

## ISLANDERS TAKE CHARGE Keeping a light on for our neighbors

During an extraordinary time like this witnessing extraordinary acts of hope can seem like a search for the proverbial needle in the haystack. Yet all over, we are seeing it. It's just a matter of recognizing our worth, our strength, our community. Our need to help. And our desire – our quest - to support each other through very scary, unfamiliar terrain.

Doty Island residents know this especially well. We are seeing the homemade cards by kids taped on living room windows; the teddy bears propped on steps as symbols of love; and the endearing posters of support planted along Theda Clark Medical Center's lawns.

And Shelly Baeten, owner of *Shellate's Coffee & Tea* on Commercial Street, along with Joanna and Mo Jaber, owners of *Luigi's Pizza & Pasta* on Ahnaip Street, are fine examples of Doty Islanders representing what it means to embrace adversity full on.

They are Doty Island restaurateurs doing their utmost to provide reassurance to devoted customers while maintaining acts of faith to keep their businesses rolling. We know they aren't alone.

"It's been lots of tears, lots of fears, lots of hours," Shelly says. "But I sincerely believe in showing my neighborhood and my

customers that the lights are still on. We want a light on for our neighbors." Shelly has strategically aligned the inside of her store for social distancing and cautious handling of food and utensils. Another way Shelly has shown support to her customers was to continue her traditional Easter egg hunt for customer's children instead of having to abandon it; she simply took the Easter Bunny to the kids.

"We sent out email notices to customers and the Easter Bunny (!) traveled to 46 homes on the Island to leave goodies on porches and wave (no hugs) to the kids standing in their windows." Shelly also is working hard with meeting demands for carry-out as well as distance-placed pick-up. "We have situated the inside of the store differently to meet the requirements for keeping us all healthy." She is deeply grateful to her customers, who have been, in Shelly's words, "...so, so appreciative. I didn't advertise all over, but the outpouring of support has been absolutely tremendous."

Joanna and Mo of Luigi's can't emphasize enough how customers have rallied to help make a tough situation a little bit

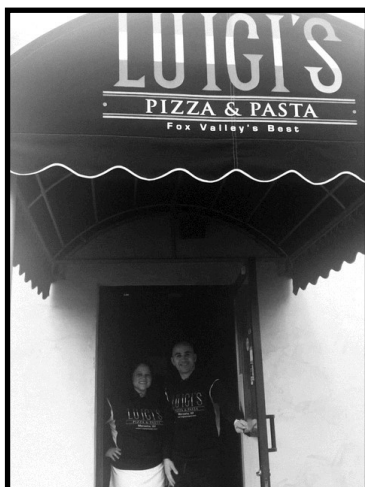
easier. Understanding that necessity is the mother of invention, the Jabers have thrown themselves head on in meeting folks' need for

comfort food. Like Shelly, they are taking it to the people: Luigi's has delivered their signature pizzas and bread sticks to medical staff at local hospitals – Theda Clark Regional Medical Center, St. Elizabeth's,

and the former Appleton Medical Center (AMC) – during both a.m. and p.m. shifts. And they are partnering with St. Joseph's Food Program – Food Pantries, Menasha, offering a discount to those who drop off canned donations.

"We also want to make very certain that customers feel comfortable and safe getting their meals," Joanna emphasizes. "So we will take their ordered food right out to them as they wait in their cars, or they can walk in to simply pick up their order." And Luigi's continues to present a free meal to a family randomly chosen from personal entries.

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The ways to make the best of a bad situation also include offering curbside specials such as 60 cent wings and \$10 pizzas. "We've extended our delivery radius 10 miles as well," Joanna says. "And delivery is free."

The Jabers are deeply touched and encouraged by the support shown by their customers. "People have been amazing, *amazing*," states Joanna. Shelly echoes that same sentiment. "The outpouring of appreciation has been unbelievable."

It seems Doty Islanders have always been ones who, as the old saying kind of goes, are "ploughing with such oxen as you have." They're doing it.

Islanders know how to take charge.

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## GROWING UP ON DOTY ISLAND Luci (Koerner) Edwards

We all see this time as a very difficult period in our lives. Eighty-eight year old Luci (Koerner) Edwards shares that her childhood during the 1930's was also a very challenging time for her family along with many of her neighbors on Doty Island. We all know about the life styles of the lumber barrens but few of us understand the hardships that many islanders faced daily in their lives during the Great Depression. In spite of the struggles of her working class family, Luci remembers many bright, interesting and humorous moments that she experienced growing up on our Doty Island. Here are some of her recollections.

