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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

It's a new year and a time of transitions and new opportunities for many of you. Here at the City of Neenah, we are also experiencing some major transitions. On January 5, our new Neenah Menasha Fire Rescue Chief officially assumed his duties for both the cities of Neenah and Menasha. Chief Travis Teesch is joining us from having served at the City of Watertown as their Chief. Originally from the Fox Valley, he is happy to be returning to the area. His full-time career began in 1999 with the Kaukauna Fire Department where he attained the role of Assistant Chief. As we gladly welcome Chief Teesch to our team at the City of Neenah, we also say goodbye to Chief Kevin Kloehn who served for nearly 32 years beginning in 1992 at the City of

Menasha before our two cities combined fire services in 2003. Chief Kloehn had served as the NMFR Chief since 2016, and we wish him all the best in this new chapter.

Another major upcoming departure from the City of Neenah is our soon to be retired Director of Information Services, Joe Wenninger. I've had many conversations with Director Wenninger regarding the transformation of technology from his perspective since he began at the city in 1985. In his words, "The early days were simple as the IT environment (at the city) consisted of five workstations (no PCs) and one printer connected to a midrange server." Contrast that with what he now oversees: 350 devices (PCs, smartphones, and tablets), 46 to 50 print devices, connected to 9 physical and 82 virtual servers. Add to that list security cameras, wireless hotspots, and electronically controlled door access as well as electronic communication, internet access, and the ever-growing threat of cyber security attacks, and you can see that Director Wenninger has had a very dynamic and very busy career at the city. After thirty-nine years of service, he will be retiring in early May, and we also wish him the best with his future endeavors. Our search for a new Information Services Director began in January.

Another significant departure from our city leadership team will be the retirements of two of our elected officials. Both indicated their intention to retire at the end of their terms in April of 2024. John Skyrms, representing the first district since 2020, has provided a very



NMFR Chief Kloehn retired after 32 years of service

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



City of Neenah Common Council; back row left Ald. Skyrms, back row 3rd from left Ald. Stevenson

valuable and dedicated presence on City Council. John served on the Finance and Personnel Committee, the Business Improvement District Board, the Joint Review Board for Tax Incremental Financing Districts, and the Committee on Rules. His calm and thoughtful presence on the Council will be greatly missed.

When I asked our City Clerk to provide me with the service history of Alderman Todd Stevenson, she pulled out a three-page spreadsheet. There would be no way to adequately cover all that Ald. Stevenson has done during his 34 years of service to the City of Neenah. From having served on 10 individual committees, commissions, and countless ad hoc groups, to serving as Council President for 28 of his 34 years of service, he has epitomized the role of community servant

leader. The opportunity to have worked with Alderman Stevenson on council, for the 8 years I served before running for mayor, was a great honor and privilege, and I personally appreciated his thoughtful and deliberate approach. He provided valuable guidance and insight into the history of how things have worked and how to improve them throughout his long tenure, and he will also be greatly missed.

As we're reviewing transitions within our valued personnel at the city it also seems appropriate to mention the closure of two of our long-standing Tax Incremental Financing Districts (TIDs 5 and 6) as this also marks a significant milestone in the City's on-going story. As we talked through how we would recognize these closures and we researched the



TID 5 and 6 closure celebration event held at Plexus

very beginning of the use of TIF to encourage economic growth, it was inspirational to look at the example of former Mayor Marigen Carpenter.

The concept of tax incremental financing was new when Mayor Carpenter was elected in 1982. She received valuable input and education on this new tool from the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, and despite facing some opposition when she advocated to implement this new idea, she persevered and the

city has continued to greatly benefit from her efforts. The entire team of council members and staff at that time clearly contributed to the work that was necessary to help those early efforts succeed, and that continues to be the case today.

We're indebted to our former mayors, former and current aldermen, and former and current staff members who are constantly striving for excellence and seeking out ways to positively contribute to future success

of the City of Neenah. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the business owners and community members who have invested their time, talents, and resources to help our community grow. Thank you for working with us to make Neenah a great place to call home. We work best when we work together with the betterment of all of our community in mind.

With gratitude,
Mayor Lang

SUSTAINABLE NEENAH

Consider a Rain Garden This Spring

Residents may have noticed that in various locations throughout the city, including the Washington Park area, bioretention basins have been incorporated into the landscape. These additions facilitate water filtration by utilizing native plants with deep root systems. This natural filtration and absorption process involves plants and microbes that effectively remove pollutants, lessen soil erosion, and minimize nutrient loss. Unlike typical concrete surfaces, which inhibit water absorption into the ground system, these bioretention basins promote infiltration benefits. This spring, you can achieve similar benefits on your property by incorporating a rain garden into your landscaping!

WHERE TO BEGIN?

If planning a rain garden project, the first step is to call the Diggers Hotline at 811 or 800-242-8511. You can also visit the website call811.com to get more information. It is equally important to contact your local municipality to obtain any required permits to ensure your project is within the local code ordinance. Once you have all this information and approval, you are ready to start planning your rain garden project!

PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Planning and installing a rain garden for your landscape requires consideration of various factors, including the garden's size and depth, its positioning relative to the sloped area, its distance from nearby building foundations, and its distance from property lines. It is important to carefully choose the appropriate soil and plant native vegetation that will not only enhance the area's appearance but, most importantly, prevent erosion, regulate moisture, and promote adequate water filtration and root aeration of the soil. During the planning phase of any landscape project, it is important to consider the ongoing maintenance requirements.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources provides a helpful in-depth guide and additional information on rain gardens found here: dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Stormwater/raingarden

The City of Neenah Municipal Code relating to rain gardens is found here: library.municode.com/wi/neenah/codes/code_of_ordinances?no-deId=SPAGEOR_CH10NU

Benefits of a Rain Garden

- **Aesthetic** - Rain gardens enhance the visual appeal of a landscape by incorporating diverse native plant species and creating vibrant color, using naturally wet areas of your yard.
- **Biodiversity** – A rain garden filled with native Wisconsin vegetation fosters an ecosystem for microbes, insects, birds, and pollinators to thrive.
- **Recharge Groundwater** - Paved impermeable surfaces divert and prevent surface water from draining into ground layers. Rain gardens direct surface water to drain naturally into the soil.

