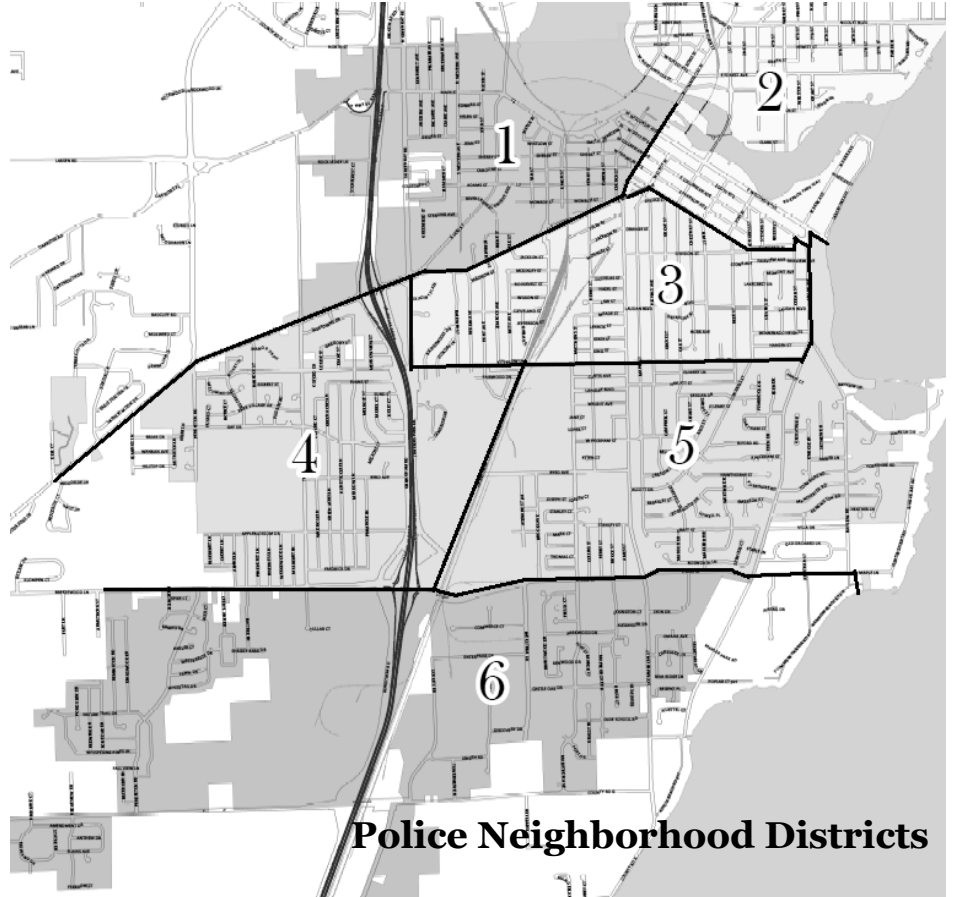
To keep this program going, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to our K9 trust fund. Checks, made payable to City of Neenah K-9 Trust, can be mailed or dropped off at the Neenah Police Department.

Neenah Police Department Neighborhood Policing ~ Partnerships That Work

A new Neighborhood Policing program has begun! Our officers are going door to door in an attempt to meet you and to talk about any concerns you may have. If you are not home, a brochure will be left at your residence. Please feel free to call us back to set up an appointment so we can meet you.

What is Neighborhood Policing? Officers working cooperatively with citizens to identify concerns, target specific issues, and reduce crime in their neighborhoods. Why implement Neighborhood Policing?

- To be proactive, rather than reactive, in our policing efforts
- To have the community know their officers



Police Neighborhood Districts

- To have the officers know their community
- To strengthen partnerships between the community and their officers
- To empower the community

Program Goals: Increase community engagement, reduce traffic complaints, reduce crime.

You can also view maps and see who your Neighborhood Policing officers are by visiting our webpage



www.ci.neenah.wi.us or scan the QR code to take you there.

Roundabout Safety

Our tenured officers remember responding to dozens of serious car accidents at formerly signal-controlled intersections, like Winneconne Avenue and Green Bay Road. Those broadside accidents often sent occupants to the hospital. With roundabouts, serious injuries are rare.

