

From the Waupun Mayor –

Hi everyone!

I had a pretty cool experience on Saturday when WTMJ radio host Steve Scaffadi, and his wife Kathy, visited Waupun. We met at the Farmer's Market, and visited several businesses, including Real Sportscards, Blue Heron, and Wine and Unwind. I then gave them a tour of Waupun. We checked out all the Shaler sculptures, a few historic sites, the prisons, and finished with lunch at The Other Bar. I sent them home with a case of delicious Waupun water and some Guth's candies. They were super cool people and it was neat to hear him talking about how cool Waupun is on the radio Monday morning. I really loved showing off our city.

Speaking of cool experiences, I had the honor of attending the groundbreaking ceremony at Central Wisconsin Christian on Monday evening. Several hundred people showed up to praise God and give thanks for all the success that CWC has experienced as they enter their 75th year. They are undertaking the largest, and most expensive, expansion in their school's history. Waupun is blessed to have CWC and the commitment of the families who attend. I wish them well and am excited to see the end result of the project.

As for school, all the kiddos are going back to school this week. Please watch for kids both in the morning and midafternoon when schools let out. Slow down, you'd rather be a minute late than to hit a kid. And with school starting, I'd like to thank all the hardworking teachers, counselors, administrators, aides, administrative assistants, food service, and custodial staff who make both WASD and CWC great schools, and Waupun a great place to live! Last week, I wrote about ARPA funds and how we're getting ready to make decisions as to how to spend that money. As I said, there are 11,264 different opinions as to how to spend the money, everything from "Send it Back" to "Spend it on This!" The aldermen have filled out surveys as to how they want the money spent, and last week I shared how I'd like to see it spent, and moving forward we'll be holding listening sessions to hear how you want it spent. At the end of this, it's the council's decision, so make your voices heard!

This week, I've spent quite a bit of time at city hall as we've entered budget season. It's looking at a lot of numbers, and some tough decisions have to be made. Not everyone will be happy, but we will pass a responsible budget that prioritizes Waupun's needs and respects the hard-working tax payers who make up our great community.

Finally, I write this column every week to try and help keep everyone informed as to what's going on. I really try to be a very approachable and open mayor. I'm trying my best to keep all of you informed and up to date and I hope these columns are helping. If you have questions, please email me at mayor@cityofwaupun.org.

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

AUGUST 27 DODGE COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP COLLECTION DAY: 8AM TO NOON. Located at Dodge County Highway Dept Shop (Town of Trenton), N8856 CTH A, Beaver Dam, WI. Cost: Household/\$10 vehicle. Agriculture/Free – must pre-register. Small business (VSQG) – must pre-register – cost will be assessed. For more information and pre-registration, please visit the Extension Dodge County website at: www.dodge.extension.wisc.edu or call the office at 920-386-3790 between 8AM and 4:30PM, Monday – Friday.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 – WAUPUN VOLKSFEST – 8AM TO 11PM. FREE Music and admission!! Pancake Breakfast hosted by Kiwanis 8-10am. Desserts are hosted by Pella Lutheran Church. Food and beer hosted by Waupun Hockey Association. Event hosted by the Waupun Chamber of Commerce. Held at the Waupun Community Center, 510 E Spring Street.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 – CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF WAUPUN ROTARY – 2PM to 6PM. Please join us to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Waupun! The event will celebrate the history of service and friendship that the Rotary Club has brought to our community over the past 100 years. Funds raised by the the event will be used to fund scholarships and community projects throughout Waupun. The event will include Craft Beer Tasting from Local Breweries, Small Plates from Local restaurants, Live Music and More! Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased Online at www.100yearsrotarywaupun.com, from your favorite Waupun Rotary Club Member or at Ballweg Implement. ID is required with ticket for admission to event. 21 and up only. Event is held at the Waupun City Hall, 201 E Main Street, Waupun.

OCTOBER 3, 4, & 5 BULK PICK-UP - The Fall bulk item pick-up with Advanced Disposal Services will be held the week of April 4, 2022. Bulk items should be picked up on your normal trash pick-up date. Items may not be placed at the curb prior than 24 hours to your scheduled pick-up date. If items do not meet bulk pick-up guidelines a door-hanger will be hung the day of pick-up. A picture will be taken of the remaining items, and you will have 3 days to remove them. Please remember bulk pick-up is for large items that do not fit in a garbage or recycling container. Waste Management will be providing three 30 yard containers for wood related items only during bulk pick up as well. The dumpsters will be located at the Department of Public Works Garage, at 903 N. Madison St. The days and hours of operation will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8am to 3pm during the bulk pickup days only. Residents will be required to show proof of residency. Material other than wood related items, will not be accepted and will be turned away. You may check out the guidelines for what is considered bulk on our City website at www.cityofwaupun.org.

OCTOBER 10 – NOVEMBER 14 SPRING YARD WASTE PICKUP: The City's Fall Yard Waste pick-up is designated for October 10, 2022 thru November 14, 2022 (weather permitting). This service is for the disposal of leaves, grass, garden waste, and branches that are generated from routine yard maintenance. Leaves and brush shall not be deposited on the street. Leave grass clippings and leaves at the curbside loose, do not bag. Separate leaf piles and brush piles. Branches shall not exceed 3 inches in diameter. No tree stumps or tree root systems will be collected. The service is not intended for tree removal or lot cleaning.

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.

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 Kaczmarek, 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 8AM to 12PM. Thursday from 1PM to 5PM. Additional time can be made available for appointments and special projects. For any questions you can call the Waupun Chamber at 920-324-3491 Monday – Friday, 8AM to 5PM. The Waupun Chamber is located at 321 E Main Street.

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: \$50 City Resident and \$75 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.

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.waupunareaanimalshelter.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.