



# Neenah Notes

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

### Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Summer is an amazing time in our beautiful community, and I hope that it has been a memorable and happy season for you. Some of the highlights for our family were CommunityFest, the Future Neenah Concert series, the Riverside Players musical, and just spending time with family and friends. We also had the honor and joy of watching our youngest son be married to his beautiful wife in the very same Neenah church my husband and I were married in many, many years ago. Having deep roots in this community is an honor that we sincerely appreciate.

The deep sense of pride that we have in Neenah is something that we truly cherish. That pride has been so very evident as we at the city have progressed through our new culture initiative. The process was begun in the summer of 2022 when we hired The Utech Group, a professional organizational development firm, to evaluate our workplace culture and help us to implement a deliberate and positive culture for our employees. This is vitally important as we seek to seek to recruit new talent to the city and also retain the excellent employees who now serve the City of Neenah.

Following multiple focus groups and a city employee-wide survey, our newly formed Culture Team worked diligently to establish our new mission statement and core values that will guide our decisions and interactions

at the city. The Culture Team is composed of representatives from every one of our eleven different departments here at the city and will continue to guide and direct our organization's culture going forward. We are incredibly proud of their efforts, and we will continue to provide updates on what we're learning as we seek to operationalize the values the group has chosen to embrace.

The pride that we have in our community is something that has been built by many generations of residents and their concerted efforts to continually strive to be better. Focusing a bit over the spring and summer on the 150th birthday of the city has made us ever more aware of that strong sense of commitment and hard work that was the hallmark of our predecessors here in Neenah. We continue to be the beneficiaries of the good decisions

## Mission of the City of Neenah

We strengthen our community by building on the past, owning the present, and stewarding the future together. Here are the four values that the Culture Team has adopted and will be working on operationalizing:



### PURSUE GROWTH

Individual development positively influences the community.



### ENCOURAGE INNOVATION

Anticipate change. Embrace creativity and inspire ideas.



### CULTIVATE COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Succeed by fostering mutual respect as we grow and work together.



### ENGAGE WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Acknowledge people. Hear people. Include people.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Our 150th float participated in the CommunityFest Lights Parade on July 3, 2023.

they made and the commitment they had to work for the betterment of the entire community. We hope you have enjoyed the opportunities to celebrate the 150th at the many celebrations that were held throughout the past season.

Moving ahead into the fall of 2023, we'll soon be beginning our budget process. We continue to make every effort to ensure that your tax dollars are wisely and appropriately allocated. We do continue to face the same pressures that were impacting us last year with inflation and labor shortages, but we continue to remain committed to doing our very best for the citizens of Neenah.

One of the many projects that has been in the works over the past year is the new conceptual master plan for the Arrowhead District adjacent to downtown. After conducting an extensive and thorough land survey

of the thirty-acre property, our design firm (RDG) has provided us with their final proposal. We're excited to now share this with the Arrowhead Task Force and community and begin to garner support for its implementation. The time and thought that has gone into the development of this plan has led to what we believe is an exciting and inspiring vision for the future of this unique site.

Finally, I'd like to just once again thank our Neenah city council members for their dedication to serving the citizens of our great community. As we work together this fall on the budget for 2024, we'll be tasked with making difficult and complicated decisions. I'm incredibly grateful for this council's commitment to making Neenah a better place for all of us.

Gratefully,  
Mayor Lang

# Notice Of Spring Election

An election is to be held in the City of Neenah, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed:

## Aldersperson, District 1

Incumbent: John Skyrms

## Aldersperson, District 2

Incumbent: Brian Borchart

## Aldersperson, District 3

Incumbent: Todd Stevenson

The term for aldersperson begins on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. All terms are for three years unless otherwise indicated. Maps showing boundaries of the various aldermanic districts are available to prospective candidates at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall

or the city website at [neenahgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/AldermanicDistricts.pdf](https://neenahgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/AldermanicDistricts.pdf).

### DEADLINES FOR CANDIDATES

The first day to circulate nomination papers is **December 1, 2023**, and the final day for filing nomination papers is **5pm on Tuesday, January 2, 2024**, in the office of the city clerk, 211 Walnut Street, Neenah. If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

### VOTER INFORMATION

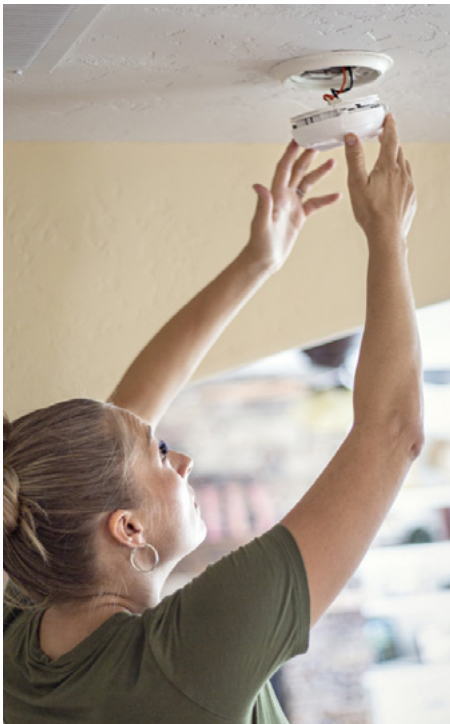
Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

"Someone  
struggled for  
your right  
to vote.  
Use it."

SUSAN B. ANTHONY



## NEENAH-MENASHA FIRE RESCUE



# When it Comes to Smoke Alarms, Age Matters!

Did you know, age matters when it comes to smoke and carbon monoxide alarms? Did you know, hard wired smoke and carbon monoxide alarms lose sensitivity as they age?

Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have a 8-10 year life expectancy. To check the date of your alarm, remove the alarm from the wall or ceiling. Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture. If the alarm is more than 10 years old, replace immediately. If it's less than 10 years old, place back on the wall or ceiling.

Remember to test your alarms once a month by pushing the test button

along with changing the batteries every six months unless they have a 1-year lithium battery.

Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Carbon monoxide detectors should be placed on every floor and within 15' of sleeping areas.

If an alarm goes off, get outside and go to your family meeting place. Call 911 from a cellphone and/or neighbor's home. Stay outside until help arrives.

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

## Fall Leaf Collection

Leaf collection begins the week of October 9 (Area 1). Please check your 2023 Public Works Services Guide (page 9) or the City of Neenah website for the fall leaf collection dates in your area. **Please do not rake leaves or grass into the street.** All leaves must be loose on the terrace. No plastic bags or containers of leaves will be collected.

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|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>AREA 1</b> | <b>AREA 2</b> | <b>AREA 3</b> | <b>AREA 4</b> |
| Mon, Oct 9    | Tue, Oct 10   | Wed, Oct 11   | Thu, Oct 12   |
| Mon, Oct 16   | Tue, Oct 17   | Wed, Oct 18   | Thu, Oct 19   |
| Mon, Oct 23   | Wed, Oct 25   | Mon, Oct 30   | Wed, Nov 1    |
| Mon, Nov 6    | Wed, Nov 8    | Fri, Nov 10   | Mon, Nov 13   |



**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT**  
 On **Saturday, October 21, 2023**, the city will be hosting an electronics recycling event at the Tullar Road Drop-Off Center, 1495 Tullar Road, from 8am to noon. A fee may be charged for some items. For questions, contact the Public Works Department at 920-886-6240.

## Labor Day Garbage & Recycling Collection Schedule

Garbage and recycling collection the week of September 6 will be delayed by one day due to Monday, September 6th being a city observed holiday.

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Regular Collection Day</b> | <b>Holiday Collection Day</b> |
| Mon, Sep 4 .....              | Tue, Sep 5                    |
| Tue, Sep 5 .....              | Wed, Sep 6                    |
| Wed, Sep 6 .....              | Thu, Sep 7                    |
| Thu, Sep 7 .....              | Fri, Sep 8                    |
| Fri, Sep 8 .....              | Sat, Sep 9                    |



**TULLAR ROAD DROP OFF: SATURDAY MORNINGS**  
 Starting November 18, the Tullar Drop-Off Center will no longer be open on Saturdays. The Drop-Site will be open Monday through Friday from 7am to 5pm (except holidays).

## Fall/Winter Bulky Item Collection on Wednesdays

Residents need to purchase \$15 Bulky Item stickers for curbside collection of bulky items. Questions can be directed to the Public Works Department at 920-886-6240.

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| <b>AREA 1</b> | <b>AREA 2</b> | <b>AREA 3</b> | <b>AREA 4</b> |
| Wed, Oct 4    | Wed, Oct 11   | Wed, Oct 18   | Wed, Oct 25   |
| Wed, Dec 6    | Wed, Dec 13   | Wed, Dec 20   | Wed, Dec 27   |

Please follow the collection guidelines in the Public Works Service Guide at [neenahwi.gov/departments/public-works/](http://neenahwi.gov/departments/public-works/)



# Tips for Better Recycling and Composting

The Tri County Recycling website offers recycling help in the form of two online tools. Recycling can be confusing and our curbside cart we use for recycling every other week is intended only for a limited list of items. This list of recyclables for the curbside cart is published in Neenah's annual Public Works Service Guide which is mailed to homes and available on the City of Neenah's website [www.neenahwi.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/1\\_2023-Public-Works-Service-Guide.pdf](http://www.neenahwi.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/1_2023-Public-Works-Service-Guide.pdf)

## Have more questions?

The Tri County Recycling for Brown, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties offers two online tools for recycling help.

The first is the **Waste Wizard** feature on the Tri County Recycling website and the City of Neenah Public Works

Service Guide: [recyclemoretricity.org/waste-wizard/](http://recyclemoretricity.org/waste-wizard/)

Using the Waste Wizard tool is simple. Just start typing in a description of the item you have a question about, and a list of options will pop up for you to select. For example, typing "Cup" brings up 10 items from Paper Cup, Plastic Cup, Aluminum Cup, to K-cup for coffee makers and plastic lids for cups. Select the one you want, and Waste Wizard will provide guidance of what to do with the item. For the cup example, if you have a question about paper cups, the Waste Wizard correctly advises they are to be placed in the trash and are not recyclable in your curbside cart.

The second tool is a phone app called **Betterbin** which is also described on the Tri County Recycling website, [recyclemoretricity.org/betterbin/](http://recyclemoretricity.org/betterbin/).

The Betterbin app, developed by a Wisconsin-based start-up, is free and available for iPhone and Android

devices. The Tri County Recycling website offers a YouTube video that shows the use of the app in a little over a minute. The Betterbin app is simple to use, by just scanning the UPC bar code on a product. If the item is a match the app tells you to recycle or discard. If the item isn't in their data base they will research and respond to you. You can also type in an item such as "Glass Bottle" and the app will provide guidance.



## KITCHEN WASTE

Did you know? According to the DNR's 2020-2021 Statewide Waste Characterization Study, food waste makes up 20% of trash headed to Wisconsin landfills, which has more than doubled since the last study in 2009. Most of this food waste, 14.5%, could have been consumed. The DNR has developed two resources to raise awareness of this issue.

The State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources new residential food waste webpage shares tips on how to prevent or divert food waste. Visit [dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/waste/residentialfoodwaste.html](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/waste/residentialfoodwaste.html).