Given Neenah's proximity to interconnected water systems, it's crucial that residents act to prevent contamination, especially since the sewer systems drain into these waterways. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reports that **rain garden plants capture and filter 30% more water than a regular lawn.**

Spring Yard Waste Collection Starting April 9, the Department of Public Works will be collecting yard waste each week for 5 weeks. Collection will be the day following your regularly scheduled refuse collection.

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Mon 4/8	Tue 4/9	Mon 4/15	Tue 4/16	Mon 4/22	Tue 4/23	Mon 4/29	Tue 4/30	Mon 5/6	Tue 5/7
Tue 4/9	Wed 4/10	Tue 4/16	Wed 4/17	Tue 4/23	Wed 4/24	Tue 4/30	Wed 5/1	Tue 5/7	Wed 5/8
Wed 4/10	Thu 4/11	Wed 4/17	Thu 4/18	Wed 4/24	Thu 4/25	Wed 5/1	Thu 5/2	Wed 5/8	Thu 5/9
Thu 4/11	Fri 4/12	Thu 4/18	Fri 4/19	Thu 4/25	Fri 4/26	Thu 5/2	Fri 5/3	Thu 5/9	Fri 5/10
Fri 4/12	Mon 4/15	Fri 4/19	Mon 4/22	Fri 4/26	Mon 4/29	Fri 5/3	Mon 5/6	Fri 5/10	Mon 5/13

Electronics Recycling Event

The City will be hosting an electronics recycling event on **Saturday, May 18, 2024**, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, at the Tullar Road Garage, 1495 Tullar Road. Unwanted or obsolete computer equipment, speakers, DVD players, VCRs, cell phones, televisions, microwaves, appliances, dehumidifiers, etc. can be dropped off for recycling. Fees may apply.

Bulky Item Collection

Bulky Item Curbside Collection will begin in February and continue through December on the even

months (April, June, August, October, and December). Area 1 collection is the 1st Wednesday, Area 2 collection is the 2nd Wednesday, Area 3 collection is the 3rd Wednesday and Area 4 collection is the 4th Wednesday of each collection month. Residents will need to purchase a bulky item sticker for each item that they want picked up. The cost per sticker is \$15. The stickers will be available for purchase in the Public Works office at 211 Walnut St., 3rd Flr. and also, online at www.neenahwi.gov/departments/public-works/recycling-and-refuse. Stickers purchased online will be mailed out within one business day.

2024 Drop-Off Site Punch Cards

2024 Drop-Off Site Punch Cards were mailed in February to occupants of Single Family, Two Family, Three Family and Four Family households. If that is your living situation and you did not receive a card, please contact the Department of Public Works at 920-886-6240.

Drop-Off Site

The Drop-Off site at the Tullar Garage re-opens on **Friday, March 1, 2024**

2024 Street Construction Projects

The chart at right shows the street construction projects that the City is planning for 2024.

Check out the Construction Projects Updates on our web page at ci.neenah.wi.us and sign up to receive e-mail updates throughout the 2023 construction season.

STREET	FROM	TO	PROJECT
Baldwin Street	Cecil Street	Winneconne Ave	Sidewalks
Bayview Road	500' S/of S. Park Ave	1,300 S/of S. Park Ave	Street Construction, Water
Belmont Avenue	Stevens St	Cedar St	Street & Utility Construction, Water
Belmont Court	Belmont Ave	Terminus	Street & Utility Construction
Cedar Street	Doty Ave	Winnebago Heights	Street & Utility Construction, Water
Doty Avenue	Commercial St	Pine St	Street & Utility Construction, Water
Jewelers Park Drive	Harrison St	Cecil St	Street Construction
North Street	Green Bay Rd	Western Ave	Street Construction, Sewer
S. Park Avenue	Bayview Rd	Bayview Ln	Sewer & Water
Plummer Court	Green Bay Rd	Adams St	Sidewalks
Quarry Lane	Higgins Ave	Reed St	Street & Utility Construction, Water
Reed Street	Haylett St	Cecil St	Street Construction, Water
Steven Street	Laudan Blvd	Winnebago Heights	Street & Utility Construction, Water

Officer Josh Peterson Named New Behavioral Health Officer

The Neenah Police Department recently implemented a new Behavioral Health Officer (BHO) position. Officer Josh Peterson, who has been with the department since 2008, became the first BHO in September 2023. The position is responsible for responding to behavioral health-related calls as well as supporting individuals with mental health issues and people who are working through a crisis. The BHO is assigned to the patrol division, but the primary focus is behavioral health-related calls.

BHO Peterson collaborates with Winnebago County Human Services and other outside partner agencies to develop a support plan for specific need(s) of individuals and their families. One of the main goals for this position is to reduce calls for police services related to mental health crises. The BHO also

helps bridge the gap for individuals between short-term acute care and long-term care.

Traditionally, a patrol response includes an officer who must go call-to-call while other calls are also pending. This does not leave much time for individual attention and care to a specific behavioral health issue. With this new position, BHO Peterson can invest more time with individuals to provide support through a difficult time, as well as build a positive working relationship with them and be an advocate for them. Mental health is health, and the Neenah Police Department is grateful for the opportunity to provide this service to the community.



Officer Josh Peterson

The Behavioral Health Officer can be reached by contacting the Neenah Police Department at (920) 886-6050.

