



Town of Neenah

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Meeting of Town
Electors
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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER:



**Town Chairman
Bob Schmeichel**

Welcome once again to this addition of "Chairman's Chatter".

Having now turned over the 2016 summer time/Labor Day page of the calendar we focus our attention to football... (and more football), fall yard cleanups, annual town budget deliberations, and of course the national fall elections. All of which have their own degree of importance in one's mind! I'm going to briefly touch on a couple of these.

Fall yard cleanups: "Fallarama" brings leaves...and more leaves...what to do, what to

do? Yeah, yeah—I know; *you* think it's 'romantic' to burn leaves in the fall. The smell awakens distant memories of things like winning football games and torrid October romances. Every fall I receive complaint calls on this very subject. The *reality* of burning leaves is that their 'romantic' smoke heats up the planet, and sends asthmatics rushing to the hospital. *It* stinks up the downwind homes of neighbors who have gone out for a walk and left their windows open on a glorious fall day to give the house an airing out before winter. Rather, take them to the county composting site or compost them yourself. My personal favorite option is to simply shred the leaves through my lawn mower until the pieces are small enough to just leave them right there on the lawn. They serve as a good source for soil nutrients and natural fall fertilizer for your lawn or garden.

Annual town budgets: Your town board, park board, stormwater utility, and sanitary district utility, all have open meetings. Also open are their respective budget meeting workshops. As a town resident, you have the right to attend any of these meeting. Should you have a question or a concern, please contact the town clerk, one of the town supervisors, or myself with your issue so it can be brought to the attention of those in the respective budget meeting.

Volunteer Fireman Picnic: This was held on August 21st at Mahler Park. I missed seeing you there! It was an enthusiastic albeit small turnout of town citizens showing their support for our town volunteer fire department. The men and women that make up our town Volunteer Fire

department and First Responders are not as visible to the general public per say as your town supervisors, however, they sure are very visible should you have an immediate need for their help. They are an excellent, dedicated group of individuals that are well trained and committed to the public health, safety, and welfare of our town. Whenever you get a chance, please give them a 'Thank You' for their service to our Town community. Each and every year, you all have the opportunity to thank them at their picnic. It is a positive way to show your support and appreciation for these dedicated volunteers. In that regard, Ms. Carol Joubert and her family gave a substantial monetary donation to our fire department at the picnic. Her daughter Moriah lost her life in a fatal car accident at the Cth Cb/Oakridge Rd intersection. Chief King said, "Your loss has touched many of us and we certainly appreciate your offer to donate in Moriah's name. Please understand that a donation is not necessary but, at the same time we want to honor your wishes. Thank you "

I and the entire town board extend our well wishes to Ms. Joubert and her family for their generosity. The Town of Neenah has advocated for a redesign of this intersection for the safety of all, motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians alike.

Now for a Fun Fall Fact: Bobbing for apples is often associated with Halloween, but it's actually a Roman tradition (when they conquered Britain, they brought apple trees with them). Eventually, the Celtic Samhain festival merged with the harvest festival (now known as Halloween), and bobbing for apples was created.

The apple-bobbing champion is New Yorker Ashrita Furman, who bobbed 34 apples in one minute (Those silly New Yorkers try to eat anything fast).

So that's it for this edition. Enjoy your fun fall...be safe.

Bob Schmeichel
Town Chairman

Town of Neenah Fire Department to participate in Wisconsin Smoke Alarm Fire Education Program to make smoke alarms available to Town of Neenah residents

The Town of Neenah Fire Department has enrolled in the **WisSAFE** program in which the department will receive sixty (60) battery powered smoke alarms and will install them at no cost in Town residences. The smoke alarms being provided are a sealed unit containing a lithium battery with a 10 year life, so no annual battery changes are required.

The **WisSAFE** program is supported by a number of Wisconsin fire service organizations as well as the American Red Cross. The goal of the program is to reduce fire related deaths by ensuring that every Wisconsin home is properly protected with adequate smoke alarms. This effort coincides with National Fire Prevention Month which is held each October.

If your home was constructed before April of 1992, you more than likely have battery powered smoke alarms. Homes constructed after April of 1992 were required by state law to have hard wired smoke alarms installed during construction.

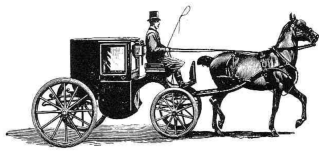
If you feel that the smoke alarms that you currently have installed in your home may not be in the best of shape or may be older, (the normal life of a smoke alarm is 10 years), or you do not have any smoke alarms, the Town of Neenah Fire Department can help to provide and install new smoke alarms in your residence.

