

From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun!

It's budget time, and despite having to make a few tough decisions, on the whole I'm pretty excited about the 2024 budget! We had our first presentation to the council this week, and I'm happy to say we reached a general consensus to check a few projects off our city to-do list.

First, we'll get the old Carnegie Library-aka Hertige Museum- fixed up. The historical society is dealing with water coming in on rain events, and the building is in general need of repairs. This budget will get the Heritage Museum tuck pointed and some roof repairs, hopefully making it good for another couple of decades.

Second, we'll get the roof at city hall replaced. It's wearing out fast, and if we don't act soon, Angie Hull will be placing buckets to collect dripping rain water. It costs money to maintain these two historic buildings, but how do we expect our local business people to invest in historic buildings downtown if we as a city aren't willing to invest in our own historic buildings? They're worth saving, so we'll work on the upkeep.

Next, it's time we close out the ARPA funds. As you may remember, we used a large portion of the ARPA funds to replace a failing roof at the safety building and to help a local daycare provider expand. That leaves us with about \$250,000, plus the interest monies we earned. We can invest into saving the rink at the Waupun Community Center, which keeps hockey, figure skating, and open skating going, for another half century. We'll also invest in the baseball turf, keeping that city owned complex going strong for another 20 plus years. Finally, we'll use the remaining funds to create a youth sports grant program, meaning if a need arises for a youth sport, this fund would be available to help them meet that need. My example would be the softball scoreboard isn't the most dependable. When it finally goes kaput, this can help replace/repair it.

A little bad news regarding the budget, the state is once again cutting our MSP payments another \$20,000 for the services we provide to state owned facilities. It's a big enough cut that we may no longer be able to give a stipend increase to our firefighters, and that ticks me off. It's laughable, how messed up this is, and I'm quickly reaching a breaking point with them. I now feel if they want to keep cutting our payments, it's time we stop providing them services. As we can see, the state has enough money to build their own water treatment plant, maybe they have enough money to buy themselves a firetruck and staff it.

Some exciting news! As you know, the Recording Angel Centennial rededication weekend is coming up and it keeps getting better! On Friday morning, October 6, WTMJ Radio will be broadcasting live from Real Sportscards here in downtown Waupun! "WTMJ NOW" and hosts Steve Scafaddi and Sandy Maxx will be here to help us kick off our celebration weekend. Thank you to Real Sportscards for sponsoring this cool opportunity to let Waupun show off what we got going on, on the state's largest radio station!

Once again, I really appreciate the work Mayor Kyle Clark and Waupun Fine Arts' Sue Hafemeyer have done in leading the Ad-Hoc committee I created to put together this rededication. It's been about a year of preparation, but it looks to be a fun weekend celebrating our city of sculptures. Featuring a WTMJ live broadcast, a beer walk, the rededication ceremony, and the Waupun Community Players presentation of "A Poison Pen Letter to an Angel," it'll be a jammed packed weekend celebrating Waupun, and Mr. Shaler's remarkable legacy to our city.

As I wrap up this column, I want to express a huge thank you to the Lions Club for the donation of new playground equipment at Dodge Park. Playground equipment has gotten really expensive, and thanks to the Lions Club, kids have some fun new stuff.

Finally, please pick up after your dogs at the dog park. We've gotten a complaint about dog poop bombs being left behind. If your dog poops, please scoop, otherwise we'll have to turn it into a cat park!

Thank you and God Bless,
Mayor Rohn

MIDTOWN MARKET – Saturdays – June thru September – 9AM to 12PM. 22+ vendors with additional drop-ins throughout the Market season. Night Markets: September 13th. For vendor information visit 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 - \$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.

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@envisiongreaterfdl.com. The Waupun Business Alliance is located at 10 W Main Street.

WAUPUN UTILITIES

Open Monday-Friday from 8AM 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 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: 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.