

## From the Waupun Mayor –

Hi everyone!

You may have seen that screaming banner headline in the paper about Waupun raising sewer rates. While the headline is true, I'd like to add some context. For the average residential sewer user, your sewer rate will increase .83 cents. While it's only .83 cents, a rate increase was the last thing we wanted to do, but we have little choice.

So, what happened? Our sewer infrastructure is built to handle the sewer usage that is needed, and our largest sewer utility customer is the Department of Corrections. In fact, they are close to 50% of all our sewer usage, however, due to both COVID 19, and Governor Evers' decision in 2020 to shut down a cell hall at Waupun Correctional Institution, the prisons' sewer usage is DOWN almost 50%. That unforeseen and unwarned decrease in sewer usage resulting in decrease in revenue, along with several street projects and the state mandated improvements to the waste water treatment plant, the sewer utility is bleeding badly.

I'd also like to point out that while homeowners will see a .83 cents increase, I signed a change to our sewer ordinance that will allow us to set a special rate for the institutions so that the vast majority of this rate increase will be on the back of the people who caused the shortfall; the Dept. of Corrections.

I have also met with our local legislators and they are well aware of the staffing crisis at Waupun and how it's now beginning to harm our community. I've been told that their goal is to fix the staffing crisis and get Waupun back to full capacity. If that can happen over the next couple of years, that would go a long way to solving this problem.

As I mentioned, I have been lobbying behind the scenes to increase awareness of the staffing shortage and the harm it's now causing the broader community along with the safety concerns of the brave men and women who work at Waupun. I brought up this issue at our last community corrections meeting, and have invited gubernatorial candidates to come to Waupun and learn first-hand what's happening. Stay tuned.

Speaking of Waupun Utilities, the leadership team from Waupun Utilities attended the WPPI Annual conference where Waupun's very own Jen Benson won the "Shining Star" Award. Congratulations to both Jen Benson and Waupun Utilities

In other news, It was another busy week in Waupun! It sure was fun having Volksfest back! A big shout out to everyone who worked so hard. I enjoyed tapping the keg and having the ceremonial first beer. The Limberger Cheese was a little harder on me, but still a fun day!

The Waupun Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual golf outing with a huge turnout. I had a blast golfing with good friends and seeing so many people.

Friday marked CWC's annual Harvest Auction, and I couldn't help but notice the progress being made on the expansion project.

The Truck-N-Show will be having a meeting on September 17 at FVS Bank. They are in desperate need of volunteers, so if you have any interest of helping out, please attend. Also on September 17 is our annual Rock River Cleanup Event at Shaler Park. Please check <https://protectwiwaterways.org/2022cleanup/> to sign up and help keep Waupun looking great!

Donations have started coming in to help pay to have images of the Shaler Sculptures on our new wayfinding signs. To donate, you may stop by the clerk's office or mail a donation to City of Waupun- Angela Hull, Clerk 201 E. Main St. Waupun, WI 53963. Checks should be issued to the City of Waupun and the memo line should have Donation for Refacing Wayfinding Signs.

I'm excited to make the Shaler Sculptures the centerpiece of Waupun!

Thank you and God Bless,

Rohn W. Bishop  
Mayor, City of Waupun

**SEPTEMBER 23 – BINGO AT THE WAUPUN SENIOR CENTER AT 1PM.**

**SENIOR CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY – TUESDAYS, SEPT 20, 27, OCT 4, 11, 18. 11:30AM TO 1PM.** Our Senior Citizens Police Academy is back! The Waupun Police Department is giving us our own mini version of what it is like to be a police officer! New information and topics will be presented. This fun, learning opportunity is for everyone! There are no tests or quizzes. Bring your questions to ask our experts! Topics will include overviews of the Police Department, Fire Department and EMS. Other topics will include police investigations and use of force. There will also be a demonstration from the Waupun Police Department's new K9, Jet! You have the choice to attend one class or all six! Registration is required. Sign up at the Senior Center office or call 920-324-7930. Held at the Waupun Senior Center, 301 E Main Street.

**SEPTEMBER 17 – WAUPUN WATERWAY CLEAN-UP – 8AM TO 10AM.** Held at Shaler Park, 400 N Madison Street. Residents of Waupun (a member of the Rock River Stormwater Group) are encouraged to take an active role to help better their community by joining the annual clean-up of the Rock River. This event is part of the Protect Wisconsin Waterways campaign to spread awareness of what individuals can do to help protect their local lakes and rivers.

Protect Wisconsin Waterways has run this event since 2016, and each year the total effort can remove over fifty bags of trash and litter from and around our lakes and rivers. Objects as small as cans, bottles, and wrappers, as well as large tires, traffic cones, and PVC pipes, have been removed from our local waterways. Our waterways are home not only to a bounty of wildlife, but are also the place where we fish, boat, kayak, and swim. Maintaining our waterways makes the area around us an even more enjoyable place for everyone.

For more information: <https://protectwiwaterways.org/2022cleanup/>

**SEPTEMBER 20 – CITY INTERVIEW – 1PM.** Come to the Waupun Senior Center, 301 E Main St, to talk with Mayor Rohn Bishop. The Mayor will introduce himself, give updates on city happenings, and answer questions from the attendees.

**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](http://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 Waste Management will be held the week of October 3, 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](http://www.cityofwaupun.org).

**OCTOBER 6 – 2022 SENIOR EXPO – 9AM TO 1PM.** 50+ exhibitor booths. Door Prizes. Lunch for purchase benefiting the Waupun Kiwanis from 11AM to 1PM. Special events throughout the day. 9:30AM – BINGO. 10AM – Master Gardeners. 11AM – Yoga with Rachel Kaminski, Waupun Senior Center. Noon – Health & Home Safety by the Waupun Fire Dept/EMR. Visit the HearingLife Booth to get your free hearing screening. Hosted at Central Wisconsin Christian School, 301 Fox Lake Rd, Waupun. For more information visit: SeniorExpoCouncil.com

**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.

**OCTOBER 14 & 15 – WAUPUN COMMUNITY PLAYERS PRESENTS Musical Comedy Murders of 1940.** Showtime is 7PM. Tickets: \$10 Adults, \$5 Kids. Cash only. Held at Waupun City Hall, 201 E Main Street.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **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](http://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.waupunareanimalshelter.org](http://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](http://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:** 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](http://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.