Luci was born on Mathewson St. in Menasha and then moved to their Fox St. bungalow-type home with no plumbing or basement in 1936 when Luci was five. There Luci and her baby sister would be joined over the years by ten siblings. Water would be hauled from the river by her dad for bathing, cleaning and laundry. Drinking water was procured from the neighbor's pump for 25 cents a month. Bathing was done in a tub in the kitchen. The toilet was outside the back door in a shed at the end of a wooden sidewalk. PICTURED: Luci at 9 years old in front of her home.

Luci describes her yard being filled with huge trees that abutted the fast moving river. You could see James Island in the distance with ducks, gulls, and shikepokes (green herons) flying around. This was a beautiful part of Luci's world where she ran and played, and a paradise for her dad who liked to hunt, fish and trap. She remembers when she travelled barefoot to the neighbors home for the drinking water that she carried home in a white enameled pail. She loved to pump the water and watch

it gush into the pail. On these trips is when she began to notice the poor and destitute people that lived in shacks on the old Woodenware Mill property. She remembers junk collectors, Oneida Indian families, and families of Turkish decent all trying to subsist on very little. She would greet these folks on her way to St. Patrick school. There was a lot of poverty and sadness which impacted her greatly but the little children always cheered her up.

She recalls the joyous time of the circus coming to town with train cars full of animals. Once a snake got out and she remembers being quite frightened until it was captured.

Luci says she does remember a lot of dogs roaming around. Some were friendly and some not so much. The term Dog Town most likely originates from so many of these animals in this area. As she grew it

became a negative term to her but she kind of put it out of her mind. Recently all of Doty Island should be called Dog Town with the number of pooches and their owners walking them.

Luci's dad attained a steady job at the Badger Globe Mill and he updated the house with a basement, running water and a furnace. No workman were hired. Her mother did cleaning for some well-to-do families. Luci, being the oldest, helped with the care of her siblings. She recalls working at Van Hout grocery as a teen. Luci attended St. Mary's high school and went on to raise eight children of her own. In the 1980's Luci organized Dog Town reunions that were well attended and enjoyed by all. Her memories of Doty Island and the families she knew have now become part of the history of our Doty Island.

Luci still resides on the island as she has throughout her long life.



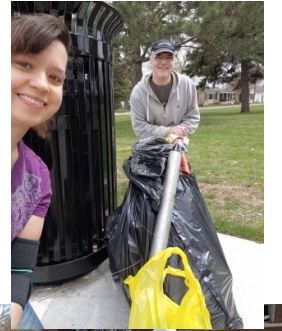


# DOTY ISLAND CLEANUP—OUR 30TH YEAR!

We have completed our annual Doty Island Cleanup event—even with the added challenge of COVID-19! Every year for the past 30 years volunteers have met at one location to kick off our annual event. This year we were determined to conduct our 30th annual event—with a few modifications to ensure the safety and health of our volunteers and community.

We advertised the modified event as “Independent Doty Island Cleanup” Volunteers had the opportunity to sign up online and be assigned a location. Over ninety volunteers signed up to help clean our Island—they lived across the Fox Valley from Oshkosh to Appleton.

As proof of completion, volunteers sent us a picture of themselves cleaning the area. As a Thank You, DIDC sent each participant a coupon for a free scoop of ice cream from Lemon Loves Lime. **THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!**





## LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

What does being a good neighbor mean?

One of the things people living on the island like best is great neighbors. That person that shovels your sidewalk, or mows your lawn.

Someone to watch your house when you're on vacation. The person that brings over dinner when they know you aren't feeling well.

Or the neighbor that invites you over to share a campfire on a beautiful spring evening.

The Safer at Home orders over the last month have changed our lives, and also changed how we as a



community have been able to support others. Not only have we reached out to people we know, but we've also cheered on the hero's working in

healthcare, cleaning, the grocery store, police, and EMS.

We are all uncertain of what comes next, will we see outbreaks here, will we be able to provide care to everyone who needs it but these questions weigh even more heavy on healthcare workers every day.

Janet Kautz a local nurse who lives on the island shared with me that she's been inspired by all the homes who've put up hearts to thank our healthcare workers. Sharing your support with hearts on the window, or sidewalk chalk means the world to people on the

front lines she said.