To sign-up for this program, please contact the Town of Neenah town office at **920-725-0916** and provide your name, address and contact number. You will be contacted by a member of the Fire Department to arrange a time for the installation. The Department is scheduled to receive the smoke alarms in early October, so we would follow-up with you after that date.

The Town of Neenah Fire Department looks forward to working with our residents to ensure their homes are as safe as possible. Thank you,
Fire Chief Ed King



Town of Neenah Fireman's Picnic



The Good Ol' Days

By Supervisor Glenn Armstrong

April 7, 1914 Annual Meeting

Motion made and seconded to deed the Town of Neenah's interest in the cemetery (now Oakhill Cemetery), to the City of Neenah. Motion carried.

April 4, 1916 Annual Meeting

It was moved and carried to instruct the Board to look up and pass a resolution to prohibit the trains on the Soo Railroad and the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, from blocking the road crossings in the Town of Neenah.

Motion made and seconded that the Board be instructed to confer with the officials of the inter-urban railroad and the officials of the City of Neenah to have the street car line moved into the middle of Cemetery Road, also known as Main Street. Motion carried.

April 3, 1917 Annual Meeting

Motion made and seconded to raise \$300.00 to build a bridge on the road between section 7 and 8 (now County Road G). Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that the Board be instructed to fix the railings on the Slough bridge on Winneconne Avenue as cheap as possible. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to raise \$400.00, and to draw state and county aid for Commercial Street Road, to commence at the Neenah city limits and to run south, as far as the money goes. Motion carried.

April 1, 1919 Annual Meeting

Motion made and seconded to abolish poll tax in the Town of Neenah. Motion carried.

Sept 6, 1919 Special Referendum Election

The Special Referendum Election on Soldier's Bonus Law was held at Casino Hall in the City of Neenah. The polls were opened at nine o'clock and closed at 5:30. The ballots were counted: 43 ballots were cast, 30 ballots were for the Soldier's Bonus Law and 13 ballots were against.



**Supervisor
Glenn Armstrong**

Town of Neenah

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Town Population: 3,435

Chairman

Robert Schmeichel-729-5995

Supervisors

Glenn Armstrong - 722-3355

Brooke Cardoza – 727-1750

Jan DeKeyser - 725-3284

Jim Weiss - 727-1952

Clerk/Treasurer

Ellen Skerke - 725-0916

Building Inspector

Gary Klinka - 727-9200

Fire Chief

Ed King - 725-8261

Animal Control

Glenn Armstrong - 722-3355

Plan Commission Chairman

Tom Wilde - 725-0014

Parks and Trails Committee Chairman

Dave Bluma – 428-4595

Weed Commissioner

Dave Bluma - 428-4595

Newsletter

Pam Winek - 428-0768

Sanitary District Commissions

#2-President - Dan Osero - 740-5757

#3-President-Bryan Von Deylen-751-8791

County Board Supervisors

District 7-Bill Roh – 725-5999

District 9-Alvin Long –722-7795

District 30-Chuck Farrey – 582-7733

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Advertising rates for the Town of Neenah newsletter are: full page-\$240, ½ page-\$120, ¼ page-\$60, and 1/8 page-\$30.

Call the Town Hall at (920)725-0916 for information.

Building Permits

(Projects valued at \$1,000 or more)

May 2016

Boardwalk Builders	1351 Terra Cotta Ct.	New House	\$240,000
Kevin Schmidt	1032 Bayview Rd.	Plumbing	\$8,412
Voelker-Thompson	1295 Pemmican Ct.	Remodel	\$20,000
Mike Kasper	109 Michael Ave.	Deck	\$1,500
Matt Gettendorf	156 Rickers Bay Rd.	Elec. and service upgrade	\$3,800
Thompson-Grace Valley Builders	111 Poplar Ct.	Garage Addition Rebuild	\$24,000
Ogden Dev.-Keller Inc.	1515 Cty Rd. O	Construction	\$3,000,000
Lovedale-Jim's Plmbg.	646 Dartmouth Dr.	Plumbing	\$2,500
Pawlowski-Jim's Plmbg.	659 Dartmouth Dr.	Plumbing	\$2,000
Schultz-Jim's Plmbg.	645 Dartmouth Dr.	Plumbing	\$2,000

June 2016

Brown-Kerry Const.	125 Poplar Ct.	Remodel	\$60,000
Ben Kohler	1520 S. Park Ave.	Addition	\$30,000
Mark Winter Homes	908 Sundial Ln.	New House	\$180,000
Rasmussen-Gerrits Plmbg.	540 Muttart Rd.	Plumbing	\$2,000

