

**CITY OF MENASHA
SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
Menasha Utilities Commission Room
321 Milwaukee Street, Menasha**

Tuesday April 15, 2014

1:00 PM

AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES
- C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
(five (5) minute time limit for each person)
- D. MINUTES TO APPROVE
 - 1. [February 18, 2014](#)
- E. COMMUNICATIONS
- F. REPORTS
 - 1. Sustainable Communities Network of the Fox Valley
 - a. Sustainable Network Fair
 - b. [Torbjorn Lahti Events](#)
 - c. [Earth Week Partnership](#)
 - d. Fox Cities and Oshkosh Bike/Pedestrian Plan
 - e. Annual Report
- G. ACTION ITEMS
- H. DISCUSSION
 - 1. City of Menasha Energy Usage
 - 2. Waste Management
 - 3. [Spring Electronics and Household Goods Recycling Event April 26](#)
 - 4. Livable Communities
 - a. [Arbor Day Event April 25th 9AM Gegan School](#)
 - 5. Menasha Farm Fresh Market
 - 6. River-Gen project
- I. ADJOURNMENT

**CITY OF MENASHA
SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
Common Council Chambers
140 Main Street, Menasha**

Tuesday, February 18, 2013

Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Linda Stoll at 6:02 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

Present: Danielle Handler, Roger Kanitz, Linda Stoll, Kathy Thunes, Paul Van de Sand

Also Present: Mayor Merkes

Excused: Ed Kassel

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

(five (5) minute time limit for each person)

No one spoke

D. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. Sustainability Board minutes, 1/21/2014

Motion made by Kathy Thunes and seconded by Paul Van de Sand to approve the minutes of the May 21st 2013 Meeting

Motion carried.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

Kathy Thunes reported on the activities of the Sustainably Community Network including:

- Plastic bag and plastic film recycling opportunities and educational efforts including a website at www.plasticfilmrecycling.org
- Torbjörn Lahti book tour in the Fox Valley will include events for the public, business community, elected officials and municipal employees on April 28th & 29th.
- There are over 30 partner activities to be included in the Earth Week listing for the Fox Valley the website is located at www.ecos-foxvalley.com/earth-week-partnership

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. City of Menasha Energy Usage

Members discussed City's continuing goal of reducing electric usage at its main facilities by 1% each year. The Deputy Director of Municipal Operations will join the group to report on 2013 results and prospects for 2014

2. Waste Management

Winnebago County may begin to accept additional types of plastic for recycling in 2014 members questioned if this would have an effect on the City's recycling program and pickup frequency.

3. Spring Recycling Event, Saturday April 26th 8AM-Noon

Members discussed producing a flyer to give event participants providing information on area recycling options (including bags and plastic film) as well as City energy reduction and sustainability accomplishments. Batteries will not be able to be accepted this year, members are researching ways to accept in the future without increasing costs. St. Vincent de Paul will partner with the event to accept household goods and clothing.

4. Livable Communities

No report

5. Menasha Farm Fresh Market

Surveys from the market showed that vendors are generally satisfied; however, accessibility can be an issue for loading. The 2014 farm to table dinner is in the planning stages.

6. River-Gen Project

Students and faculty at UW Platteville on board to begin the project approximately 13 people. The project fits well with UW's sustainability curriculum. The project will have a time frame of approximately two years.

7. Sustainability Website

Suggestions and discussion regarding useful items as well as other websites that could be models. The website should show City accomplishments and farm market as well. Outagamie County Recycling site and Oshkosh Sustainability both good models.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Paul Van de Sand and seconded by Kathy Thunes to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by DJM



Eco-Municipalities: How to Change the World through Local Action

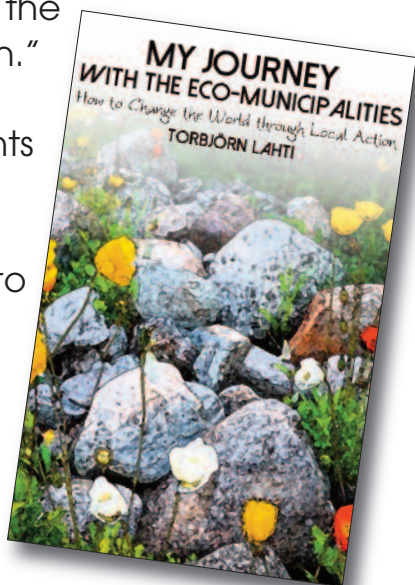


Do you want to super-charge your sustainability efforts in your community?



