

From the Waupun Mayor -

Hi everyone! I wanted to start this week's chat with a note about code enforcement, and my attempt to be more aggressive in certain situations. I've heard from many of you about houses with fire damage, beached buses, old trucks, illegally parked cars, and abandoned commercial buildings within our community. In almost every case, the property is owned by someone who doesn't live in Waupun, and seems to have an "out of sight, out of mind" attitude. I assure you; we will be taking a more aggressive role in helping to keep Waupun a beautiful city, and that includes creating a part time job for code enforcement. The city council approved the creation of a Code Enforcement Officer because we all agree having buildings growing weeds and rats only hurts the aesthetics and value of our community. We *will* keep Waupun a great looking place to live, work and play!

Speaking of code enforcement, I would like to remind everyone of their responsibility in taking care of diseased, dying or dead trees. With the number of dying Ash trees in our community we are aggressively informing home owners of the need to have the trees removed. Why? For a couple reasons, but mainly that a dead tree has a high likelihood of coming down in a wind event causing bodily harm and damage. It's also a major concern along the Rock River, as down trees block the waterway from use for recreational users of our river. We have many great local tree removal services, so please check on your tree's health.

In exciting economic development news, our City Administrator and Director of Economic Development, Kathy Schelive, announced that United Corporate will be developing an agribusiness facility to be constructed in our industrial park. This \$100 million/65-acre project will create some 50 new jobs, create more tax base, and hopefully help us connect Shaler Dr. I'd like to personally thank Kathy, and city attorney Dan Vande Zande for the countless hours they put into making this project a reality. Waupun owes them both a debt of gratitude.

Finally, while the Cubs may be struggling this season, there's really fun and exciting baseball being played at our baseball complex all Summer long. With Waupun hosting the tournaments for high school, along with the Waupun Post 210 Legion teams, I encourage you to get out to the ballpark. Delicious concessions, cold drinks, and good baseball. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that on Thursday nights at McCune you can watch some fun Women's Softball League. So come on out, enjoy the late evenings, and as Harry Caray used to say, "It's a beautiful day for a ballgame, and you can't be fun at the ol' ballpark!" Holy Cow!

Thank you and God Bless,
Rohn W. Bishop
Mayor, City of Waupun

WAUPUN AQUATIC CENTER: POOL OPEN JUNE 4-AUGUST 21

POOL PASSES may be purchased prior to the pool opening at www.theydc.org starting April 11, at the Waupun Senior Center by appointment by calling 920-324-7930, or at the Waupun Family Aquatic Center beginning June 4. Pricing: \$150 Residential Family Pass; \$75 Residential Individual Pass; \$175 non-residential family pass, and \$85 non-residential individual pass. Questions, call Waupun Senior Center at 920-324-7930, YMCA of Dodge County at 920-887-8811, or Waupun City Hall at 920-324-7900.

SWIM LESSONS may be purchased prior to pool opening online at www.theydc.org starting April 11, at the YMCA of Dodge County, or at the Waupun Family Aquatic Center beginning June 4. Questions, call 920-887-8811.

KIDS PARK SUMMER DROP IN PROGRAM JUNE 13 – AUG 19 9AM TO NOON & 1PM TO 4PM, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY.

(Closed on July 4, due to bad weather, and staff availability) Parks participating in the program are Dodge Park, West End Park and Pine Street Park. Are your kids ready for an adventure in the park? This year's summer park drop-in program will be filled with new adventures. From art exploration to interactive play to field trips, your kids won't want to miss this summer fun. Each week, we will explore a different theme and engage in fun learning activities that help kids explore their creative side. We will maintain free activities at the scheduled parks. We will also have some fun creative activities that will require a small fee (\$1 to \$3 each) along with weekly group and field trip

adventures, and special pop-up art events during the week.

Summer Kick-Off

Week 1 will be all about getting to know one another. We will hold a special family event to kick off the summer, on June 15, 2022, from 5 to 7 p.m. at West End Park. Drop in for a hot dog, face painting and a sampling of our summer activities. Pick up a parent information packet and meet our park leaders. We look forward to working with your kids this summer!

