



The Horizon



From the Mayor's Office:

Spring is in the air; after a long winter it's time to get out and enjoy the recreational opportunities, neighborhoods, and downtown that make Menasha a destination as well as a great place to live. We've been working hard this long and dreary winter to give you lots to be proud of in your community and we've been strengthening partnerships that will enhance the quality of life for everyone who lives and works in Menasha as well as all those who visit.

We all know there are really two seasons in Wisconsin; winter and road construction. We take our street infrastructure very seriously in Menasha, averaging over \$1 million of street construction annually over the past four years, which keeps us on track for a 30 year replacement schedule. This year is no exception with over 3 miles of streets being replaced or constructed. For a complete list of streets see the City website or page 4.

Here in Menasha, we have numerous partnerships that help provide high quality services at reduced costs. Both Neenah Menasha Fire Rescue and Senior Center/YMCA are great examples. Our latest venture, a joint City Hall and Menasha School District Administration building, will provide a convenient consolidated location and shared meeting space for our residents at a reduced cost. We expect it to also open up the potential of new joint services, training opportunities, and marketing as we grow the relationship. The Menasha School District is already in the building and we will join them by July. Come visit us at 100 Main St just a few doors down from our current offices.

We are also looking forward to the construction of two new bridges that will complete a 5K loop around Little Lake Butte des Morts. As I write this, fundraising is just shy of its \$1 million goal, and construction details and bids are nearly complete. We expect to complete the loop this fall bringing another great recreational opportunity to our community.

Looking forward to seeing you out in the community, on bike, boat, or foot, or stop by my office—my door is always open to talk Menasha!

Spring 2017

[Quick Directory](#)

City Hall

M-F 8:00a m-4:00pm
920-967-3600

Public Works Facility

M-F 7:00am-3:00pm
920-967-3620

Police Department

Open 24 hours daily
920-967-3500

Menasha Public Library

M-Th 8:30am-8:30pm
Fri 8:30am-6:00pm
Saturday 8:30am-4:30pm
Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm
920-967-3660

Menasha Utilities

M-F 7:30am-4:00pm
920-967-3400

Menasha Health Dept.

M-F 8:00am-4:00pm
920-967-3520

Airing of Common Council Meetings

City of Menasha Administration Committee, Board of Public Works and Common Council meetings are aired on Time Warner Access Channel 2 and ATT U-Verse Channel 99 on Thursdays starting at 8:30 pm

All broadcasts can be viewed on the City of Menasha website under the Agendas, Minutes and Televised Meetings link.



Hammerheads—6 Tayco Street

Aunt Esther's Attic—220 Main Street

Coming Soon:

Glass Nickel Pizza Co.—217 Washington Street

Menasha Events

- April 4—Spring Election; Polls open 7am-8pm
- April 21—Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Drop off; Public Works Facility 3-6pm
- April 22—Spring Electronics Recycling; Menasha Utilities 8am-12pm
- April 28—Arbor Day Celebration; Shepard Park 9am
- May 29—Memorial Day Waterfront Ceremony; Mill Street 8am
- May 29—Memorial Day Parade 9am
- June 6—Menasha Pool opens 1pm
- June 15—Outdoor Movie Night; Smith Park Activities @ 6:45 Movie @ 8:30
- July 3—Communityfest—Downtown Menasha
- July 4—Communityfest—Jefferson Park
- July 4—Festival Foods Fireworks; Jefferson Park approx. 9:30pm
- August 10—Corny Community Walk
- August 12—37th Annual Grunski Runski
- September 2-3—Fox JazzFest; Jefferson Park 12-5pm
- September 4—Labor Day Parade; Downtown Menasha 10am
- September 8-9—Seafood Fest; Jefferson Park 5pm

STORM WATER UPDATES

Storm water is rain or snowmelt and water from things people do, like overwatering the lawn or discharging pool water into the street drain. We can choose products carefully and shape our lawns and pavement so water sinks in. When we do, runoff is reduced, pollutants filter out, and streams and groundwater are protected.

Untreated runoff is the biggest threat to our nation's water quality, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Let's make the small, important changes that will reduce that threat and improve water quality and our lives.

Rain Barrels: Catching Rain when it falls benefits you and our local waters!

