



# The Horizon



## Menasha is in bloom!

Just as the trees and flowers are bursting forth, so is our community bringing forward new businesses and showing a new sense of pride. Over the past few years excitement about our City has been building, bringing us positive attention from people looking to build a business, buy a home, or attend one of our great public events. If you live here, you are sure to have noticed the construction teams throughout all corners of the community. The media has noticed as well. Menasha is part of Fox Cities Magazine's "Mover's and Shaker's" issue, and the *Post Crescent* stated a few months back that "Menasha has a lot going on these days." Those of us living here have known that Menasha is "Your Place on the Water" for a long time and the City's new video, which captures some fantastic opportunities to relax and play on our nearby water, is proving to be an effective marketing tool to share our story with others in the region and recruit residents and businesses to Menasha. If you haven't seen it, be sure to check it out on the front page of the City's website.

2016 will be another busy year for Menasha: Festival Foods is building on the east side; the new headquarters building for Faith Technologies will open; upgraded gathering spaces and amenities downtown are in progress; new playgrounds at both Woodlands Park and Hart Park are being built; construction of The Loop the Lake Trail begins; two new subdivisions are underway; and over a million dollars of street construction is planned.

The City of Menasha is moving forward, providing you with the services you expect with a very lean staff because they are dependable, professional, and dedicated to the success of our city. You've noticed the enhanced recycling services; we plan to continue making strategic investments in services and infrastructure to attract innovative and energetic people to Menasha to live and work. As we've all seen, these investments have begun to pay off, creating new growth and vitality that is likely to continue for years to come.

## Spring 2016

### [Quick Directory](#)

City Hall

M-F 8am-4pm

920-967-3600

Public Works Facility

M-F 7am-3pm

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

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.



**Chicken Palace**—1550 Appleton Road

**Foxy Chicken and Barbeque**—403 Racine Street

**Kwik Trip**—1499 Appleton Road

**Millbrook on Main**—182 Main Street

**Oak Park Place**—2205 Midway Road

**That Covers It Too**—180 Main Street

**Yoga Elements**—1981 Midway Road

**Todd Stevens & Associates**—1244 Midway Road

**Coming Soon:**

**Festival Foods**—1355 Oneida Street

**Orthopedic Spine Therapy**—1000 Midway Road

**Your Daily Grind**—204 Main Street

**One Menasha Center**—201 Main Street: Faith Technologies; Community First Credit Union; LJ Dental (offices only)

**Farmers Market 2016**

**Beginning June 9th through Oct. 27th**

**Every Thursday 2-7 pm Downtown**

Stay up to date by liking us on Facebook at [facebook.com/menashafarmfreshmarket](https://facebook.com/menashafarmfreshmarket)



**Free Yoga in the Park!**

Smith Park 6-7pm

May 25, June 22,  
July 27, & August 24

Sponsored by  
The Flow Yoga and  
Wellness



**Independence Day  
Community Fest Events**

- July 3—Curtis Reed Square  
Music 5-10:30pm  
Lighted Parade 9:15pm
- July 4—Jefferson Park  
Activities 10:30am-11pm  
Festival Foods Fireworks on the water 9:30pm

**United Way Dental Clinic**

If you do not have dental insurance and your child qualifies for the free or reduced hot lunch or breakfast program, you may qualify for funding for your child’s dental treatment if your child has cavities. This program is for children enrolled in Menasha School’s grades preschool through 12. For more information, call Loretta at the **Menasha Health Department at 967-3520**.

This program is not for clients with State Medical Assistance Insurance.

## Library News and Events

### Kids Events

- Movie Night April 12 @ 6:30pm
- School's Out Coloring Club April 20 @ 8:30am
- Preschool Players Theatre Group Sign up begins on April 25 @6:30pm

### Community Events

- Legal Assistance every first Tuesday of the month 4-6pm
- Food for Fines Week April 10-16
- Book Festival April 18-24

### Did you know...

**We have much lower emergency response times for structure fires than other area departments?**

The Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue responds on average in 5.22 minutes compared to other local response times of 9.52 in Town of Menasha, 8.18 in Town of Neenah, and 10.02 in Town of Harrison.



