

From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun!

Can you believe It's already back to school time?! On Monday, I had the privilege of joining the nice folks over at Central Wisconsin Christian for their "Back to School Convocation/Ribbon Cutting." The \$11 million expansion at CWC is very impressive and it's remarkable to see the growth at CWC. Recently, at a council meeting we heard from a subject matter expert about the housing shortage in Waupun, and CWC was sighted as one of the top reasons people are looking at moving to Waupun. CWC is becoming an economic driver as people are looking to relocate to Waupun because they want their kids to attend there. CWC, along with the DOC pay increases, are why one of my next priorities will be to work on expanding housing in Waupun. People want to live here, and I don't blame them. Waupun is a cool little city, with a fun downtown, good schools, a safe community, delicious water, and there's always something happening, because Waupun has got it goin' on!

On Wednesday, I had fun attending the Waupun Junior/Senior High School for their Back-to-School Open House, and it was extra special for the Bishop family. Our oldest daughter, Reagan, is entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade this year and will be new to that building. We were able to find all her classrooms and meet all her new teachers, and we even went up to the Business Ed wing to see Mrs. Bishop and her new classroom!

It was cool to see all the good things happening at WASD! Waupun can be proud of schools and the opportunities they afford to our kids. I really hope all the teachers, kiddos, parents, principals, and support staff have an excellent school year!

By far, my favorite things as mayor have been my visits to Rock River Intermediate School. Over the course of the last school year, I met with and spoke to all the grade levels. I love meeting all the kids, talking about Waupun, what it's like to be mayor, and answering their questions. With school starting, let me please remind folks to slow down and drive carefully; remember that kids crossing in crosswalks have the right of way and that traffic at drop off times can get very congested. Please leave yourself some extra time and have patience. You will see police out enforcing school zone speed limits and ensuring every kid is able to safely enter school.

With school back in session, that brought an end to our Summer Parks Program. We had a fabulous year, with lots of fun events at the parks, the library, and the aquatic center. We're fortunate to live in a great community that has fun events for the kids over the summer break. Planning for next summer has already begun!

Finally, budget planning has started. I'll be making priorities of where to allocate funds, based on my desire to accomplish a few projects and cross them off the list. This will begin with a council presentation on Tuesday followed by me working to keep all of you up to speed going forward. I have worked really hard to have an open and transparent administration. I write this column, visit the Senior Center once a month, appear on WFDL radio almost weekly, and I am active on social media. All our meetings are streamed on line, and I've cut way down on the number of closed sessions, because open government is the best kind of government.

Thank you and God Bless,  
Mayor Rohn

**AUGUST 26 – DODGE COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP** – Hazardous Household, Farm & Business Waste Collection. Collection time: 8AM to Noon. Held at Dodge County Highway Department Shop, N8856 CTH A, Beaver Dam, WI. Cost: Household - \$10 vehicle. Agriculture – Free, must pre-register. Small business (VSQG) – must pre-register – cost will be assessed. For more information and pre-registration, please visit the Extension Dodge County website at: [www.dodge.extension.wisc.edu](http://www.dodge.extension.wisc.edu) or call the office at 920-386-3790 between 8AM and 4:30PM, Monday – Friday.

#### **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)

**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.

#### **SEPTEMBER 15-16 WAUPUNS VOLKSFEST 2023:**

**Friday Schedule:** 6PM – Edelweiss

**Saturday Schedule:**

8AM – Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

9AM – WHS Band

10AM – Carol & The Keynotes

2PM – Jon Dietz & The Twin Lakes Trio

6PM – 2/5THS Party Band

Craft Beers from Knuth Brewing, Cercis Brewing, Lakefront, & 3 Sheeps. Beer and food served by Waupun Hockey & Figure Skaters. Desserts by Pelly Lutheran. Sponsored by Horicon Bank.

**SEPTEMBER 25, 26, & 27 BULK PICK-UP** - The Fall bulk item pick-up with GFL will be held the week of September 25. Bulk items should be picked up on your normal trash pick-up date. Items may not be placed at the curb prior than 24 hours to your scheduled pick-up date. If items do not meet bulk pick-up guidelines a door-hanger will be hung the day of pick-up. A picture will be taken of the remaining items, and you will have 3 days to remove them. Please remember bulk pick-up is for large items that do not fit in a garbage or recycling container. Waste Management will be providing three 30 yard containers for wood related items only during bulk pick up as well. The dumpsters will be located at the Department of Public Works Garage, at 903 N. Madison St. The days and hours of operation will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8am to 3pm during the bulk pickup days only. Residents will be required to show proof of residency. Material other than wood related items, will not be accepted and will be turned away. You may check out the guidelines for what is considered bulk on our City web-site at [www.cityofwaupun.org](http://www.cityofwaupun.org).

#### **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 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@envisongreaterfdl.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.waupunareaanimalshelter.org](http://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](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.