



Neenah Notes

The City of Neenah Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor

October 29, 2019

Dear Friends,

Finishing the newsletter today was somewhat sobering with 2" of snow on the ground just days before Halloween. But that's one of the reasons we love it here in Wisconsin. Summer was far too short for me, but looking back on all of the great activities we enjoyed puts a smile on my face.

The last couple of years I have used this edition of the newsletter to provide an update of the proposed budget submitted to the Council. (The budget will be acted upon by Council in November.) More than ever before, we are faced with challenges due to strict levy limits imposed by the State and no increases in shared revenue aid. This budget will be one of the toughest yet: Ensuring we continue to provide quality services at a cost taxpayers can afford.

While the overall economy continues to do well, with the State collecting additional sales taxes, income taxes, and corporate taxes, that growth has not been reflected in shared revenue and expenditure restraint payments (ERP) back to municipalities. In 1983, the State funded over 45% of the City's budget through shared revenue; this year, that number is about 8%.

The challenges of meeting the State levy limit and ERP were daunting. Much of what we do, as a City, is provide services to our residents, which translates into employee salaries making up a large percentage of the City's entire budget.

However, we will play the cards we are dealt and work hard to create a budget that will continue to provide a path to maintain fiscal discipline while providing a great quality of living for our residents. We'll continue to make sound decisions with spending while laying the groundwork for future economic development within our community.

We are moving forward with numerous new buildings and construction projects that will create new tax base and more jobs for our citizens. Because our ability to increase revenues is dependent on growing our value, it's important to invest in programs and initiatives. My goals are in line with previous budgets to enhance economic development opportunities to grow our tax base.

Regarding the Operating Budget, City Department Heads identified needs of just over \$26.2 million for 2020. I'm recommending a reduction of almost \$520,000, leaving a final expenditure budget of just over \$25.7 million, which is supported by a tax levy of \$13,907,690. Including debt service and TIF, the final proposed levy is just over \$19.1 million dollars, an increase of just over \$207,000 or 1.10%.

The budget impact on taxpayers for 2020 is unique in that all taxpayers received a new property assessment as part of a city-wide revaluation. With the revaluation, the average property assessment went up approximately 20%. The estimated total City



assessment value went up 18.7%, which then led to a correlating decrease in the assessed tax rate. As proposed, the final estimated assessed tax rate (pending final assessed value numbers) for property owners will go down approximately \$1.43 to \$8.21 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. For the property owner whose assessed value went up the average of 20%, this translates to an increase in property taxes for City purposes of about 2.22%. As an example, the owner of a home assessed at \$150,000 last year, who received a 20% increase in their assessed value to \$180,000 for this year, will see an increase of their taxes for city purposes from \$1,445.13 to \$1,477.24, an increase of \$32.11, or 2.22%. Keep in mind that changes to the estimated final assessed value numbers could change these amounts

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'Lighthouse' cover artwork courtesy of Henri Miles.



**Friends of the Neenah
Public Library
ANNUAL MAGAZINE
SALE**

Saturday, February 29

*Donations always
accepted.*

**Neenah Public Library
library@neenahlibrary.org
920-886-6315.**

Tullar Rd. drop-off changes

The Tullar Road drop-off facility has been experiencing a steady increase in abuse from individuals who live outside the City. This extra volume comes at a cost to all City of Neenah taxpayers. Because of this, a new drop-off program is being implemented.

Watch your mail in early 2020 for a punch card to identify you as a City of Neenah property owner. Landlords and tenants will need to coordinate use of the punch card. Residents may occasionally be asked to provide an additional form of identification, i.e., driver's license, etc., to spot-check for non-resident use.

Each card is good for 5 visits to the drop-off facility. Not all items dropped off will require a card punch. The following items will not require a card punch: cardboard, recyclables, yard waste and brush, leaves, metal, oil for recycling. The following items will require a card punch: garbage, large items, concrete*, dirt/fill* (*1 cubic yard or 5' X 8' trailer load limit).

Additional changes:

- All loads must be secured or tarped.
- A new traffic pattern will be introduced at the drop-off facility in 2020.
- The volume of material to be dropped off will be limited and residents may be directed to the Winnebago County Landfill.
- Gates will be open weekdays from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- Gates will be open during summer Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

If a resident exceeds 5 visits in a calendar year and needs an additional card, one can be purchased in the Finance Department in City Hall, for \$25 each (one card per resident per visit). Watch for more information in early 2020.