July 2016

Laabs-Modern Sheet Metal	180 Adella Beach Rd.	HVAC	\$3,099
Veldboom-Keys & Sons Plmbg.	621 Harvard Dr.	<u>Plmbg.</u>	\$1,500
Fischer-MCM Air	114 Cheryl Ann Dr.	HVAC	\$5,700
Gartland	1360 Eagle Feather Trl.	Shed	\$3,500
Dick Auchter	204 Limekiln	HVAC	\$3,359
Ozman-Griesbach Const.	140 Schramm Way	Remodel	\$15,850
Schlemme-GTS Const.	116 Justine Way	Addition	\$10,000
Koslowski-Portside Bldrs.	1471 Deerwood Dr.	Remodel	\$26,000
Krejcarek-Hoffman-Strobel	6996 Woodenshoe Rd.	Addition	\$22,000

Building permits continued on page 5



Keating Park Addition

Many of you may have already seen the newest addition to the Town of Neenah park family. This summer, the Parks & Trails Committee voted to purchase new playground equipment for Keating Park. The play set, installed at the end of August, is designed for ages 2-12 and has capacity for 24-30 children. The commercial-grade play set by Rainbow Play Systems, Inc® offers 23 play activities including 2 tube slides, a cargo chain ladder, a billy goat bridge, monkey bars, a ground level learning center and more!

The new play set is also in compliance with the ADA (American with Disabilities Act) and is complete with engineered wood fiber chips under and around the play set. The chips are ADA-approved for both mobility and impact attenuation and meet the standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).

The Committee felt Keating Park was a deserving location to add new equipment and look forward to residents enjoying the benefits the new play set offers. According to livestrong.com, playground equipment not only provides physical benefits but also social benefits by allowing children to interact with one another. Additionally, play sets can aid in self-esteem as young children navigate and conquer a rope ladder or overcome a fear of going down the slide giving them a sense of accomplishment.

If you haven't been to the park recently, be sure to visit soon and check out the new play set!



Back To School Safety For Drivers

September is upon us, this marks the unofficial end of summer and the start of another school year. As we go about our busy schedules, we will see the yellow school busses picking up and dropping off students, kids on bikes racing to get to school on time, and parents hurrying to drop off their kids before work.

This time of the year is always a good time for drivers to be aware of their surroundings and slow down and pay attention, especially when in school zones and when kids are present. By following some simple reminders, we all can reduce the risk of crashes and keep our children safe around school.

When dropping off your child, be aware of specified drop off procedures for your school. According to the National Safe Routes to School program, more children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location.

1. Do not double-park as it blocks the view for other children and vehicles.
2. Do not load or unload children across the street from the school.

It is also important to be aware when school busses are present. In Wisconsin, when a school bus is stopped and has its red warning lights flashing, you need to stop at least 20 feet away from the bus, whether you are behind it or approaching it. Wisconsin law also states it is illegal to make a right turn in front of a school bus whether it is flashing yellow lights or red lights.

- This applies both to vehicles approaching from the rear and from the opposing lanes.
- All lanes of traffic must stop for the school bus, except in opposing lanes if the highway is divided with a center median.
- No vehicle may proceed until the bus resumes motion and has turned off the red warning lights.
- The stop arm on the bus is an added communication to other drivers, but the lack of an extended stop arm is not reason to pass a bus whose red lights are flashing.

As school begins, children will be very excited and not always aware of their surroundings. Please take extra precautions when in school zones and around children.

Peter J. Ehlert
Community Programs
Coordinator
Winnebago County Sheriff's



July 2016 building permits continued:

Brickner-Integrity Const.	1519 Woods Edge Ln.	New House	\$263,018
Michael Duprey	120 Sturgis Ln.	Deck	\$5,000
Gettendorf-Integrity Plmb.	156 Rickers Bay Rd.	Plumbing	\$5,800

August 2016

Traas-Dedering Elec.	142 Villa Dr.	Elec. change	\$1,100
Gettendorf-N.E.W. Mech.	156 Rickers Bay Rd.	Furnace	\$6,000
Olson	560 Hunters Point Rd.	Garage	\$12,000
Mirabelli	1307 Birch Bark Ln.	Deck/Shed	\$13,470
Lucian-Palisesades Sheet Metal	220 Adella Beach Rd.	HVAC	\$9,000
Becklund-Cummings Elec.	619 Hunters Point Rd.	Elec. change	\$1,100
Berth-CT Elec. LLC.	469 Maple Ln.	Elec. Change	\$1,000
Traas-Skyline Roofing const. LLC	142 Villa Dr.	Garage	\$43,660
Bachman-Bell Electric	1470 S. Park Ave.	Elec. Change	\$1,250
Goggin Jr.-Schafer Elec.	137 Poplar Ct.	Elec. Change	\$1,700
McGraw-Trademark Const.	1353 Eagle Feather Trl.	Porch Addition	\$20,000

Budget Workshops

Town of Neenah 2017 Budget Workshops will be held:

Thursday September 22, 2016 at 9a.m.

