

## From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun!

Greetings from Rochester, Minnesota! At least that's where I should be when you're reading this. This week I'm writing this column at 4:00 AM on Friday morning and then packing to cheer on my daughters at a national dance competition through Waupun's Just for Kix program. Unfortunately, this landed on the same weekend as two events I really would have liked to have attended.

On Saturday night, Central Wisconsin Christian is celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Even though I can't be there, Mr. Zonnefeld does have a Mayoral Proclamation congratulating them on this achievement that I was able to present to them at the Waupun Business Alliance banquet a few weeks ago. Congratulations to CWC and all the families who work hard and sacrifice to give their kids a Christ based education.

On Friday night is the City of Waupun Employee Banquet. I'm heartbroken to have to miss this event that thanks the hard work of our city staff. Originally, we had the banquet scheduled a couple weeks earlier so that I could attend, but the event had to be pushed back due to scheduling conflicts, and this weekend worked best for city employees.

In an era of shrinking revenues, a tight labor market, and high inflation, we're asking more and more from our team, with fewer people and no ability to keep up with wage growth. One example is back in 2002 our DPW team had 17 employees. They're down to 13 employees, and nowadays we have more parks to maintain, roadways to plow, and buildings to fix. It's gotten so bad that our Public Works director has been coming in on Saturdays to help with things like the community garden, simply because they're running out of time during the week. These budget cuts along with a growing list of demands are making many feel unappreciated, and I get it. That's why I feel awful about not being able to attend and say "thank you" myself. I can tell you that this Mayor sure does appreciate all the hard work that goes on to help keep Waupun a great little city!

I want to use this column to thank everyone who works under the umbrella of the City of Waupun for all they do. From handling payroll and permits at city hall, to restoring power after a thunderstorm, Waupun is blessed to have a dedicated crew who really care about our community!

In other news:

The Community Garden will be taking a year off as we look for a new location. This is unfortunate as close to half the produce grown at the garden is donated to the Waupun Food Pantry, but the residents who live around the empty city owned lot where we were going to put it objected, so the gardeners asked to just skip this year. Hopefully next spring the Community Garden will be back and better than ever!

Speaking of that empty lot. It's an old road right of way for Brown Street and is just a lot that the city maintains, for no real reason. Because of this, I've requested city staff look into selling it off. There's really no reason for the taxpayers to be maintaining it.

The Waupun Lions Club is having a "Watch your Balls Drop" contest. Each ball you purchase for \$10 could win you \$1,000 and the proceeds from this fun contest are being donated to the Waupun Fire Department to help construct a wash/decontamination station for our brave firefighters. For more information, please contact Jan at [janharmen2020@gmail.com](mailto:janharmen2020@gmail.com).

At the city level we'll be spending the next few months working on some ordinances, and increasing inspections, to help clean up some properties around Waupun. We've seen an increase in beached vehicles in front lawns, washed out mud pits as driveways, commercial properties operating in violation of both zoning and fire codes, and living conditions at some rental properties that are disgraceful.

We're also moving forward with a staffing study for our Fire and Rescue Department. As you know, we're struggling to have enough available firefighters to fight daytime fires and our ambulance service is missing more and more

911 ambulance calls. Once we complete our staffing study, we will be holding community listening sessions and city-wide surveys to gauge public opinions. Maintaining a fire and rescue service that'll show up about 9 minutes after you call 911 won't be cheap, so this will be a community decision. Stay tuned as we move forward as your input will be asked for.

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 29 & APRIL 30 WAUPUN FARM TOY SALE & TRACTOR SHOW.** Saturday Hours: 10AM to 5PM. Sunday Hours: 9AM to 2PM. Held at the Waupun Community Center, 510 E Spring Street.

**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 9 ADULT CRAFT NIGHT 6PM TO 7PM – PAINTED CANVAS BAGS:** Give these adorable little canvas bags a personal touch with paint. Held at Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

**MAY 13 – CITY WIDE RUMMAGE SALE**

**MAY 23 CONTAINER GARDENING 6:30PM:** Everyone likes to have some color at the doorstep or on the deck. Dodge County Certified Master Gardener Carol Shirk will guide you in making the perfect container garden. But, did you know that containers are not just for flowers? The is presentation bring you a bevy of knowledge as well as a visual demonstration! One lucky attendee will take home a container garden door prize! Held at Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

**MAY 29 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE/PROGRAM:** 9AM. Parade line up will begin at 8:30am at St Joseph Catholic Church. The parade starts at St Joseph Catholic church and will proceed to Shaler Park (if rain it will be held at the Waupun Community Center) where following the parade ceremonies will be held to honor our past military personal who have served and died. If there are individuals or service clubs interested in participating in the parade, please contact LaMont Page at (920) 296-3040 or by email, [pagelam@icloud.com](mailto:pagelam@icloud.com).

**MAY 31 SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESSES – HORICON BANK 6PM:** Our spotlight on local businesses continues with Horicon Bank, a local bank that started in 1896. Melissa Teeter will share tips and tricks in a program she titled "Protecting Yourself from Scams", where she will discuss how to protect yourself from scams and avoid becoming a victim of fraud. Held at Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

**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](mailto: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 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.