Though serious injuries have been avoided, there are still many preventable crashes in roundabouts due to improper driver actions. There are a few simple rules every driver must follow to ensure safety:

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To contact a neighborhood police officer for your district, please email:

- District 1:** npddistrict1@ci.neenah.wi.us
- District 2:** npddistrict2@ci.neenah.wi.us
- District 3:** npddistrict3@ci.neenah.wi.us
- District 4:** npddistrict4@ci.neenah.wi.us
- District 5:** npddistrict5@ci.neenah.wi.us
- District 6:** npddistrict6@ci.neenah.wi.us

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Roundabout safety, continued

- Follow the designated lane movements. Don't go straight in a turn-only lane; don't turn in a straight-only lane.
- Don't drive alongside large trucks. Stay behind them.

- Slow down.
 - Watch for pedestrians and bicyclists in the crosswalks.
 - Don't enter the roundabout if traffic is approaching from the left in any lane.
- In addition to reducing the cost and harm of injury accidents, roundabouts

are very cost effective. No more burned-out stoplights, no more power poles knocked down by large vehicles. Roundabouts are now an integral part of Neenah's traffic flow so let's use them properly and keep everyone safe!

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue places a strong emphasis on fire prevention and safety education. October is dedicated to bringing this information into the schools. This year, the Fire Prevention Team delivered fire safety information to 2,534 children in the first, second, and third



grades in the Neenah and Menasha Joint School districts (*photo, above right*).

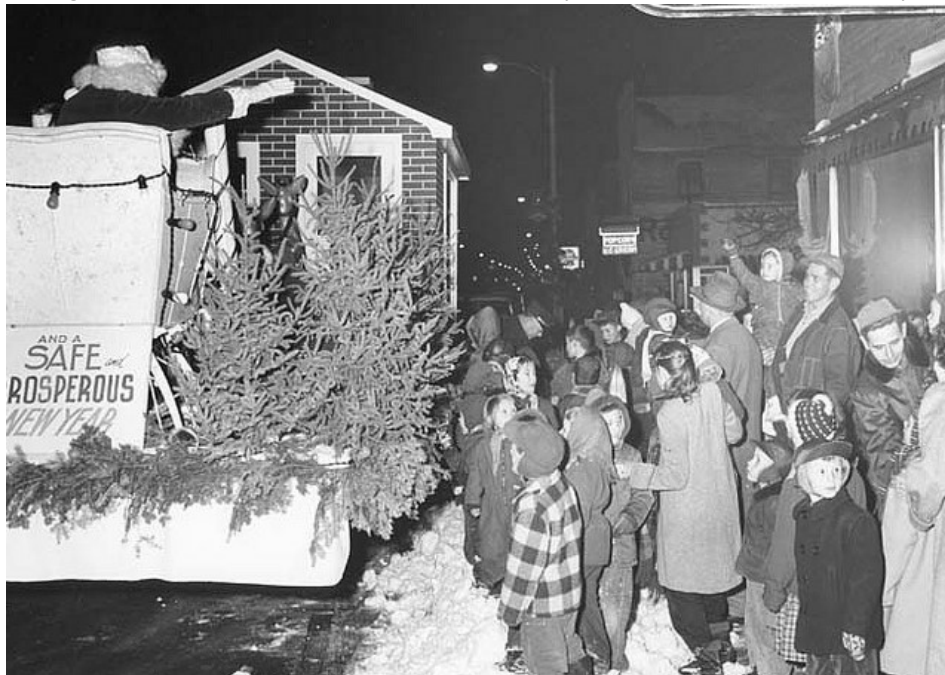
Menasha beginning Monday, December 4 through Friday, December 15. Check the NMFR website for this year's routes: <https://nmfire.org>.

Santa Float

The Santa Float is an annual tradition in Neenah (and now Menasha), which started in the early 1950s.

The Santa Float will again make its way through the cities of Neenah and

Also, be sure to attend "**The History of the Fire Department**" on Thursday, January 18, 7:00 p.m., at the Neenah Public Library. Co-sponsored by the Library and Neenah Historical Society.



Above: Neenah residents gather as Santa passes by on the Fire Department's Santa Float in the early 1950s. Photo courtesy of Neenah Historical Society.

Mayor's Message, *continued from page 1*

and proposals to change street assessment policy. Alternatives include:

- 10% for each side of the street, with the balance paid by City borrowing.
- Wheel Tax on vehicles, as some local communities have done.
- Transportation Fee that would be paid by ALL property owners annually—a flat fee of approximately \$40 per year on residential properties, a slightly higher fee on small businesses, and a higher fee on large retail businesses. Consequently, a residential property would pay \$800.00 over a twenty year period.