Tuesday October 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday October 13, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

Workshops held at Town Hall

Clerk's Corner:



Town Clerk
Ellen Skerke

Town Board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of the month, 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Agendas are posted on the Town of Neenah website, on the posting boards located at Town Hall, at Conservancy Park and Oakridge Place. Minutes of each meeting can be found on the website. This is a brief summary of recent Town business.

June 2016

- Approved an Easement for distribution of underground electrical communications for We Energies to access property located in Mahler Park.
- Approved Liquor Licenses for Green Valley Investment and HJR LLC.
- Approved Operators Licenses for Kayla Bentle, Jessica Grube, Sharlin Jacobson, Tiffany Perronne.
- Approved Inter-Governmental Agreement to Satisfy Eligibility for Recycling Consolidation Grant for Calendar Year 2017.
- Approved Special Exception Request for Brett Olson at 560 Hunters Point Rd.
- Approved Fire Fighter retirement of Chris Vlachakis.
- Approved Fire Fighter applications for Christifer Burton and Irik Lloyd.
- Approved Property and Casualty Insurance Proposal.

July 2016

- Approved a Pre-Agreement with Chemtrade regarding the closing of Cell #3 of the landfill located on Larsen Rd.
- Appointed Ellen Skerke as Clerk / Treasure for three year term ending June 30, 2019.
- Approved Parks and Trails Committee request for \$20,000 in Impact Fees for playground equipment at Keating Park.
- Approved Operator's License for Isabel Potrykus.
- Appointed Election Workers for the remaining two year term expiring on December 31, 2017; Pat Bowen, Eileen Swanson, Vinita Tellock, Sue Vande Sandee and Barb Wilde.

Budget Hearing Set For Nov. 14

A public hearing for the Town of Neenah's 2017 budget will be held at 7p.m. Monday, November 14th at the Town Hall. A meeting of the Town Electors will immediately follow the hearing for the purpose of approving the Town tax levy.

Cont.

- Approved Software Maintenance Agreement between Town of Neenah and Transcendent Technologies LLC for tax receipting and pet licensing software.
- Discussed permit application by Wisconsin Technology Networking LLC to work in Road Right of Way.

August 2016

- Adopted Resolution 2016-08: Town Board Notice to Abate Public Nuisance and Junked Motor Vehicles at 113 Ferdinand Avenue.
- Discussed Master Lease Agreement between Town of Neenah and Wisconsin Technologies for use of Public Right-of-Way.
- Adopted Resolution 2016-12: Town of Neenah Sanitary District #2 Petition to Add Parcel 010-0111-03 to TNSD#2 Boundaries.
- Adopted Resolution 2016-09: Resolution in Support of Transportation Funding to Urge the Governor and State Legislature to "JUST FIX IT".
- Approved Certified Survey Map for Raymond Germonprez, 126 Woodside Court.
- Approved Certified Survey Map for Steven Goodman, 456 Rainbow Beach Rd.
- Approved Petition of Winnebago County Planning & Zoning Committee for the proposed repeal and recreate of (Chapter 27) – Winnebago County Zoning Code of the Winnebago County General Code.



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November 8, 2016 General Election

For complete election related information please visit <https://myvote.wi.gov> or <http://www.gab.wi.gov/voters>. Visit www.townofneenah.org to see a sample ballot for the Town of Neenah voters. Polls will be open 7:00 am – 8:00 pm on Tuesday November 8, 2016. All Town of Neenah residents vote at the Municipal Building located at 1600 Breezewood Lane.

There is no voter registration or absentee voting permitted on Monday November 7th.

Registering to Vote

You must register to vote if you are a new voter, changed your address, or changed your name.

