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Saturday, April 21, 2018

Ultimate Ladies' Day Downtown Neenah, 10:00am-4:00pm



Saturday, May 5, 2018 Annual Doty Island Clean-Up 8:00am—12:00pm

Saturday, May 5, 2018 Girls' Getaway Weekend Downtown Menasha

Saturday, May 5, 2018 Menasha Historical Society



Saturday, May 12, 2018 Ballroom Dance and LIVE Band Memorial Bldg, 8:00-11:00pm

Sunday, May 20, 2018 Service Sunday Event Smith Park—9:30am

Thursday, June 7, 2018

Menasha Farmer's Market Begins! Downtown Menasha, 2:00—6:00pm

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 Bike to Boogie Event Neenah Plexus, 6:00-9:00pm



Saturday, June 16, 2018 Doty Island Rummage Sales 8:00am—2:00pm

Saturday, June 16, 2018 Neenah Farmer's Market Begins! Downtown Neenah, 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Saturday, June 23, 2018 Loop the Little Lake Grand Opening & 5K "Cut and Run" Event, 9:00am

The Eagles Have Landed, Among Other Things

You bet they did, with many being seen first on the west end of the Fox River near the dam. Then they headed to the east end overlooking parts of Lake Winnebago. (Water openings equal more fishies!) It has been a sight to behold, these majestic birds, and to see so many more than years before perhaps can be attributed to a better, more welcoming environment for these powerful, impressive birds of prey.

To note: most of the 60 species of eagle are from Eurasia and Africa. Beyond that, just 14 species can be found—2 in North America, 9 in Central and South America, and 3 in Australia. Aren't we Doty Islanders lucky!

Which leads us, in a round-about way, to keeping our Island forever welcoming and safe. Here are a few recommendations for an inviting Island, as in, did you know... Pet waste left on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash

into the storm drain and eventually into Lake Winnebago or the Fox River.? Think about *those* repercussions, for people and our animal visitors. Clean up your doggie's doo-doo, folks. Thanks! And here's a bit more on outdoor maintenance.

A dandelion-free lawn is not a healthier lawn. Dandelions are deep rooted and help keep lawns aerated. Bees make their first crop of honey from dandelions. If you do use fertilizers or pesticides, use them sparingly. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain; otherwise, chemicals will be washed into the lake. This runoff into the lake is partially to blame

> for the algae blooms in summer. Seep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.

> Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain. Remember: Storm drains connect to water bodies!



DOTY ISLAND RUMMAGE SALES

Saturday, June 16 8 am-2 pm

Hey, are you planning on doing some spring cleaning and want to sell your stuff at our annual Rummage Sale? Here's your chance! Every year we get loads of compliments on our Island-wide rummage sales . It's a big hit. The Rummage Sale Map can be found easily online. We just ask that you register your rummage sale with us. For your \$10 registration, DIDC will:

- Add your address and rummage sale description to the online advertising (www.dotyisland.org)
- Hand out free bottles of water and maps during the day of the sale.
- Deliver a Doty Island Rummage sign and 15 Rummage Sale Maps to hand out to your customers the Friday before the sales.

Name/Organization:	
Address:	
City:	
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What are you selling?	

Register and pay online at **www.dotyisland.org** or mail this form along with your check to:
DIDC—Rummage Sales
PO Box 894, Neenah, WI 54957

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL

Many of our residents have expressed oncern over the future of Doty Island's Roosevelt School. We do not have answers, but contacting your representatives on this subject goes a long, long way in helping to guide and influence decision-making and outcome.

We urge you to contact the following (below) for updated information as well as to express your views, voice and insights on the future of Roosevelt School.



http://www.neenah.k12.wi.us/district/boar dofeduction.cfm

http://www.ci.neenah.wi.us/government/city-council/about-city-council/

DOTY ISLAND CLEAN-UP It's Our 28th Year!

Please volunteer your time to help us pick up trash. If you sign up a team of six or more volunteers, your team will earn \$25. The check will be cut and sent after the event.

Over the years, we have had many wonderful community volunteers including various scouting groups, schools and residents. Last year we had more than 60 volunteers! WOW!

When: Saturday, May 5th, 2018

Where: Meet at Youth Go's parking lot

When: 8:00 am-Noon

DIDC will bring the food, drinks and trash bags. Please wear

sturdy shoes, work gloves, and dress appropriately for the weather. If you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact us!

We will be cleaning up both Neenah and Menasha portions of the island.

VOLUNTEER TODAY! Call Jacy at 920-479-0894





SERVICE SUNDAY

Hosted by Congregational United Church of Christ

Please join us on May 20 at 9:30 AM at the Smith Park pavilion for our annual Service Sunday.

Service Sunday is an opportunity for everyone to get out in the community and pay it forward. Both members and non-members are welcome. This is a community event, come one, come all!