Weekly Themes:

June 13-17 – Under the Sea (Kick-off Event June 15 at West End Park from 5PM to 7PM)(Bike Rodeo at Community Center June 17)

June 20-21 – Bugs are Rad! (Swimming at the Waupun Aquatic Center on June 21)

June 27-July 1 – Imaginarium (Field trip to Fond du Lac Children's Museum on July 1)

July 5-8 – Rainbows Rock with a Waupun Rocks Scavenger Hunt (Fishing Tournament at Harris Mill Park on July 8)

July 11-15 – Adventureland with a visit from Marsh Haven

July 18-22 – Zoo Fun (Field trip to Menomonee Park in Oshkosh on July 22)

July 25-30 – Fairies & Friends and a visit to a local art studio

Aug 1-5 – Little Picasso & Mini Matisse and a special art in the park event

Aug 8-12 – Splish Splash (Field trip to Beaver Dam Waterworks Park On August 12)

Aug 15-19 – Under the Stars (End of Summer picnic at Dodge Park on August 19)

Questions, you may contact Rachel Kaminski at 920-324-7930 or parks@cityofwaupun.org

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2022 – OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES: Dive into this year's summer reading program, featuring all things ocean all summer long! Kids will receive all of their BINGO cards at the time of registration. A BINGO can be completed by participating in 5 activities in a row, column, or diagonal. Return the completed BINGO card to the library during the week that's indicated on the card. At that time, you can pick out a prize and enter your name for grand prize drawings to be handed out at the end of the program. Supply is limited for weekly prizes; first come, first served.

Thursday, June 9 at 1PM – Kidsplay at Dodge Park. This family friendly, highly interactive show will delight audience members of all ages. And your abs are sure to get a workout just from the fits of laughter! So join Kidsplay for some seriously funny fitness.

Friday, June 17 at 7PM – Family Movie Night – Movie TBA

Tuesday, June 21 at 1:30PM – Mad Science at Dodge Park. This spectacular show will thrill and chill audiences with amazing dry ice experiments! From shivering spatula to a special bubbly shower, the audience will be begging for more!

Wednesday, July 6 at 1PM – Tie Dye at Dodge Park. This will be a registration only event and will be limited to 30 kids. More info will be available as we get closer to the event date.

Friday, July 15 at 7PM – Family Movie Night – Movie TBA

Saturday, July 16 – Last chance to log reading and enter for prizes!

Wednesday, July 20 at 1PM – Game Day at Dodge Park. Join us anytime between 1PM and 3PM to try your hand at giant Connect Four or Kerplunk and so much more.

In case of rain, outdoor programming will be held at the library.

Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St. 920-324-7915.

JUNE 15 FREE INTERNET BASICS CLASS HOSTED BY BUG TUSSEL UNIVERSITY

Bug Tussel University will be hosting a **FREE Internet Basics** class on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 from 1:00-2:00pm at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St in Waupun. Covered topics will include introduction to the Internet, basic Internet use and Internet safety tips. Refreshments will also be served. Sign up is required, as seats are limited. To sign up, please call the library at 920-324-7925 by Tuesday, June 14. If there is sufficient interest in computer classes, Bug Tussel University will continue to hold them here in Waupun. If you are interested, please call the library to sign up. Also, if you know anyone "offline" that wants to learn how to be "online", please let them know!

JUNE 17 BIKE RODEO

Registration starts at 12:30PM

Activities from 1PM to 3PM

Bring your helmet and bike! Ages 12 and under. Free bike registration, t-shirts, helmets and prizes! Some of the prizes include a family pool pass, bikes, razor scooters, fishing poles, Pokemon cards, and books! Held at the Waupun Community Center, 510 E Spring Street.

FOND DU LAC COUNTY COMMUNITY NARCAN TRAININGS – JUNE 22 6PM to 7PM. During the free training, learn to: Recognize an opioid overdose. Respond to an opioid overdose. Safely administer Narcan. Questions? Call 920-929-3085. All participants will receive a free Narcan kit! Help at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

CELEBRATE WAUPUN JUNE 24 THRU JUNE 26: Waupun's FREE festival featuring Music, Fireworks, Carnival Rides, Car Show, Waupun Firefighters Water Barrel Fights, Celebrate Waupun Petting Zoo, Sculpture Tours, Kiddie Pedal Pull, Marsh Haven Creepy, Crawly & Cool program, REACH Waupun Rally & Run, Bags Tournament, Waupun's Got Talent Karaoke, BINGO, Friday Fish Fry, & much, much more! Tanner Park (across from the Community Center), 510 E Spring Street, Waupun, WI 53963. For more information check out www.waupunfestivals.com the Waupun Festivals Inc Facebook page.