There are three ways you can register to vote:

1. **BY MAIL:** Download the Application for Voter Registration (GAB131), complete the form and mail it to Ellen Skerke – Clerk, 1600 Breezewood Lane, Neenah WI 54956. This must be postmarked no later than October 19, 2016. **Include a copy of Proof of Residency**
2. **IN PERSON:** Register in the municipal clerk's office up to 5:00 on the Friday before the election. Proof of residency is required when registering to vote.
3. **AT THE POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY:** You may register to vote at the Polls on Election Day. Proof of Residency is required when you register to vote, examples include:
 - Current and valid Wisconsin driver's license or state ID card with the voter's current name and address;
 - Official I.D. card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit;
 - Employer-issued photo I.D. card, issued in the normal course of business, but not a business card;
 - Real estate (i.e., property) tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the dating of the election;
 - University, college or technical college photo I.D. card, but only if the voter provides a fee receipt dated within the last nine months or the institution provides a certified housing list to the municipal clerk;
 - Gas, electric, or telephone service statement (utility bill) for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before Election Day;
 - Bank statement;
 - Paycheck or a government check or other document issued by a unit of government;

Note: The proof of residence provided must contain the applicant's name and current address.

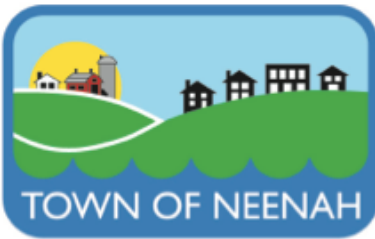
Absentee Voting

1. **IN PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING:** Available in the clerk's office Monday – Thursday from 8:30 am -12:30 pm from September 26, 2016 – November 2, 2016, from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm on Thursday November 3, 2016 and from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm on Friday November 4, 2016. A photo id is required for in-office absentee voting. There is no absentee voting permitted in the office on Monday November 7, 2016.
2. **BY MAIL:** You may request an absentee ballot mailed to you by completing the Absentee Ballot Request (form EL-121) which can be found at <http://www.gab.wi.gov/forms/> on the Town of Neenah website or in the clerk's office.

Letter from Town Resident:

I wanted to write a quick note to thank the Town of Neenah for the wonderful new play area in Keating Park. My husband and I live on Klompen Ct., and have two young boys (William- age 2, and Charles- age 2 months). We have always visited the park, but always felt that a play area would be perfect for the kids. While William enjoyed the open space to run in and the swings, there wasn't much else he could do at the park. We were thrilled when we were on a walk last week, and stumbled across the workers building the new play structure. He was so excited, he wanted to go on it right away and was disappointed that he had to wait for them to finish building it! I am grateful for all of your efforts to continue to improve the town and especially for a wonderful place for my children to safely play! I hope you enjoy the attached pictures of him breaking in the new play set!

With sincere gratitude,
Nicole R.



1600 Breezewood Lane
Neenah, Wisconsin 54956

REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held at the Town Hall beginning at 7PM. Special meetings may be held on other days and times.

Town Board of Supervisors
2nd & 4th Mondays

Town Plan Commission
3rd Monday

Town Parks & Trails Committee
1st Monday April through October

- **BURNING:** Burning is permitted in the Town of Neenah, but the Fire Department requests that you use common sense (dryness and wind are always factors to consider) and that you call the Winnebago County Sheriff's office non-emergency number (236-7300#0) before and after burning to avoid false alarms. Please be considerate of your neighbors when burning, making sure that smoke isn't blowing in their direction. Burning garbage is prohibited as well as any petroleum-based products.
- **MINUTES AND AGENDAS:** Town minutes and agendas are posted on the Town website, three posting locations and are also available at the Town Hall during regular business hours.
- **ADDRESS SIGNS:** Homeowners are responsible for maintaining the emergency address signs placed in front of their homes by the Town. Assure that the sign remains visible by keeping brush and snow away from the sign. Also, do not remove or relocate the sign.

- **BUILDING PERMITS:** All building permits are issued by Building Inspector Gary Klinka (727-9200). Permits are needed to construct a fence or to build a deck. If you aren't sure you need a permit, check with Gary.
- **DEER/WILDLIFE:** The Town has no authority to handle wildlife problems. If you have wildlife problems, call a pest/wildlife service.
- **RECYCLING/TRASH:** Advanced Disposal will not pick up bagged or boxed items, or recyclables in other containers. Please do not



wrap with string or place anything inside plastic bags. Electronics, waste oil, and other materials may not be placed with your recyclables or trash. Cover must be able to close.

- **OBSTRUCTING RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND DRAINAGE DITCHES:** You cannot place a fence or greenery in the Town's road right-of way. No part of a mailbox should extend over the paved portion of the road. In addition, culverts and drainage ditches must not be filled in. If you have a question about water drainage issues or the right-of-way, contact Town Chairman Robert Schmeichel.

HELP WANTED

Volunteer needed to work with Town Clerk on improvements and updates to the Town of Neenah website, plus helping to develop Town of Neenah Handbook. Great opportunity to connect with community and stay in touch with what's going on in the Town. Great for high school/college students, stay at home parents or retirees. Contact Clerk Ellen Skerke at 725-0916 for more information