After hearing of nurses being limited to one face mask per shift and shortages of other personal protective equipment another island resident, Ryan Ellis began 3D



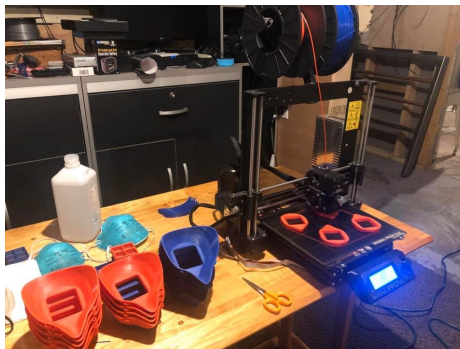
printing face shields. Once he stated printing more people found out about the need and now he's teamed up with three other people from across the state to get PPE out to people who need it. He says it's been humbling to realize that

"four guys with some gadgets" could support a major part of the healthcare system.

ThedaClark is such a huge part of both the history and economy of the island that Shane and Nicole Dessart wanted to show their appreciation to the people who work there. They coordinated with Greene's Pour House and local donations to provide pizza and brownies for the staff.

Christa Sanders an island resident who lives across the street from the loop the lake trail also wanted to help. With the trails getting a lot more use with the warm weather she has been sewing homemade face masks and donating them to people using the trail.

As they say we will get through this together, and the island residents are doing their part to be sure of that.



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**Please Thank Your Doty Island Supporters!**

The businesses listed in this newsletter are Doty Island Business Members. Along with Residential Memberships, the Business Memberships fund our Doty Island community events and improvement projects.



## INDEPENDENT DOTY ISLAND WALKABOUT

### June 22nd through June 28, 2020

Join us the week of June 22nd through the 28th as the community is invited to take a "self-tour" of Doty Island's scenic landmarks.

We've asked the following locations to place a "Fun Facts" sign in their front yard. Participants are encouraged to check out the different locations using the Doty Island Website map (or hard copies available at Shellattes and ACE Hardware).

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Not all locations listed on these pages may participate so please check out doty island website for the list of addresses to visit!

#### **NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

The following locations are registered with the National Register of Historic Places.

1. Frank B. Whiting House  
620 E. Forest Avenue—Neenah
2. Ellis Jennings House  
711 E. Forest Avenue—Neenah
3. Charles R. Smith House  
824 E. Forest Avenue—Neenah
4. Henry Spencer Smith House  
706 E. Forest Avenue—Neenah
5. Chicago & Northwestern Depot  
500 N. Commercial Street
6. Perry Lindsley House  
1102 E. Forest Avenue—Neenah
7. Gilbert / Lachmann House  
1010 E. Forest Avenue—Neenah
8. Whiting Boathouse  
515 Clark Street—Neenah
9. Governor Doty's Cabin  
701 Lincoln Street—Neenah
10. Judge J.C. Kerwin House  
516 E. Forest Avenue—Neenah
11. George & Ellen Banta House  
348 Naymut—Menasha
12. Tayco Street Bridge (Museum)  
Tayco Street—Menasha
13. Menasha Dam  
Fox and Mill Street—Menasha
14. Indian Mounds at Smith Park  
Menasha
15. Washington Street Historic District—Menasha. Includes:  
\* 214 Washington Street  
\* 216 Washington Street

**DOTY ISLAND'S**

**SELF-TOURS**

**OF SCENIC LANDMARKS**

**JUNE 22 TO JUNE 28, 2020**



**FUN ADVENTURE AWAITS!**

We've asked permission of the owners of the homes & businesses listed to place signage in their front yard during the week of June 22 to June 28 with fun facts about their buildings. Not all places may participate so please visit our website for the list of addresses to visit this week!



#### **POTENTIAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS**

The following districts have been recognized by the 2009 Menasha Architectural Survey as having the potential to register for the National Historic Register as a Historic District.



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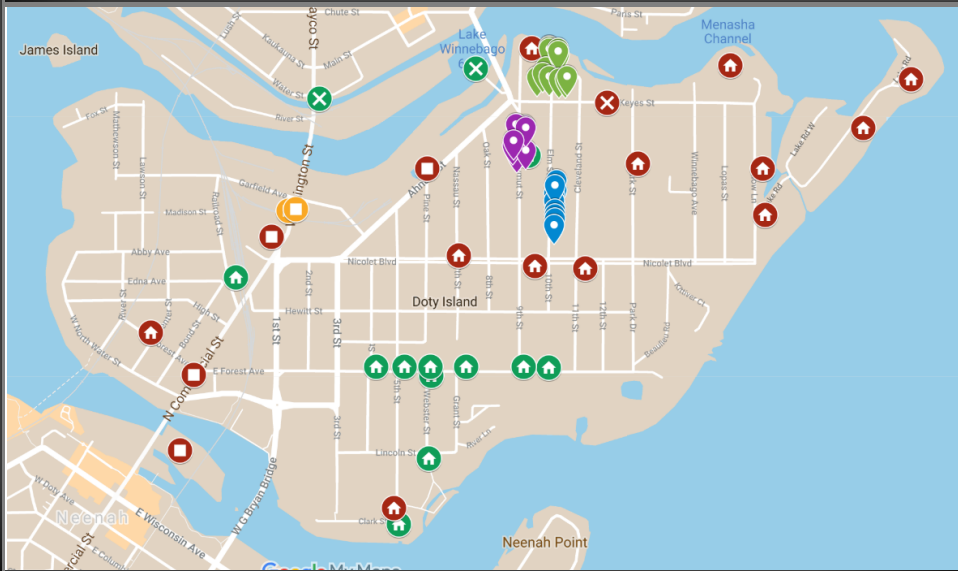
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Neenah and Menasha had Architectural Surveys completed to determine what buildings had the potential to be added to the National Historic Register. These are the locations listed in Neenah's 2006 survey and Menasha's 2009 survey.

