

## From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun,

This week, I want to talk about the beautification of Waupun.

The vast majority of Waupunites take pride in Waupun, in their property, and work hard to keep everything looking nice, however, we do have a small handful of blighted properties scattered throughout our beautiful city.

Ugly, rundown properties that are violating city codes are the top complaints I get. Two weekends ago, I couldn't go to breakfast, the dentist, or even dinner at Tony's without someone coming up to me to complain about a handful of blighted properties scattered throughout Waupun. This is personally frustrating to me; as the owners of these properties get to enjoy their weekends, while I'm getting an earful at every stop. There is a part of me that would just like to name the property owners and give out their phone numbers, so people can complain directly to them. I won't do that, but let me begin by acknowledging some of the problem locations, and what we're doing about it.

Most of our problem properties are owned by landlords, usually-but not always-living out of Waupun. Most of you reading this know what locations I'm talking about and I can assure you that we are getting aggressive at enforcing code ordinances. From Fond du Lac Street, to Fox Lake Road, we have issued citations and some progress is being made.

I am asked all the time about two properties, a building downtown, and a building on Fox Lake Road. First, the downtown building. You may have seen it was even the topic of discussion on What's Up or What's Really Up Waupun; you know, the eyesore with all the flies. The police have followed up, and we have a long list of issues with that building. Again, it's a building owner who doesn't live in Waupun and obviously doesn't care about the building or how it negatively affects Waupun. I am working with the Police Department and city staff to more aggressively get that cleaned up. Next, the building on Fox Lake Road. It looks terrible, and we had people illegally living in a camper. The police are visiting that location multiple times a week. Tickets are written and social services was brought in to deal with the deplorable living conditions of the camper. I'm running into roadblocks cleaning that up because of the building's original zoning, but I can assure you that I'm trying to clean it up.

Waupun also has a sign ordinance that doesn't allow a business to move and leave the old sign behind up on the building. This ordinance wasn't being enforced strongly at all, but that's changed. Warning tickets were issued to buildings with old, outdated signs on them.

Finally, we have to be more aggressive in inspecting some of these commercial and rental locations, for the sake of the people who live there. In some cases, the living conditions are unacceptable. A person shouldn't need an umbrella to live or work on the first floor of a building because the second-floor resident is showering. We as a city need to do better, and we're going to!

At the same time, we're taking steps to beautify Waupun. The council recently approved an ordinance to combat cars from being beached in front lawns for long periods of time. I'm working with Jeni Maly to bring a Waupun themed mural or two to help beautify Waupun. These efforts, along with new "Welcome to Waupun" signs and improvements to the empty city owned lot with a food truck location, should help Waupun look even better!

Finally, as we head into August...August!? Wow, summer flies by, anyway, as we head into August, what a fun time of year to live here. We have the world-famous Alto Fair on Wednesday and Thursday followed by the Truck-N-Show on Friday and Saturday. On Saturday at about Noon are the ceremonies for the Truck-N-Show. It's a great chance to learn about the Make-a-Wish families the Truck-N-Show helps, the positive impact the show has for REACH Waupun, and you can see the "Mayor's Choice" award winner! I look forward to seeing you around over this next week.

Thank you and God Bless,  
Mayor Rohn

### **Fire & Emergency Response Community Survey**

The City of Waupun Common Council initiated a study to examine staffing models for fire and emergency response service in the community. The Waupun Fire Department currently operates with two full-time and twenty-eight paid-on-call firefighters, and a contracted ambulance service. An Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) program was added in 2022 to support increasing call volumes and is staffed with volunteers.

**Community Survey: Please take ten minutes to complete a community survey and share your expectations and thoughts on the City's emergency response services. The survey will remain open until August 23, 2023.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HC9T6PY>

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

**AUGUST 5 – WAUPUN FINE ART & CRAFT FAIR & CHALK CHALLENGE – 10AM TO 3PM.** A one day Fine Art and Craft Fair at West End Park in Waupun featuring 60+ vendors from all over Wisconsin. Easy access, shade and green space. Lunch and beverages by non-profits. Entertainment by the popular Scotty Meyer and our Chalk Challenge! 60+ Fine Art and Craft Vendors, Chalk Challenge, Easy Street Access, Food and Beverage, Music by Scotty Meyer. To apply for the chalk challenge visit: <https://my.boothcentral.com/v/events/waupun-fine-art-and-craft-fair-5>  
Feel free to email your questions to: [info@waupunfinearts.org](mailto:info@waupunfinearts.org)

**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 Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

### **AUGUST 11 & 12 WAUPUN TRUCK-N-SHOW**

The Waupun Truck-n-Show isn't just about trucks! There's just enough space left for everyone to relax and enjoy the bands, food stands, exhibits and beverages offered throughout the weekend. Friday, Aug 11, Lights of the Night Parade starts at 9PM. Saturday, Aug 12, Rides of Pride Parade at 3PM. Camping available on the grounds. (No Bicycles, Scooters, Inline Skates, or Skateboards Allowed on Grounds.) Access their website for the two-day itinerary! [www.waupuntrucknshow.com](http://www.waupuntrucknshow.com). Any questions, contact 920-324-9985.

**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](http://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: <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 7:00am - 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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: 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.