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 during January and February. Service will resume on weekdays in March from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Annual Property Tax Information

Property tax bills will be mailed out approximately mid-December. If your tax bill mailing address has changed, please submit your address change via the City's website: www.ci.neenah.wi.us.

Property Tax Due Dates

- 1st Installment or in full due date: 1/31/2020
- 2nd Installment due date: 3/31/2020
- 3rd Installment due date: 5/31/2020
- 4th Installment due date: 7/31/2020

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

Tax Collection Sites

City Hall

- 211 Walnut Street, Neenah; 920-886-6144
Hours: Monday – Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Our office will be closed on December 24, 2019, December 25, 2019, and January 1, 2020.

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, 2020:

Associated Bank - Escrow check refunds allowed

- 100 W. Wisconsin Ave. (Neenah Main location)
- 647 S. Green Bay Rd. (Festival Foods)

Nicolet National Bank - Escrow check refunds allowed

- 550 S. Green Bay Rd.

BMO Harris Bank - No Refunds

- 643 S. Green Bay Rd.

Did you receive your lottery and 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 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 in the Treasurer's office or online at: www.revenue.wi.gov/forms/lottery.

Payments

Escrow checks

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

Credit card/e-check payments

For your convenience, you may pay your tax bill on-line at www.ci.neenah.wi.us or by calling 844-309-5946. Service fees will apply on these transactions.

NSF checks

There is a \$35 fee charged on all returned checks.

Receipts

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

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 or less will be given at the City 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.*

Pet licensing

All dogs and cats over 5 months of age are required to be licensed in the City of Neenah. The fees are: \$7 for altered pets and \$12 for unaltered pets. A \$5 late fee will be imposed if the license is purchased after March 31, 2020. A valid rabies certificate is required annually to license your pet.



Winter tips

Tips to Keep Water Pipes from Freezing or Bursting

- Assure that basement temperature is above freezing.
- Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas.
- Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- Utilize heat tape on pipes in crawl spaces and other unheated areas.
- Seal off access doors, air vents, and cracks.
- Open cabinets and closets that contain water lines to allow circulation of warm air. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals out of the reach of children.
- Locate the master shutoff valve so water can quickly be turned off if a leak occurs.
- When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe, even at a trickle, helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.
- Check empty and vacant buildings to be sure heat is maintained no lower than 55 °F. If out of town, have a neighbor or relative periodically stop by. A great deal of frost or condensation on windows may indicate that a heating system has failed and water may be running due to frozen or broken pipes.

To Thaw Frozen Pipes

- If you turn on a faucet and only a trickle comes out, suspect a frozen pipe. Likely places for frozen pipes include against exterior walls or where your water service enters your home through the foundation.
- Keep the faucet open. As you treat the frozen pipe and the frozen area begins to melt, water will begin to flow through the frozen area. Running water through the pipe will help melt ice in the pipe.
- Apply heat to the section of pipe using an electric heating pad wrapped around the pipe, an electric hair dryer, a portable space heater (kept away from flammable materials), or by wrapping pipes with towels soaked in hot water. Do not use a blowtorch, kerosene or propane heater, charcoal stove, or other open flame device.
- Apply heat until full water pressure is restored. If you are unable to locate the frozen area, if the frozen area is not accessible, or if you cannot thaw the pipe, call a licensed plumber.
- Check all other faucets in your home to find out if you have additional frozen pipes. If one pipe freezes, others may freeze, too.

Information courtesy of American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org>.

