

From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun,

This past Wednesday was my one-year anniversary as mayor, and there are times this job can be stressful and lead to sleepless nights. There are several big issues we as a city are trying to tackle, including the housing shortage, day care shortage, budget restraints, a new staffing model for our Fire and Rescue Department, and of course doing a better job at code enforcement.

Every once in a while, an issue pops up out of nowhere, that has folks fired up, and one of those issues is the Community Garden.

As you know, the Community Garden was located on Grace Street behind the old school when the Historical Society was there. There were no issues that I know of, and that location proved popular, until that spot was chosen as the site for the new Senior/Community Center. So, the decision was made to move the garden out by the truck stop. Then that site was purchased for development of a new business and the garden was moved to Moorman Dr out in the Business Park for last summer.

Several issues arose; including that when we had heavy rains in May, the garden flooding and ruined some tomatoes (and I heard about it!), the soil wasn't the best, and it was located in an isolated and desolate area which raised safety concerns.

Over the winter, several members of the Community Garden were reaching out to me and asking for a new location for the garden. At just about every event I attended for a while, someone would ask me about the garden. I met with our city administrator about these requests and we put it on the agenda for the Board of Public Works' March 14th meeting. The head of the garden group was present and a few locations were discussed, and the board selected an empty, city owned lot on Welch Street, and it appeared we were ready to have a community garden....Until Tuesday night.

At Tuesday night's common council meeting, several residents of Welch Street attended the meeting and spoke out against having the community garden in their neighborhood. Their concerns included noise, traffic, parked cars, and pesticides. They recommend we move it to a city park and left a list of locations for us to consider. Because of this, the council will re-visit the community garden location on Tuesday night at 5:30.

If you have strong opinions one way or the other about a community garden, and where to put it, I encourage you to contact your alderman and to attend the meeting.

In other news: We appear to be on track with replacing the Main Street railroad crossing the week of June 13. The railroad has been asked to check some of the other crossings in the city, as many are in bad shape, but obviously the Main Street crossing is of the highest concerns. I am excited to announce that at the completion of the project, DPW Director Jeff Danne and myself will stand at the crossing holding yellow barricade tape as Trayton Greenfield drives the first car over the new crossing! If you'd like to be in the Cadillac with Trayton, just let him know.

Planning for the Recording Angel Centennial Rededication is going very well. We do need some donations to help cover our cost. We're looking for a presenting sponsor for about \$1,000, someone to sponsor the VFW/Legion Color Guard at about \$400, and regular sponsorships to help pay for the brochure and other cost at around \$150. I will be sponsoring the poem contest and the winner with a \$200 donation. If you're interested in donating, please contact either myself, Mayor Kyle Clark, or Sue Hafemeyer at radiowaupun@gmail.com.

Thank you and God Bless,
Mayor Rohn

FREE TREES – Good News! Living Lands & Waters (LLW) Million Trees Project will be donating trees again. We should be receiving about 900 trees here in the city of Waupun. The trees are free and will be available at the City

Garage at 903 N Madison St. between 7am and 3pm until they are gone. This year they are offering Hickory, Swamp White Oak, and Red Oak. The trees are FREE! They will be 1-3' tall bare rooted saplings. They should be available on April 14th.

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.

APRIL 26 WAUPUN PUBLIC LIBRARY: A HISTORY. 6PM. Join us to recount the rich history of the Waupun Public Library, from its humble beginnings in the insurance office of Edwin Hillyer, to Waupun being chosen to receive Carnegie funds for a dedicated library building, to the present-day gem on Forest Street. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

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 1st.

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) 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

WAUPUN 2023 HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING:

Saturday, October 28 – 1PM to 4PM – Downtown Promotions "Halloween on Main"
4PM to 6PM – City Wide Trick-Or-Treating

WAUPUN AQUATIC CENTER POOL PASSES: City Hall will be selling pool passes from April 10 to June 2.

Individual Season Pass:

Resident - \$90

Non-Resident - \$100

Family Season Pass (5):

Family Season Pass is intended for immediate family only; all family members must reside at the same address.

5 Family Members to a Family Season Pass

Resident - \$180

Non-Resident - \$200

A maximum of 7 family members per Family Season Pass

An additional 2 family members can be added for \$10 each.

Daily Pass: (Purchase at the Pool)

Ages 3 years and under FREE

Ages 4 years and older \$6

Senior 60+ Discount \$2

Please note that all patrons are required to pay to enter the Waupun Family Aquatic Center; weather swimming or not.

CITY OF WAUPUN PARK PROGRAM: Are your kids ready for fun in the park? This year's summer park drop-in program will be filled with new activities. From art exploration to interactive play to special events, your kids won't want to miss this summer fun. Each week, we will follow an activity schedule at our parks with all the equipment

and supplies needed to play and create.

Click on the link to join in on the fun! Registration and fee: <https://forms.gle/DUowrXS8dRUdUG198>

Ages: 7+ (Under 7 years old with a caregiver)

Dates: June 12 – August 18, 2023 (Closed on July 4. May cancel due to bad weather and staff availability.)

Regular Locations: Dodge Park, Pine Street Park & West End Park

Times: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – Noon & 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Special Event Locations Listed on Calendar: Waupun Public Library, Harris Mill Park, Community Center, Aquatic Center, Field Trip

Contact: Rachel Kaminski at 920-324-7930 or parks@cityofwaupun.org

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 – 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 BUSINESS ALLIANCE

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 Business Alliance at 920-324-3491 Monday – Friday, 8AM to 5PM or you can email at info@envisiongreaterfdl.com. The Waupun Business Alliance 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 vary with each park. To reserve a park, call 324-7930. Leave a message if no one answers. For more information: <https://www.cityofwaupun.org/parksrec/page/parks-and-recreation-home>. 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.