There are many projects to choose from including:

- Planting flowers in the Doty Island Commercial Street planters.
- Painting nails at a local nursing home.
- Making baked goods for local police and fire departments.
- Loads of Love: visit local laundromats and plug machines with quarters to help community members pay for laundry for a day. Quarters will be provided.
- Putting packets together for Samaritan Counseling Center

At noon, all participants are invited back to the pavilion for a potluck and to share stories and insights about your time giving back. Bring a dish to pass if you are able.



Saturday, May 12, 2018

DOTY ISLAND'S BALLROOM DANCE

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, May 12th, Doty Island is hosting a ballroom dance along with a live band. It's going to be a fun event!

THE BAND

DIDC booked The Bob Kuether Orchestra, an all brass band with two singers.

THE TICKETS

There are two types of tickets available for this event:

- Dance Tickets (\$25 each)
- Dance & Lessons (\$41 each)

Tickets are limited! Only 125 tickets are available. Last year we had 164 attendees, but we were over-crowded, so this year we are limiting the num-

ber of tickets. So buy your tickets early! Tickets will also be available at the door.

THE DANCE

The ticket includes Luigi's pizza, fruit, and non-alcoholic refreshments.

The doors open at 7:30 but the dance won't officially start until 8:00 pm and will run until 11:00 pm.

DANCE WORKSHOP

If you are a beginner or just need a refresher, Boogie Ballroom will be offering a Dance Workshop in the afternoon at the Memorial Building from 5:00 pm to 6:45 pm .

Boogie Ballroom will be teaching you dance moves to prepare you for the big dance that evening.

WHERE TO PURCHASE

You can purchase tickets at Shellatte's or Boogie Ballroom. Our website to purchase the tickets online is

www.dotyisland.org/dance

If you have any questions about the dance, please call Jacy Park at (920) 479-0894.

We hope to see you there!



TREASURES IN THE TRUNK An Article by the Menasha Historical Society

The **Menasha Historical Society** is the grateful recipient of a well-preserved steamer trunk recently donated by Tom and Jean Kelly of Oshkosh. Mrs. Kelly purchased the trunk at an

estate sale on Doty Island over 30 years ago. It had been the property of Harrison A. Smith of Menasha. An amazing array of artifacts, maps and letters



were found inside the trunk. One item of great interest is a leather-bound personal diary written by Mr. Smith between 1914 and 1918. Reading the diary of this remarkable man led us on a quest to learn more about his life.

Harrison Smith was born on Nov. 13, 1889, the son of a prominent physician and surgeon who lived in Neenah at the turn of the century. Harrison graduated

from Princeton University in 1909 and eventually became a very successful businessman and president of the Wisconsin Container Corp. as well as a director of the John Strange Paper Company. He served as a captain of the artillery in France during the first World War. Much of the 109-page diary details his

experiences during the war. Remarkably, his writing includes a vivid description of the details of Nov. 11, 1918, when the great war ended.

> During his years in business, he became very active in community affairs and was a member of the Elks Club and North Shore Golf Club. Included in the trunk were many cards, social invitations and letters from friends who were residents of Neenah and Menasha and prominent members of our communities. Our research led to newspaper articles

indicating Mr. Smith married Verona Elsner of Appleton in 1938. They were married in Chicago and made their home on Cleveland Street in Menasha. Harrison and Verona had no children, which may explain why his steamer trunk was not bequeathed to a relative. He passed away in April of 1960. Verona Smith continued to live for many years in the home they had built along the Fox River on Keyes Street. Mrs. Smith passed



Above: A picture of Harrison Smith and also a picture of his diary.

away at Oakridge Gardens Nursing Home in April of 2006 at the age of 105! The display we are creating at our Historical Society Museum includes the cap and gown Mr. Smith wore at his Princeton graduation. We will also display photos and many of the "treasures" he kept in the steamer trunk throughout the years. We are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Kelly for their generous gift. It has become an important part of our museum collection. At the start of his diary, Mr. Smith writes that his original diary (or "little black book" as he called it) was begun during a trip to Canada. He wrote, "After surviving snow days, seemingly endless hardships, a plunge over the falls in the Chemachuan River and a drying in the sun" that book was lost on the last day of his travels. He hoped that the fate of this book would be different. We think he would be pleased to know that the book, found intact in the trunk, still exists and has given us an amazing look at his life.

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Board members are made up of your neighbors that volunteer their time to help improve life on Doty Island. This year's DIDC Board:

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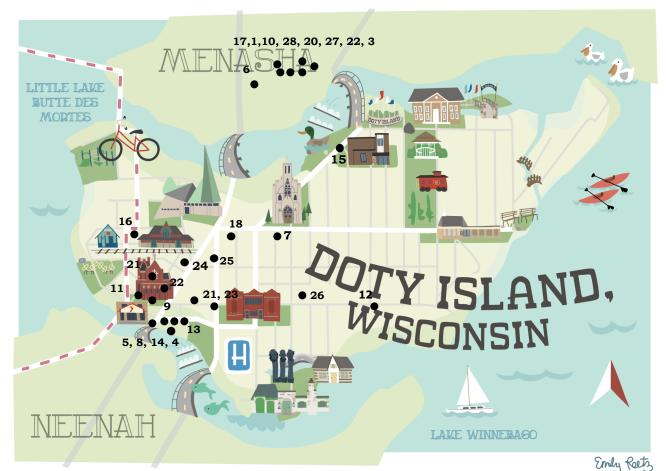




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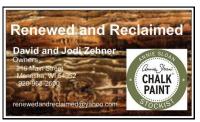


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PRESERVING HISTORY IN MENASHA Emprize Brew Mill

Refurbished, reworked and renewed. That is the **Emprize Brew Mill**, the newest and most distinctive pub and eatery addition to downtown Menasha.

