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DOTY ISLAND IN THE YEAR 2020

Neenah's Comprehensive Plan update process is proceeding along after receiving great input and participation from the community. For those that don't know what a Comprehensive Plan is, think of it as a blue print to the physical, social, and economic development of Neenah. The Plan attempts to answer the following questions:

- Where is the City going to grow?
- Where should new bike lanes be placed?
- How can certain neighborhoods be improved?
- How do we revitalize certain commercial areas of the City?

As part of the update process, Neenah held three visioning workshops to collect information from residents and visitors to create a shared vision for our future. Eighty-one participants attended the workshops, including many residents from Doty Island. The workshops comprised of exercises which asked participants to identify assets, issues, and future growth and

redevelopment areas. There is a chart below listing the assets and issues specific to Doty Island.

The workshop also asked attendees to identify areas in need of redevelopment. Again, specific to Doty Island, the responses included:

- Theda Care Medical Center site,
- N. Commercial Street,
- Residential neighborhood south of Abby Ave and west of N. Commercial,
- The vacant property on the northwest corner of 1st Street and Forest Ave.

In addition to the visioning workshops, Neenah also collected public input from an online survey. In total, 770 people responded to the survey.

So, what's next? Neenah's
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
will continue to collect, review and
analyze data and input gathered from the
public. At the end of this process, the
City will have a list of goals, objectives
and policy recommendations to assist in
the growth and redevelopment over the

next 20 years.

Your input does matter in this process and if you haven't provided your ideas already, please do so. For more information, visit Neenah's Comprehensive Plan webpage (CLICK HERE) or our Face Book page (CLICK HERE).

- Brad Schmidt



Saturday, October 15, 2016

BooFest—Downtown Neenah 9am—Noon

Thursday, October 27

Hometown Halloween—Menasha 4pm– 6pm

November 5 -6

Holiday Open House La Belle Maison and Wild Apple 10:00am—5:00pm

Thursday, November 10

Doty Island Annual Membership Dinner Island Shores 7:00pm

Sunday, November 20

Alternative Christmas Market Congregational United Church of Christ 9:00am—2:00pm

Friday, December 2

A Very Neenah Christmas—Neenah 6pm—8pm

Friday, December 9

Holiday Hayride Memorial Building—Menasha Tickets go on sale November 2 (\$2)

Saturday, December 3

Twelve Days of Christmas Carolers, Live Reindeer, and more! Downtown Menasha

Saturday, December 31

First Eve Event—Downtown Menasha

| SPECIFIC TO DOTY ISLAND | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| ASSETS | ISSUES | | | |
| Theda Care Regional Medical | N. Commercial Street – undesirable | | | |
| Center | uses (e.g. warehouse, | | | |
| | manufacturing, dilapidated building) | | | |
| Neenah-Menasha YMCA | Repair Forest Avenue and | | | |
| | Hewitt Street | | | |
| Doty Island Commercial District | 1st Street Corridor – dilapidated | | | |
| (N. Commercial St) | buildings and empty lots. | | | |
| Island Shores Retirement | Need additional parking for | | | |
| Community | businesses on N. Commercial | | | |
| Nicolet Blvd | Theda Care Medical Center | | | |
| | (What if they leave?) | | | |
| Island Park/Doty Park/Whiting | | | | |
| Boathouse | | | | |

FALL LEAF PICKUP FOR MENASHA

In our continued efforts to provide the **Menasha** City residents with the most efficient Public Works services this year we will be launching a pilot program for the fall curbside leaf collection in your area.

Instead of raking your leaves onto your terrace you are being asked to rake your leaves out into the edge of your STREET on your assigned dates. We will be collecting your leaves with the use of end loaders and will push the leaves into piles to be loaded out on a 2 –week interval. Some of our operations may take place early in the morning and residents are encouraged to not park vehicles in the street overnight. Please keep the piles low so that children are not hidden from motorists' view and close to the curb

so as not to interfere with traffic.

Rake leaves, small yard and garden debris into the gutter or edge of the street on Sunday night prior to the week for pick up. Do not mix branches and brush with the leaves as they are collected separately on a monthly schedule. Yard wastes may be in paper lawn and leaf bags.

Your leaf collection schedule will begin on October 17th and will be picked up every other week ending the week of November 14th. If weather permits, there will be one additional non-scheduled pass through the city starting November 28th.