## Menasha Events

- April 30—**Electronics Recycling**  
8am-Noon @ Menasha Utilities
- May 7—**Kids Day Fox Valley** 10am-1pm  
@ the Xperience Fitness Parking Lot
- May 24—**All City Track and Field Wellness Day**  
9am-11am @ Calder Stadium
- May 30—**Memorial Day Parade**  
8am Waterfront Ceremony & 9am Parade
- June 4—**Community First Free Fishing Day**  
8am-Noon @ Jefferson Park
- June 5—**Backdraft Bike Tour** @ Jefferson Park
- June 7—**Menasha Pool** opens
- June 9—**Farm Fresh Market** opens  
2pm-7pm Thursdays Downtown
- June 12—**Happy Flag Day**—Veterans swim free at the Menasha Pool
- June 14—**Smith Park Outdoor Movie Night**  
Activities at 6:45pm and Showing *Minions* at 8:30pm
- June 19—**Happy Father's Day**—Dads swim free at the Menasha Pool
- June 25—**Blue Inn Dance**  
7-10pm @ Smith Park
- July 21—**Drive-In Movie at the Menasha Pool**  
Activities at 6:45pm and Showing *Elf* at 8:45pm
- August 9—**Senior Games**  
Jefferson Park 9am-1pm
- August 11—**Corny Community Walk**  
5:30-7:30pm @ Curtis Reed Square
- August 13—**Grunski Runski** 8am @ Jefferson Park
- August 18—**Twisted Pistons car Show**  
3-10pm Downtown
- September 3 & 4—**Jazzfest**  
Noon-6pm Jefferson Park
- September 4—**Labor Day Parade**  
10am Downtown
- September 9 & 10—**Seafood Fest**  
4pm-10:30pm Jefferson Park



## The Perfect Lawn

You can create a beautiful outdoor space & protect our waters.

A gorgeous home landscape doesn't need to come at the price of clean lakes and streams. We can have both. But to make it happen, we all need to think a little differently. Read these tips!

### **Mowing**

Mow often and when the grass is 3.5 inches or shorter. Set your mower blade at 2.5 inches and let cuttings fall. Cuttings keep the soil moist and restore nutrients over time. Any mower works, but a mulching mower shreds grass finely, so you don't have to be as careful about grass height. Make an effort not to blow cuttings onto pavement. If you do, sweep them, then lay them around the roots of shrubs or vegetable plants where they help retain moisture. If grass gets long and you decide to collect clippings, put them in a pile with other yard waste and let them decompose. Turn the pile now and then and in 3-6 months you'll have rich organic matter that will make almost anything in your yard grow better.

### **Fertilizing & Weed Control**

Chemicals and weed killers are not needed for a healthy lawn and they're one of the main reasons we have green algae in our lakes and streams. Think before you buy. Get a soil test so you know if your lawn needs more nutrients. Mulch to keep the lawn healthy, so it can outcompete weeds for light, nutrients, and water. If you must fertilize, do it in the fall. Sweep up fertilizer that falls in the street and dispose of it properly – water and fertilizer that go into the street go directly to the river or lake.

### **Watering**

When watering is needed, use a sprinkler that shoots low to the ground. Sprinkle soil, not the street. Shape soil so water will sink in, rather than run off. When you mow, mulch cuttings to retain moisture.

(Courtesy of the Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium)

## Senior Center News and Events

### **The Walking Club Returns!**

Thursday, April 24 9-10am  
and every Thursday after.

Call Stacy at 920-967-3530 for more information

### **Rockin' to Raise the Roof**

Sunday, May 4 Noon-9pm  
Headliners Bar & Grill

An afternoon of music, food, raffles, and fun to benefit the Menasha Senior Center building renovation project!