WAUPUN FARMER'S MARKET will run on Saturday's from 8AM to 12PM, June 4 through September 24, in the O'Connor, Wells, & VanderWerff parking lot, corner of Main St & Forest St. The Farmers Market serves as an outlet for local producers to sell their products and provides the community with access to fresh foods and associated crafts from small vendors, hobby farmers and local gardens. If you would like to participate in the Farmer's Market you can contact Stephanie Fletcher at 414-313-0841 or email her at fletchersn09@gmail.com.

4-YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: The Waupun Area School District 4-year old kindergarten registration begins February 1, 2022. To attend 4-year old kindergarten, students must be 4 years old by September 1st. Registration for the 2022-23 school year will be online beginning Feb. 1, 2022. Directions: 4K registration information can be found on the Waupun Area School District webpage (www.waupun.k12.wi.us) by clicking the black box that says "4K Program". Here you will find the 4K information sheet, brochure, handbook and link to the registration. The information is currently available but the registration for the 2022-23 school year will not be activated until February 1, 2022.

FREE COVID-19 TESTING

Fond du Lac County Health Department is offering FREE COVID-19 testing for all residents ages 2 and older. Accelerated Clinical Laboratories will be providing mobile COVID-19 testing onsite at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds (520 Fond du lac Ave) on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 8AM -4:30PM**. Drive-thru only. As a reminder, anyone ages 2 or older can utilize these testing sites. Symptoms are not required. No appointments, insurance, or identification is required. Pre-registering may speed up your visit; individuals can pre-register at <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov/en-US/>. Individuals may find additional testing sites within Fond du Lac County by visiting our website, or throughout the state by visiting the DHS website.

WAUPUN AREA VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL PROJECT: The Waupun Area Veterans Memorial Wall is located in Shaler Park and is a lasting tribute to all Waupun area veterans who have served or are now serving their country. Those veterans have served the country in times of war and peace from the War of 1812 up through present day. The project was started in 2004 and there are currently over 1214 veteran's names on the walls and more are added every year. For more information, or to have additional names added to the walls, call the project director at 920-324-4641. Application forms are also available at the National Exchange Bank & Trust in Waupun.

CITY HALL

Open 7:30am- 4:00pm, Monday-Friday. For assistance, call 920-324-7900.

CALL YOUR COMMON COUNCIL

Mayor Rohn Bishop 920-210-1063; District 1 – Jason Westphal, 920-210-5140, District 2 – Pete Kaczmariski, 920-324-2213; District 3 – Will Langford 262-224-1035; District 4 –Mike Matoushek 262-470-5975; District 5 – Dan Siebers 920-205-3065; District 6 – Nancy Vanderkin, 920-345-1151.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Contact Susan Leahy 920-229-6360. City Hall hours: Monday's & Wednesday's 10:00am – 12:00pm. Friday 11:00am – 12:00pm.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

Call Associated Appraisal Consultants 1-800-721-4157

SENIOR CENTER

301 E. Main Street, Waupun, WI 53963. Phone (920) 324-7930. Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 8:00am—4:00pm, Tuesdays, Fridays from 8:00am—2:00pm. Email: parks@cityofwaupun.org

WAUPUN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am - 8:00pm, Friday-Saturday 9:00am - 4:30pm. Sunday CLOSED. Curbside pick-up is available. 920-324-7925.

WAUPUN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tuesday from 12:30PM to 4:30PM. Thursday from 2PM to 6PM. Friday from 12:30PM to 4:30PM. The Waupun Chamber is located at 321 E Main Street. 920-324-3491.

WAUPUN UTILITIES

Open Monday-Friday from 8 AM to 4PM. For assistance, call 920-324-7920. An answering service is available to take your call outside of normal business hours.

WAUPUN TAXI

HOURS OF OPERATION: Waupun Taxi provides shared-ride taxi services in the City of Waupun. Hours are: Mon. – Thurs., 6 a.m. – 6 p.m., Fri., 6 a.m. – 6 p.m., 9 p.m. – 2:30 a.m., Sat. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., 9 p.m. – 2:30 a.m. No Sunday service. Phone number is 324-2426. During this public health emergency Waupun Taxi is allowed to make certain pharmaceutical deliveries. Ask your pharmacist if your medications can be delivered. No charge for the delivery service. To qualify your pharmacist must agree, and you must pay the cost of your medications (if any) over the telephone or internet. But Waupun Taxi will not add on any extra charge for the delivery. Call your pharmacist.