The Fox Valley area receives an average of 22.23 inches of rain from April through October. Rain runs off your rooftop, onto your driveway, down the street, and into the storm drain collecting dirt, debris, fertilizer, and other harmful substances along the way. All of the polluted water ends up in our local waters unless we stop the water where it falls.

Catching the Water Where it Falls

A rain barrel is a system that collects rainwater from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff. Rain barrels come in a wide variety of materials, designs, and colors. Rain barrels can be purchased at local hardware stores or can be built at a rain barrel workshop.

Benefits of a Rain Barrel

Rain water is best for plants. Catching rain water in a rain barrel allows you to water your garden and plants in-doors and out during dry periods. Instead of paying for water from the tap, you can use the water you collect to keep your landscape healthy—saving you money!

Using a rain barrel not only benefits you, but also our local waters. Water stored in a rain barrel and used for watering plants won't rush off your property and carry pollutants to our streams and rivers. Not only that, but also what is used for watering sinks into the ground and replenishes the ground water supply. Two great benefits from one barrel!

Choosing & Placing a Barrel

Rain barrels come in a wide variety of materials, designs, and colors. Ready-to-use barrels are available at most hardware stores and garden centers. Alternatively, you can save money by making your own barrel. For more information on making your own barrel visit Renewourwaters.org.

Good Dog, Good Owner: You can be a responsible pet owner and protect our waters.

Your dog brings a lot of joy to your life. Enjoying your four legged friend doesn't need to come at the price of clean water. We can have both; but to make it happen, we all need to think a little differently.

More to Waste than Meets the Eye

Pet waste is not only an unpleasant find on your lawn or sidewalk, it also carries bacteria that causes beach closings in the summer.

Campylobacteriosis and salmonellosis are often the cause of the "24-hour bug." They're transferred through fecal material from an infected person or animal.

Toxoplasmosis is carried by a single-cell parasite that lives in infected animal feces (typically cats). In pregnant women, it can pass through the umbilical cord to the unborn fetus, causing serious abnormalities.

Waste Disposal

Prevent bacteria in our streams by carrying small plastic bags when walking your dog. Collect droppings, tie a knot in the bag, and dispose of it properly. Do not throw pet waste down the sewer.

At home, pick up pet waste often. Even waste in your backyard can pollute local waterways. You can flush the waste down the toilet, put it in your trash can, or bury it in your yard.

From Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium



Remember!!!

**Recreational Fires
require a
Fire Permit**

obtain yours at City Hall

Fire Safety Starts With You

A Fire Safety Message from Neenah Menasha Fire Rescue

Stop Fraud: Tips from Menasha Police Department



The issues with fraud and identity theft are a topic you have heard about in the news for the past several years. Menasha is not immune to this problem. In fact, last year there were 84 reports of these issues, which is up over 25% from 2015. Here are some tips which can help you avoid being a victim.

1. Spot imposters. Scammers often pretend to be someone you trust, like a government official, a family member, a charity, or a company you do business with. Don't send money or give out personal information in response to an unexpected request.
2. Don't believe your caller ID. Technology makes it easy for scammers to fake caller ID information, so the name and number you see are not always real. If someone calls asking for money or personal information, hang up. If you think the caller might be telling the truth, call back to a number you know to be genuine.
3. Consider how you pay. Credit cards have significant fraud protection built in, but some payment methods do not. Wiring money through services like Western Union or MoneyGram is risky because it is nearly impossible to get your money back. That is also true for reloadable cards like MoneyPak, Reloadit, or Vanilla. Government offices and honest companies will not require you to use these payment methods.
4. Talk to someone. Before you give your money or personal information, talk to someone you trust. Con artists want you to make a decision in a hurry. They might even threaten you. Slow down, check out the story, do an online search, consult an expert—or just ask a friend.
5. Hang up on robocalls. If you answer the phone and hear a recorded sales pitch, hang up and report it to the Federal Trade Commission. These calls are illegal and often the products are not real. Do not press 1 to speak to a person or to be taken off the list. That would lead to more calls.
6. Be skeptical about free trial offers. Some companies use free trials to sign you up for products and bill you every month until you cancel. Before you agree to a free trial, research the company and read the cancellation policy. And always review your monthly statements for charges you don't recognize.
7. Don't deposit a check and wire money back. By law, banks must make funds from deposited checks available within days, but uncovering a fake check can take weeks. If a check you deposit turns out to be a fake, you're responsible for repaying the bank.