Tickets \$4 in advance; \$5 at the door

#### Live Music

1-2pm—Elvis Tribute Artist John Hardginski

2:30-6pm Grand Union

6:30-9pm Blue Sky Revival

## 2016 Street Construction

The 2016 Budget anticipates investment of over \$1 million to maintain our street infrastructure including the following street projects:

- ⇒ Sixth Street (Tayco St. to DePere St.)
- ⇒ Ninth Street (Melissa St. to Meadowview Dr.)
- ⇒ Grandview Avenue
- ⇒ Midway Road (Southfield Intersection)
- ⇒ Third Street Bridge, at entrance to Brighton Drive

Reconstruction of streets is included with your property tax payment. Unlike some other nearby communities, there are no special assessment charges for reconstruction or rehabilitation projects in the City of Menasha. Affected residents will be notified in writing prior to the start of the proposed street work to inform them of expectations regarding traffic control, maintenance of City services and project work details.

The City will continue a more aggressive program in 2016 to repair and replace damaged curbs and sidewalks. The City also plans to install a trail along the north side of Manitowoc Road from Oneida St. to Barker Farm Park.

## Parks and Recreation Updates

### Resthaven Cemetery and Menasha's section of Oak Hill

Spring Clean-up will take place on the **FIRST MONDAY OF APRIL (April 4, 2016)**. All items will be removed by cemetery staff. This will include artificial bouquets, wreaths, and live floral arrangements.

After the above date floral arrangements may be replaced by the grave marker. The arrangements must be placed in one of the following:

- Urns that are placed on concrete slabs adjoining or are part of the grave marker base;
- Pennie planters that are placed on the side of the marker – these holders are placed under the grave marker and extend up the side of the marker; or
- Planters which are mounted on a ¾" pipe extended 28" above the ground level will be placed along side the grave marker.

No glass and tin containers for cut flowers are permitted.

Items removed by cemetery staff from grave markers will be stored for two weeks, after which time items will be disposed of. Any questions call Vince Maas, Park Superintendent at 967-3642.



### Emerald Ash Borer

The City of Menasha has NO known reports of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) within the City limits; however, EAB has been found in Appleton and Black Wolf just south of Oshkosh, which means Outagamie and Winnebago Counties are quarantined.

The quarantine will apply to all of Outagamie and Winnebago Counties. It prohibits wood products from being moved out of the county to areas that are not infested.

For private citizens, this means they CANNOT take firewood from either county to non-quarantine counties. For businesses handling wood products that could carry EAB, it means they must work with DATCP to assure their products are pest-free before shipping.

We will continue to keep monitoring the public trees for any signs of the Emerald Ash Borer.

The City's EAB Management Plan can be viewed on the city's website under the Forestry Department.

For more information on EAB visit <http://www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov>

If you have questions, call Vince Maas at 967-3642.

### Did you know...

#### Summer Activity Registration begins March 21st?

There are three ways to register:

- 1) Walk-in/Drop-off at City Hall 2nd floor,
- 2) Mail in to City of Menasha Parks and Recreation  
140 Main Street, Menasha WI 54952
- 3) Online at  
<http://apm.activecommunities.com/cityofmenashaparks/home>

## Park and Rec Summer Construction

Two major playground equipment projects are scheduled in 2016. The first will occur at the City's newest park on the far east side. This 5.25 acre park features a small woodland area, pond, and open greenspace. The Parks and Recreation Department led an extensive neighborhood input process in 2015, which aided in the selection of the final equipment. A volunteer "Community Build" event will take place on Saturday, June 4. Approximately 75 people will be needed to erect the equipment. Watch for announcements on how to sign up to work this fun event.

A second play structure will be installed at Hart Park. The existing equipment is one of the oldest in the city and will be removed. The new structure will likely be located west of the park shelter. Installation is tentatively set for fall.

Residents should watch their mail for a copy of a Summer Activity Guide. The guide is also available on the city website and at the library. The swimming pool opens on June 7. Season passes are now on sale and residents receive a 10% discount until May 31. Daily admission prices are the same as last season. Check out a new Paddleboard Yoga class on Wednesday evenings at the pool. On July 21<sup>st</sup>, the pool is holding a "Christmas in July" event which features a showing of the movie *Elf*.

A new Introduction to Soccer program starts on April 30 and the rest of the summer recreation programs start on June 13. Also new for this summer is a free outdoor community yoga program. Classes will be held on four dates throughout the summer. The first class is May 25. Donations are appreciated and will go towards providing financial assistance to city youth and families who cannot afford the full cost of a summer activity.