The summer issue of Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine also features several articles focused on the environmental impact of food waste in landfills and what we can do to help. Visit [dnr.wisconsin.gov/wnr/mag/2022/Summer/e-Edition](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/wnr/mag/2022/Summer/e-Edition).

As Tri-County Recycling reminds us, "The More You Know, The Smarter You'll Throw!"



**YES**  
Food cans, aluminum beverage cans & bottles, glass jars & bottles, paper, cardboard, books, magazines, plastic bottles, plastic jars & lids, and plastic trays for produce, bakery, or deli.

Using the curbside cart for items not included on the list above risks contaminating items more readily marketable.



**NO**  
Plastic bags, plastic or paper cups, aluminum pans & foil, batteries, motor oil bottles, Styro-foam, shredded paper, tissue paper, pet food bags, window/mirror glass, drinking glasses, ceramics, propane tanks, scrap metal, cookware, aerosol cans, empty paint cans, electric cords.

While some of the items on the list above are recyclable, the curbside cart is not the proper place.

# How Should I Drain My Swimming Pool or Hot Tub?

**Q: What's wrong with draining my pool, spa, or filter backwash directly to the street or storm drain?**

Street drains and storm sewer systems lead directly to rivers, lakes, streams, and brooks. Chlorine, bromine, algaecides, biocides, water conditioners, stabilizers, and other chemicals in pool water are toxic to fish and other aquatic life. Pool water often contains chlorine levels that are ten or more times the limit which can harm or kill aquatic life. Diatomaceous earth (DE), cellulose fiber, and sand particles from backwash water can clog storm drains and fill in spaces in the stream bed gravel, preventing oxygen from reaching fish eggs and young fish.

Improper draining can also create basement flooding, a backup or flooding of yards. The City of Neenah recommends homeowners slowly drain the chlorine-free water to a grassy area of their yard if it's large enough to absorb.

Always verify water is dechlorinated (< 0.1 ppm of chlorine) with a pool testing kit before draining. There are two easy options.

**Option 1:** Dechlorinate naturally. Allow the water to sit in the sun for 7-10 days without adding any chlorine or any other treatments.

**Option 2:** Use a chemical dechlorination additive (contact your local pool supply store for options).

**Other tips:**

Do not drain the pool during or up to 48 hours after a rain event.

Bubbling, cascading or other forms of aeration will help to remove chlorine from water.

The pool's pH should be in a normal range of six to eight before draining.

Discharge water slowly, at only 30 gallons per minute (preferably less), to prevent soil erosion, flooding, or damage to adjacent properties, including backups into homes and businesses.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

## Licenses & Permits

To date, the Finance Department has issued 927 Recreational Fire Permits for 2023. To obtain a fire permit you can do so on the City of Neenah's website at your convenience or at City Hall in the Finance Department. The cost is \$17 for a 2023 permit.



To date, the Finance Department has issued 1,403 dog and cat licenses for 2023. Payment and an applica-

tion can be submitted on the City of Neenah's website. If submitting online, the license and tag will be mailed when processed. If licensing in the office, please bring in a valid rabies vaccination certificate to license your dog or cat. The cost is \$8 for altered pets, \$13 for unaltered pets. At this time a \$5 late fee is imposed. The \$5 late fee is waived if the pet is new or you are a new resident of Neenah.

Special Assessment and Code Enforcement payments can now be made online using an Echeck. Payment can be made on the City of Neenah's website under Pay Online then by clicking on Code Enforcement/Special Assessment Fees.

## Utility Billing

Visit us online at [Neenahgov.org/neenahutilities](http://Neenahgov.org/neenahutilities) to access the following options:

**View Your Account...**

**Sign Up Online to**

- View invoices.
- View consumption history.
- Make payments.
- Stay tuned for new features in the coming months.

**Start or Stop Service**

- Let us know online if you are moving in or out of a property.
- Schedule a date for a final or initial meter reading.
- Provide us with the correct information for your utility account.

**Sign up for Automatic Payment Withdrawal**

Have your payments automatically withdrawn from a checking or savings account on your utility invoice due date.

**Online Utility Invoice Payment Options**

- Pay online with a credit card (\$2.99 fee).
- Pay online with Echeck (\$0.99 fee).

## Neenah Police Department Building Expansion Update

On May 4, 2023, the Neenah Police Department held a groundbreaking ceremony for our new 10,000 square foot training center. This training center is being connected to our current building and is on track to be completed on January 8, 2024. The picture shown here was taken on July 19, 2023, by Captain Tom Van Sambeek, by way of a Neenah PD drone. Once the building is finished, the public will be invited to tour our new training center.



## Hybrid Vehicles in the NPD's Fleet

In 2019, our department purchased our first hybrid vehicle, a Hyundai Sonata, for parking enforcement. One of our main motivations for switching to the hybrid vehicle was to save money on fuel costs. Using actual fuel consumption quantities tracked at the City Maintenance facility, the hybrid squads were achieving 17 MPG (versus 11.6 MPG for the squads we were replacing). While the cost of the hybrid vehicle was approximately \$3,078.00 more, the savings in fuel costs would pay for the upfront costs over the life span of the vehicle. Furthermore, a hybrid vehicle promotes responsibility to our environment and would help put the City of Neenah at the forefront of change.

In February of 2022, we ordered two hybrid utility vehicles. These were put into service in the summer of 2023. We have also placed orders for two more hybrids in 2023.

## New Crossing Guard Locations

This year will be very different for our crossing guard locations as the Neenah Joint School District has made many changes. The Middle School will be instructing grades 5 to 8 at the former High School location on Tullar Rd. Additionally, students who attended Roosevelt and Wilson will now be attending Horace Mann. Please see the following crossing guard locations being removed and added for the new school year:

### Locations where Crossing Guards have been removed:

- E. Forest Ave. & 1st St.
- E. Forest Ave. & 3rd St.
- S. Commercial St. & W. Winneconne Ave.
- S. Commercial St. & Laudan Blvd.
- W. Cecil St. & Higgins Ave.

