

From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun and Happy New Year,

As we begin 2023, I'm excited for what's ahead! We begin 2023 with a new garbage company in hopes of improving service. We have patched up the railroad crossing; with a June 13th date to begin the total reconstruction. Ground was broken on United Co-Op's \$44 million project in our business park. We're returning Waupun to being the "City of Sculpture," and to reflect this change, we modified our new wayfinding signs and started displaying our city flag. We launched the Waupun Community Fund, and they used their first donation to pave the road at the entrance of Shaler Park/Forrest Mound Cemetery.

I want to keep this momentum of success going through 2023. I'm hopeful to weave the sculptures and our branding throughout Waupun, with new "Welcome to Waupun" signs, decorative banners, murals, benches, and public art throughout Waupun, highlighting our sculptures.

Along with this, I have long-term goals of adding to our sculpture collection, probably with a sculpture of Clarence Shaler, and one of Hans Heg. I'd also like for Waupun to host a Native American themed art fair at Shaler Park.

I am still VERY committed to expanding child care for working families, including using a significant portion of our ARPA funding towards this goal. I want a two-prong approach. One, helping a current day care expand, and two, helping a second daycare provider get started, preferably in an empty building.

I'm also committed to using ARPA dollars to cover any cost overruns for our new Community/Senior Center and for youth sports. I recently read an article that explained people are choosing where to live based on quality-of-life offerings, and employers are following people. It's important Waupun continues to have a high quality of life, and is a great place to live, work, and play!

I will continue to use my position as Mayor to advocate for and "lobby" on behalf of Waupun. As the legislature comes back into session, you will see me raising awareness to the struggles of smaller cities in the era of shrinking shared revenues. You will also be hearing me talk about MSP payments, which are payments the state agrees to pay Waupun because we offer services to the prisons. Many people aren't aware that the state has been underfunding these payments by more than 60 percent for over a decade. Had the state just been paying what they're supposed to, we'd be able to purchase the new fire truck we need.

If we're able to get the funding formula corrected, I'll be pushing to use the money for street maintenance and public safety. Why public safety? Well, our firefighters need safety upgrades because America is seeing an increased number of firefighters getting cancer. Over at the police department, we need more help in the area of helping people who are struggling with a mental health crisis. (I'll write more about those issues moving forward.)

Despite some hurdles from the council, I am remaining committed to purchasing locally. The same week a local car dealer stepped up to sponsor Celebrate Waupun, the council voted 4-1 to buy a vehicle from out of town. That drives me nuts!

Anyway, a lot of positive things happened in 2022, and we're using the positive attention to help promote Waupun, and we've put Waupun "on the map" as a great community that people want to visit, and move to!

Waupun is a great little city! We're one of the safest cities in Wisconsin, we have the best drinking water, nicest people, a historic downtown, awesome parks, good schools, lots of youth sports options, and of course, our sculptures!

Happy New Year Waupun! And here's to an exciting 2023

PS.

I am hosting two ARPA listening sessions:

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7 pm – Waupun City Hall, 201 E Main Street, Council Chambers

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 1 pm – Waupun Senior Center, 301 E Main Street

Thank you and God Bless,

Mayor Rohn

JANUARY 9 – FRIENDS OF WAUPUN LIBRARY BOOK SALE – 10AM TO 6PM.

It's property tax time!

1st Installment is due on or before January 31, 2023

2nd Installment is due on or before July 31, 2023

There are several ways for you to make your City of Waupun property tax bill payment.

In Person - 201 E. Main Street, Waupun Monday thru Friday 7:30AM - 4:00 PM Cash/Check/Credit Card Payments accepted. (A fee will be charged for credit card payments.)

Drop Box - Property tax payments may be placed in the Drop Box located inside the City Hall entrance on Forest Street. The Drop Box is accessible 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Pay by Mail - Send a check to City of Waupun, Attn: City Treasurer, 201 E. Main Street, Waupun, WI 53963. The envelope must be postmarked by the due date.

Pay Online - <https://www.cityofwaupun.org/finance/page/property-taxes> to make a payment. A convenience fee will be applied to your payment during processing. (Note that this online payment service will be available until January 25 at 11:59 pm)

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:

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 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 – Vacant.

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.