### Did you know...

**This summer the Menasha Pool will offer Stand up Paddleboard Yoga?**

Wednesdays July 13-August 10—  
5:15-6:15pm Taught by The Flow  
Yoga and Wellness Studio Call  
967-3640 the day of class to re-  
serve a spot! \$35 for all 5

weeks—\$9 drop in



## City Tree Planting Program

The City of Menasha's Tree Planting Program provides free terrace trees to properties on a rotating basis by aldermanic district. For 2016, the Forestry division will target Districts 5 and 6. Other Districts may receive trees depending on availability. Trees will be planted in the Spring and Fall.

Trees will be planted in terrace areas which are at least (3) three feet wide, (10) ten feet from a driveway, (5) five feet from a water service, (35) thirty five feet from intersections, and (30) thirty feet from other trees. Terraces without overhead utilities will have priority for tree planting. Tree locations will be determined by the City Forester.

Residents wishing to have a tree planted in the terrace area should contact the City Forester.

Any questions in regard to the tree planting program should be directed to Vince Maas, City Forester at 967-3642.





## Residential Energy Savings

Visit the Menasha Utilities website ([www.menashautilities.com](http://www.menashautilities.com)) for current Menasha Utilities rebates and Focus on Energy Programs available under “**For Your Home - Conservation Programs**” to learn more about all program details and download rebate applications.

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](http://www.focusonenergy.com).

**Appliance Rebate** - Menasha Utilities offers a rebate for up to \$50 each 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 bulb (up to 50% of the cost and limit 4 per household).

***If you qualified for 2015-2016 Energy Assistance, you can double your Appliance and LED rebates***

## Tree Power Program

Trees can also save you energy and money! Properly planted around your home, shade trees can lower your cooling costs in summer. For a limited time, we're offering up to a \$50 rebate (limit 3 per household) when you buy and plant deciduous trees.



Menasha Utilities will have a booth at the **Menasha Farm Fresh Market** on June 9, August 11, and September 8, 2016.

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 we’re there.

More information will be coming soon; watch your utility bill inserts for details.

### **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 the Landmarks Commission and the Committee on Aging.

Contact City Hall at 967-3608 for more information.

## Electronic Recycling Event

The Electronic Recycling Event is being held on **April 30 from 8am-Noon at Menasha Utility’s garage** to recycle and repurpose your small appliances, electronics, and computers.

New this year, Piranha Paper Shredding LLC of Neenah will be on site during the Recycling Event to **donate** their paper shredding services. Bring in 4 or more non-perishable, unexpired food items to have your documents shredded for **FREE**; limit 3 copy paper-size boxes per person.



St. Vincent De Paul will be accepting re-usable household items, usable, and unusable clothing. See our website for more details!



**City of Menasha**  
140 Main Street,  
Menasha, WI 54952

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## **Recycling Event!**

**Computers – Electronics - Appliances – Lamps – Household Items**

**Saturday, April 30**

**Located at Menasha Utilities**

**8:00 a.m. to Noon**

**321 Milwaukee St. Menasha**

The event is held indoors. People will be available to help unload the items.

### **Items that are recycled for FREE**

Printers—Fax Machines—Laptops—CD Players—VCRs—Drills—Paper Shredders—Speakers—  
Vacuums—Record Players—Ipods—DVD Players—Calculators—Coffee Machines—Scanners—Phones—  
Tape Players—Game Systems—Electrical Saws—Power Supplies—and more...

### **Electronics with recycling charges**

Monitors: \$20 each

Televisions (Call for quote): \$20 to \$60 each

Mini Fridges / Small AC Units: \$20 each

Dehumidifiers: \$20 each

Ovens or Dishwashers: \$25 each

Washers or Dryers: \$25 each

Microwaves: \$15 each

Large copiers: \$15 each

Questions?  
Call  
955-3760

### **Items for donation to St. Vincent de Paul**

Clothing

Shoes

Housewares

Books

Jewelry

Toys

Small furniture

Sporting goods



**Hosted by: City of  
Menasha Sustainability Board**

**Donation Area for St. Vincent de Paul – Clothing – Reusable Household Items**