Neenah Police Department Survey Results

The Neenah Police Department's motto is, "Treat people with dignity and respect." Throughout 2023, Neenah Police Department employees handed out survey cards with the goal to find out whether we were living up to and carrying out our motto, and to find out how

we can improve our services. The Neenah Police Department strives to establish and maintain trust between our department and the community we serve. We believe our officers reflect our community's values, and it is reassuring to know our community agrees. Thank you to everyone who

took the time to let us know how we are doing! It is our pleasure to serve each and every citizen of Neenah. To see the full survey results, visit <https://www.ci.neenah.wi.us/departments/police/survey-results/>

We received the following results from 220 respondents:

SURVEY QUESTIONS	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	N/A	Total
How was our response time?	180	21	3	0	2	14	220
Were you treated with dignity and respect?	206	8	1	1	4	0	220
Do you feel the officer took the necessary steps to resolve the situation?	205	6	3	1	3	2	220
How satisfied are you with the officer(s)?	209	5	1	3	2	0	220
How satisfied are you with the performance of the Neenah Police Department?	205	8	2	1	4	0	220

Did you know?

51.35% of taxpayers paid their real estate tax bill in December.

The City of Neenah collects the property taxes for three other taxing entities (Winnebago County, Neenah Joint School District (NJSD) and Fox Valley Technical college), as well as for the City of Neenah. Of the entire tax bill, 41.1% stays with the City of Neenah, and the remaining portions are sent to the respective entities as shown in the graph at right.

The median home value in the City of Neenah for 2023 is \$278,000. For a home assessed at \$213,850 in 2022, which was revalued with a 30% increase in 2023 to \$278,000, the tax bill breakdown is shown at right.

In this instance, the overall annual property tax bill decreased by almost \$43.

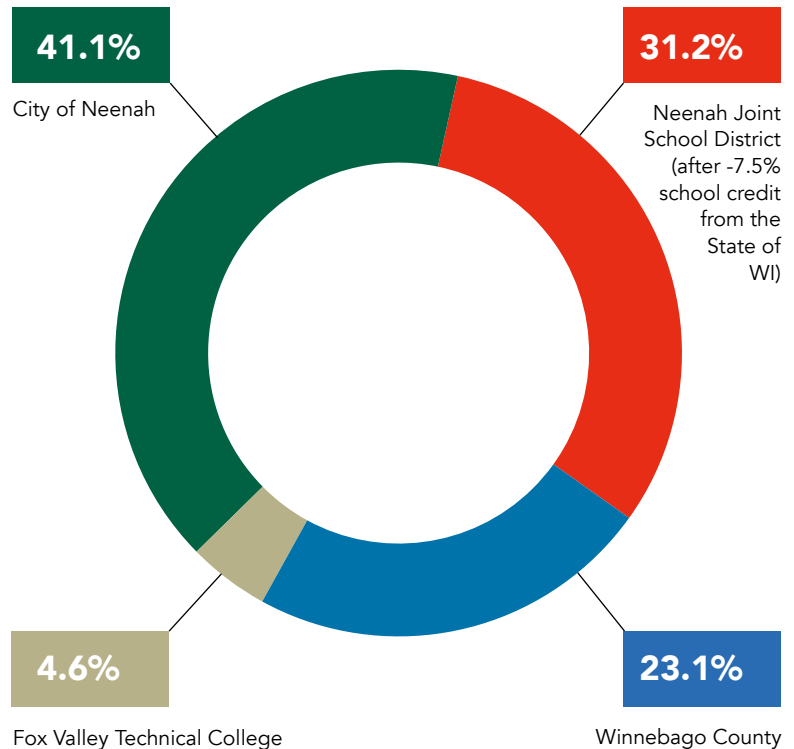
NM FIRE RESCUE

Open Burning

Under city ordinance, you are only allowed to burn in a fire pit if you have a burning permit and follow the specific guidelines of the burning ordinance. Bonfires are prohibited. People who obtain permits are allowed to burn from 4pm to midnight, seven days per week. The purpose of this ordinance is to allow residents to have a recreational fire in a safe manner. Bonfires, burning of leaves, brush or garbage are prohibited.

To obtain your burning permit or to find out more about the City's burning policy, please call the City Clerk's Office at 886-6100 or visit the City's website at www.neenahgov.org. Or, obtain a permit by scanning the QR code on the next page of this newsletter.

Where Do City of Neenah Property Taxes Go?



2023 Property Tax Bills Collectible in 2024

	2022	2023	Change
Median Assessed Property Value	\$213,850.00	\$278,000.00	\$64,150.00
City of Neenah	1,866.97	1,826.45	(40.52)
Neenah Joint School District	1,679.16	1,721.10	41.94
School Levy Tax Credit*	(259.69)	(334.48)	(74.80)
Winnebago County	1,003.64	1,027.19	23.55
Fox Valley Technical College	198.09	204.98	6.89
NET ANNUAL LEVY	\$4,488.19	\$4,445.25	(\$42.93)

* This is a tax credit received from the State of Wisconsin to offset taxes due for the Neenah Joint School District.

Property Tax Installment Due Dates

- 2nd Installment – Sun, Mar 31, 2024
(payments accepted Mon Apr 1)
- 3rd Installment – Fri, May 31, 2024
- 4th Installment – Wed Jul 31, 2024

To pay property taxes, scan this code or visit ipn2.paymentus.com/rotp/cntp



Fire Permit and Renewal Process

Fire permits can now be obtained on the City of Neenah’s website under Finance Department or in the office. An electronic application is filled out and the email confirmation is the permit. If you don’t have an email address a receipt will be printed for you, this can be done in the office or mailed in with a self-addressed stamped envelope. The cost of the 2024 fire permit is \$17.

To obtain a fire permit, scan this code or visit neenahwi.seamless-docs.com/f/fire24



Dog and Cat Licenses

Payment and an application can be submitted on the City of Neenah’s website. The license and tag will be mailed when processed. Dog and cat licenses for 2024 may also be purchased at City Hall’s Treasurer’s office and are due by Sun, Mar 31. A valid rabies vaccination certificate is required.