Get the Lead Out—Menasha

The City of Menasha Health Department is committed to assisting homeowners in protecting their families from lead exposure. Experts agree that there is no safe level of lead in a child's blood. The Menasha Health Department recommends looking at all potential sources of lead exposure in your home and taking steps to minimize those risks. The majority of lead exposure to children comes from deteriorated lead based paint; however, leaded water pipes can also be a source of exposure.

Please call the Menasha Health Department at (920)967-3520 or email tdrew@ci.menasha.wi.us for specific information about potential lead hazards in your home and steps that can be taken to reduce or eliminate those risks.

Spring Clean Up

As the mercury in the thermometer thankfully creeps upward and the snow melts away, it is time to think about yard and property clean-up. Menasha City ordinance prohibits the accumulation of debris and the storage of discarded and "junk" materials outside of a structure. Junk and debris includes, but is not limited to, items such as cement blocks, bricks, wood, tires, auto/machinery parts, appliances, unlicensed or inoperable vehicles, and other waste materials.

Aesthetics is the most common reason for a complaint to be filed with the City. Enforcement of properties with outside storage of materials typically includes initial contact with the property owner to establish a compliance/clean-up date and a follow-up inspection. If the situation has not been addressed and the property brought into compliance, a municipal citation may be issued. If you happen to observe the outside storage of debris, please contact Code Enforcement Specialist Polzien by phone at 920-967-3548 or by e-mail at jpolzien@ci.menasha.wi.us.

Let's show pride in our great community and help keep our neighborhoods and city an attractive and pleasant place to live, work, and play!

Construction Updates

- Province Terrace from Midway Road to Province Link; Beginning April 17, 2017
 - ⇒ New concrete pavement with an 8 foot wide asphalt trail on the west side of the street and a 5 foot wide concrete sidewalk on the east side of the street.
 - ⇒ Completion expected June 16, 2017
- Silver Birch Estates; Beginning June 19, 2017
 - ⇒ Birling Dr, Birling Ct, Silver Birch Dr, & Silver Birch Ct will have new curb and gutter construction and new asphalt pavement
- Spot curb and gutter replacement, utility adjustments, and milling the existing asphalt pavement and placing a new surface course of asphalt pavement will take place on the following streets; Projected completion 10/27/17
 - ⇒ Deerfield Ave, Meadowview Dr, Briarwood Dr, Apple Ct, Second St, Center St, Garnet Ct, Emerald Ct, Pearl St, & Manitowoc St.
- Spot curb and gutter replacement, utility adjustments, and pulverizing the existing asphalt pavement and new binder course and surface course of asphalt pavement will take place on the following streets; Projected completion 10/27/17
 - ⇒ Stardust Dr, Railroad St, & Jefferson St
- See the WisDOT site for updates on the 441 project. <https://projects.511wi.gov/wis441/full-project-overview/>
- Menasha Utilities Water Main Construction
 - ⇒ Beginning April 10—Starting at Manitowoc Street from 6th-7th Street, continue onto Railroad, Center, and 2nd Streets.
 - ⇒ Completion expected the second week of July



Did you know...

You can sit on boards and committees and be an active part of developing our community?

If interested, come down to City Hall to fill out an application.

There are current openings on Landmarks Commission, Library Board, Board of Appeals Housing Authority, and Redevelopment Authority.

Contact City Hall at 967-3608 for more information.

Library Events

Reoccurring

- Legal Clinic—First Tuesday of the month 4-6pm
- Bilingual Story Time—Thursdays 11am
- Yoga Basics: Relax—Second Monday of April and May 6pm
- Monday Matinee—First and Third Monday of the month 2pm
- Family Story Time—Mondays 10am
- Baby Story Time—First and Third Fridays of the month 10am
- Markers & Music—Third Wednesday of the month 6:30pm



Other Events

- April 9-15—Food for Fines
- April 9—Concert with Erin Krebs Duo 2pm
- April 11—Family Movie Night 6:30pm
- April 15—Family Roots—Understanding Ancestry @ 10am
- April 18—Earth Day Story Time 10am
- May 1—Community Blood Drive 3pm
- May 13—Spring Concert: Cypress Dreams 2pm
- July 17—Community Blood Drive 3pm
- September 7-11—Friends Book Sale times vary

Spring Cleaning & Fire Safety

As you start your spring cleaning don't forget to take a few extra minutes to:

- ⇒ Test your smoke alarms and change their batteries. Replace any alarm, including hard-wired alarms, which are 10 years older as they lose sensitivity.
- ⇒ Test your carbon monoxide detector and replace any alarms that are 7 years or older.
- ⇒ Check your dryer vents and clean the hosing.
- ⇒ Check the cords on your appliances. If any are cracked or frayed, repair or replace them.
- ⇒ Practice your home fire escape plan and review your family meeting place.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 886-6200.