I want to stress these are only being talked about at this time. Clearly a change would impact those who recently paid the assessment. I would like to hear your thoughts on pursuing a change on street assessments. Please feel free to contact me by email at dkaufert@ci.neenah.wi.us or go to the City's website www.ci.neenah.wi.us and click on "**Contact Us**". You may also contact any of the Aldermen; they are interested in your opinion on this as well. We need to hear from you – this issue impacts all of us at some time.

And finally, the "Loop the Lake Trestle Project" has begun construction, which will continue through winter. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for early April. These bridges across the north and south branches of the Fox River will enhance and further unite the Loop the Lake trail, providing a 3.2 mile trail to be used by many.

Please feel free to stop in anytime; my door is always open to hear your concerns or just say hello.

Dean

Parks and Recreation www.ci.neenah.wi.us or call 920-886-6060

Loop the Lake

The Loop the Lake project came in within budget and bids were awarded to Pfeifer Brothers Construction in October. Construction is expected to begin in November and be completed in June 2018. Stay tuned for more information.

Winter recreation

Winter provides a magnificent opportunity to get out and enjoy our parks and nature. Discover landscapes and formations that otherwise cannot be seen with foliage on the trees. Whether it is cross-country skiing (groomed trails at Riverside, Memorial and Southview Parks), ice skating (Green, Washington and Memorial Parks), snowshoeing just about anywhere, or sledding (hills at Memorial, Washington, Quarry and Island Parks), get outside and take in the beauty of winter!

Building ice rinks

The best condition to build ice is when there is at least 2 inches of frost in the ground and the temperature is below 17 degrees. If there is too little frost and if the temperature is warmer than 17 degrees, applying water can actually draw the frost out of the ground.

Ice skating

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

- Green Park (337 Columbian Ave.)
Friday: 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun.: Noon – 4:00 p.m.

- Washington Park (631 Winneconne Ave.)
Monday – Friday: 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun.: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Memorial Park (Enter Park off Appleblossom)
Friday 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun.: Noon – 4:00 p.m.

**Holiday Break warming shelter hours
December 26 – January 1 (Depending on weather)**

- Memorial & Green parks: Noon – 4:00 p.m.
- Washington Park: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

Hockey

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

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

SAVE THE DATE
4TH ANNUAL FILTHY FUN KIDS RUN
JULY 14, 2018



REGISTRATION BEGINS IN JANUARY!



**Basketball Open Gym
For Adults**

Monday & Wednesday 7-9 pm
Shattuck Middle School – North Gym
pay @ the door - \$2.50
for a detailed schedule, go to
www.neenahgov.org

Sponsored by Neenah Parks & Recreation

co-ed summer beach
adult (age 16+)

VOLLEYBALL

thursday evenings @ the neenah pool

registration begins in early 2018
league play june-august
visit www.neenahgov.org for details & forms

NEENAH COMMUNITY BAND

❄️ *Winter Concert*
Saturday, December 16th, 3:00PM

Spring Concert 🌸
Sunday, March 18th, 3:00PM

Both concerts are held at UW Fox Valley, Perry Hall. Admission is free - donations appreciated.

Join us to celebrate the **NEW!** Washington Park Ice Rink!

2018 WINTER OLYMPICS CELEBRATION

Saturday, January 13th
11:00AM - 2:00PM

Ice Skating and Sledding Games, Outdoor Fire,
Hot Chocolate, Hot Dogs, & Give Aways

Bring your own skates/sleds

Parks and Recreation www.ci.neenah.wi.us or call 920-886-6060

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

This will be a special evening, without the stress of going to the mall Santa, for children ages 3 through second grade and their parents or guardians.



The evening will feature holiday punch, cookies, and a special visit from Santa Claus! We will also decorate Christmas cookies. Decorating supplies will be provided. *Parents should bring their own camera. Registration is required by Tuesday, December 5, 4:00 p.m. \$10 per child.* Thursday, December 7 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Held at the Washington Recreation Building, 631 W. Winneconne Ave.