CLEAR SNOW FROM FIRE HYDRANTS THIS WINTER

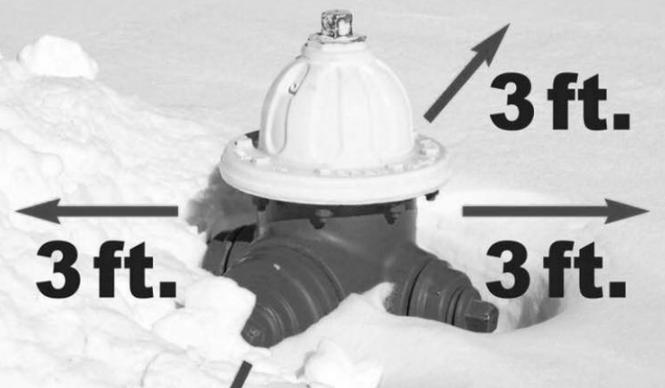
Emergency personnel need your assistance. Please clear snow away from your fire hydrant. We realize the snow may be difficult to remove and that not everyone who has a hydrant in or near their yard is capable of shoveling, so we encourage neighbors to help others in their neighborhood by adopting a hydrant.

If you are unable to clear the snow yourself, please call 920-886-6180.

KEEP'EM CLEAR

If there's a fire hydrant near your house, help keep it accessible this winter:

DO YOUR PART SO THEY CAN DO THEIRS



To the street

CLEAR -AWAY ZONE

Remove any snow and ice
Clear a wide enough perimeter
around the hydrant for firefighters
to work (about 3 feet)

Clear a path from hydrant to street

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slightly up or down.

The City's financial picture continues to improve while following the strict levy limit requirements from the State and with total revenue from the State including Shared Revenue, Expenditure Restraint Program, Computer Exemption Aid, and Transportation dollars remaining flat again this year.

We have received notice from our City's health care provider that we can expect an 8% increase in costs, approximately \$175,000, over last year. Our health care clinic for City employees continues to see increases in utilization and helps keep costs down.

In the Capital Projects budget, we will attain the goal of borrowing to meet bank-qualified lending limits. The original requests from departments were approximately \$11.7 million dollars; I reduced that by \$1.1 million to \$10.6 million. To help fund those projects, I have proposed borrowing of \$9.96 million, just under the \$10 million bank-qualified limit. We were able to offset spending by utilizing \$235,000 in TIF 7 reserves and \$200,000 of Storm Water reserves, leaving both with still healthy reserve balances.

Keeping up with maintenance of roads, buildings, equipment, and infrastructure is important. Continuing to defer these costs always ends up costing more down the road. Other local units of government have seen this issue come up recently.

The good news is that at the end of 2019, our debt load as a percent of the statutory limit will be 42.6%, down from 51.8%, which is where it was when I was first elected Mayor. Our total debt, including Storm Water Revenue and CDA Lease Revenue Bonds, has decreased from 76.8% to 57.9%.

Once again, I have included dollars for future economic development opportunities for growth within the

City. \$500,000 is recommended for TIF 8's budget to bring a high value private/public investment to the district. This will meet our objectives of an increment valuation increase of over \$4 million and a possible new public gathering facility, which will have a regional draw that will bring more visits to the downtown area.

In TIF 10, I'm recommending additional dollars for land assemblage for parking, redevelopment, or project assistance. And in TIF 7, \$200,000 is recommended, which would be assembled with a private contribution and a state grant for a joint effort for a multi-use trail from Cecil Street to Harrison Street.

We have a definitive need for more parking in the downtown district and companies have expressed the need for more parking to allow them to increase employment.

In addition, work on Pendleton Apartments continues and the Coral Court townhouses are beginning construction. We are also looking at the possibility of additional land developments for housing stock that will be annexed to the City.

Work will continue on Arrowhead Park and we'll improve recreational opportunities by allocating \$1.4 million for phase 1-A, which will include an access road into the Park, shoreline habitat restoration work, and storm water management.

Our new automated refuse trucks are working well and the crews are working extremely hard to improve infrastructure needs throughout the community every day.

Our public safety departments, notably police and fire services, are making a difference in people's lives every day. When our citizens need emergency services, they can be sure that our employees are professional and committed to protecting property and saving lives. Our N-M Fire Rescue is responding daily for EMS Services and

protecting our homes and businesses.

I promised an aggressive road improvement schedule because when we delay projects, the costs climb. We have proposed ten road projects in 2020, including a portion of Green Bay Road and the reconstruction of Lakeshore Avenue along Lake Winnebago. With regards to Lakeshore Avenue, I have included the dollars necessary for reconstruction with a road wide enough to include a walking/biking/pedestrian lane.

The budget also calls for a reduction in the Recycling Fee. The fee is proposed to go down from \$40 to \$37 next year, a \$3 decrease.