- Neutered/Spayed Cat/Dog:** \$8
- Unneutered/Unspayed Cat/Dog:** \$13

A \$5 late fee is assessed for each pet licensed after Mar 31, 2024. For any new pet acquired after Mar 31, the late fee will be waived.

To apply for a pet license, scan this code or visit neenahwi.seamlessdocs.com/f/pet24



Boat Launch Parking Permit

Boat Launch Parking permits for trailer parking at Doty Park Launch and Rec Park Launch are sold online, or an account is created in the Finance Department at City Hall. There is no physical sticker to put on your trailer, Parking Permits now go by the towing vehicle license plate (2 allowed per permit). Creating an account will allow you to maintain, update, and change towing vehicles as needed. Festival Foods will no longer be selling Boat Launch Parking Permits. Permits are now able to be purchased as of Jan 1 and good through Dec 31 each year. Contact the Finance Department with any questions 920-886-6144.

To apply for a boat launch permit, scan this code or visit neenahwi.t2hosted.com/cmnt2/auth_guest.aspx



Utility Billing

Visit us online at www.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).

Fire Hydrant Flushing Notice

April–May

The majority of the flushing is performed from 7am–3pm, beginning in the north of the City and working south. You may experience low water pressure or discolored water. The discolored water is safe and is caused by naturally occurring minerals being stirred up in the water mains. Residents are urged to avoid water use during flushing, especially for laundry, as it may stain clothing. If you see discolored water, run cold water in a non-aerated faucet until the water runs clear.

The inconvenience should not last more than a day. If problems persist, call 920-886-6180 or 920-886-6191.

Spring Election Day: April 2, 2024

Polls are open 7am to 8pm. Sample ballots will be posted to the City website and in the Clerk’s office as soon as available.

You can request an absentee ballot via www.myvote.wi.gov. For questions or problems requesting an absentee ballot via www.myvote.wi.gov please call us at 920-886-6110.

Absentee ballots may be returned by one of the following options:

- **Mail** – Absentee ballots come with return postage. USPS recommends mailing at least one week prior to Election Day to assure on-time delivery.
- **In-person directly to the Clerk’s Office** – 211 Walnut St., during regular business hours. Absentee ballots must be returned by the voter named on the ballot.

Disabled voters may use an agent to return their ballot in-person to the Clerk’s Office.

Remember when voting absentee, the certificate envelope must be:

- Signed by the voter
- Signed by a witness. Witnesses can be a spouse, a neighbor, a sibling, etc., at least 18 years old.
 - Include printed witness name
 - Include witness address

Polling locations can be found at www.myvote.wi.gov or the city’s Interactive Maps webpage at neenah.gov/departments/gis/interactive-maps/

For any questions regarding elections please call the Clerk’s Office at 920-886-6110 or email us at clerk@neenahwi.gov.

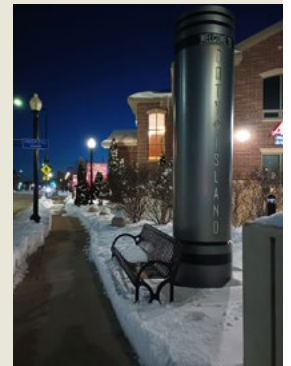
ELECTION DEADLINES AND DATES TO NOTE:

- Mar 12: Absentee ballots are mailed
- Mar 13: Deadline for open registration online or via mail—after this date voters must register in-person at the Clerk’s office or register on Election Day
- Mar 19–29: In person absentee voting in the Clerk’s office during regular business hours
- Mar 28: Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail
- Mar 28: Deadline to register. After this date voters can register at their polling location on Election Day
- Apr 1: No election activity on this day
- Apr 2: Spring Election Day**
Polls Open 7am – 8pm

Neenah Arts Council 2024 3rd Annual Photo Contest!

2024 THEMES:

Hometown Pride • Mood/Emotion • Creatively Enhanced



Submissions will be accepted Mar 1–31, 2024 | For info visit neenahlibrary.org

Adult Programs

A GERMAN BOHEMIAN IMMIGRATION AUTHOR PRESENTATION

Thu, Mar 7, 6:30pm
Shattuck Community Room



Dr. Joan Steiner will describe her research process that resulted in identifying 570 German Bohemians who relocated to Calumet County

and/or used Calumet County as a steppingstone to their final destinations farther west. The stories of five Calumet County German Bohemian families will be highlighted.

PHOSPHORUS IN OUR WATERWAYS: A NECESSARY NUTRIENT TURNED NUISANCE

Wed, Mar 13, 6:30pm
Shattuck Community Room



Dr. Katie Reed, Winnebago Waterways Program Coordinator from Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, will be presenting on

the issue of phosphorus in our waters. She'll talk about why phosphorus is a necessary element for life but has become a problem for water quality. Does the green sludge we see on Lake Winnebago have anything to do with phosphorus? Can we do anything about phosphorus? Attend to find out, and to hear about how Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance is working to protect and restore our waterways and how you can help.

