

## From the Waupun Mayor –

Waupun! We've got it going on!!

This week the council agreed to close out the remaining ARPA funds. Doing this we agreed to invest \$100,000 into Waupun Hockey/Figure Skating towards the new refrigerated floor, \$100,000 to Waupun Baseball for replacement turf at the fields, and to create a grant fund that can be used by youth sports for needs going forward. This investment into our youth sports is good for several reasons. First, youth sports are good for a community. They give our kids something positive to do, learn good sportsmanship, get good exercise, and it helps keep them out of trouble. From an economic viewpoint, the youth sports hold tournaments several weekends a year. These tournaments fill up our hotel rooms, restaurants, bars, etc. and that helps the local economy. This decision will help keep our youth sports vibrant for years to come, and to keep Waupun a destination for many sporting tournaments.

This comes at the same time downtown Waupun is doing so well! With a new railroad crossing, and several businesses investing into our community, downtown Waupun is becoming a shopping destination! With unique shops, fun restaurants and bars, and many cool events, downtown Waupun is a place to be! You don't have to look far to see scaffolding and improvements being made. For this reason, I feel it's important that our city invests in our historic downtown buildings, too. For that reason, I have proposed in this budget that we make the necessary repairs to the Carnegie Library (historical society building) and the city hall roof. I'm also doubling down on holding absentee owners of dilapidated buildings accountable for their inaction. Waupun will no longer tolerate building owners who knowingly let their buildings fall into disrepair, becoming fly infested eyesores that bring down the neighboring property values. Waupun is better than that. Waupun deserves better than that, and I will demand better than that. It's time for us to get serious and not tolerate slum lords!

As I continue to push for my budget priorities, I want it known that taking care of our city employees is high on my priority list! With the increase we received in shared revenue, now is the time to reward our dedicated personal, who do so much for Waupun. I know it feels like every time you turn around, we're cutting something from you, and I'm sorry for that. I am hopeful that this budget we can get you a pay increase. Doing so may mean I can't fill all the positions I want to, but it is time to take care of the folks who currently work for us. Your efforts are greatly appreciated, and don't go unnoticed by me.

The Recording Angel Rededication weekend is quickly approaching. To celebrate our oldest sculptures 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, not only will there be a rededication ceremony, but Waupun will also have a beer walk, a play titled, " A Poison Pen Letter to an Angel" and WTMJ radio will be broadcasting live from Real Sportscards. It's shaping up to be an awesome weekend celebrating Waupun's first sculpture!

This week the mill and overlay project for Wilcox street took place and sidewalk replacements in that part of Waupun are complete. This will make the sidewalk approaches compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Finally, happy anniversary to my wife, and Waupun's First Lady, Jenny! Being married to the mayor has it's challenges. We live in a fishbowl, random calls and messages at all hours, people wandering through the back yard to find me, interrupted when we go out to eat, and the occasional creepy unsigned piece of mail, but she handles it all, and me, very well! Happy Anniversary!

I'm sure I'll see you out at Volksfest!

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 13<sup>th</sup>. For vendor information visit [www.mrstoragewaupu.com/market](http://www.mrstoragewaupu.com/market)

## **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 19 – INSPIRATION AUTHOR SUSAN BAGANZ – 6PM** – Susan Baganz, Wisconsin Inspiration author, will speak on how she got started with writing and publishing, and will highlight her most recent publications. Books will be available for sale.

**SEPTEMBER 21 – JOB FAIR 5PM TO 8PM** – Wind & Unwined, AmericInn, Marine Credit Union. Positions available starting at age 14. Held at Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

**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).

**SEPTEMBER 26 – SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESS – RENS FLORAL, 104 Gateway Drive – 6PM** – Founded in 1982 by Lisa Rens & then sold to long time employee Heidi Braker in 2018, Rens Floral creates beautiful, quality arrangements. Join Heidi as she gives us “An Inside Look” (smells not included).

**OCTOBER 7 – RECORDING ANGEL RE-DEDICATION – 10AM:** Public Invited. Participation by Waupun Jr/Sr High School & Central Wisconsin Christian School. Held at the Forest Mound Cemetery, 225 E Spring St, Waupun.

**OCTOBER 7 – A POISON PEN LETTER TO AN ANGEL** – Brought to you by Waupun Community Players. Showtimes are 6PM & 8PM. Free Admission! Cocktail hour between shows with cash bar. Held at the Waupun City Hall, 201 E Main St.

**OCTOBER 9 COMMUNITY SERVICES OPEN HOUSE:** Families, business owners and community members are invited to attend the Community Services Open House on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, to learn more about the Departments that provide services within the City. The event will take place at the Public Safety Building (Fire and Police Department) at 16 E. Main Street from 5 – 8 p.m. Representatives from Waupun Utilities, the Department of Public Works, the Police and Fire Departments, City Hall, Public Library, Senior Center, Lifestar Ambulance, Fond du Lac and Dodge County, and Focus on Energy will be onsite displaying equipment, providing information and answering questions that people have. Some things that folks can look forward to include: bucket truck rides (Utilities and Fire Department), auto extrication (Fire Department), squad car tours, impairment goggles demonstration (Police Department), blood pressure checks (Lifestar Ambulance), mobile command unit tour (Dodge County), Smart 9-1-1 (Fond du Lac County), Equipment display (Utilities & DPW), voter registration (City Hall), “Wheel of Fortune” (Library), and Senior Center information (Senior Center).

**OCTOBER 21 – 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FOREST MOUND CEMETERY WALK – 4PM TO 6PM.** A new date! A new time! The same great event so many folks enjoy! Join volunteers with the Waupun Historical Society as we tell stories of Waupun’s past. Arrive early for stories in Autumn twilight, and arrive later for tales after dark by lamplight. A freewill donation will be greatly appreciated. Held at the Forest Mound Cemetery, 225 E Spring St, Waupun.

**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 Kaczmariski, 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 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.