Technology and Information Systems services will have dollars to begin *Smart Cities initiatives* throughout the community, which will help provide better services. Enhanced GIS services within an organization improve customer and staff ability to improve and plan for the future.

The budget provides for an average 2.25% wage increase for City staff, dependent upon employee performance reviews. We have made great strides in improving our salary structure so we are competitive and able to retain a quality workforce.

The future budgets will require new ideas and finding ways to provide services even more efficiently. Under the current State formulas, equipping and providing manpower to continue the same level of service will be difficult to sustain.

This budget includes my priorities as your elected leader. I listen to citizens to develop these initiatives. This document will continue to move us forward and meet many of the needs of our community.

Respectfully submitted,



Dean R. Kaufert
Mayor

Police Department

100 Years of Crossing Guard Service!

Crossing guards have been protecting schoolchildren for 100 years, beginning with the increase in automobile traffic.

Photo: Crossing guard, Neenah, 1956.

In Neenah, there are currently fifteen corners covered by crossing guards. Rain or shine, crossing guards are at their sites assisting elementary school children across roads.



The Police Department is looking for additional crossing guards. All equipment is provided to safely perform the job, including shoes and boots. Crossing guards received a \$1.00 an hour raise this year and now also receive pay for the first two snow days/inclement weather days when school is cancelled. For more information and to apply, visit www.ci.neenah.wi.us.

Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass bmmglass.com

SPARK! Programs

Are you caring for a loved one with memory loss? Join us on the second Tuesday of each month for programming designed especially for you. SPARK! is a cultural program for people with early to mid-stage memory loss and their care partners. Programs are designed to keep participants actively engaged in their communities by providing experiences that stimulate conversations, provide peer support, and inspire creativity through engaging in museum experiences, workshops, and programs. SPARK! programs are **FREE** for families to attend together in a comfortable environment led by specially trained staff and volunteers.

Upcoming SPARK! Events at Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass:

- **Holiday Traditions (SPARK! Event)**
Tuesday, December 10, 10:30 am – Noon
We'll talk about holiday and winter

sights, smells, and textures. For our project, we'll make a pony bead ornament using cookie cutters and plastic beads. Learn how kilns work and other secrets of The Glass Studio. Snacks provided.

- **It's All About Paperweights (SPARK! Event)**

Tuesday, January 14, 10:30 am – Noon

It's all about paper & paperweights in this session. We'll hold paperweights and learn how to make one. Then you'll marble paper in the studio. Snacks provided.

- **Sweet Smooching (SPARK! Event)**

Tuesday, February 11, 10:30 am – Noon

We'll be talking about kisses. We'll make kiss cookies, talk about types of kisses, and listen to our favorite kissing music. For snack, we'll sample the cookies we made earlier in the day. Sealed with a kiss!

Holiday Safety Tips

If you're away from home and are expecting packages this holiday season, coordinate pickup with a neighbor or friend to reduce the risk of theft.

Keep LED lights on in your home. Install a dusk-until-dawn LED light in an area of your home not well illuminated. This will give the appearance that someone is home.

When traveling, make sure your vehicle is mechanically sound and have an emergency preparedness kit with you. Get a good night's sleep before you leave and plan your route accordingly, checking before you leave for detours, road closures, or weather-related issues.

And make sure everyone wears their seatbelt no matter how short the ride!

OTHER EVENTS

- **Make A Glass Ornament – Holiday Open House**
Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
All ages welcome. Enjoy cookies and cider. Live music. Projects are \$15 each.
- **FESTIVUS**
Thursday, December 19, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Need an antidote to holiday stress? Come to Festivus. Gather round the Festivus pole, air your grievances, enjoy Festivus refreshments, show feats of strength, proclaim a Festivus miracle, view amazing glass. Free admission, all ages welcome.

Current Exhibit

- *Wisconsin Ideas, Global Influences* on view through February 22.

Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass is located at 165 N. Park Avenue, Neenah, 920-751-4658.

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue

The Santa Float is a time-honored tradition for the cities of Neenah and Menasha. **(1953 float, pictured right.)** Off-duty firefighters from Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue's Local 275 volunteer their time to help Santa make his rounds. Santa will be making his way through the cities of Neenah and Menasha from December 2 to December 13. Routes begin at 5:30 p.m. and usually end between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.