MONSTER SHARKS: THE PALEONTOLOGICAL HISTORY OF JAWS

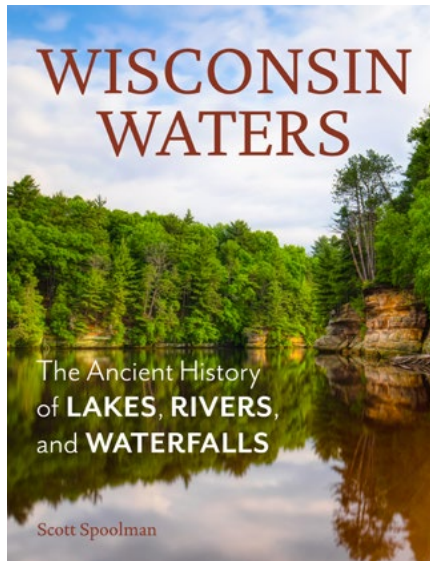
Mon, Mar 4, 2pm
Shattuck Community Room

With **Dr. Joseph Frederickson**, Paleontologist at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis



From movies like *Jaws* and *The Meg*, sharks are popularly viewed as man-eating monsters. But surprisingly, from the docile whale shark to the tiny,

parasitic cookie cutter shark, modern species show a large variation in size and lifestyle. Even though today many are the apex predators in their environment, sharks haven't always been the top dog of the sea. In this presentation, paleontologist Dr. Joseph Frederickson will take you on a journey to meet some of the unusual ancestors of today's sharks. Through the discovery of new fossils, you will learn about how and when sharks came to dominate the modern oceans.



WISCONSIN WATERS: THE ANCIENT HISTORY OF LAKES, RIVERS, AND WATERFALLS

Mon, Apr 1, 2pm
Shattuck Community Room
With **Scott Spoolman**, Award-Winning Author
Scott invites you to explore Wisconsin's many and varied waterways and to learn how they came to be

as they are today. From the placid Mississippi, to waterfalls crashing over hard rock ledges near Lake Superior, to life bursting forth in one of the world's largest freshwater marshes, these waterways each have a fascinating story to tell. Scott will sample a few of the 19 stories from his new book, *Wisconsin Waters: The Ancient History of Lakes, Rivers, and Waterfalls*. He will include readings from the stories and from the travel guides that follow each story, helping readers to get out and explore each site on their own. Scott Spoolman's book will be available for sale for \$28.

MONDAY MORNING BOOK KLATCH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Mondays at 10am
Mar 25: *Infinite Country* by Patricia Engel (Fox Cities Book Festival Reads title)
Apr 22: *The Perfume Collector* by Kathleen Tessaro
May 20: *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger

NOT QUITE COZY MYSTERY BOOK CLUB



Mondays at 6:30pm
Mar 18: *Peg and Rose Solve a Murder* by Laurien Berenson
Apr 15: *The Poacher's Son* by Paul Doiron
May 20: *The Chase* by Candice Fox

COOKBOOK BOOK CLUB

Tue, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21 6:30pm
Join our deliciously new book club! Try some new recipes, share a dish, and talk about cooking. Check our website for the theme each month.

TECH TALK TUESDAY

Join us at the library for a Tech Talk discussion to learn about a variety of technology topics.
Tue, Mar 12, 1:30pm:
Just the Ticket! How to Navigate Online Travel Websites
Tue, Apr 9, 1:30pm:
A Guide to Social Media



POWERED BY YARN

First Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm
 Mar 5, Apr 2, & May 7
 In the Yaz Room
 Bring your own project and tools. We supply the company, moral support, and technical support in knitting and crocheting. This is an open crafting group. Adult and teenage crafters welcome.

MAH JONGG MEETUP

Every Wednesday, 5:30–8:30pm
 In the Storytime Room
 Calling all Mah Jongg champs and novices! We’ve got a few Mah Jongg sets at the ready, and even some cards. If you’ve got your own Mah Jongg card, don’t forget to bring it! No sign-up required. Come on in and let’s have some fun!



Calling All
 Master
 Gardeners

CHAIR YOGA

Alternate Fridays, Mar 1, 15, & 29
 Apr 5 & 19, May 3, 10:30–11am
 Engage your core doing full body movements while sitting down.

FITNESS FRIDAY

Classes begin at 9:15am
 Bring your water bottle, and yoga mat or towel. Classes taught by **Nicole Schommer** from Absolute Wellness
 Mar 1: Boot Camp
 Mar 15: Balance and Strength
 Mar 29: Boot Camp
 Apr 5: Boot Camp
 Apr 19: Balance and Strength
 May 3: Boot Camp

(Please note: Chair Yoga and Fitness Fridays will not be held on May 17 or May 31.)

RETRO VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT

Sat, Apr 13, 1pm
 Play classic video games in a friendly competition. This all-ages event is perfect for gamers of all skill levels. Featuring retro arcade and NES games. Prizes awarded for high-scores.

The Neenah Public Library is looking for Master Gardener volunteers to help with planting, maintaining, and cleaning up the gardens. Help is needed from Memorial Day through the end of August with an additional day in the fall for clean-up. If you are interested in volunteering for this task, please fill out a volunteer application online or stop in the library and pick up an application at the circulation desk. Please note: The Neenah Public Library is a designated site for Master Gardeners to get volunteer hours.

Visit us online at
neenahlibrary.org

for the most up-to-date information. We are always adding something new!

Concert Series

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

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT SERIES

Fri, Mar 1, 2pm: **Steven Paul Spears and Linda Sparks with Lawrence Conservatory Students**
 Fri, Apr 5, 2pm: **Erin Krebs Trio**
 Fri, May 3, 2pm: **Jeff Pockat, Gaelic Harpist**

SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES

Sun, Mar 3, 2pm: **Fox Valley Flute Choir**
 Sun, May 19, 2pm: **The Chalk Down Trio**

Movies

MOVIE TALKS

Movies begin at 6:30pm
 Learn information about the plot, characters/actors, and some behind-the-scenes trivia. Intended for those who have already seen the movie.
 Tue, March 26: **Guys and Dolls** (1955) starring Marlon Brando, Jean Simmons, Frank Sinatra, Vivian Blaine
 Tue, Apr 30: **One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest** (1975) starring Jack Nicholson, Louise Fletcher

MONDAY MATINEES

Second Monday of the month, 1pm
 Shattuck Community Room
 Free admission and free refreshments.
 Call for the movie of the month 920-886-6315 or see our events calendar online.