### Locations where Crossing Guards have been added:

- Breezewood Ln. & Pendleton Rd.
- Breezewood Ln. & Baytree Ln.
- Tullar Rd. & Appleblossom Dr.
- Tullar Rd. & Byrd Ave.
- W. Cecil St. & Oak St.

### Locations remaining the same:

- Main St. & N. Western Ave.
- S. Lake St. & Adams St.
- W. Cecil St. & Tullar Rd.
- W. Cecil St. & Green Bay Rd.
- W. Cecil St. & Reddin Ave.
- Cecil St. & S. Commercial St.
- S. Commercial St. & Alcott Dr.
- S. Commercial St. & Olde School Rd.
- Oak St. & Dieckhoff St.
- Oak St. & Washington Ave.

The crossing counts will be monitored and student travels to and from school will be closely observed as we move through the first few weeks of school. The above intersections are subject to change based on this monitoring. Thank you all for your support of our wonderful Neenah Police Department Crossing Guards who show up every morning and afternoon in all kinds of weather for the safety of the elementary students in our community. We are so proud to have these top-notch part-time employees as part of our team!

# Adult Programs

## MONDAY MORNING BOOK KLATCH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Mondays at 10am

Sep 25: *Stranger in the Woods* by Michael Finkel

Oct 23: *The Woman in the Library* by Sulari Gentil

Nov 27: *All the Children are Home* by Patry Francis

## MEMORY CAFÉ

Mondays at 1:30pm

Sep 18: *Music is a Road to Memories*

Listen and join in song during a “Lyrics and Laughter” program facilitated by Christy Feuerstahler, Valley VNA Senior Care’s, Music Director at the Neenah Public Library.

Oct 16: *Tom Sutter Presents: John Muir* will present his tour of the Yellowstone National Park back in 1901. You don’t want to miss this travelogue.

Nov 20: *Harpist Shari Sarazin* will entertain us with her musical talents.

## MAH JONGG MEETUP

Mah Jongg returns to Wednesday evenings in the fall!

Wednesdays, 5:30–8:30pm in the first-floor Storytime Room.

All skill levels are welcome to drop in and play! A few Mah Jongg sets will be provided, along with cards. If you have your own Mah Jongg card, please bring it with you.

Free, open to all, and no registration.

## SPEED PUZZLING TOURNAMENT

Sat, Nov 11, 5–8pm

Registration opens Oct 15 at 5pm

### How Speed Puzzling works:

Teams are assigned a new, unopened 1000-piece puzzle. Teams have 150 minutes to complete the puzzle. The winner will be the first team to finish or, if no puzzles are completed, the team with the fewest puzzle pieces remaining. Prizes will be awarded to the first-place and second-place teams. All participants will be entered into a drawing for additional prizes.



Reigning Speed Puzzle champs, the Doty Island Dissectologists

### Speed Puzzle Details:

- Team captain registers for the team. Teams may have up to four players. The captain will be the primary contact for the event.
- Registration is limited, and spots fill up quickly!
- There is no cost to register. Please consider donating \$10 to the Friends of the Neenah Public Library per team to help cover the cost of the puzzles.

# Adult Afternoon Programs

Held on the first Monday of the month at 2pm in the Shattuck Community Room.



## 6 PILLARS OF BRAIN HEALTH

Mon, Oct 2, 2pm  
with Program Manager from the Brain Center of Green Bay  
**LaReina Tipping**

Learn about the essential habits and protective measures under your control to promote healthy aging and maintain good cognitive health throughout life. Key presentation points will include

brain foods and nutrition, brain and body benefits of physical exercise and restorative sleep, appropriate stress management and social stimulation, and avoidance of toxins. Become aware of neuroplasticity—our brain’s amazing ability to adapt, change and create new pathways in response to experiences, further information, or damage.



## HOLLYWOOD VERSUS HISTORY: ANCIENT ROME

Mon, Nov 6, 2pm  
with University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Professor Emeritus  
**Gregory Aldrete**

Have you ever wondered how accurate your favorite Roman movie is? This talk will examine several of the most famous films set in ancient Rome, including

*Ben-Hur* (1959) and *Gladiator* (2000), and reveal the historical accuracy of their plot, sets, costumes, and characters. In addition, you’ll hear interesting stories about the challenges that the filmmakers faced in bringing ancient Rome to vivid cinematic life.



## OPEN CHESS

Thursdays, 5:30–8:30pm

All ages and skill levels are welcome! Chess sets will be provided. Coaching and beginner help is available. No registration is necessary. The event takes place on the library's second floor.

## SHORT STORY NIGHTS

Mondays, Sep 11, Oct 9 & Nov 13

## NOT QUITE COZY MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Mondays at 6:30pm

Sep 18: *To The Hilt* by Dick Francis

Oct 23: *Take Your Breath Away* by Linwood Barclay

Nov 20: *Books Can be Deceiving* by Jenn McKinlay



## THE NEXT CHAPTER

*In which we fail to hide our giddiness over the wealth of newly released books!*



Tuesdays at 7pm

Sep 12, Oct 10, & Nov 14

Join us for a virtual conversation about books! Join live on Facebook.

## FITNESS FRIDAY

Classes begin at 9:15am

Bring your water bottle, and yoga mat or towel. Classes taught by Nicole Schommer from Absolute Wellness

Sep 15: Balance and Strength

Oct 6: Boot Camp

Oct 20: Balance and Strength

Nov 3: Boot Camp

Nov 17: Balance and Strength

## TECH TALK TUESDAY

Join us at the library for a Tech Talk discussion to learn about a variety of technology topics.