Greenlee Ennis, **pictured right**, a student from Lakeview Elementary School, asked friends and family to make a donation to the Santa Float, forgoing birthday presents. With Greenlee's generous gift, the routes and GPS tracking are now available to monitor the location of the float from a PC, tablet, and smartphone. Routes and a tracking link will be posted on NMFR's Facebook page and website www.nmfire.org. Thanks to Greenlee, everyone will know where the float is!



The Santa Float is funded by Local 275 and donations from local businesses and citizens from the cities of Neenah and Menasha. If you would like to send a donation to help Local 275 with the costs associated with operating the float, please send your donation to: Local 275 Charitable Foundation, Attn: Santa Float, 125 E. Columbian Ave., Neenah, WI 54956. Checks can be made out to L275's Charitable Foundation.

We would also like to express our gratitude to Bruce Levenhagen from Levenhagen Oil/Neenah Standard for donating all of the fuel that is used for the Santa Float and vehicles all 10 nights the float is in operation. We couldn't do this without his generous donation.



How often, for any number of reasons, have you forgotten about the food you are cooking on the stove? Did you know that cooking fires are the leading cause of reported home fires? Unattended cooking is the leading factor for these fires.

Often when the fire department is called to a cooking-related fire, the residents tell us they only left the kitchen for a few minutes. Things to remember:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food. If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.
- Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles (e.g. potholders, towels, rags, drapes and food packaging).
- Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of three feet (1 meter) around the stove.
- If you have a fire in your microwave, turn off the microwave immediately and keep the door closed. Never open the door until the fire is completely out. If in doubt, get out of the home and call 911.
- Always keep an oven mitt and a lid nearby. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan (wearing the oven mitt). Turn off the burner and slide the pan off the burner. To keep the fire from restarting, do not remove the lid until it is completely cool. Never pour water on a grease fire. If the fire doesn't go out, get out of the home and call 911.
- If an oven fire starts, turn off the heat and keep the oven door closed to prevent flames from burning you or your clothing. If the fire doesn't go out, get out of the home and call 911.
- A cooking fire can quickly turn deadly. Please heed these simple safety rules to keep you and your family safe.

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

Elections 2020: Badger Book

The City of Neenah will be implementing electronic poll books, referred to as "Badger Book," for the 2020 Elections. "Badger Book" is electronic poll book software that is specific to Wisconsin election practices and statutes.

The Badger Book is primarily used to check in voters, process absentee ballots, and register voters on Election Day. The system will change the way we currently conduct elections at the polls.

When voters enter the polling place, they will get in line for the next available poll worker at the check-in tables or for the next available poll worker at the registration tables. At the ballot table, voters will need to state their name and address and show photo ID. The license/ID card will be scanned to bring up the voter's information. Once the voter is confirmed with a current address, the poll worker will turn the screen toward the voter to sign electronically. The Badger Book will then print out a slip with the voter's name and correct ward and the voter will take that slip to the ballot table to get the correct ballot. After voting their ballot, the voter will then proceed as usual to the Image Cast Evolution (ICE) voting machine to deposit the ballot to be counted.

Voters who need to register to vote on Election Day will need a current/valid Wisconsin driver's license or identification card. Voters whose licenses do not have the correct current address, or have an out-of-state license, will need to provide valid proof of residency containing the voter's current and complete first and last name and residential address. For information on what constitutes current proof of residence, check the Voter Information Page on the Wisconsin Elections Commission website: elections.wi.gov/publications/voter-guides/proof-of-residence. You may also call the City Clerk's office at 920-886-6110 on or before Election Day if you have any questions.

We ask voters to be patient on Election Day as this is a new system. And be sure to thank the poll workers for the important work they do!

Photo below: Suffragettes, circa 1920.



Neenah Historical Society

Celebrate the Season

Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. At the Hiram Smith Octagon House, 345 Smith Street.

Jingle all the way to the Neenah Historical Society for the 3rd Annual *Celebrate the Season* event in conjunction with the Neenah Arts Council. Free narrated historical wagon rides with jingle bells, a jingle bell craft, and seasonal treats.