1. Neenah Paper Company  
135 N. Commercial Street - Neenah
2. Tauber's Meat Market  
220 N. Commercial Street—Neenah
3. The Herziger Block  
303 N. Commercial Street—Neenah
4. Earl R. Brown House  
303 W. Forest Avenue—Neenah
5. Charles Beyer House  
1009 Nicolet Boulevard— Neenah

6. Chester W. Miller House  
120 Fifth Street—Neenah
7. Mahler House  
401 Beaulieu Road—Neenah
8. Gilbert Paper Office  
430 Ahnaip Street —Menasha
9. WWI Soldier's & Sailor's Memorial  
Building  
640 Keyes Street—Menasha
10. George R., Jr. & Margaret Banta  
Residence  
836 Keyes Street—Menasha
11. Donald Turner Residence  
275 Lake Road—Menasha
12. Dr. Frederick Jensen Residence  
335 Lake Road—Menasha

13. Chester D. & Margaret  
Shepard Residence  
411 Lake Road—Menasha
14. Rudolf M. Sensenbrenner  
Residence  
444 Nicolet Boulevard—Menasha
15. Franklin D. Lake Residence  
338 Park Street—Menasha
16. Mrs. Mary Snyder Residence  
540 Riverway—Menasha
17. St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
226 Washington Street—  
Menasha
18. DeVooght Family Residence  
350 Willow Lane—Menasha



1. Neenah-Menasha Railroad Club  
310 High Street—Neenah
2. Jerdild Knitting Mill  
333 N. Commercial Street—  
Neenah
3. St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
312 Nicolet Boulevard—Menasha



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Our community's love of their island is one of the reasons why the Doty Island Development Council (DIDC) was formed 26 years ago by its residents. Doty Island's council is made up of 15 of our Doty Island residents and business owners.

The Doty Island Council works hard year-round to plan and implement fun-filled community events and beautification projects. These events are funded by our Doty Island membership and supporters.

### Are you a member?

All Doty Island members are listed on the last page of our Doty Island newsletter (see our website for all newsletters). Would you consider supporting our programs by becoming a Member?

We need your financial support to continue our programs. When you become a member of the Doty Island Development Council everyone benefits!

- Fun family-friendly activities and programs year-round.
- Your contributions stay within our unique community.
- DIDC partners with both cities (Neenah and Menasha) for our residents' benefit.
- Beautification projects to create spaces to enjoy outdoor activities.

Your neighbors and community greatly appreciate your donation. It will be used to fulfill DIDC's mission of "improving the quality of lives for all Doty Island residents." Please join us!

See the back of this newsletter for the membership form (snail mail) or go online to our website **[www.dotyisland.com](http://www.dotyisland.com)**

## DOTY ISLAND PRIDE Notecards and Vinyls

Before COVID, we had purchased Doty Island notecards and vinyls to sell at a couple stores in the area. We've needed to adapt due to COVID.

For your convenience, we will be happy to drop these off at your home!

### DOTY ISLAND NOTECARDS

We've re-ordered a limited quantity of Doty Island notecards. A set of 10 Doty Island notecards with envelopes is \$12.00. The size of the notecards are 5.5"x 4.25".

### DOTY ISLAND VINYLs—\$3.00 each!

There are two styles of vinyls. Pictured to the right is the "Stacked" version. It is 5 1/2" x 5 1/2".

The horizontal vinyl, pictured below, is 11" long and 2 1/2" tall.

If you'd like to purchase these, contact Jacy Park at (920) 479-0894 or email us at [dotyisland@gmail.com](mailto:dotyisland@gmail.com)





## DESIGN 22, LLC PERSERVERANCE—A Very Good Contagion

Nicole Fitzgerald, owner of Design 22, LLC in downtown Menasha, a professional interior design service and interior home furnishings business, credits the current virus for a forced change of creativity. It's what many other business people are experiencing as well and if there are any silver linings during these difficult times, this would be one of them. Perseverance pays.