The Grinch Candy Cane Hunt & MORE

Saturday, December 9, George Scherck Shelter-Memorial Park (Previously known as the Appleblossom Shelter) 1175 Appleblossom Drive, Neenah **Ages 3 – 6 (drop off), Cost: \$5.00** (pre-registration required by December 4) Kids will enjoy watching the movie (1/2 version), a themed craft, photos with The Grinch, candy cane hunt, & hot cocoa & cookies. *The hunt will be outdoors, so dress the kids for the weather. Parents should bring their own cameras.*



Thank you Scheels® for donating the two new wireless-LED scoreboards for Memorial Park softball diamonds.



NEENAH PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS: Details on enrolling in these classes/programs can be found on the Parks & Recreation website at www.neenahgov.org or call 920-886-6060. Also, refer to the current PARKS & RECREATION ACTIVITY GUIDE.

ACTIVITY	OPEN TO	DATE
ADULT YOGA, MINDFULNESS, PILATES, STRONG BY ZUMBA®, & ZUMBA®	Adults 15 & up	New classes start in early January
QUICKSTART TENNIS	Ages 5 - 10	Begins February 5 & 6
LITTLE ROCKETS GIRLS BASKETBALL	Girls grades 1-5	Jan. 3, 10 & 17
LITTLE ROCKETS BOYS BASKETBALL	Boys grades K – 3	Jan. 17, 24, 31 & Feb. 7
START SMART SPORTS	Ages 3-5 with parent	New classes begin Jan. 22 & Feb. 19
SMOCKS & JOCKS	Ages 3-5	Fridays, Feb. 2, 9 & 16
ABC'S & 123	Ages 3-5	Fridays, Mar. 2, 9 & 16
2's ON THE MOVE	Age 2 with adult	New class begins Jan. 31
PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES	Ages 3-5	Fridays, Jan. 12 & 19
NATURE PROGRAMS: Hikes, Experiments, Excursions, & STEM-mazing Activities	Various (ages 2 & up)	On-going
DANCE LESSONS: Combo Ballet & Tap, Jazz, & Lyrical	Ages 3 – 7+	New classes begin week of Feb. 5

Library *Inspiring ideas · Enriching lives · Creating community · Celebrating literacy*

YOUTH PROGRAMS

All Programs are FREE! For more information call us at 920-886-6335 or visit us online at www.neenahlibrary.org/kids.

STORYTIMES

Storytimes January 2 – May 4

- Mondays
10:00 a.m. **Book Birdies** (ages 3 – 5)
- Tuesdays
10:00 a.m. **Storytime Ninjas** (ages 3 – 5)
10:30 a.m. **Toddle Time** (12 – 24 mos.)
5:30 p.m. **Wee Read** (families)
- Wednesdays
7:45 a.m. **Early Risers*** (birth – 24 mos.)
*doors open from 7:35 – 7:50 a.m. only
9:15 a.m. **Baby Time** (birth – 12 mos.)
1:00 p.m. **Imagine That** (ages 4+)
5:30 p.m. **Read to the Beat** (birth – 3)
- Thursdays
10:00 a.m. **Lapsit** (ages 2 – 3)
- Fridays
10:00 a.m. **Bach to Rock** (ages 2 – 4)
10:30 a.m. **Toddle Time** (12 – 24 mos.)

BOOK CLUBS

Winter Read-to-Me Challenge (Birth – 5)
Read 100 books in February to receive a free book!

Girlfriends Read Book Group (ages 9+)
Jan. 25 & March 1, 4:00 p.m. Registration required.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Polar Express (ages 4+): December 2, 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Ticketed event. Come in your pajamas and stay for some holiday magic. Pick up your free ticket at the Youth Desk beginning November 25.

Nearly New Year's (ages 3+): Dec. 31, 2:00 p.m.
Get ready for the New Year with music, dancing, crafts, and refreshments.

Study Night (ages 14 – 18): Jan. 7 & 8, 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Pizza, soda, snacks. Quiet study rooms, group study spaces. Teachers available.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover (all ages): Jan. 27, 10:30 a.m.
A special storytime for you and your stuffed animal. Come back Sunday afternoon to see what your animal was up to overnight! Keepsake photo provided.

After-Hours Campout (all ages): Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m.
Bring blankets and a flashlight. Make a fort, curl up and read! Campfire stories and camping snacks provided.

Early Dismissal Movie (ages 4+): Feb. 22, 1:00 p.m.
Enjoy your day off from school with a movie, free popcorn, and juice!

Pooches & Pages (ages 6+): Dec. 9, Jan. 13, and Feb. 10. 15-minute appointments from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Read one-on-one to a therapy dog who listens patiently. Registration required.