### *All About Google Drive*

Tue, Oct 10, 1:30pm

### *A Guide to the Digital Library*

Tue, Nov 14, 1:30pm

Books on the Go!

## NEENAH PUBLIC LIBRARY CONCERT SERIES

Join us at the library for afternoon concerts from a variety of unique and talented artists!

### FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT SERIES

- Fri, Oct 6, 2pm

#### **Sean Gaskell:**

#### *Music of The West African Kora*

Sean will play the kora harp, share his experience with the instrument, and discuss the history behind the kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp. He will feature traditional songs that are the heart and soul of the kora repertoire.

- Fri, Nov 3, 2pm

#### **Linda Sparks and Nell Buchman**

Composers in Search of Two Pianos! Piano duo recital featuring works by Debussy, Nadia Boulanger, Poulenc, Zipoli, Bartok, Scott Joplin, and Emma Lou Diemer.

### SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES

- Sun, Oct 8, 2pm

#### *The Driftless Plowboys*

A Wisconsin nod to classic western swing! This unique quartet incorporates Gypsy Jazz and Western Swing with more modern country tunes from the '40s and '50s. It's an ear-catching amalgamation of heart, humor, and rootsy flavor.

- Sun, Nov 26, 2pm

#### *Christo's Novelty Combo*

Hot Hawaiian guitar meets Jazz à la Django! Novelty infused hot steel guitar and ukulele blended with the swinging sounds of French jazz.

### MINDFUL LIVING

Tuesdays, Oct 17–Nov 14, 6pm–8pm

*in collaboration with Deb Skyrms.*

FREE five-week class. Class size is limited and registration is required.

To register, call 920-886-6300 or email [director@neenahlibrary.org](mailto:director@neenahlibrary.org).

Class participants will explore the many benefits of living mindfully, resulting in a less stressful life. Learn how to meditate, manage emotions, and challenge negative thoughts. Throughout the class, the book

*Slowing Down to the Speed of Life*, by Richard Carlson & Joseph Bailey, (rev. ed. 2009) will be used in discussions. A limited number of copies will be available for checkout. Participants are encouraged to purchase their own copy.

### RITA WILLIAMS ATKINSON: *OF THE EMBERS*

Tue, Sep 19, 7pm

Join author **Rita Williams Atkinson** as she reads from her new book, *Of the Embers*, recounting the events of the Newhall House Hotel fire through the eyes of its occupants including General Tom Thumb. Learn about what inspired Atkinson to write her novel, and why the Newhall House Hotel fire still fascinates readers today. A question-and-answer session will be followed by a book signing.

Visit us online at  
[neenahlibrary.org](http://neenahlibrary.org)  
for the most up-to-date  
information. We are always  
adding something new!

## Join us for a NEW discussion group!

### MOVIE TALKS

We select movies that you may have already seen but that warrant repeat viewing—or perhaps one you never saw that intrigues you. We'll share information about the plot, characters/actors, and some behind-the-scenes trivia. This event is intended for those who have already watched the movie.

Tue, Oct 31 at 6:30pm

### *The Sixth Sense* (1999)

Tue, Nov 28 at 6:30pm

### *Love, Actually* (2003)

# Youth Programs

## WILD CHILD ADVENTURE STORYTIME

Mondays, Sep 18 & 25, Oct 2 & 9  
10am

Build better brains and bodies with active outdoor discovery! Join Neenah Librarians for 30 minutes of walks, talks, and enrichment activities at local nature areas. All ages

## GETTING SQUIRRELY TAKE & CREATE KIT

Month of September  
Check out your kit all month long! Celebrate the season with squirrel crafts, squirrel books, and squirrel science.

## FOOTLOOSE FRIDAYS

Sep 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8  
10:30–11:00am

It's a family dance party! Boogie down with listen-and-follow songs, scarves, shaker eggs, and fun music. No talent necessary! All ages



## MONSTER MASH DANCE PARTY

Sat, Oct 21, 10:30–11:30am  
Join NPL in a family-friendly dance party. Kids and adults are encouraged to wear their costumes! A craft and snack will be available for when you need a break from dancing. All ages

## TODDLER DRIVE-IN

Mon, Nov 13, 10:30am  
Make a car out of a box, then "park"



## Storytimes Sep 11–Nov 17

**BABY TIME:** Wednesdays at 9:15am. Ages 0–12 months

**TODDLER TIME:** Tuesdays at 10am. Ages 12–24 months

**STORYTIME FOR EVERYONE: AN INTERGENERATIONAL STORYTIME:**

Tuesdays at 10am at Valley VNA. All ages

**MUSICAL MOVERS:** Wednesdays at 10am. All ages

**WEE READ:** Thursdays at 10am. Ages 2 and up



wrapping paper! Project ideas and materials will be provided! Ages 5 and up

## TWEEN CREATE SPACE

Tuesdays, 3:30–4:30pm

Ages 9 and up

Oct 10: Macrame Key Chains

Oct 17: (Candy) Pumpkin Catapults

Oct 24: Liquid Notebooks

Nov 7: Balloon Powered Cars

Nov 14: Duct Tape Wallets

Nov 21: DIY Compass

and watch a short movie. Boxes, supplies, and movie refreshments provided. Ages 2 and up

## DIY CARDS & WRAPPING PAPER

Sat, Dec 2, 10:30–11:30am  
Create your own unique DIY Christmas cards, gift bags and

## OCTOBER READ-TO-ME CHALLENGE

Read 100 books to your little one in October to earn a free book!

