From the Waupun Mayor -

Hello Waupun,

On Monday, I had the privilege of observing the Waupun Fire Department during their annual fire truck training at Tanner Park. After about an hour of watching the fire fighters maneuver through the course, I was able to ride along with Firefighter Andy Steslsel and saw it first-hand. After riding though the course a few times, Chief DeMaa had me drive a firetruck as he coached me from the passenger seat. I'm proud to say, that even though I drove slow, I did maneuver though the course without hitting any cones! Thank you to Chief DeMaa for allowing me to participate! I enjoy spending time with each city department and experiencing firsthand what our city employees do.

In hopes of bringing a break from the winter blues in Waupun, Jodi Mallas and Jeni Maly have teamed up to bring a fun, new event for February - Ice Fest! Ice Fest will include ice sculpturing and having those ice sculptures in front of businesses in Waupun. This is a fun way to build on our "City of Sculpture" branding, while at the same time increasing foot traffic, commence, and fun at an otherwise bleak time of year.

Speaking of the "City of Sculpture," planning for the Centennial Rededication of the Recording Angel has really rampt up. As you know, former Mayor Kyle Clark, and Waupun Fine Arts' Sue Hafemeyer are leading the rededication effort scheduled for Saturday morning October 7 at Forrest Mound Cemetary. But what's really exciting is how the community is rallying around the event. The Discover Downtown Waupun group is hosting a Friday night sculpture themed "beer walk," and on Saturday the Waupun Community Players are performing a play that reenactment of the attempted extortion and threats associated with the Schaler/Harnish families in Waupun, and the destruction of the Recording Angel. It should be a very fun weekend in celebration of Waupun history and Mr. Shaler's legacy.

You may have seen in the news that some ARPA funding and a CDA reinvestment grant went towards supporting the expansion of a current child care facility. While these funds, and this project will help with the childcare crunch, it won't fix it. Having more sustainable, high quality child care options in Waupun remains a top priority of mine. Without quality childcare, you don't have a quality work force. We need to help working moms return to work, as both mom and the workforce need it!

I've been asked, "What's the construction by the prison power plant?" The answer: it's probably the new water treatment plant the prison is building. Unfortunately, many years ago, the Department of Corrections decided they'd rather build their own water plant instead of using city water. I've also been asked why I didn't write about this project. The answer to that is the state never told us. In fact, the state skipped the normal channels of getting approval to build in the city. The state feels they can do whatever they want, and the truth is they likely can.

Finally, this weekend is a typical busy summer weekend here in Waupun. Including a golf outing in support of the Waupun Football Team, JV Legion Baseball National Tournament at the Gus, the Mid Town Market, and live music downtown Saturday Night to celebrate the 12th anniversary of The Other Bar in Waupun. I hope to see you around!

Thank you and God Bless, Mayor Rohn

JULY IS NATIONAL PARK & RECREATION MONTH!!!

Celebrate National Park & Recreation in Waupun

Since 1985, people in the United States have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July. This year's theme – "Where Community Grows" – celebrates the vital role park and recreation professionals play in bringing people together, providing essential services and fostering the growth of the community. In honor of the event, the City of Waupun has planned activities in city parks throughout the month of July.

• Summer Park Program Activities: All summer long, activities ranging from boat races, relay races, water games, giant games, and arts and crafts, just to name a few, are planned at Pine Street, Dodge and West End Parks each Monday through Friday.

• Ag in the Park: In collaboration with Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom, this program provides a fun educational opportunity that helps children develop an understanding of how their food is grown and raised. Sessions are held every Monday at 1:30 p.m. at West End Park.

• City Park Passport: Beginning July 3rd, you are invited to participate in a scavenger hunt as you explore City of Waupun Parks. Pickup your passport at the Waupun Senior Center and explore our parks as a family. Get your passport and your first destination stamp at the Waupun Senior Center. A drawing for prizes will be held. Completed park passports must be submitted by July 28, 2023.

• Storybook Walk: Join us for this free family event. Read the Story Up the Creek by Nicholas Oldland while walking the Pine Street Park nature path.

• Yoga in the Park: Yoga for all ages will be held at Harris Mill Park on Thursday, July 27, at 10:30 a.m.

• Park Bingo: Participate in Park Bingo, a free family event, held Tuesday, July 25, at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Park and Recreation Department at 920.324.7930. A full schedule of summer activities can be found by visiting http://www.cityofwaupun.org/.../parks-and-recreation-home.

MIDTOWN MARKET – Saturdays – June thru September – 9AM to 12PM. 22+ vendors with additional drop-ins throughout the Market season. Night Markets: August 16th and September 13th. For vendor information visit www.mrstoragewaupu.com/market

CONCERTS IN THE PARK: Concessions start at 5:30PM. Concerts start at 6:30PM. Free Will Offering. Held at West End Park in Waupun. Rain Venue is the Waupun Community Center.

July 27th – Acoustic Grove

For more information on Waupun Fine Arts – <u>www.waupunfinearts.org</u>, <u>Waupunfineartsinfor@yahoo.com</u>, Facebook.com/Waupun-Fine-Arts

NATIONAL ICE CREAM MONTH – JULY 27 – 6PM - Please join our Dodge County Dairy Ambassador to learn all about ice cream! Starting at the farm and how cows produce milk all the way to the dairy plant where they make the ice cream. At the end of the program, everyone will get to make their very own ice cream! Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

AUGUST 8 – ADULT CRAFT NIGHT – 6PM TO 7PM. Herbarium Light Bulbs. Japanese herbarium bottles are easy to create and make a wonderful décor statement in your home. These pretty dried flowers in oil specimens are also great for gift giving. Held at the Waupun Pubic Library, 123 S Forest St.

AUGUST 15 – ANCESTRY.COM – 6PM. Ancestry.com is one of the leading American genealogical databases that is used by professional and beginning genealogists alike. With Eleanor Brinsko's guidance, let's take a look at the different versions available, how to navigate (& save!) documents, and how to traverse the different search options available.

SEPTEMBER 9 – ROTARY'S ANNUAL BEERFEST – 2PM TO 6PM. Waupun Rotary's Annual Beerfest held at Go-Dutch Solutions, 328 S Division Street. Craft beer tasting with over 12 breweries, local bites and live music! Tickets on sale now at www.rotaryinwaupun.com - \$40 until 9/1/23, \$45 after 9/1/23.

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:

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: <u>https://forms.gle/DUowrXS8dRUdUG198</u> 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 Kaczmarski, 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.waupunareaanimalshelter.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.