Youth Programs

STORYTIMES

Mar 11-Apr 26

Baby Time ages 0-12 months
Wednesdays, 9:15am

Toddle Time ages 12-24 months
Tuesdays, 10am

Wee Read ages 2 and up
Thursdays, 10am

Storytime for Everyone all ages
Tuesdays, 10am at Valley VNA

Musical Movers all ages
Wednesdays, 10am

SPRING BREAK OPEN ART

Tue-Thur, Apr 2-4, 12-2pm

Apr 2: The Sky's the Limit (Wood Crafts)

Apr 3: Seas The Day (Egg Carton Crafts)

Apr 4: What Dreams Are Made Of (Paper Crafts)

Family Programs

FOOTLOOSE FRIDAYS

Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10, 10:30am

It's a family dance party! Boogie down with interactive songs, scarves, shaker eggs, and fun music. No talent necessary!

EARTH DAY

Apr 20, 10:30-noon

Get a charge out of chemistry with the library and the American Chemical Society as we explore batteries with hands-on activities and demos.

PINT-SIZED PROM

May 11, 10:30-11:30am (ages 0-5 with caregivers)

Put on your best outfit and come to the library to enjoy dancing, a photo booth, treats, and fun!

LEGOS IN THE LIBRARY

1st & 3rd Sundays, 1-3pm

Build a Lego creation with the library's Legos.

Wild Child

Mondays

April 8, 15, 22 & 29

10am

at Riverside Park

Families can enjoy stories, walks, talks, and enrichment activities.

Tween/Teen Programs

(ages 9-16)

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS OPEN PLAY

Mar 16, 10:30am-2:30 pm

Calling all paladins, druids, and bards of all levels. Bring your own campaign. No sign-up required.

TWEEN CREATE SPACE

Tuesdays @ 3:30-4:30 pm

Mar 5: Bath Bombs

Mar 19: Slime Circuits

Take & Create Kits

ANYWHERE ART, AGES 2+

bit.ly/NPLanywhereart

Create a process-based masterpiece in this at-home art program for kids and their caregivers.

DARE TO DREAM

ages 6 and up

bit.ly/NPLdaretodream

Explore the story of contributors to life as we know it. These kits are designed to get you thinking, creating, and problem solving.

TWEEN SCENE

bit.ly/NPLtweenscene

Tweens looking for a creative project can follow along with a short tutorial and step-by-step instructions. Be ready to get creative and have fun!

Additional Services

FRESH PAGES

A monthly book subscription for kids ages 5-18

Each month, participants will receive a collection of 3 to 5 books to return and related goodies to keep. Books will be picked by a Librarian based on answers to a questionnaire. Sign up on our website today!

BOOK BUNDLES

Need a new batch of library books or activities? Let us help! Fill out the Book Bundle form on our website and a librarian will select age appropriate, high-quality materials kids are sure to enjoy.

EDUCATOR COLLECTIONS

A Librarian will prepare a subject collection for any daycare provider, homeschooler, or teacher. Tell us the reading level, format, and subjects needed and we will collect appropriate materials, check them out and have them ready for pick-up within 5 days.

Notice:

The Library will be closed

March 31 for Easter

May 25, 26, 27 for Memorial Day

Summer Activity Guide

The Neenah Parks & Recreation Department's Summer Activity Guide was mailed out in late February. The Guide includes youth and adult activities and parks and facilities information for the summer months. Copies are available for pick up at the City Hall Parks Office, Neenah Public Library's 2nd floor reference desk, or online at www.neenahgov.org.

Registration for all programs is preferred online. Park shelter reservations are accepted by calling, emailing parkrec@neenahwi.gov, or visiting the Parks & Rec office at City Hall.

UPCOMING RECREATION ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	OPEN TO	DATE
Fridays with Friends	Ages 3-5	Sessions begin Mar 1
Yoga	Ages 18+	Classes begin Mar 1
Start Smart Sports	Ages 3-5 with adult	Session begins Mar 2
2's On The Move	2-year-olds with adult	Mar 18 & 25
Friday Night Kids Party	Ages 5-11	Mar 22
Decorate & Devour: Cookie Edition	Ages 10+ for March class, ages 5+ with adult for May class	Mar 23, May 11
Outdoor Workshop: Backpacking Basics	Ages 16+	Mar 28
Operation Recreation Spring Break	Grades K-6	Apr 1-5
KidStage	Ages 5-12	Apr 3-Jun 1/2
Home Alone & Babysitting Safety	Ages 10-15	Apr 5
Tai Chi	Ages 18+	Classes begin Apr 9
GenNext Leadership	Ages 12-16	April 22nd
Pickleball Ladder League	Ages 18+	Leagues begin May 6
Youth Pickleball Clinic	Ages 10-16	Class begins May 7
Pickleball Drills & Skills	Ages 18+	Class begins May 8
Start Smart Golf	Ages 6-8 with adult	Class begins May 14

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

Arbor Day Foundation

Memorial Park Tree Planting Ceremony

Fri, Apr 26 at 10am

SAVE THE DATE

May 8, 2024
10am-noon
Memorial Park

ROCK'N'HIDE ADVENTURE

FREE

Decorate a river rock with markers or paint! Then go to Southview Park during the month of April to hide your rock and find other decorated rocks.

Apr 1-30, Southview Park | All ages

DECORATE & DEVOUR: COOKIE EDITION

Are you ready to unleash your inner artist and sweeten up your baking skills? Join our cookie decorating calss and embark on a delectable journey into the world of edible artistry. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned baker, this class is designed to inspire creativity and elevate your cookie decorating game to new heights. We will be offering 3 classes!

EASTER THEME

Sat, Mar 23, 1-3pm
Washington Park
Rec Shelter
Ages 10+
Fee: \$35

MOTHER'S DAY THEME

Sat, May 11, 1-3pm
Whiting Boathouse
Ages 5+ with adult
Fee: \$35/pair



Looking for something fun to do for Spring Break?