Pickup your reading record at the Youth Desk. Ages 0–5

# Parks & Recreation Activity Guide

The Neenah Parks & Recreation Department's Activity Guide was sent to all city residents in August and is posted online at [www.neenahgov.org](http://www.neenahgov.org). Copies will also be available for pickup at the City Hall Parks & Rec Office.

The Guide includes youth and adult activities and parks and facilities information for the months of September through December 2023. Registration for programs is accepted online. Park shelter reservations can be accepted by calling or visiting the Parks and Rec office.

## BUILD-A-SCARECROW



This annual event has become a must for families! Decorate your own scarecrow with adult clothes and props that you bring from home or pick up at a local thrift store. We provide the frame, twine, and straw.

**Sat, Oct 14, 10:30am–noon**  
 at Riverside Park Pavilion  
 \$5 per family (min. 1 adult per family)  
 All ages

**CLASS # 310420-A**  
**WE SUPPLY:** Frame, twine, & straw  
**YOU SUPPLY:** Adult-size clothes, hat, face

## Upcoming Recreation Activities

| ACTIVITY                                  | DATE  | OPEN TO                           |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Start Smart Sports                        | Begins Sep 23   | Ages 3–5 with adult               |
| Fridays with Friends                      | Sep 8, 15, 22, 29; Oct 6, 13, 20, 27<br>Nov 3, 10, 17 | Ages 3–5<br>must be potty-trained |
| 2's on the Move!                          | Sep 18, 25; Oct 16, 23<br>Nov 20, 27                  | Age 2 with adult                  |
| StoryWalk (Southview Park)                | Now–Oct 31  | All ages                          |
| Park Marathon                             | Begins in Sep - check our website for info            | All ages                          |
| Winter Survival Skills                    | Oct 27  | Grades 1–5                        |
| Karate                                    | Begins Oct 7  | Ages 4–12                         |
| Babysitting                               | Sep 29  | Ages 5–12                         |
| KidStage                                  | Begins Sep 25   | Ages 5–12                         |
| Parent/Child Painting with Rooster Dreams | Begins Oct 7  | Ages 5+                           |
| Friday Night Kids Party                   | Oct 27  | Ages 5–12                         |
| Canvas Crafts                             | Oct 27  | Ages 7–12                         |
| Odyssey Climbing Field Trip               | Nov 3   | Ages 9–16                         |
| Kids Learn to Knit Class                  | Oct 21, 28  | Ages 8–14                         |
| Pre & Postnatal Fitness Women's Workshop  | Oct 5, 12   | Adults                            |



**NEENAH-MENASHA INTERTRIBAL POWWOW**  
Sat, Sep 16 at Shattuck Park

**THE DURABLE DANE:  
THE EDDY HANSON STORY**  
Thu, Sep 21, 7pm at the Neenah Public Library

**THE NEENAH FOUNDERS  
AND SETTLERS SERIES:  
AMOS PAGE AND REV. O. P. CLINTON**  
Thu, Oct 19, 7pm at the Neenah Public Library

For more information,  
visit [neenahhistoricalsociety.com](http://neenahhistoricalsociety.com)



Intertribal Powwow at Shattuck Park

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

# School for Seniors: Welcome Back to School!



The Neenah Committee on Aging and Lakeland University are excited to sponsor the 7th Annual School for Seniors! Learn more about consumer and Medicare scams, community resources, laughter and wellness, and other timely topics.

**Friday, September 29, 2023**

8:45am – 12 noon

at St. Mark's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall,  
140 S. Green Bay Road, Neenah.

**FREE OF CHARGE! PLUS DOOR PRIZES!**

Call the Department of Community Development at 920-886-6125 or visit [www.neenahwi.gov/departments/community-development/](http://www.neenahwi.gov/departments/community-development/) for more information and to RSVP!

# Mark your calendar for the 2nd Annual Mayor's Charity Run/Walk!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7



Benefiting



**Children's  
Wisconsin**

Children's Wisconsin is the region's only independent health care system dedicated solely to the health and well-being of children.



Neenah Mayor Jane Lang, along with Neenah-Menasha Firefighter's Local 275, are proud to be bringing you the 2nd Annual Mayor's Charity Run/Walk! This event is friendly for families, pets and strollers, and is not timed. Join us afterwards for more fun games and activities!

**WHEN:** Sat, Oct 7, 2023

Registration: 8:30am

Official Run Start: 9am

Official Walk Start: 9:15am

**WHERE:** Loop-The-Lake Trail (about 3.5 miles)

Start and finish at

**Arrowhead Park, Downtown Neenah**

**PRICES:** \$20 individual

\$50 for family of 3

\$60 for family of 4

\$80 for family of 5

\$100 for family of 6



To register for this event, visit [runreg.com/mayors-charity-runwalk](https://runreg.com/mayors-charity-runwalk)

## Exhibitions

### FRESH PICKS: A SELECTION OF RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Jun 9, 2023–Jan 1, 2024

Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass is excited to announce an exhibition of new acquisitions to the museum's permanent collection. This exhibition continues the museum's tradition of regularly celebrating the philanthropy of our generous donors of artwork.

### WES HUNTING & HUNTING STUDIO GLASS EXHIBITION

Aug 11, 2023–Feb 4, 2024

Wisconsin-based artist Wes Hunting creates blown and cast glass vessels and sculpture featuring colorful palettes and murrine inspired by past and present creations of artists working in Murano, Italy.

### STAFF PICKS: SELECTIONS FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

Aug 4, 2023–Apr 21, 2024

Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass is home to more than 5,000 works of art in glass. This exhibition features works hand-curated by fourteen members of the museum's staff.