Meet Torbjörn Lahti, award winning author of the “Natural Step for Communities” in sustainable community planning and development. He has recently authored a second book entitled “My Journey with the Ecomunicipalities: How to Change the World through Local Action.”

Mr. Lahti will share his insights around sustainable community planning from international experiences to distinctive communities in the U.S.



You're invited to participate!

Monday, April 28

9:00 – 10:30 am

“My Journey with the Ecomunicipalities: How to Change the World through Local Action.”

University of Wisconsin – Green Bay,
2420 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay
Student Union, Phoenix Room A & B

6:00 pm

Sustainability Networking Fair

University of Wisconsin – Fox Valley,
1478 Midway Road, Menasha
Communications Center

7:00 – 8:30 pm

“A Journey of Sustainability: Proven Strategies for moving the Fox Valley Forward.”

University of Wisconsin – Fox Valley,
1478 Midway Road, Menasha
Communications Center

Tuesday, April 29

7:30 – 9:30 am

“My Journey with the Ecomunicipalities: How to Change the World through Local Action.”

University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh,
625 Pearl Ave., Oshkosh
Alumni Welcome and Conference Center

Sponsors:

Sustainable Communities Network of the Fox Valley
University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Lawrence University
University of Wisconsin-Extension
East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Wisconsin Chapter of American Planning Association
SCA Tissue Americas



Joint Recycling Event!

Computers - Electronics

Appliances - Lamps

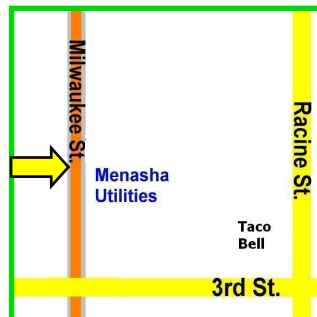


April 26th 2014

2 Events

Menasha Utilities

321 Milwaukee Street
Menasha, WI 54952



Town of Menasha

Municipal Center
Vehicle Storage Bldg.
2000 Municipal Dr.
Neenah, WI 54956

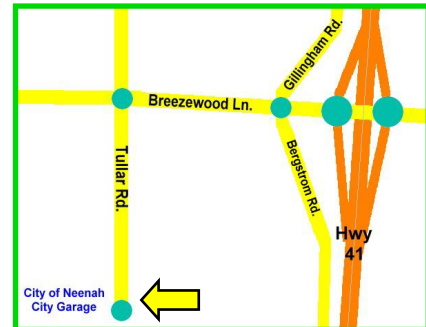


May 3rd 2014

1 Event

City of Neenah

City Garage
1495 Tullar Rd.
Neenah, WI 54956



**All residents of the fox valley are
welcome at any of these events**

***All three events are from
8:00 am to Noon
Details Call : 920-955-3760***

Hosted By:

City of Neenah Sustainability Committee
Town of Menasha Sustainability Committee
City of Menasha Sustainability Committee



RecycleThatStuff.com



focus on energySM

Partnering with Wisconsin utilities

**See back for
details!**

Joint Recycling Event!

Saturday April 26th

**Town of Menasha
Menasha Utilities**

Saturday May 3rd

City of Neenah

8:00 am to Noon

All three events are indoors, in garages (protected from the elements). Help will be available to unload vehicles.

Electronics we will recycle for Free

**CPU's - Printers - Speakers - Scanners - LCD Screens - Fax Machines
Vacuum Cleaners - Phones - Laptops - Record Players - Tape Players
CD Players - I-pods - VCR's - DVD Players - Beta Tape Players
Electrical Saws - Drills - Calculator - UPS's - Paper Shredders
Coffee Machines - Heaters - Portable Game systems**

Most Household Electronics



Lamp Recycling: All Fluorescent Lamps



**** Lamp Recycling charges vary per location ****

Electronics with recycling charges

CRT Monitors:	\$5 Each
Televisions (Call for quote):	\$5 to \$20 Each
Mini Fridges / Small AC Units:	\$10 Each
(We will not accept Large Freezers / Refrigerators at events)	
Dehumidifiers:	\$10 Each
Stoves/Washer/Dryers:	\$5 Each
Dishwashers/Microwaves:	\$5 Each
Hard Drive Destruction:	\$5 Each
Large Copy Machines:	\$5 Each

**Please call
(920) 955-3760
If you have
questions about
recycling**

Focus on energy - Refrigerator Rebate - Call (800)-762-7077

Focus on Energy currently offers a \$40.00 cash-back reward to residential customers wishing to have their old inefficient refrigerator / freezers picked up from their residence. Please call Focus on Energy at 855-398-5226 or find them online at focusonenergy.com/appliance more information about this program.