No School Free Days (ages 4+): Jan. 19 & Feb. 23, 1:00 p.m.
Activities include crafts, movies, and more!

No School Mess Fests (ages 10+): Jan. 19 & Feb. 23, 1:00 p.m.
Enjoy your day off from school by being creative!

MONTHLY FAVORITES

Talk & Touch Playtime (3 – 18 months)
Third Monday of every month, 9:30 a.m.; Dec. 18, Jan. 15, and Feb. 19
For babies and caregivers to learn, share, and connect while exploring texture, contrast, books and more.

Messy Mondays (ages 2+): December 4 and February 5, 10:30 a.m.
Create a messy masterpiece in this art program for kids and their caregivers. First Monday of every month.

Footloose Fridays (all ages): Second Friday of every month - Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 9, 9:30 a.m.
It's a family dance party! Clap your hands, stamp your feet, and boogie down with music from 50s classics to today's hits. No talent necessary!

Legos in the Library (ages 5+): 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month, 1:30 p.m.
Build a Lego creation with our Legos and have your finished project put on display at the library!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Storycatchers Live at Neenah Public Library! Share your story live:
www.storycatcherscommunity.com
January 6, 2018, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Short Story Night at Lion's Tale Brewing Co.: Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, 7:00 p.m.
Do you enjoy talking about literature but don't have time for a traditional book club? Try Short Story Night at the Lion's Tail Brewing Co. in downtown Neenah – a relaxed hour of discussion, trivia, and more. Each month's story can be found online: www.neenahlibrary.org/shortstory.

Monday Morning Book Klatch

The Library's own book club. Open to all interested readers. Copies available for checkout at the Adult Information Desk. Call for titles and dates: 920-886-6315.

Adulting 101 series

A series designed to provide young adults and adults with the necessary tools to take full advantage of life.

- **Guide to Gift Wrapping:** Thursday, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m. Learn to wrap presents like a pro! Wrapping paper, tape, and scissors provided.
- **Frugal Living with UW-Extension Family Living Educator Amanda Dornfeld:** Thursday, Jan. 11, 6:30 p.m.: Learn money-saving tips, how to create and maintain financial goals. If you've always wanted to save money, but didn't know where to start, this is your workshop!

Adult Afternoon Program Series

- **Florida and Louisiana** with Don Lorenz: Monday, Dec. 4, 2:00 p.m. Slide show presentation of birds and gators in the Everglades and Louisiana swamps, cemeteries in New Orleans, and Cajun food.
- **The 14 Points at 100 Years: World War I and Woodrow Wilson's Foreign**

Library Visit us online www.neenahlibrary.org or call 920-886-6315

Policy Legacy with Dr. Steven Sheehan,
UW Fox Valley: Monday, February 5,
2:00 p.m.

Drop-in and Wrap

Saturday, Dec. 16, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. We supply the wrapping paper, tape, and scissors — You supply the presents.

New Year, New You: Mindfulness Workshop with Joy Jordan

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Eagle Days Along the Fox: Saturday, January 20. Details coming soon on the NPL website: www.neenahlibrary.org.

Tropical Plants in Barbados and Costa Rica with Master Gardener Don Brill.

Thursday, Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m.

◆◆◆New Library Hours◆◆◆

Hours will change in January!

To better serve you, we'll be open 7 days a week year-round!*

9–9 Monday–Thursday; 9–6 Friday;

10–4 Saturday; 12–4 Sunday

library@neenahlibrary.org

*With some exceptions—holidays, etc.

TECH PROGRAMS

Tech Talk Tuesday (held in the Aylward Room)

- **Reply to Sender: A Guide to Email Correspondence:** Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1:30 p.m.
- **A Guide to Online Resources: Blogs, Articles, Videos and More!** Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1:30 p.m.
- **Keeping Up with Social Media: A Guide to Current Trends:** Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1:30 p.m.

Stellar Blue Workshops

Free workshop with Stellar Blue Technologies. Stellar Blue specializes in internet marketing, web design, and social media. Perfect for beginner and intermediate users.

- **Emerging Gadgets:** Dec. 14, 3:00 p.m.
- **Must Have Apps:** Jan. 11, 3:00 p.m.
- **iPhone Tips:** Feb. 8, 3:00 p.m.

MUSIC

First Friday Concert Series

A Little Encore! Handbell Ensemble:

Friday, December 1, 2:00 p.m.
Handbell quartets, quintets and small instrumental ensembles.