## September

### STUDIO CLASS: OCEAN WAVE

Tue, Sep 5, 5:30–8:30pm

Capture the beauty of the Great Lakes or the ocean in glass. Cut and shape colorful glass into a beautiful fused glass wave. Your finished piece can be displayed in an iron stand, (metal stand sold separately), slumped into a dish, or hung in a window as a stunning sun catcher. \$70

### ART ACTIVITY DAY

Sat, Sep 9, 10am–2pm

### FUSED BY NUMBERS: WOMEN'S COLLABORATIVE MURAL

Mon, Sep 11, 2–4pm

Create part of the Fused by Numbers Women's Collaborative Mural at your learning session today. Use glass

So much more in store this fall from YOUR museum!

Please visit [bmmglass.com](http://bmmglass.com) for details.

pieces, frit, stringers, and dots to make your segment of this cooperative whole. FREE

### SPARK! MEMORY LOSS PROGRAM

Tue, Sep 12, 10:30am–12 noon

Enjoy your morning at the museum with a visit with some therapy dogs. FREE

### STUDIO CLASS: PRESERVING LEAVES IN GLASS (2-PART CLASS)

Tue, Sep 12 & Thu, Sep 14

5:30–7:30pm

In Part 1 of this class, students will learn how to combine powdered glass and dried leaves to create a custom sheet of glass. The leaves will be fired into a sheet of glass that will then be cut up and incorporated into a fused glass dish in Part 2 of the class. Students should bring several pressed flat, dried leaves with stems to class. \$70

### STUDIO CLASS: HOT SCULPTED PAPERWEIGHTS

Sat, Sep 16, 12–5pm

Learn how to make your own glass paperweight! A trained instructor will walk you through step by step to make your own paperweight. You'll learn how to safely use the equipment to design then sculpt a paperweight. After it is cooled and coldworked to get rid of any sharp edges, you'll receive your piece back in about a week. \$180

### FAMILY STUDIO CLASS: STENCILS ON GLASS

Tue, Sep 26, 5:30–7:30pm

Create your own personalized piece with stencils and powdered glass. Add an original design, image, or symbol to the platter you design! \$53

### STUDIO CLASS: CURVES IN GLASS

Thu, Sep 28, 5:30–8:30pm

Learn to cut circles, curves and irregular shapes in glass. Master the dreaded circle cut! Explore techniques for cutting circles irregular shapes in glass. Students will create a round, leaf, or heart-shaped dish with curved edges and lines. \$55

## October

### SCOUT NIGHT

Tue, Oct 3, 5:30–7pm

A monthly program during the school year for scouts of all ages. \$15

### ART ACTIVITY DAY

Sat, Oct 7, 10am–2pm

### SPARK! MEMORY LOSS PROGRAM

Tue, Oct 10, 2023 10:30am–12 noon

We will be creating our own clay leaf platters by using leaves to make an impression in air-dry clay. FREE

### FAMILY STUDIO CLASS: PUMPKIN PLATTER

Thu, Oct 5, 5:30–8:30pm

Make your own candy plate for Halloween this year. Students will learn how to cut a circle and transform it into a pumpkin! Pieces returned to participants about 1 week later. With instructor Taylor Moeller-Roy. \$55 | All experience levels



### NEW! FAMILY STUDIO CLASS: MOSAIC GARDEN TILE

Tue, Oct 10, 5:30–8:30pm

Create a mosaic tile to place in your yard or garden this summer! Participants will create a hexagon cement

tile with a mosaic of their own design. Pieces will remain at the museum to fully set and be ready within a week. With instructor Riley Seib. \$48 | All experience levels

**STUDIO CLASS: GARDEN YARD ART**  
Thu, Oct 12, 5:30–8:30pm  
Add some color to your yard or garden! Participants will create a work of art out of glass that will then be fused in a kiln. Pieces will be fused in a kiln after class, then we will attach a metal rod. Pieces will be ready for pick up about a week later. With instructor Taylor Moeller-Roy. \$60 | All experience levels

**STUDIO CLASS: OCEAN WAVE**  
Sat, Oct 14, 2 classes  
10am–1pm or 1:30–4:30pm  
Make your own fused glass wave with instructor Sara Rezin. \$73 | All experience levels

**STUDIO CLASS: CURVES IN GLASS**  
Tue, Oct 17, 5:30–8:30pm  
Learn to cut circles, curves and irregular shapes in glass with instructor Sara Rezin. \$58 | All experience levels

**FAMILY STUDIO CLASS: GLASS BLOWING DEMONSTRATION**  
Thu, Oct 19, 2 demonstrations  
4:30–6pm or 6:30–8:30pm  
Watch a unique piece of art being created by glass artist Taylor Moeller-Roy! \$15 | All ages welcome

**STUDIO CLASS: BLOWN GLASS PUMPKINS**  
Sat, Oct 21, 1–5pm  
Learn to make your own unique glass pumpkins! You'll learn how to safely utilize the equipment and tools to design and create your pumpkin. After it is cooled and coldworked, you'll receive your piece back in about a week. With instructor Taylor Moeller-Roy. \$200 | Ages 16+

**STUDIO CLASS: S-CURVE SEASCAPE**  
Thu, Oct 26, 5:30–8:30pm

Create a free-standing curved glass seascape with instructor Sara Rezin. \$75 | All experience levels

**STUDIO CLASS: SURVEY CLASS**  
Sat, Oct 28, 10am–1pm  
Sample both flameworking and fusing in our survey class with instructors Sara Rezin and Beth Wenger-Johnstone \$60 | All experience levels

## November

**ART ACTIVITY DAY**  
Sat, Nov 4, 10am–3pm

**SCOUT NIGHT**  
Tuesday, November 7, 2023  
5:30–7PM  
A monthly program during the school year for scouts of all ages. \$15

