

## From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun!

As I write this weekly column, it's another dark, gloomy, cold, and snowy day. I always try to be optimistic, and take hope in knowing it's only 50 days until Daylight Savings Time and 59 days until Spring!

This past Tuesday we hosted our second listening session on ARPA funding. Between city staff, and city residents, we have acquired a list of close to \$20 million worth of needs. The next step will be for the council to meet in a workshop session and discuss the list, and figure out how to prioritize the needs.

I don't know what our final decisions will be, and this is not an easy decision, but I am proud that we're considering everything and being very open. We understand that there's about 11,000 different ideas and opinions, including a few residents who want us to send the money back to Washington. Every idea is being considered. At the council level, we remain committed to doing the most good for the most people.

These listening sessions have been very beneficial and have allowed city staff, residents, and elected officials to learn of the needs in our community. Hopefully, this helps groups raise awareness of their struggles and help with funding goals.

Speaking of fundraising, I had the honor of participating in a ceremonial puck drop before the Waupun Hockey Alumni game. The game helped kick off Waupun Hockey's fundraising project to save the ice in the community center. If you don't know, the refrigeration system that keeps the ice is very old and nearing its end, and if it were to die, we would have no hockey and no figure skating. It's a very costly project, too, coming in at close to \$900,000.

Hockey hosts many tournaments, and those events bring many people to Waupun. They spend the night, eat out, and help support our local economy. Stay tuned as hockey continues to work to raise money, and hopefully, I'll see you soon at one of their events!

As mayor, I hear from a lot of people, and I've been getting a lot of code enforcement and reckless driving concerns. As for the code enforcement, we are still looking for a part time code enforcement person. In the meantime, we are being more aggressive in issuing citations, but unfortunately, writing a citation is often all we can really do.

If you're interested in being the part time code enforcement person, please let us know!

When it comes to reckless driving, the problem really is lack of patience. I know everyone is in a hurry, but I hear a lot about speeding cars, blowing stop signs, and not stopping for pedestrians at a crosswalk. Some residents are so fed up they write down license plates and vehicle descriptions for me.

When these complaints come in, I always pass them along to our Police Department, and we do move squad cars to better enforce different areas. Sometimes this works great, other times not so much, but if you're seeing a problem do let us know. We can't address it if we don't hear about it.

Thank you and God Bless,  
Mayor Rohn

## **CITY OF WAUPUN REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAXES DUE – JANUARY 31ST**

Be reminded - A minimum of the 1<sup>st</sup> Installment of your real estate tax bill is due to the City Treasurer no later than January 31, 2023.

Mailed payments postmarked no later than Jan. 31 are processed as timely!

If tax payments are not made or postmarked no later than the due date, the installment option is lost and the total tax is delinquent and subject to penalty and interest charges. See reverse side of property tax bill for complete explanation.

After January 31<sup>st</sup>, all payments are to be issued and directed to the County Treasurer no later than 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** – Mail a check to City of Waupun, Attn: City Treasurer, 201 E. Main Street, Waupun, WI 53963. The envelope must be postmarked no later than the due date.

**Pay Online** – **Until January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm**, you may pay your tax bill on line at

<https://www.cityofwaupun.org/finance/page/property-taxes>. A convenience fee will be applied to your payment during processing.

**JANUARY 21 - WAUPUN HOCKEY 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PINK OUT THE RINK:** Come out and support Waupun High School Hockey's 11th annual Pink out the Rink. The proceeds from this event will go to local recipient Alicia Schweder and her fight against breast cancer.

Varsity-Puck will drop at 7pm.

There will be raffle baskets, bake sale, 50/50 and chuck-a-puck to help raise funds.

Admission is \$5 a person. Fans wearing the 2022-2023 Pink Out shirt receive free admission.

### **The City of Waupun Tuesday, February 21, 2023 Spring Primary Election**

**What's on my ballot?**

**For this primary election, there are two races: Municipal Judge and Justice of the Supreme Court**

Access <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> and click on the WHATS ON MY BALLOT tile

**Where do I vote and what are the hours of voting on Election Day?**

Voting is held at the City Hall, located at 201 E Main Street. You may take the steps to enter the front of City Hall or enter the lower level-west entrance door to access the elevator. Voting hours are 7:00am to 8:00pm.

**Can I vote early in-person?**

Yes, you may vote in person in the City Hall Clerk's Office from January 31-February 16, 2023 Monday-Friday (8:00am to 4:00pm) and February 17 (8:00am to 5:00pm)

**What is the last day I can vote early in-person?**

The last day you can vote early in-person is Friday, February 17, 2023 by 5pm

**Can I get a ballot mailed to me?**

Yes, there are several ways you can request a ballot be mailed to you:

1. Access <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> and click on Vote Absentee
2. Complete the WI Elections Commission Absentee Ballot Request form and return it to the City Clerk <https://elections.wi.gov/search/node?keys=el-121>
3. Email the City Clerk [angie@cityofwaupun.org](mailto:angie@cityofwaupun.org) making a request for a ballot be mailed to you. Provide your full name, Waupun address, date of birth and the full address of where you would like it mailed. If we do not have a copy of your photo ID on file, you will receive an email making request for the document before a ballot can be placed in the mail.

**What is the last date I can request an absentee ballot be mailed to me?**

The last date you can request for a ballot be mailed to you is Thursday, February 16th by 5:00pm

**How do I return the absentee ballot that was mailed to me?**

There are several ways to return your voted ballot:

1. Postal Mail. When the Clerk mails you the ballot, included is a return envelope which postage is already applied. Be sure to have your signature and the signature/address of your witness on the exterior of the return envelope or it will be returned to you.

2. In-person. You may return **YOUR** voted ballot in the sealed return envelope **during** the City Clerk office hours (Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm). **YOU CAN NO LONGER PLACE THEM IN THE DROP BOX. YOU CAN NO LONGER BRING IN ANYONE ELSE'S VOTED BALLOT.**

#### When do I have to have my absentee ballot to the City Clerk to be counted?

Your voted ballot, with your signature and the signature/address of your witness on the exterior of the return envelope, must be in the hands of the Clerk, no later than 8:00pm on Election Day.

#### If I have questions on anything related to voting, who do I call?

Please contact Angie Hull, City of Waupun City Clerk/Treasurer at 920-324-7915 or email [angie@cityofwaupun.org](mailto:angie@cityofwaupun.org)

**Mark your calendars!** The Waupun Area School District **4-year-old** kindergarten registration begins **February 1, 2023**. To attend 4-year-old kindergarten, students must be 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Registration for the 2023-24 school year will be online beginning Feb. 1, 2023. Directions are below:** 4K registration information can be found on the Waupun Area School District webpage ([www.waupun.k12.wi.us](http://www.waupun.k12.wi.us)) by clicking the black box that says "4K Program". Here you will find the 4K information sheet, brochure, handbook and link to the registration. The information is currently available **but the registration for the 2023-24 school year will not be activated until February 1, 2023.**

**FEBRUARY 15 - WAUPUN AREA ANIMAL SHELTER CHILI SUPPER:** 3:30PM TO 6PM. \$8 ADULTS. \$6 KIDS. Meal includes bowl of chili or ham & potato soup, bread, milk and dessert. Held at UCC Church, 125 Beaver Dam Street.

#### WAUPUN WINTER MARKET

The Winter Markets are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.godutchsolutions.com). Dates for the market are:

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](http://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 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: 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.