OPERATION RECREATION

Check out Operation Recreation! Op Rec meets the needs of the working parent and the fun-seeking child. We will spend the days doing a variety of activities: crafts, gym games, possible outdoor activities, and more!

SPRING BREAK

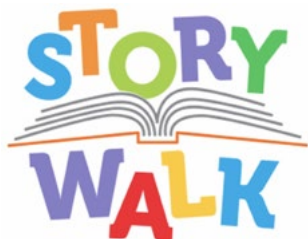
Dates	Class
Full Week, Apr 1–5	#410420-A
Mon, Apr 1	#410421-A
Tue, Apr 2	#410421-B
Wed, Apr 3	#410421-C
Thu, Apr 4	#410421-D
Fri, Apr 5	#410421-E

Earliest drop-off 7:30am, latest pick-up 5:30pm at Boys & Girls Brigade, 109 W. Colombian Ave. \$40 per day / \$180 for the full week For grades K-6

Participants must bring a bag lunch and wear gym shoes each day.

This program is held at the Brigade but is run by Neenah Park & Rec; please refer all questions to us.

Storywalk™ is an exciting initiative that combines a children’s story with a popular walking route. Pages from the book are laminated and placed along a path at regular intervals so readers can follow the story as they walk. Storywalk inspires parents and caregivers to build childrens’ interest in reading while encouraging healthy outdoor activity.



Self-Guided Tours at Southview Park
200 W. Bell Street
May 6–231
FREE

NEW BOOKS ARE ADDED MONTHLY!

GenNext Leadership

Mon, Apr 22, 8am–4pm
George Scherck Shelter, Memorial Park

A dynamic and transformative program designed to inspire and empower the next generation of leaders. Geared towards young people, this class provides the essential skills knowledge and mindset to become a confident and effective leader in today’s rapidly evolving world.

For ages 12–16. Breakfast and lunch provided.
Fee: \$35
Class #411002-A

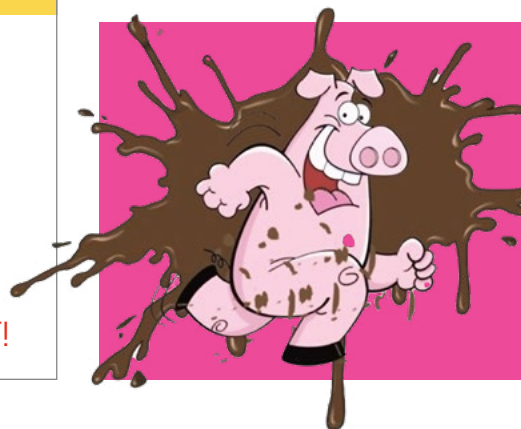
JUNK in the TRUNK

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Sat, May 11, 8am–noon
Neenah Pool Parking Lot
Vendor Fee \$25
Class #423109-A

Limit one registration per household.

Vendor Information: Registered vendors may arrive at 6:30–7:30am. Vendors will not be permitted after 8am. Your vehicle should occupy one of the two spaces allocated, with the other space for additional items. Everything must fit within the two spaces allocated. Oversized vehicles are not permitted. Your vehicle must remain in place for the duration of the event for pedestrian safety. Vendors will be placed upon arrival. Any unsold items must be removed. Dumpsters onsite are for customer and staff use only
NOTE: inclement weather will cancel this event.



FILTHY FUN KIDS RUN

Sat, Jul 13

Registration begins
Jan 1, 2024

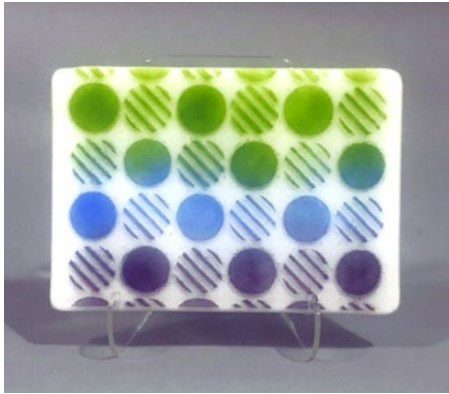
Exhibitions

LANGUAGE OF LIGHT: THE NEON ART OF STEPHANIE SARA LIFSHUTZ

Apr 26 – Oct 13, 2024

Artist **Stephanie Sara Lifshutz** uses her art to address the universal experiences people share while focusing on her own real-life encounters and conversations. Lifshutz pursues her art with an interdisciplinary approach, and incorporates that theme into her nationally-shown sculpture, as well as her teaching practice.

March



FAMILY STUDIO GLASS CLASS: STENCILS ON GLASS

Thu, Mar 7, 5:30–7:30pm

Create your own personalized piece with stencils and powdered glass. Students are encouraged to bring their own stencils or use a stencil we have here. Add an original design, image, or symbol to the platter you design! Final piece size: 6.5x6.5". All experience levels.

GLASS STUDIO CLASS: MOSAIC TILES

Tue, Mar 12, 5:30–8:30pm

Use glass pieces and ceramic tiles to create your very own mosaic masterpiece. Once attached, learn about the grouting process to finish your new artwork. Finished artwork is usually about 6x6" on a flat white tile. Final piece size: 6x6" or 3x8". All experience levels

GLASS STUDIO CLASS: STRINGERS AND LINE ART

Tue, Mar 19, 5:30-8:30pm

Students will learn creative techniques for incorporating stringers into a glass piece. Lines, one of the basic elements of art, can be added to fused glass art in several ways. Students will bend stringers in candle flames and add them to the front or back of a fused glass piece. Final piece size- 6.5x6.5" or 4x11". All experience levels

GLASS STUDIO CLASS: METAL CLAY JEWELRY

Thu, Mar 21, 5:30–8:30pm

Create a beautiful pendant combining fused dichroic glass in silver metal clay. The basics of working with precious metal clay will be introduced, including shaping, texturing, drying, kiln firing, and finishing. Students will shape silver clay to create a setting for a piece of fused dichroic glass. The glass and silver pendant will be fired in our kilns and available to be picked up at a later date. Final pieces size: 2-3 pieces of jewelry about 1" maximum. All experience levels

ART AFTER DARK: FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Thu, Mar 21, 6–8:30pm

Celebrate women who advocate for equity, diversion and inclusion during our Women's History Month themed Art After Dark. Educational displays,

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a Ruth Bader Ginsburg focused art project, trivia, creative snacks and beautiful glass art. Beer and soda for purchase.