DO NOT RAKE LEAVES OR PLACE YARD WASTE INTO THE GUTTER AT ANY OTHER TIME.

EXCEPTION: Leaves on Ahnaip Street will still be collected with the use of our vacuum machines due to the heavy traffic. Residents are required to keep their leaves on the terrace for collection.





ALTERNATIVE CHISTMAS MARKET

Are you looking for a fun shopping event that allows you to buy gifts for friends and family AND pay it forward at the same time? On Sunday, November 20 shoppers will have an opportunity to get a head start on their Christmas shopping and support a number of worthy causes at the same time. The Congregational United Church of Christ of Neenah Menasha is hosting an Alternative Christmas market from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

You will have the opportunity to buy 'alternative gifts'- i.e. symbolic gifts, which benefit local and international charities and self-help organizations such as farm animals from Heifer International, or health or business support materials from Church World Service to benefit individuals in developing

countries. On a local level, donors can provide building supplies for the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate, counseling services at the local Samaritan Counseling center, the services of LEAVEN for struggling families, or items which struggling families will receive from the Neenah

Menasha Emergency Society. You'll receive attractive gift cards to give to your friends and family members to tell them of the gift that you are giving in their honor.

If you'd like an actual gift to wrap, a large selection of international and USA fair trade handicrafts and other very attractive merchandise will be available for you to take home on Market day.

Additionally, beverages and the "Famous Congo UCC homemade donuts" will be served fresh out of the oven with coffee or juice, and these fresh-out-of-the-oven treats will also be available for take-out while supplies last.

This is not a fund-raiser for the church. All proceeds will go to local or international charities.



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MELALEUCA—THE WELLNESS COMPANY

Renee Schmidt completely believes in—and backs—the products she sells. She sells Melaleuca. Melaleuca is a billion-dollar wellness company based out of Idaho. It is on a mission to improve the lives of its customers by providing healthier food and safer home products to allow its customers to live a cleaner lifestyle.

Renee takes the wellness of herself and her family seriously. She has been on a seven-year personal wellness journey. She has managed to lose 136 pounds—and 30 pants sizes!

During a vendor event in mid-May, Renee had wandered the booths



Renee Schmidt shows us what products she is <u>currently</u> using in her own home. She ran from room to room to gather the products for this picture!

looking for a healthier alternative to Gatorade. She wanted another choice to the sugary drink. She came across the Melaleuca vendor both and discovered an electrolyte-replacing product called Sustain. Her two boys liked it so she asked for additional information about other products. The Melaleuca representative helped Renee become a Preferred

She fell in love with the 500+ products offered online. Instructional videos and testimonials explained the products along with their benefits. Melaleuca offers the following types of products:

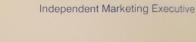
- Nutrition and Weight Loss
- Sports Nutrition

Customer.

- Healthy Foods
- Medicine Cabinet
- Personal Care
- Skin Care and Cosmetics
- Cleaning, Laundry, and Dish Care.

With the support of her husband and boys, Renee had become an Advocate (consultant) for Melaleuca at the end of June. Her family enjoys the products she purchases for them. Renee's knowledge and enthusiasm for Melaleuca products is contagious!

Renee believes she can help you improve your life with Melaleuca products. Give her a call!



Renee Schmidt



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QUESTIONS FOR RENEE

What do you like best about selling Melaleuca?

I get to help others improve their lives by helping them choose healthier and safer alternatives to their current products. I love that the Melaleuca products are natural, organic, and non-toxic!

What do you like best about the Melaleuca products?

The products are not tested on animals and all of them are manufactured in the United States.

Do you have any social media outlets?

Yes, you can follow me on Instagram @ Wellness.Living. My Facebook page is a closed group for my Preferred Customers.

Email: reneelschmidt@gmail.com

Phone: (920) 427-8414

WE WOULD LIKE YOUR FEEDBACK!

The Doty Island Development Council has been very active this year improving the quality of life for Doty Island residents. Since all of our programs and projects are solely funded by Doty Island Development Members (YOU!), we would like to know which activities you support.

Your input will help determine which programs we will host next year. The results of this survey will be shared with the community through our website and Facebook page. When complete, please send or email this form to us. Thank you!!

