

From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend and a successful deer hunt. Around Waupun things remain busy as we enter the Christmas season. For this week's column I want to cover many of the issues we've been working on and keep everyone up to speed, so here we go!

The spotlight that illuminates the End of the Trail Sculpture at night has burned out. The Department of Public Works is aware of it and a new light is ordered, hopefully next week the EOT will be lit up again at night.

A new stop sign was approved for the intersection of Rounsville and Sommerville streets. This had been an uncontrolled intersection, and with fall youth sports and other school activities that take place in the field behind Rock River Intermediate, that intersection has busy times along with many kids walking or biking. After a few close calls, several neighbors reached out to me and requested a stop sign, and I was happy to help.

You will also see some Speed Limit 25 signs up on Lincoln Street around DCI. It's a nice wide street and traffic was excessively speeding, so hopefully the signs help remind people to check their speedometers.

The transition to GFL for garbage and recycling continues. If your garbage isn't picked up, please call city hall. We do follow up on every miss. For more information about the transition, please refer to previous posts on either the City of Waupun Municipal Government Page, or my mayoral Facebook Page.

City staff are looking at our Purchasing Policy because I would really like the city to buy more stuff locally if possible. Local businesses are the backbone to a community like Waupun. They employ local people, pay local taxes, support local events, sports teams, and some even allow employees to leave work to respond as volunteer firefighters. I understand all the budget restraints, and the need to look after your hard-earned tax dollars, but at the same time, when a dollar is spent in Waupun, it gets spent seven more times before leaving Waupun. When we purchase something out of town, that money is just gone. I would like to support the businesses who support Waupun.

Planning for the Recording Angel Centennial Rededication continues. If you'd wish to help out or donate towards this, please let me know and I'll pass it along.

The sculpture themed wayfinding signage should be in soon. The new logos featuring silhouettes of the Shaler Sculptures look really good! Thank you to Destination Lake Winnebago Region and all of you who have donated for the updated signs. Next up will be new "Welcome to Waupun" signs that will feature the End of the Trail and say "City of Sculpture"

Did you see the Windmill? It has some nice Christmas lights on it for the season. Thank you to Dawn Bagley and David Lemmenes for helping with that.

Finally, I'm pleased to welcome Andrew Sullivan to the Board of Public Works and Jason Whitford to the Plan Commission. I'm very thankful for the citizens who are willing to donate a couple hours a month to serve on a city board, commission, or committee.

Thank you and God Bless,
Mayor Rohn

DECEMBER 10 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 2022: The Waupun Fire and Police Departments are hosting the 4th annual Breakfast with Santa event benefitting the Waupun Food Pantry.

Breakfast will be buffet style, and available throughout the event. Come for great food, fun holiday activities and free pictures with our very own Santa! We will have some fire trucks and squad cars at the event for kids to check out as well. Write a letter to Santa and he will respond.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. with Santa arriving around 10:30.

Each non-perishable food donation gets you an entry to win a family pool pass (donated by the City of Waupun) for the 2023 season.

Tickets are available: Adults - \$8, Kids - \$5.

Tickets can be purchased at Fox Valley Savings Bank, Waupun City Hall, or by contacting Nate Schears @ 920-602-2095.

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.

December 1 - 3rd Annual Wheels & Reels at Tanner Park (503 E Spring St). Park your car & tune into the assigned radio station and watch The Polar Express. Two showings: 5PM and 6:45PM.

December 2 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony – 5:15PM. Join us this Friday at 5:15pm for a Tree Lighting Ceremony with a short, encouraging speech from our Mayor, Mayor Rohn Bishop - City of Waupun. Tree will be decorated and lit at 421 E Main St.

December 2 Christmas Parade – 6:30PM

Parade Route: Start at St. Joseph's, going East on Main Street and turning North onto Fond du Lac Street back to St Joseph's.

Let's talk Parade: The Christmas Parade and the community need you to join in the holiday fun; you can create a float, give a monetary donation or little gift for the children's bags that will be handed out by Santa. Ideas for bags would be candy, hot chocolate, little toys, coloring items etc. When you join in the fun your business will be recognized on the parade route (Main Street) Line-up time: 5:45PM. Questions, contact Kelly Miller at 920-296-0913 or kelly@mypropertyshoppe.com or Rachel Darnick at 920-382-4237 or admin@mypropertyshoppe.com

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

December 15th – Trolley Rides from 5PM to 8PM. Leave from My Property Shoppe

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.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.