Jeff Pockat, Gaelic Harper: Friday, Feb. 2, 2:00 p.m.

Celtic harpist performing beautiful original and traditional pieces on an Ancient Wire Strung Celtic Harp.

Sunday Concert Series

The North Westerns: Sunday, Feb. 18, 2:00 p.m.

Western swing, classic country, and vintage jazz create a unique musical style from Madison-based musicians.

Uke on, Neenah

Call for information about our ukulele lending program and Thursday evening ukulele open jams: 920-886-6315.

HISTORY PROGRAMS

Co-sponsored by the *Neenah Historical Society*.

- **History of the Neenah Fire Department:** Thursday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.
- **Traveling Trends – Then and Now:** Thursday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m.

Shaking Your Family Tree: Genealogy Research Series

- **Genealogy Research-UW-Oshkosh Area Research Center** with Joshua Ranger, Archivist at the UW-Oshkosh Area Research Center: Saturday, Jan. 13, 10:00 a.m. Learn how the Research Center's resources can help you with your Winnebago County and east-central Wisconsin research.
- **Genealogy Research: What is at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library? EVERYTHING!:** Saturday, Jan. 27, 10:00 a.m. With George Findlen, Certified Genealogy Lecturer. Learn what can be

found at the Wisconsin Historical Library in Madison.

- **Finding Those Who Served: Genealogy Resources at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum:** Saturday, Feb. 3, 10:00 a.m. With Russell Horton, Archivist at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. Learn more about the veteran in your family tree. Focus is on Wisconsin veterans from the Civil War to the present.

MOVIES

Tuesday Night Movies: Held on the first and third Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. Call for titles, ratings, and run times. Free movie, free popcorn, free pop. Free family entertainment!

Monday Matinees: Held on the second Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Call for titles: 920-886-6315.

Friends of the Neenah Public Library Annual Magazine Sale Saturday, Feb. 24 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Open Chess Night: First Tuesday of every month, Dec. 5, Jan. 9, Feb. 6; 6:00 p.m. Drop in for a friendly game of chess. All ages and skill levels. Interested in learning how to play? Stop by and we'll teach you.

Fitness Fridays: Held on first and third Fridays of every month, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Free; open to adults.

Legal Assistance Clinics: Second Tuesday of the month, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Free assistance with simple legal questions, forms, or referrals to attorneys who offer reduced-cost services.

Memory Café: For those with early-stage dementia, mild memory loss, or cognitive impairment, and family & friends. Activities, refreshments, camaraderie. Third Monday of the month, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Kneenah Knits

Second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at 6:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). For knitters, crocheters and other needle crafters - all ages are welcome!

AARP Income Tax Assistance

Thursday afternoons, Feb. 1– April 12. Appointment required.

Appointment hotline opens Jan. 15, 2018: 920-215-1040.

Celebrate the Season in Neenah!

Friday, December 1

First Friday Concert Series: A Little Encore!
Handbell Ensemble
Neenah Public Library
2 pm (Free event)

A Very Neenah Christmas
Holiday Festivities throughout Downtown Neenah
6 pm - 8 pm (Free event)

Saturday, December 2

Horse-drawn wagon rides
10 am - 1 pm; boarding at City Hall every 30 minutes.
(Free rides)

Holiday Open House: Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass
Art activities, live music & holiday cookies
10 am - 3 pm (Free admission)

All Aboard the Polar Express!
Reading, craft, snack, gift.
Neenah Public Library
Contact the Library for details: 920-886-6335
10 am & 1 pm (Free event; Tickets required)

Saturday, December 2 (continued)

Neenah Historical Society/Octagon House
345 Smith Street
Tours, warm drinks & historic crafts
10 am - 1 pm (Free event)

Neenah Parks & Recreation Department and Neenah
Art Students. Neenah City Hall Lobby
Create fun holiday decorations
10 am - 1 pm (Free)

Neenah-Menasha YMCA
Free Time for Families
Pools, Gyms, Adventure Alley
1 pm - 3 pm (Free)

Sunday, December 3

Bridgewood Farmhouse Brunch & Market
Featuring Neenah High School's "Touch of Class" orchestra
9:30 am - 1 pm

Neenah Police Department's Kids' Winter Poetry
Contest Awards Ceremony "Home in December"
Neenah Public Library
2 pm

VISIT EACH VENUE'S WEBSITE FOR EVENT DETAILS.