Working off the former *Frankie's* or most recently *The Blind Pig*, a long-time drinking and dancing establishment centered in downtown, the **Brew Mill** boasts a transformation of the old establishment with reverence to the authentic, architectural appeal of the original building.

It's a breath of fresh air. Owners Craig and Anna Zoltowski and Robert Ivey have undertaken a deep reformation of the full



building, bringing out the original late 1800s/early 1900s character. Bought in June 2017, Craig and Robert had long entertained visions of opening a brewery together. "We live in Menasha and wanted to invest in our community," Anna noted. *The Blind Pig* or old *Frankie's* building seemed just right, despite the magnitude of acquiring and

renovating 10,000 square feet. There isn't much that wasn't refinished on the first floor, from original maple flooring to brick and woodwork to the 20' tin ceiling. To gaze upon the beautifully revamped interior now is to experience a delightful surprise for those who have long known this establishment as *Frankie's*.

As Anna explains with pride, "The original tin ceiling in the billiards room was found hidden behind two ceilings and was sandblasted back to life," The kitchen was renovated and expanded. The second floor was kept as The Attic with its unique open-rafter look and layout. Once a platform for 'expressive' dancing, the upstairs still has the expansive dance floor but promotes a wider purpose. Yes, public dancing, but also varied dance groups book this ideal spot for practice. The upstairs alone can house roughly 200 people and has a grand few of the Fox River.

Aunt Esther's Attic moved into the 198 section in January 2018. The Zoltowski's and the local business community helped Colleen find her new home. By the end of February, The Brew Mill rebuilt the historic entrance of 198 by rejuvenating the grand showcase window entrance, using the hidden, original structure. It took round-the-clock sweat to get the entire building in working order, but as Anna reflects, "The bones of the place revealed so much. We uncovered the beauty of what was underneath (and) took away what distracted from the old 1800/early 1900 historic



character." Also restored was the historic two-story Quaker Oat mural on the brick. The brick was scoured beyond clean and as Anna wryly noted, "It took us four days just to get the tar (nicotine) off the bricks."

Showcased now is warm, buffed woodwork with the handsome fretwork of the original wooden bar and back bar. The built-in ice boxes have been preserved, and the final result is a comfortable, up market but uncompromising haven minus the stark minimalist environment seen in so many current new bars and restaurants.

It's a breath of fresh air for everyone.



Left: The renovated bar area. **Top:** Brew Mill's assorted beers. **Above:** Craig Zoltowski, one of the Brew Mills' owners.

QUICK RECAPS

November 2017—March 2018

MOWRY'S TABLE FUNDRAISER JANUARY 2018

Thanks to the generosity of Doty Island residents, we presented a check to Future Neenah for \$2,486. The money will

be used to help complete the Trestle Trail through Doty Island. DIDC donated the first \$500, the rest of the donations came from YOU, the residents!



HOLIDAY TREE TRIMMING—NOVEMBER 2017

A few of the Doty Island Board Members spent time adding lights to the Doty Island Tree and poles. We also added many, many decorations from the local grade schools (2nd graders from Jefferson and 5th graders from Nicolet). Thank you to the teachers and the students for making our

community tree beautiful!





MIKE MCKINNON AWARD—NOVEMBER 2017

During the annual Doty Island dinner, Doty Island board members surprised the President, Jacy Park, by presenting her with the Mike McKinnon UNSUNG HERO Award.

Well deserved, Jacy!

WINTER GALA—JANUARY 2018

DIDC Board Members volunteered at Menasha's Winter Gala event at the Memorial Building. *Picture courtesy of Nicholas Jehvne, Menasha Historical Society.*



VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR—NOV 2017

The Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue was the recipient of the Doty Island Volunteers of the Year Award. In addition to their regular job duties, they volunteer

their time and talents at the Winter Gala held at the Memorial Building and the annual Doty Island Picnic. Picture courtesy of Lendrum Photography.



CIVIC PARTNERS AWARD FROM FUTURE NEENAH—FEBRUARY 2018

DIDC won the Civic Partners Award from Future Neenah. Many of the Doty Island board members were able to attend the presentation of the award at Community First's lobby in downtown Menasha. *Picture courtesy of Adam Shea Photography.*



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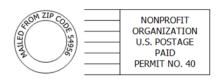
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When you join the DIDC, you show your commitment to improving the quality of life for all Doty Island residents while preserving the vitality of a historic district of Neenah and Menasha.

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Membership and contributions are DIDC's sole source of funding.

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