Celebrating the Centennial! (See photo: below left)

Thursday, January 16, 7:00 p.m. Held at Neenah Public Library.

2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guaranteeing women the right to vote. A special presentation by the Winnebago County League of Women Voters.



The Doty Island Tennis Club

Thursday, February 20, 7:00 p.m.

Held at Neenah Public Library

Presentation by Jeff Heimerman and Tom VanLieshout. The Doty Island Tennis Club dates back to the 1920s and includes famous tennis stars Pancho Gonzales and Bobby Riggs. Learn about the people and stories associated with this interesting part of Neenah and Menasha's Doty Island history. **Photo above: Doty Island Tennis Club members.**

For more information, visit [Neenahhistoricalsociety.com](https://neenahhistoricalsociety.com) or call 920-729-0244.

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

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS & FAMILIES

BOOK CLUBS

Short Story Night

Second Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m. (Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10)

A cross between a late-night talk show and a Literature 101 lecture; full of intellectual hijinks. Features comedy, trivia, prizes, and more. Held at Lion's Tail Brewing, Neenah, every second Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the stories are available at the Library.

Monday Morning Book Klatch (MMBK)

Book Klatch held at two different times: 10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

- *December 16: **Holidays on Ice*** by David Sedaris
- *January 27: **The Library Book*** by Susan Orlean
- *February 24: **So Big*** by Edna Ferber

MOVIES

• Tuesday Night Movies

First and third Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. Call for titles, ratings, and run times. Free movie, free popcorn, free pop, free family entertainment!

• Monday Matinees

Second Monday of the month, 1:00 p.m.

MUSIC

FRIENDS OF THE NEENAH PUBLIC LIBRARY CONCERT SERIES

First Friday Concert Series

- **Handbells with Lori Thiel** (Performance and interactive handbells workshop)
Friday, December 6, 2:00 p.m.

Sunday Concert Series

- **Caravan Gypsy Swing Ensemble**
Sunday, February 2, 2:00 p.m.

Ukulele Open Jams

Every Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. All ages, all skill levels welcome.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Fitness Fridays 9:15 a.m.

- *December 6, December 20, January 3, January 17, February 7*

Memory Café

Third Monday of every month, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

For those with early-stage dementia, mild memory loss, or cognitive impairment, and their family & friends. Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb. 17.

Legal Assistance Clinics

Second Tuesday of the month, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Free assistance with simple legal questions & forms.

Open Chess Nights

Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Welcome to Medicare

Wednesday, February 12, 1:00 p.m.

Presented by the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Winnebago County Elder Benefit Specialists. Registration is required. To register call Julie Nicks at 920-729-2749.

HISTORICAL PROGRAMS

Co-sponsored by Neenah Historical Society

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Financial program: A.M. Investment Coffee Club

Wednesday, January 8, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 12, 9:30 a.m.

With Edward Jones Financial Advisor, Ken Gellerstedt. An informal discussion of general financial information on investments and markets.

Decluttering 101: Start the New Year Right

Thursday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.

With 1 Touch Organizing founder Sara Campana. Campana will explain the importance of decluttering your home and provide tips on how to create a more organized and relaxing living space.

Retro Video Game Bash

Saturday, January 25, 10:30 a.m.

Do you love classic video games? Celebrate old school gaming—featuring all your favorite Nintendo, Sega, and Atari games. Family friendly competition; perfect for all ages. Attend by 11:00 a.m. to register for the Super Mario Kart tournament! Light snacks.

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

Tech Talk Tuesdays

Learn about a variety of tech topics. All interested are welcome to attend; registration not required.

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WINTER ACTIVITIES

ICE SKATING

Supervised Ice Rinks with warming shelters are located at 3 sites around the City of Neenah.

WE DO NOT RENT SKATES.



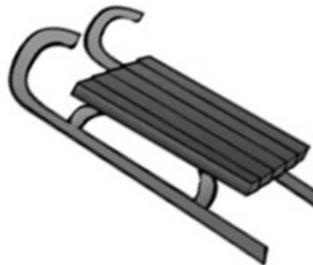
HOCKEY

Hockey helmets are recommended. There are hockey nets at all 3 rinks. The West end of the Washington rink is for hockey. Hockey is not allowed at Green or Memorial when recreational skaters are present.



