

From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun!!

Being the Mayor keeps me busy and I admit I get frustrated and annoyed with how slow government can work. For this week's column, I'm going to update you on several of the issues I'm working on.

First, there are new lights at Waupun Correctional Institution. The prison replaced the old lights with new LED lights and they're much brighter. This has caused a few complaints from neighbors that the lights are too bright. I have spoken with the warden and they are looking into some kind of a cover to help control the light pollution.

Second, we have a speeding problem on Lincoln Street around Dodge Correctional. The street is nice and wide and it's easy to accidentally be speeding. After receiving a complaint about the speeders, I learned that we didn't have any speed limit signs on that stretch of road. The City has now installed a set of Speed Limit 25 signs to hopefully remind drivers to slow down.

Third, we have a guy who leaves cat food out for stray cats to eat and one of his neighbors is frustrated that so many stray cats are hanging around and pooping. The council is looking at tweaking an ordinance to ban this practice, but we'd like more input as we figure many people like feeding animals.

Fourth, I received a couple of requests to install a stop sign at Rounsville and Sommerville Streets. It's currently an uncontrolled intersection and until recently hasn't been a problem. However, due its location near Rock River Intermediate School, at certain times of the year, it's a very busy intersection. Hopefully the council will approve the stop sign at our December meeting.

Fifth, the Windmill is getting some love. The Klompenfest windmill has been inactive in our Heritage Park for several years. A handful of people, including myself, Dawn Bagley, David Lemmenes, and Josh DeJager are working at cleaning it up and getting it back into use. You'll see some work going on and seasonal decorations as we move forward. I'm hopeful that come spring, it can be open and operational for special occasions and be a tourist center on weekends.

Sixth, the Waupun Chamber of Commerce recently announced it has transitioned to the Waupun Business Alliance, an extension of Envision Greater Fond du Lac. They even have a new office at 10 W Main St (next to the Parlor Hair Boutique). This is really exciting news for the Waupun business community. For anyone wanting to know more about Envision Greater Fond du Lac and the Chamber's transition, there are two upcoming Waupun Business Alliance Q&A sessions to help you get in the know. The first opportunity will be this Thursday the 17th at the Britain House at 5:30pm. The second chance to attend will be Tuesday November 29th at 8:00am in their new office at 10 W Main.

Finally, I'm having city staff look into changing our purchasing policies to allow us to buy more things locally, specifically city fleet vehicles. I strongly believe we should do everything we can to support our local businesses as it's the local businesses that sponsor city events, sports teams, jobs, and pay local taxes. In some occasions that may mean paying slightly more, but that's money being reinvested in our community, and that's a good thing.

Thank you and God Bless,
Mayor Rohn

WAUPUN HOLIDAY HELP: Applications are available at Waupun City Hall, Waupun Food Pantry, the National Exchange Bank, and Waupun Area School District offices. It is also available on the Reach Waupun website. Completed applications need to be returned no later than December 1 to City Hall, Food Pantry, or National Exchange Bank. If the application was completed on the Reach Waupun website, the application is automatically submitted. Distribution of gifts and food coupons will be on Saturday, December 10, at the Waupun Fire Department. In addition, we are looking for individuals, families, and organizations from the Waupun area who

would be willing to adopt a family and purchase gifts for their children. Applications for donors can be obtained at City Hall, on the Reach Waupun website, or by contacting Jessica Buchholz at the National Exchange Bank (920-324-5551).

Holiday Waupun Aquatic Pool Pass Special

Get your 2023 Waupun Family Aquatic Center Pool Pass now through December 16, 2022. Holiday Rates: \$150 residential family pass; \$75 residential individual pass; \$175 non-residential family pass, and \$85 non-residential individual pass. The purchaser will be provided with a Christmas Waupun Family Aquatic Center Pool Pass Certificate in which the recipient will redeem next year when the actual passes are being sold. The Family Pass provides for a maximum of 5 members to the pass. If you have more than 5 members, the recipient will need to pay the additional member fee when redeeming the actual pass. The Christmas Waupun Family Aquatic Center Pool Passes can be obtained at City Hall (201 E Main Street, Waupun) in the City Clerk's Office during the hours of 7:30am - 4:00pm, Monday-Friday. For inquiries, please call 920-324-7900.

Count Down to The Holiday Light Contest....

December 8th – Sign up ends – Stop in the office, 300 E Main St or send information through messenger or email admin@mypropertyshoppe.com by the 8th.

December 10th – Contest Begins – Light displays need to be lit from 5PM to 10PM each day of the contest.