- 1. Are you a current member of the Doty Island Development Council? If not, why not?
- 2. Have you participated in any of the programs and projects listed to the right? If so, which ones?
- Do you subscribe to our Face Book page or our website?
 Face Book Page: Doty Island Development Council
 Our Website: www.dotyisland.org
- 4. Are you interested in volunteering your time for any of our Projects or programs? Which one(s)?



Please place an "Y" in front of the activities you would like us to continue. At the end of this form, please feel free to add any comments and suggestions about any current or future activities you would like to see. We welcome suggestions for new activities and projects. Use a second sheet if needed!

Painting the flower boxes along Commercial (April)

| Beautification Projects |
|-------------------------|
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| | Doty Island Cleanup (April) |
|------|---|
| | Flower Pot Sponsorship / Signs (May) |
| | End of Nicolet cleanup (July) |
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| Comm | unication to Residents |
| | Newsletters (3 per year) |
| | Face Book - Doty Island Development Council |
| | Doty Island Website—www.dotyisland.org |
| | |
| Comm | unity Involvement |
| | Winter Gala at Smith Park (January) |
| | Timber Rattler Game (June) |
| | Annual Rummage Sale (June) |
| | Doty Island Picnic (August) |
| | Habitat for Humanity Speaker |
| | at Whiting Boathouse (Sept) |
| | Hometown Halloween (Oct) |
| | Annual Membership Dinner at Island Shores (Nov) |
| | Volunteer of the Year Award (November) |

Comments, Ideas, and Suggestions are welcome!

DOTY'S ANNUAL DINNER & MOWRY'S TABLE

If you are a DIDC member, you will soon be receiving an invite to our Annual Dinner. If you are not a member, you still have time to sign up and be included!

Every year DIDC hosts a dinner for its members to communicate the results of the previous year's events. We highlight finances, projects, programs, and we award one resident with the annual Volunteer of the Year Award.

Along with the information and celebration, we also kick off our annual fundraiser: Mowry's Table. DIDC established Mowry's Table in 2013, named after long-term resident Mowry Smith, Jr.

Mowry's Table was created as an annual giving opportunity for all who share Mowry's commitment to making Doty Island a better place to live and

This year we will be raising funds for the following event:

DOTY ISLAND's 2017 ROCK THE BLOCK EVENT

You can read more about the Rock the Block event scheduled for Doty Island in July 2017 on our website. DIDC's goal is to raise \$3,000 to fund one project during the Rock the Block event. To help reach this goal, DIDC will match \$1,000 towards the Rock

the Block contributions. If you would like to contribute to our annual fundraiser, please either go to our website (PayPal) or send us a check. Please make checks payable to:

DIDC-Mowry's Table PO BOX 894 Neenah, WI 54957

DIDC will take contributions towards this event until January 2017.



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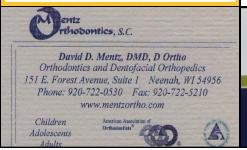
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New patients always welcome!

QUICK RECAPS

NICOLET EVENT JULY 30, 2016

Thank you to the twenty volunteers (pictured to the right) who worked at the end of Nicolet Boulevard to trim bushes, replace the overgrown rose bushes, and remove the woody ground sumac under the tree. It took the volunteers less than three hours to transform the area.

Special "Thank Yous" to Gerry from Landscape Associates for your expertise, Thrivent Financial for the financial backing of our Action Team, and the cities of Neenah and Menasha for working with us to create a more beautiful public space!

For before/after pictures, go to our website www.dotyisland.org under the "News" tab.









DOTY ISLAND PICNIC AUGUST 25, 2016

The Doty Island picnic was a great success with about 180 residents attending. It turned out to be a beautiful day! Attendees were served food catered by Shellattes (see above picture).

The Menasha Historical Society opened the caboose and Memorial building (see bottom left picture) for attendees to see. They also provided the pictures for this newsletter article about the picnic!

Officer Abrahamson from the Menasha Police Department gave tours of the police vehicles (see right picture).







TREE TRIMMING—SUMMER 2016

Throughout the summer volunteers helped remove overgrown weeds and bushes from around the Doty Island Sign. The volunteers were able to remove a lot of the smaller brush but Brian Smith from Stumps B Gone (and Island resident) helped us take care of some of the larger tree branches. See the picture above! Thank you to the volunteers and the City of Menasha for helping improve this area!

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