SLEDDING

Sled hills are located at 4 Neenah Parks
Memorial off Appleblossom
Washington behind shelter
Quarry off Cedar St.
Island 1st & E. N. Water St.



WARMING SHELTER LOCATIONS & HOURS

(weather dependent)

Green Park, 337 Columbian Ave. &
Memorial Park, off Appleblossom
Fridays 4 - 8PM
Sat. & Sun. Noon - 4PM

Washington Park
631 W. Winneconne Ave.
Mon. - Fri. 4PM - 8PM
Sat. & Sun. 10AM - 8PM

HOLIDAY SHELTER HOURS

(weather dependent)

Closed Dec. 24 & 25
Dec. 26 - 31 Noon - 4PM
@ Green & Memorial
10AM - 8PM @ Washington

ADULT BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

Mondays & Wednesdays from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Shattuck Middle School North Gym. Pay at the door: \$2.50. For a detailed schedule, visit neenahgov.org.

WINTER CONCERT

Saturday, December 7, 3:00 p.m.
Held at UW Fox Valley, Perry Hall.
Admission is free; donations appreciated.

SUMMER BOAT STALLS AT SHATTUCK PARK

SEASON: May 1 – November 1, 2020.
Rental rates range from \$315 - \$410.
Boat stall applications available at the Parks & Recreation Office in City Hall and on our website in January.

Priorities for Applicants

- Feb. 3, 2020: Last year's City of Neenah residents who occupied last season, or for a stall previously occupied by a non-resident.
- Feb. 17, 2020: Any City of Neenah resident, for vacant stalls.
- Feb. 24, 2020: Non-resident renters from last year for any stalls still available.
- March 2, 2020: All other applicants

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

A special evening (without the stress of going to the mall Santa) for children ages 3 – 2nd grade with parents/guardians. Featuring holiday punch, cookies, and a special visit from Santa Claus! We will also decorate Christmas cookies; supplies



provided. Parents are to bring their own camera. Registration is required by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec 3. \$10 per child.

Friday, December 6 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Held at the Washington Recreation Building, 631 W. Winneconne Ave., Neenah.

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REC RECESS

Looking for something fun to do on a **NO SCHOOL DAY?** Check out Rec Recess! Students in grades 2 – 7 can spend the day trying new activities and hang out with friends! Each day will include a new theme, snacks, and fun for all! **Please bring a bag lunch and wear shoes that you can be active in each day!** Program is fully supervised.

SITE: Boys & Girls' Brigade, 109 W. Columbian Ave.

This program is held at the Brigade but run by Neenah Parks & Recreation. Refer all questions about this program to the Parks & Recreation Department.

GRADE: 2 - 7

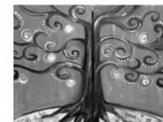
TIME: Earliest drop off: 7:30 a.m. Latest Pickup: 5:30 p.m.

FEE: \$40 per day

Jan. 31	311001-C	Next Top Chef	Mixing, measuring & more. Make a snack, a lunch, and compete in a cookie decorating contest
Mar. 3	311001-D	Operation Creation	Painting craft, wood craft, & a fairy garden

PAINT & PECK

Come paint with your kiddos! Each pair of paintings can be enjoyed separately or hung together. Enjoy a casual, slow-paced creative activity together building memories & a keepsake. A lot of guidance will be provided to ensure a successful outing!



Saturday, November 9th
Swirly Tree
Class #: 411101-A



Saturday, January 11th
Sky Lights
411101-B



Saturday, March 7th
Cactus Parade
Class #: 411101-C



Saturday, May 9th
Birdies in Birches
411101-D

SITE: Rooster Dreams, downtown Neenah above Broken Tree Pizza (920)850-2564
TIME: 10:30AM - Noon
FEE: \$12.00 per person

Sunshine Program Financial Assistance

We are always accepting donations to our Sunshine Program, which offers financial assistance to low income City of Neenah families who wish to participate in our programs.

Donations can be made by adding any dollar amount to your registration form, or by sending a check to:

Neenah Parks & Recreation
c/o Sunshine Program
211 Walnut St.
Neenah, WI 54956



All donations are tax-deductible.



