

From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun!

You've probably noticed that the past two Sundays the Tornado Warning Sirens have sounded at Noon for three minutes. This is being caused by a glitch in the software that Fond du Lac County uses for emergency management. Fond du Lac County is working to fix the glitch.

Last week, I was able to ride along with Public Works Director Jeff Danne to rate streets. Rating the streets is mandated by state law, and it allows us to track the conditions of the streets. Each street is divided into sections, and each section gets a rating of 1 to 10. The lower the rating, the higher the street is on our street reconstruction priority list. I really enjoy tagging along and experiencing the work of our city employees first hand!

Also last week, the Waupun Fire Department had what may well be the busiest week in the long history of the department. Last Wednesday alone, the Fire Department was paged out for a traffic crash, a gas leak, and then a rather large apartment fire; that was all in just one day! This ever-increasing call volume is causing us challenges to have enough volunteers who are able to leave work to respond to emergencies. This, along with increasing ambulance calls, is why we're looking at changing the staffing model for the department to include some more help. I'm worried if we don't get them some help that we're going to burn our firefighters out, so you'll be hearing me talk about this issue a lot going forward.

Some good news! The state legislature has heard our budgetary concerns and is working on getting us some much-needed help. First, it looks like Waupun may be receiving a \$350,000 boost in Shared Revenues, while at the same time, Senator Feyen, and Representative Schraa are pushing hard for an increase in MSP (Mutual Service Provider) payments. These are payments from the state to offset our cost of offering services to the state-owned properties. While I'm cautiously optimistic that this will pass, I do want to personally thank Dan Feyen and Michael Schraa for going to bat for Waupun! They really are trying to get us some much-needed relief.

Representative Schraa is also pushing very hard for pay increases for correctional officers, and again I'm grateful for his commitment to our hard-working corrections staff.

Some quick reminders: The Summer Parks program Kick Off party is coming up on June 8 at West End Park. The Waupun Police Department's Bike Rodeo is on June 15. The Historical Society's Summer Cemetery Walk is June 17, and their Downtown Memorial Walk is currently ongoing. Get downtown and check it out!

Last, but not least, this Sunday from 2-4 pm is a meat raffle fundraiser in support of The Recording Angel Rededication Ceremony. The meat raffle will be held at the Other Bar, and I hope to see you there.

Thank you and God Bless,
Mayor Rohn

CELEBRATE WAUPUN JUNE 23 THRU JUNE 25: Waupun's FREE festival featuring Music, Fireworks, Carnival Rides, Car Show, Waupun Firefighters Water Barrel Fights, Sculpture Tours, Kiddie Pedal Pull, Marsh Haven Monarchs & Milkweed program, Bags Tournament, Karaoke, BINGO, Friday Fish Fry, Community Worship Service & much, much more! Tanner Park (across from the Community Center), 510 E Spring Street, Waupun, WI 53963. For more information check out www.waupunfestivals.com the Waupun Festivals Inc Facebook page.

Advanced sales for the Celebrate Waupun Ride Megabands from The A&P Carnival are on sale at Waupun's Piggly Wiggly and at hometowntickets.com. Tickets are \$75 at the Gate and \$50 in advance! This megaband is to ride all weekend June 23, 24, 25. HUGE Savings!

JUNE 13 ADULT CRAFT NIGHT 6PM TO 7PM WOODEN STARS: Just in time for Independence Day, we have a set of wooden stars for you to make your own! Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

JUNE 15 BIKE RODEO 5PM TO 6:30PM: Free event for children, ages 12 and under, to learn about bike safety from Waupun Police Officers. Children should bring their bikes and helmets to the event, parents will need to complete a participation waiver. Any children in need of a helmet will be fitted and provided one free of charge. Bicycles will be also be licensed for free at the event. Many amazing prizes given away including new bicycles, all children leave with a prize! Held at the Waupun Community Center, 510 E Spring St. Event by Waupun Police Department and Waupun Kiwanis Club.

JUNE 20 HORICON MARSH HISTORY 6PM: Join Marsh Haven Nature Center director, Renee Wahlen, & learn about the fascinating history of the Horicon Marsh – from Lake Horicon, to farmland, to a national wildlife refuge – this Wetland of International importance has a long & storied past. Renee will present a program with historic photos & artifacts, & send you home with resources to help you explore and discover more about the Horicon Marsh area. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

JUNE 27 SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESS – FOX COMPUTER & NETWORKING featuring Dylan Weber. Out next local business has operated in Waupun since 2008. Dylan will be talking “Cyber Security” with us, from the basics of browsers, best practices for password & privacy measures, and identifying threats in emails. Held at the 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

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 7:00am - 4:00pm, Monday-Thursday. Friday 7am – 11am. 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 – 12:30pm.

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-Thursday from 7AM to 4PM. Friday 7AM to 11AM 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.