Did you know...

There are several ways residents can receive a free tree?

This year the City received an Urban Forestry Grant through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

- One component of the grant is to provide trees to be planted on private property for residents that have an existing Ash tree on-site. Residents will get some information on tree planting, caring, pruning, and Emerald Ash Borer with options to treat the existing tree. (Limited number of trees available).
- Residents that live in Districts 7 & 8 are eligible to have a tree planted in the right-of-way (terrace) in front of their house.
- Residents in all of the other districts can have a tree planted in the right-of-way (terrace) in front of their house based on availability.

If you are interested in participating in one of these programs please contact Vince Maas, Park Superintendent at (920)967-3642 or vmaas@ci.menasha.wi.us

Communityfest 2017 July 3 & 4



Monday, July 3

Parade of Lights—begins at Riverside Park at 9:15pm and proceeds to Downtown Menasha

Curtis Reed Square activities—12:00-9:30pm
Food, beer, and music!

Tuesday, July 4

Jefferson Park—Webfooters Show

Music and food beginning at 12:00pm

Festival Foods Fireworks at 9:30pm

Complete event schedule can be found at www.nmcommunityfest.org

Menasha All City Grade School Track and Field Wellness Day Update



Calder Stadium has been the home of the Annual Menasha All City Grade School Track and Field Wellness Day for students in grades 3-5 since 1975. This spring, the structural upgrades and updates to the stadium will begin as part of the successful Menasha Strong initiative and therefore **the event will not be held at Calder Stadium on May 23, 2017.**

In place of the one track event, plans for activities at each grade school are being developed for this year; watch for future information about these events.

The Menasha All City Grade School Track and Field Wellness Day for students in grades 3-5 will be held at the new and improved Calder Stadium in May 2018.

Did you know...

In order for Cities to receive their 2% dues from the State, NMFR is required by Wisconsin Statute, §101.575, to perform fire inspections for businesses and multi-family residential structures within our two Cities along with public education and training. In 2016, the City of Menasha's 2% dues was \$41,880.21 and this money was placed into the City's general fund.

Menasha High School 142nd Alumni Banquet

When: Wednesday 6/7/17
Social Hour 5pm; Dinner 6pm

Where: Waverly Beach—Menasha

Cost: \$20 per person (family style dinner with 2 entrees and dessert)

Make checks payable to: MHS Alumni Association

Reservations due by May 26, 2017. Include graduation year

Mail to: Carla Monday Watson, 349 1st Street, Menasha, WI 54952

Did you know...

You can rent the Senior Center for personal events? It's great for baby showers, wedding showers, family gatherings, etc. The space is available on the weekends for \$15/hr. the first 4 hours and \$5/hr. each additional hour. For more information call Barb at the Senior Center at (920) 967-3530.

From the Code Compliance and Enforcement Division

Rummage sale season is upon us so here is a friendly reminder on the rules and regulations associated with having a rummage sale per City Code 13-1-86 (d).

(d) RUMMAGE SALES.

- (1) **Definition.** A "rummage sale" (or "garage sale") is defined as a temporary business activity that is conducted in whole or part within a residential property and involves the outdoor display and sale of the occupant's used household goods.
- (2) **Standards.** Rummage sales that comply with the standards listed in this section are permitted by right as a temporary accessory use in the following zoning districts: A-1 Agricultural/Holding, R-1 Single Family Residence, R-2 Two Family Residence, R-2A Multi-Family Residence, R-3 Multi-Family Residence, R-4 Multi-Family Residence, and R-MH Residential Mobile Home Residence. Occupant(s) wishing to conduct a rummage sale in a rented or leased dwelling must obtain written permission from the property owner.
 - a. **Sales shall be held no more than two (2) times per year.**
 - b. **Sales may last no longer than five (5) consecutive days.**
 - c. Sales shall be conducted on the occupant's property. Multiple family sales are permitted if they are held on the property of one of the participants.
 - d. Goods may not be displayed in the public right-of-way.
 - e. No consignment goods or goods purchased for resale may be offered for sale.
 - f. Signage is allowed as follows:
 - (1) One sign is allowed per street frontage
 - (2) Signs may be located off-premises but must be on private property. Signs in the public right-of-way are prohibited and will be removed
 - (3) Signs may not exceed 6 square feet per sign face.
 - (4) Signs may be erected no more than 7 days before the announced sale.
 - g. **All items offered for sale, display racks or stands, and signs shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the sale.**