April

KID'S SPRING BREAK ART CAMP AGES 8-11

Wed, Apr 3, 12–4pm

Let your kids play with glass this Spring Break! Your child will discover many ways to create art projects including fusing and painting on glass. Students will be able to explore the galleries using the displays as inspiration for their own work.

GLASS STUDIO CLASS: PLAID GLASS DISH

Tuesday, April 16, 5:30-8:30 PM

Learn to layer colorful transparent glass to create your own unique plaid glass dish. Wherever two transparent colors cross, a third color is created. Patterns and color combinations are infinite! Students will create a plaid tray while learning color theory and precise strip cutting techniques. One fused glass class required.

Art Activity Days

First Saturday of Every Month
Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4 10am–2pm



Each month we offer a unique special project, always for \$15. In addition, we offer free projects for people to create in our galleries. Art Activity Day glass projects take about 30 minutes to create and are designed for all ages (children under 5 will require assistance from a parent or guardian). All materials and instructions are supplied, and the Glass Studio will fire your project in the kiln.

May

**GLASS STUDIO CLASS:
FLAMEWORKED UTENSILS**

Sat, May 18, 10am–1pm

Use the basics of beadmaking to create your own unique handle to one of multiple utensils. Students will learn how to work safely with hot glass and create a large bead that will be attached to a kitchen utensil. One flameworking class encouraged

Scouts Nights

First Tuesday of the month
Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7, 5:30–7pm
Scouts tour our galleries, then make their own fused-glass sun catcher! Pieces will be fired and ready to pick up about 2 weeks later.



NEENAH-MENASHA YMCA

Adult Programming at the Neenah-Menasha YMCA

If you qualify for Medicare, you might be eligible for a **FREE membership** at the Neenah-Menasha YMCA. Just bring your insurance card into the Neenah-Menasha YMCA and we'll check your eligibility. There are also discounts and assistance for adults ages 65+ who don't qualify through their insurance plan. In addition, our **ForeverWell** department offers programs designed specifically for adults ages 55+ like arts & crafts, games, films, tech, hiking, biking, and even trips. Find more information on our website at www.ymcafoxcities.com/foreverwell.

For more information, contact Kate Yates at 920-886-2105 or kyates@ymcafoxcities.org.

**GET CONNECTED,
STAY CONNECTED**

Schedule your own one-on-one class to learn the basics of today's technology and how you can stay up to date with family and friends all over the world. Bring your own device. \$5 Members / \$10 General Public.

**SMALL GROUP TECHNOLOGY
INTRODUCTIONS**

Second Tuesday of the month, 10 & 11am (same program)
A short introduction to various technology topics and techniques.
Mar 12: **Google Applications**
Apr 9: **Artificial Intelligence**
FREE

CREATE A GOOGLE DOC

Thu, Mar 21, 1–3pm
Learn to create, format, and share a Google Document (If you have a Gmail account, bring your username and password).
\$10 Members / \$20 General Public

SET UP A VIRTUAL ASSISTANT

Thu, Apr 18, 1–3pm
Learn to use your cell phone as a virtual assistant tailored to your needs, such as answering questions, making phone calls, or navigating the internet.
\$10 Members / \$20 General Public

**FILM SERIES:
HOLLYWOOD MASTER DIRECTORS**

Third Wednesday of the month, 1pm
A film series presented by Walt Ulbricht featuring the work of Neenah native Howard Hawks. Pizza provided, compliments of Sammy's Pizza.
Mar 20: **Sergeant York** starring Gary Cooper
Apr 17: **Rio Bravo** starring John Wayne and Dean Martin
FREE Members / \$5 General Public

COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS

Mondays, 8am–9am
Get together with old friends and make new ones as we begin the week

with Coffee and Conversation.
FREE

SIMPLY ART

Fourth Wednesday of the month, 10–11:30am
Mar 27: **"Hello Spring" Wood Porch Sign** Create your own 4-foot-tall porch sign to welcome Spring.
Apr 24: **Feather Painting** Use various painting techniques to develop unique creations.
Prices vary

GAME ON!

Tuesdays, 10am–12 noon
Bring your favorite game or come learn a new one. Cards and a variety of games will be provided.
FREE

Register online at ymcafoxcities.org, or at any YMCA Member Service desk.



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Historical Society programs take place in the Shattuck Community Room of the Neenah Public Library.

For more information, visit neenahhistoricalsociety.com



NEENAH RED CROSS CHAPTER IN WORLD WAR II

Thu, Mar 21 at 7pm

During WWII, nearly every family had a member who was involved with Red Cross services. Learn about the varied and numerous wartime efforts by the Neenah Red Cross during WWII from presenter **Kara Rothkegel**.



ORVILLE BABCOCK

Thu, Apr 18 at 7pm

For 150 years historians have portrayed Orville Babcock as a villain in the corrupt Ulysses S. Grant administration. Local historian **Peter Adams** has approached the subject by studying Babcock and Grant not just as historical figures, but as men.



Neenah Community Band

Spring Concert

Sun, Mar 24, 3pm
Neenah High School Auditorium
FREE

Interested in joining the band? Want to apply for a scholarship? Looking to donate to the band? Scan the QR code below!