December 18th – Prize money delivered

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.

NOVEMBER 12 WAUPUN UMC FALL CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR & BAKE SALE: 9AM to 2PM. Free admission and lunch available to purchase. Held at Waupun United Methodist Church and Wesley Center, 114 S Forest St, Waupun.

NOVEMBER 12: Inspired by Vietnam Recollections & Poetry of 1969. 10AM. Featuring Veteran Gerry Stiemsma. In honor of Veteran's Day, Gerry will be sharing his experiences during the Vietnam War. Join us for what's sure to be a moving program, with the genuine emotion that comes from first hand experience during wartime. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

NOVEMBER 15: CITY INTERVIEW. 1PM. Come to the Waupun Senior Center to talk with Mayor Rohn Bishop. The Mayor will introduce himself, give updates on city happenings, and answer questions from the attendees. Waupun Senior Center, 301 E Main Street.

NOVEMBER 17: LEARN ABOUT CHURCH HEALTH SERVICES. 11:30AM. Church Health Services, Inc. is a faith-based health care organization that conducts clinics for the uninsured and under-insured,. Come learn how Church Health Services medical and non-medical staff and volunteers who offer compassionate medical care, dental care, mental health care, counseling, and more to community residents who have limited resources and even more limited health care options. Waupun Senior Center, 301 E Main Street.

MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY:

NOV 25 – Home Alone – 1PM – PG/1HR 43M

DEC 3 – Christmas Movie Marathon – More info TBA

DEC 28 – Harry Potter & the Half Blood Prince – 1PM – PG/2HR 33M

Brought to you by the Waupun Public Library (123 S Forest Street)

WAUPUN WINTER MARKET

The Winter Markets are held on the 3rd Thursday of the months October thru March from 4PM to 7PM. Join us for a vendor shopping experience from local artisans, direct sales vendors, farmers, crafters and more. Enjoy a food option each month provided by Go-Dutch Solutions. The market is held at Go-Dutch Solutions (328 S Division St). If you would like to be a vendor at the market go to www.godutchsolutions.com. Dates for the market are:

December 15, 2022

January 19, 2023

February 16, 2023

March 16, 2023

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS - states that for a period of 48 hours immediately following an accumulated snowfall of two inches or more, vehicles cannot park on city streets or alleys between the hours of 2:00am and 6:00am. Snowfall is measured at the Waupun Safety Building. During these early morning hours the Public Works Department is out cleaning the streets. If cars are parked on the streets during this time City staff has the authority to have the vehicle removed and stored at the owners expense. For further information regarding winter parking regulations please visit the city website www.cityofwaupun.org (Government, Municipal Codes), and review Chapter 6, Traffic Code section 6.05(5).

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL is addressed in Chapter 7 of our municipal code. Property owners are given 24 hours after the end of a snowfall to remove snow and ice from sidewalks. Failure to do so is cause for the city to clean up the area and will result in a minimum fee of \$100.00. The City provides notice of these winter rules in the local paper and will put door hangers on any property they have to clean up. Pictures of the property are taken before the property is cleaned for verification of violation. Visit the city website, and review Chapter 7, sections 7.07 and 7.08 for additional information on snow and ice removal requirements. You can also call City Hall or the Police Department for further clarification.

FOND DU LAC COVID-19 TESTING MOVING INDOORS FOR COLDER WEATHER Beginning Monday October 31, 2022, COVID-19 testing held at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds will move to the lobby of the Expo Center to accommodate for the colder weather. The Expo Center is building "R" on the Fairgrounds Map. When arriving for testing, individuals may park in the Expo Center Lot and enter through the main doors of the Expo Center. Testing will be walk-through instead of drive-through. The days of the week and times at this site remain the same: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8:00am-4:30pm. Testing will continue to be available at Ripon College on Mondays from 11:30am-4:30pm through December 19, 2022. As a reminder, anyone ages 2 or older can utilize these testing sites. Symptoms are not required. No appointments, insurance, or identification is required. Although appointments are not required, individuals must have an account with CovidConnect2. If an individual has received COVID-19 testing from Accelerated Clinical Labs after 8/3/2022, they do not have to create a new account. Accelerated Clinical Laboratories will provide test results in 1-2 days. Individuals may find additional testing sites within Fond du Lac County by visiting our website, or throughout the state by visiting the DHS website. Contact: Kim Mueller, Health Officer, kim.mueller@fdlco.wi.gov (920) 929-3085.

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 AREA 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 or you can email at info@waupunchamber.com. The Waupun Chamber is located at 10 W 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: 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.