SVDP Neenah / Menasha who are we?

Last WEEK here at the St. Vincent de Paul Neenah - Menasha store, we helped 103 people from our community with basic essentials for their lives. One family got a warm coat for their little girl, a pair of shoes for her brother and the dad got clothes for his new job. This is just one example of what we do every day at St. Vincent de Paul. We help people at the poverty level in our community with the basics they need for life but can't afford. We help give them a chance.

Over 50 years ago, we started this effort by taking donated clothing and household items that people no longer have a use for and we make these things available to the people here in Neenah-Menasha who have a dire need. We have accomplished so much over the years but the need continues to grow. This year we will have over 5,000 people who need our help - and we don't turn anyone away. We have a crew of over 120 volunteers that run our store. They are not paid for their time. They volunteer because they know there is an extreme need and because they really care.



Helped over 4000 NM people last year
with over \$88,000 in direct aid

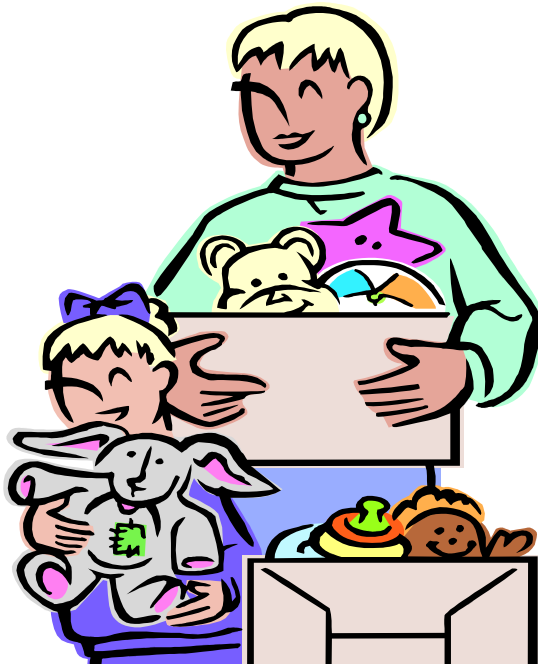
Recycling: What we also do!

- ▶ Did you know the average American household discards an estimated 70 pounds of clothing, linen and other textiles each year? Clothing and household textiles, consisting of fabrics such as cotton, polyester, nylon and rayon, make up almost 5 percent of the total garbage in landfills.
- ▶ St. Vincent de Paul Society of Neenah-Menasha is looking to reduce this waste through a clothing-recycling program. Clothing recycling is the re-purposing of used clothing, cardboard, metal and other textiles that has been donated to the organization that cannot be resold. Instead of distributing these items to landfills, the organization will sell bales by the pound to textile recyclers. These items can end up as wiping rags, insulation, upholstery stuffing, and ingredients in paper products or used clothing exports to other countries.



E Recycling with Menasha and Neenah

- ▶ April 26: SVDP NM will be at Menasha Utilities at 321 Milwaukee St. from 8 am to noon to accept SPRING CLEANING donations along with the city wide E recycling event going on.
- ▶ May 3: SVDP NM will be at Neenah City Garage on Tullar Rd from 8 am to noon to accept SPRING CLEANING donations along with the city wide E recycling event going on.
- ▶ May 10: SVDP NM will be at Coldwell Banker at 105 Bell St. Neenah from 10 am to 2 pm to accept SPRING CLEANING donations along with Habitat for Humanity.







MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Common Council

FROM: PRD Tungate

DATE: April 8, 2014

RE: 2014 Arbor Day Ceremony

Members of the Common Council, Parks and Recreation Board and the general public are invited to attend this year's Arbor Day ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Friday, April 25 at 9:00am at Gegan Elementary School. Approximately 25 trees will be planted on or around the school, including along parts of DePere Street, Fifteenth Street, and Karen Drive. Attendees are welcome to come dressed to assist Gegan School children with the planting. The City will be receiving its 31st consecutive Tree City, USA award along with its fourth Growth Award.