"Covid-19 has definitely interfered with the in-person interaction side of business although it has also opened the idea up of creating more online access for the more DIY audience..." Nicole states. She says it (the virus) has "...created more guidance in inspiration through Design 22's blog posts for ways to refresh spaces." This is exactly the kind of can-do spirit that is needed and Design 22 is



embracing it. Nicole is excited when helping customers create a custom design for their homes and working with them on all levels and incomes. Certainly, Covid-19 has limited contact, as Nicole points out, but she is determined to help create and embellish that dream home. After all, dreams are goals, too, and working to meet those goals is the essence of perseverance. That means, for Nicole, collaborating also with other businesses, local suppliers, builders, sub-contractors, realtors and distributors.

It seems Islanders (Nicole lives on the Island with her husband and toddler son, her "main assistant") possess an unusually keen knack for making the best of situations, a theme noted throughout this newsletter. At any rate, we certainly give testament to what it



means to stay the course, stay vibrant, and persevere. Nicole's main goal, and continued dream, is to stay relevant and "...evolve with the forever-changing industry by continuing to support our community the best way possible."

That's perseverance. And it's a very good contagion.

Check out Design 22's Facebook page for some stay-at-home ideas and some completed projects. There is also has a safety article about how to ensure you don't share too much about your home through social media. Great info! [www.facebook.com/design22llc/](http://www.facebook.com/design22llc/)

## CANDYLAND CREATED DURING POLIO EPIDEMIC

Fun fact: 1949--In the midst of the polio epidemic--a disease that placed tens of thousands of children inside iron lungs, and many thousands more around the country quarantined at home--a young San Diego schoolteacher named Eleanor Abbott invented Candy Land, one of the most popular board games of all time. Abbott created the game inside a polio ward, as a patient herself, with the hope of giving the immobilized children around her a momentary sense of freedom and mobility. As a way of further connecting with the kids, Abbott featured on the game board an illustration of a boy with a leg brace. Milton Bradley was quick to buy the game from Abbott. And to this day, Candy Land continues to be popular, more than 65 years after the disease was eradicated. Of course so many of us played this game as kids, but I found the back story fascinating. Who knew? Makes me wonder ...what will be invented from this pandemic?





# QUICK RECAPS

## MOWRY'S TABLE RESULTS

**November 2019**

\$1,926 was collected. DIDC matched the first \$500. The donations were divided between the Neenah and Menasha Historical Societies. Both groups were very thankful and appreciate the Doty Island residents' donation.

## COMMUNITY TREE DECORATIONS

**November 2019**

Thank you to the City of Menasha for putting our lights on our Community Christmas Tree this year!

## WINTER GALA

**February 2020**

It was a perfect day for a snow sculpture event! The attendees had a good time and enjoyed the free chili served by the firemen. DIDC handed out Manderfield's cookies and Lamers hot chocolate.

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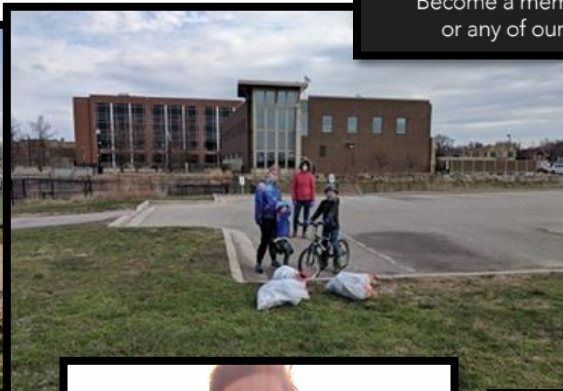
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The Corona Virus has been a challenge to everyone—including our Doty Island council, DIDC. We are adapting with the challenges. With the cancellation of the Doty Island Ballroom Dance, the Doty Island Cleanup Day and the Doty Island Rummage Sale, we've switched gears and modified our events in accordance with Governor Evers order. We have our Zoom Meetings online. As for our events, we and have modified the cleanup day into a Cleanup Week. Commercial Street planters will still be planted to beautify our community (thanks to our loyal sponsors!). This year we won't be hosting the Doty Island Rummage Sales, but we are working together with our neighbors to create the "Doty Island's Self-Tour of Historic Landmarks" (center pages) to continue showcasing our Doty Island pride. Thank you for continuing to support us through your membership!



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DIDC is a 501c3 non-profit organization, so your dues and all contributions are deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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