

## From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun!

For this week's column I want to take several quick hits on a bunch of things going on around Waupun. So, buckle up and here we go....

Spring yard clean up dates have been set for April 10<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Get your yard waste to the curb (not in the street) and we'll haul it away for you!

Get those mattresses ready!! Bulk pickup is right around the corner: April 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.

I'm hosting a budget listening session on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 at city hall. This is our chance to talk with Senator Dan Feyen and Rep. Michael Schraa about the budget issues facing Waupun.

At the March Common Council meeting we had the privilege of honoring Roland Yohn on his retirement from the Waupun Fire Department after 37 years of service! Thank you, Rollie, for all your years serving the good people of Waupun. You never knew when the pager might go off, yet you were always there to help others in their time of need, and as a community we appreciate your service!

The Waupun Historical Society opened their new exhibit "A Bronze Age: The Life & Legacy of Clarence Shaler." I encourage you to stop in and check it out! Zac, Kyle, Steve, and the gang have done an awesome job of cleaning up the museum, cataloging all the items, and putting together exhibits that tell our story, the story of Waupun!

Speaking of Mr. Shaler and the sculptures, I'm getting really excited for the Centennial Rededication for the Recording Angel, on October 7 at 10am. Former Mayor Kyle Clark, and Sue Hafemeyer from Waupun Fine Arts are doing a great job putting together an awesome event to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Waupun's first sculpture. I think it's super cool that the Waupun Historical Society, Fine Arts, Office of the Mayor, Waupun School District, Central Wisconsin Christian, the Community Players, and the City of Waupun, are all coming together to celebrate this milestone.

While each sculpture is unique and tells a different story, all the sculptures together tell the story of Mr. Shaler, and his remarkable gifts to our community. It's important that we not forget his legacy or take it for granted. Thanks to Mr. Shaler, we are "Wisconsin's Sculpture City" and I think we should be dang proud of it!

Waupun Fine Arts has released the schedule for this July's Concerts in the Park. July 6 is the "Del Rays," July 13 the Beaver Dam Community Band, July 20 "The Characters" and July 27, what appears to be the local favorite, "Acoustic Grove". These concerts are an amazing way to enjoy a beautiful Thursday night in Waupun. With food, drinks, good music, and friends. I hope to see you there.

County Executive Sam Kaufman and I are putting together a walk through the county park, as the county is preparing to invest into the park. A beautiful park located on the river; the park is in need of a face lift. I'm thankful to Executive Kaufman, along with County Board Supervisors Mike Beer and Jon Venhuizen for committing to making the park great again!

As Mayor, I receive dozens of messages a day. From texts, calls, private messenger, to emails; some days I get as many as 20+. I tell you this because I know every once in a while, I'm slow to responding. I promise it's nothing personal, and I do take your concern seriously, but I'm just one guy doing a part time job the best I can. I encourage you to always copy in your alderman, too. That way if I do miss it, someone else will see it.

Saturday March 25 is the annual Team Trivia Challenge in support of the Waupun Booster Club. With a homemade buffet style dinner, refreshments, desserts, basket raffle, and a 50/50, it's a blast and a great way to support Waupun athletics! For more information, please contact the super awesome Marla Stilwill at [mstilwill@waupun.k12.wi.us](mailto:mstilwill@waupun.k12.wi.us).

Is your daughter interested in playing softball? Registration is now open until March 31st. You can register at [www.waupunsoftball.com](http://www.waupunsoftball.com) or text Jason Westphal. He's friendly, I promise!

City hall will be closed on April 7<sup>th</sup> in honor of the Good Friday holiday.

Thank you and God Bless,  
Mayor Rohn

## **The City of Waupun Tuesday, April 4, 2023 Spring Election**

### **What's on my ballot?**

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 March 21-30, 2023 Monday-Friday (8:00am to 4:00pm) and March 31 (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, March 31, 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, March 30 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)

## **WAUPUN UTILITIES EMPLOYMENT**

Waupun Utilities has an opening within the utility's electric department for a **Line Technician – Journey Level**. The position requires successful completion of a recognized lineworker vocational training school and journeyman

certification. A High Step Apprentice would be considered. Municipal line work experience is preferred. A valid Wisconsin Driver's license and CDL license with air break certification is required.

This position includes skilled work in the construction, maintenance, and repair of overhead and underground electrical distribution and transmission system in accordance with standard trade practices. Employees frequently work with high voltage wires and under unfavorable weather conditions, requiring skill and care. This position also entails climbing, lifting and carrying heavy objects. Must be able to report for duty within 20 minutes for standby and callout situations. Employment is subject to background investigation, including past drug and alcohol testing records and post-hire physical exam.

Waupun Utilities offers a competitive benefit package including: Medical, Dental, Vision, Short and Long-Term Disability, Life Insurance as well as the State of Wisconsin Retirement Plan (WRS), which is a defined benefit pension plan. Our employees enjoy an excellent work environment.

An application form and job description are available on our website – [www.waupunutilities.com](http://www.waupunutilities.com) or at Waupun Utilities, 817 South Madison Street, Waupun, WI 53963. Waupun Utilities is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

This position will remain open until filled. Return completed application and resume to:

Waupun Utilities

Attn: General Manager

817 S. Madison St.

Waupun, WI 53963

OR

[waupunutilities@waupunutilities.org](mailto:waupunutilities@waupunutilities.org)

**MARCH 28 – WOOD FLOWER ARRANGING. 1PM & 6PM.** Lisa with Mackford Home & Gifts will take you through the art of arranging Sola wood flowers in a charming display for your home. Registration is required, space is limited. Secure your spot with payment of \$5 at the library. Held at Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

**APRIL 3, 4, 5 BULK PICK-UP** - The Spring bulk item pick-up with Advanced Disposal Services will be held the week of April 3, 2023. 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).

**APRIL 10- MAY 1 SPRING YARD WASTE PICKUP:** The City's Spring Yard Waste pick-up is designated for April 10, 2023 thru May 1, 2023 (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.

**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.**

**MAY 13 – CITY WIDE RUMMAGE SALE**

**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](mailto: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 – Bobbi Jo Kunz 920-392-9366.

#### **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:** 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.