**SPARK! MEMORY LOSS PROGRAM**  
Tue, Nov 14, 10:30am–12 noon  
For people with early- to mid-stage memory loss and their care partners. FREE

### STUDIO CLASS: COOKIES FOR SANTA PLATTER

Tue, Nov 21, 5–8pm  
Students will learn to design a plate that looks like Santa's belly, or their own design. Pieces will be fired and ready for pick up about 2 weeks later. With instructor Taylor Moeller-Roy. \$50 | All experience levels

### STUDIO CLASS: SNOWMAN FAMILY PORTRAIT

Thu, Nov 30, 5:30–8:30pm  
Participants will create a family of snow people in a winter wonderland of fused glass, with instructor Taylor Moeller-Roy. The pieces will be slumped after firing, to stand up on their own and be a great decoration all season long. Ready about 2 weeks later. \$70 | All experience levels

### MUSEUM SHOP & MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

Nov 30–Dec 31  
Buy or Gift a membership, receive a hand-blown glass ornament FREE!

## Art After Dark

# Renaissance Faire

Thu, Sep 21, 5:30–8:30pm | FREE

Good Morrow, fine community! Honor us, if you please, with thy presence at *Art After Dark: Renaissance Faire* come 21 September, 2023, 5:30–8:30pm. Dress in your Renaissance inspired costumes & enjoy our variety of entertainment to include glass blowing and magic! Artisan wares, ale, and sustenance will be available in exchange for your coinage. Galleries and shop will be open well past sundown. Huzzah!



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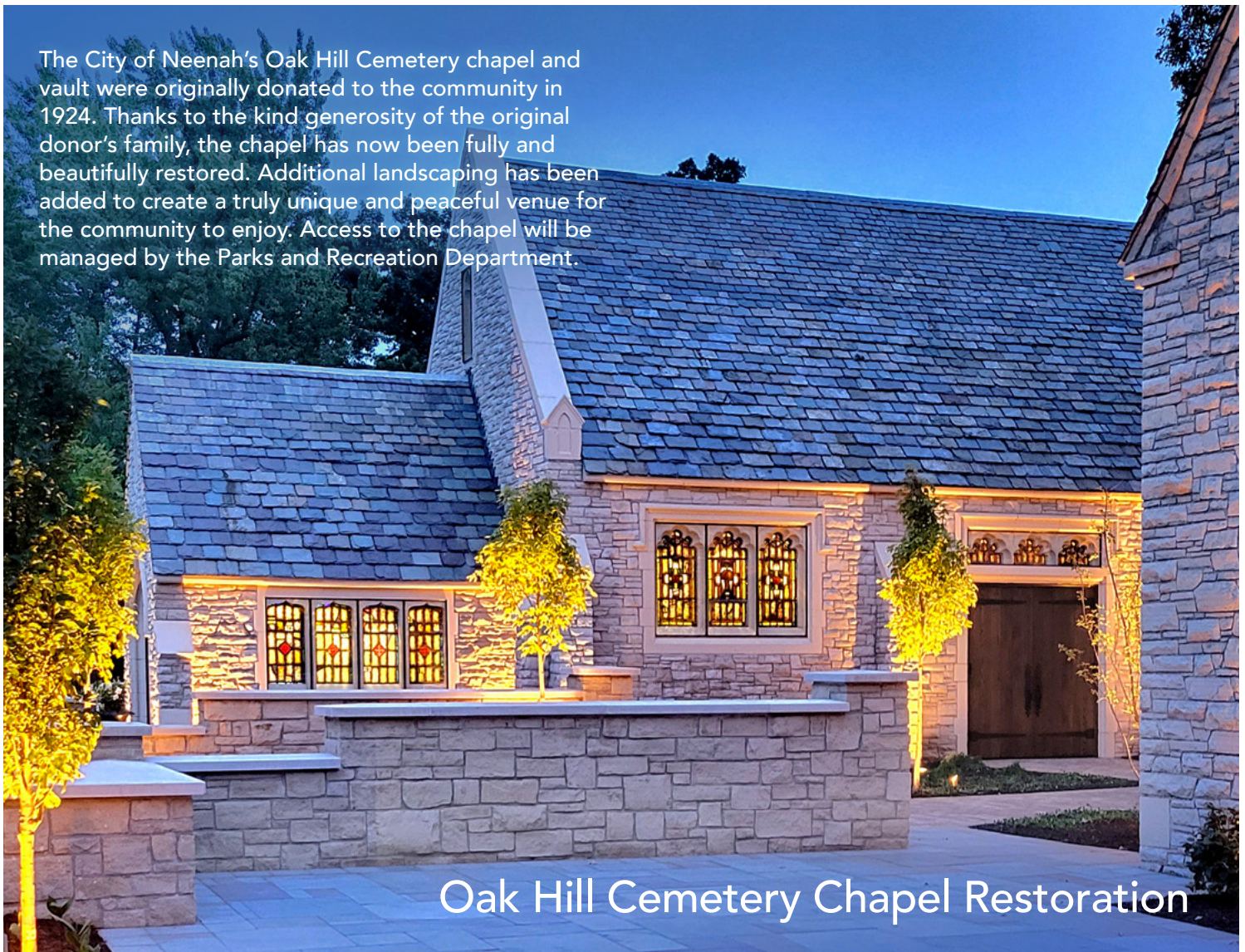
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The City of Neenah's Oak Hill Cemetery chapel and vault were originally donated to the community in 1924. Thanks to the kind generosity of the original donor's family, the chapel has now been fully and beautifully restored. Additional landscaping has been added to create a truly unique and peaceful venue for the community to enjoy. Access to the chapel will be managed by the Parks and Recreation Department.



Oak Hill Cemetery Chapel Restoration