Joe Polzien - Code Enforcement Specialist
Menasha Police Department 920-967-3548
polzien@ci.menasha.wi.us
Monday-Friday 7:30am-3:30pm



Residential Energy Savings

Visit the Menasha Utilities website (www.menashautilities.com) for current Menasha Utilities rebates, Focus on Energy Programs available, program details, and rebate applications.

Appliance Rebate—Menasha Utilities offers a rebate for \$25-\$50 toward the purchase of certain energy Star Appliances (limit 2 per household).

LED Bulb Rebate—Menasha Utilities is offering up to a \$5 rebate for each Energy Star Bulb (up to 50% of the cost and limit 4 per household).



If you qualified for 2016-2017 Energy Assistance, you can double your Appliance and LED rebates (not to exceed the price of the appliance).

Central Air Conditioner Tune-up Rebate is BACK in 2017—Starting in April, receive \$25 towards the cost of a tune-up.

Tree Power Program—Trees can also save you energy and money! Properly planted around your home, shade trees can lower your cooling costs in the summer. Starting in April, we're offering up to a \$50/tree rebate (limit 3 per household) when you buy and plant deciduous trees.

ALL customers of Menasha Utilities have access to **Focus on Energy programs and services**. The efforts of Focus on Energy help Wisconsin residents and businesses manage rising energy costs, promote in-state and economic development, protect our environment, and control the state's growing demand for energy. For more information, customers can call (800)762-7077 or visit www.focusonenergy.com.



Focus on Energy has brought back the Smart thermostat rebate, are adding more Simple Energy Efficiency FREE packages, and starting a new Online Market Place for Energy Star appliance purchases. Check their website for details on all programs available.

Menasha Utilities plans to have a booth at the Menasha Farm Fresh Market in June, August, and September. Come visit us to receive information on the various energy efficiency programs and rebates available. Menasha Utilities' customers can sign up for a \$25 bill credit each time Utilities is at the Market. More information will be coming soon; watch your utility bill inserts for details.

The Electronic Recycling Event

The Electronic Recycling Event is being held on April 22 from 8am-12pm at Menasha Utilities' garage to recycle and repurpose your small appliances, electronics, and computers. St. Vincent De Paul will be accepting re-usable household items, usable, and unusable clothing. See the Menasha Utilities website for more details.

Did you know...

You can check out a Launchpad, a Roku, a Kindle, or an ebook from the Menasha Library?

Check out iPads at the Children's Desk to explore apps for Children. Call us at 920-967-3662 for more information. It all starts with your library card!

Loop the Lake Project

The Loop the Lake Project is a cooperative project between the cities of Menasha and Neenah that includes the construction of two pedestrian bridges spanning the two channels of the Fox River that forms Doty Island. Construction is expected to begin in May 2017 and be complete by October 2017. Because of the fish spawning, all in-water construction cannot start until after June 15 per DNR regulations.

When the project is complete the bridges will be part of a 3.2 mile loop of mostly off road trail, which will also connect to the Trestle Trail Bridge that crosses Little Lake Butte des Morts. The project will also add two attractive trail approaches; one in Neenah at the north landing of the bridge off River Street, and one in Menasha, at the corner of Fox and Mathewson Streets.

A DNR Stewardship Grant is funding half of the \$3.2 million dollar project. Future Neenah is very close to their \$1 million goal and is still accepting donations.

Watch for an upcoming announcement about a ground breaking ceremony for this exciting project that will become a popular recreation facility as well as an important transportation corridor.



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We're Moving!

City Hall will be moving to 100 Main Street.
We are planning on moving on Friday, June 23, 2017.

Please note we may be closed for one or two days before we open at the new location. Stay tuned for more information.

Be sure to call our office before you stop by so you know where to find us. If you do come to the old location and we're not there—don't worry we're just down the street!



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