Washington Park Winter Festival

Saturday, January 11, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Activities include skating, sledding & hockey games/contests, roasting s'mores, hot dogs, hot chocolate, giveaways, & more! **FREE EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!**

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

ACTIVITY	OPEN TO	DATE
VINYASA FLOW YOGA, ZUMBA®, SELF DEFENSE COURSE	Adults 15 & up	New classes start in early January
QUICKSTART TENNIS	Ages 5 – 10	Begins February 3 & 4
LITTLE ROCKETS GIRLS BASKETBALL	Girls grades 1—5	Jan. 8, 15, 22, 24
START SMART SPORTS	Ages 3 – 5 with parent	New classes begin Jan. 20 & Feb. 17
SILLY SCIENCE	Ages 3 – 5	Fridays, Jan. 10 & 17
PINT SIZE PICASSOS	Ages 3 – 5	Fridays, Jan. 31 & Feb. 7
COLOR EXPLORER	Ages 3 – 5	Feb. 28 & March 6
2's ON THE MOVE	Age 2 with adult	New class begins Feb 3
VARSITY BUILDERS CAMP	Grades 1 – 5	Feb 3, 10, 17, 24
KIDSTAGE (FROZEN)	Ages 5 – 12	Wednesdays, Jan 15 – March 18
SNOWSHOEING & ANIMAL TRACKING HIKE	Grades 1 – 5	February 28 (Day off of School) 1 – 3pm
WINTER SURVIVAL SKILLS	Grades 1 – 5	Jan 31 (Day off of School) 1– 3pm
HOME ALONE & BABYSITING	Ages 10 – 16	January 31

SELF DEFENSE COURSE 15+

Learn how to utilize momentum, leverage, and skill against an attacker. This 8 class course will start with a discussion on awareness and prevention followed by hands-on instruction on self-defense techniques.

Instructor: Michael Theroux—started martial arts in 1984 in Okinawa, Japan and has studied and competed successfully in martial arts, boxing, and mixed martial arts.

Course will cover the following: Combat stance; techniques against a larger opponent; attacks from the rear, side & front; multiple attackers; attacks against weapons; self-preservation; running away.

SITE: Memorial Park Tullar Shelter

TIME: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

FEE: \$50.00

DATES	CLASS #
Thursdays Jan. 30 – March 19	410402-B



OPERATION RECREATION

Exciting *School Break Program* that meets the needs of the working parent and the *Fun Seeking Child!* Each day will be filled with a variety of activities, such as cooperative games, crafts, healthy lifestyle activities, outdoor sports, movies, special guests, or a field trip.

Operation recreation is **open to boys and girls in Grades K – 6.**

Participants are to bring a bag lunch and wear gym shoes each day. Morning and afternoon snacks will be supplied. Program is fully supervised.

SITE: Boys' & Girls' Brigade, 109 W. Columbian Ave. This program is held at the Brigade Bldg. However, it is sponsored & run by Neenah Parks & Recreation. Please refer all questions to the Parks & Recreation Department.

TIME: 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.



DATE	COST	CLASS #
Full Spring Break March 23-27	\$160	410420-A
Mon. March 23	\$36	410421-A
Tue. March 24	\$36	410421-B
Wed. March 25	\$36	410421-C
Thurs. March 26	\$36	410421-D
Fri. March 27	\$36	410421-E



Featuring holiday book favorites – Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 am – 1 pm

Neenah Public Library

Craft, activities, holiday books, treats.

Neenah Historical Society

Holiday crafts & goodies at the Octagon House.
Free horse-drawn wagon rides - *Boarding at the Octagon House every 20 minutes.*

Neenah City Hall

Create ornaments; hot chocolate & cookies.
Visit the Neenah Santa Float!
Neenah School District staff & students,
Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue Department

Neenah Menasha YMCA

Art project, treats, and activities.

Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

Holiday Open House 10 am - 3 pm.
Free art activities, live music, cookies, and cider.
Make a glass tree ornament \$15 each.

Valley Academy for the Arts

At the First Presbyterian Church.
"Tea Party in the Land of Snow" characters from
the Nutcracker Ballet. Tickets required: \$15.
Visit valleyacademyarts.org for details.
Seatings at 11 am and 1 pm.
Includes cookies, performance, and photo.

Visit each venue's website for event details.
All sites are accessible.