PARK RESERVATIONS: If you are planning picnics, graduations, or family gatherings, you may wish to hold your event in one of our City park shelters. Park fees are: \$30 City Resident and \$35 Non-City Resident. To reserve a park, call 324-7930. Leave a message if no one answers. Parks are scheduled to open April 1st, weather permitting. They close October 1st.

THE ELDERLY IN OUR COMMUNITY DESIRE YOUR HELP!

There is a significant need in and around Waupun for a variety of services for the elderly. Some of these services include house cleaning, moving/downsizing, lawn/landscaping services, home repairs, snow removal, technology help and more. To that end, the ONE Waupun ministry is organizing the ongoing efforts to connect those in need with those that are able to donate some of their time. We plan to start offering these services to the seniors in Waupun soon; however, we first need to generate a list of people that are willing to serve. Even if you can only help occasionally, it all helps. We need both men and women volunteers. Also, we realize that some of you may be reluctant to serve right now because of COVID, but please fill out this survey with the idea that this virus should be less of a concern in the coming months. To learn more about this service and to sign up as a volunteer, please go to www.onewaupun.com and click on the "Service" link at the top of the page.

FOOD PANTRY CAN DELIVER! Waupun Taxi can deliver free food from the Waupun Food Pantry to you. If you feel safer staying home – just say so and a taxicab will deliver your food to you. No charge! Waupun Food Pantry, 324-324-4000.

WAUPUN DOG PARK (903 N. Madison St.): Waupun is pleased to offer an area for local dog owners to bring their dogs to run and play, as well as socialize with other dogs. It is open from sunrise to sunset, 7 days a week, year round. Please use the driveway entrance to the Waupun Area Animal Shelter. You may stop in at City Hall (201 E. Main Street) for an information guide that contains the rules and regulations.

WAUPUN ANIMAL SHELTER INC.: Hours: Monday 4PM to 7PM, Thursday 2PM to 6PM & Saturday by appointment only. 920-324-3200. Please visit our website www.waupunareanimalshelter.org to see all of the wonderful animals that we have available for adoption and a listing of our current needs.

WAUPUN AREA ANIMAL SHELTER SELLS BRICKS: The Shelter is selling bricks @ \$30.00. The 4 x 8 bricks will hold 3 lines (13 characters per line) and the icon of your choice. Order forms are available at the Animal Shelter. For questions, call the animal shelter at 920-324-3200.

HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM: Information on the Housing Grant Program can be obtained by calling MSA Professional Service, Beaver Dam, at 920-392-5142. Web Address: www.msa-ps.com

GLACIER RIDGE LANDFILL DUMP SITE: Glacier Ridge Landfill in Horicon has a dump site that is open Monday – Friday from 6:15 am to 4:30 pm. It is located at N7296 Cty Rd V, Horicon (off of Hwy 33). If you have questions you may call them at 920-387-0987.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING SERVICE: ELECTRONICS RECYCLING SERVICE: Bargains Galore Thrift Store is an E-Cycle Wisconsin Registered Collector of electronics (computers, CPU's, copiers, phones, mice, keyboards, printers, scanners, fax machines, other electronics and/or any household items with a cord). Recycling Fees effective 10/22/18: TV's under 27" - \$20, TV's 27" & over - \$50, Consoles, Projections & Over 50" - \$75, Monitors - \$20, Microwaves - \$20, Stoves, Dishwashers, Washers & Dryers, etc. - \$20. Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners & Dehumidifiers are NOT accepted. (All other electronic recycling is free.) Drop-off hours: Thurs. 10–8, Fri. & Sat. 10–2. 810 W. Main St. Waupun. (920) 324-8677 or www.BargainsGaloreThriftStore.com

AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE FOR AGE 60+:

We can take you anywhere within the city limits of Waupun with the exception of the laundromat or pet-related places. We can take you to doctor appointments, hair appointments, grocery shopping, to restaurants, to banks, to the library, to anywhere! Transportation for ages 60+ within the city limits of Waupun. Multiple stops can be scheduled in 15-minute or more increments. Riders must be able to navigate two steps safely to board the vehicle. Van can seat up to nine passengers. Cost: \$1 each stop. Rides must be scheduled the day before by noon by calling 324-7930. Rides can be scheduled as early as 9AM. The last non-medical ride is at 2PM and the last medical ride appointment is at 3PM.