

## From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun!

On Monday and Tuesday, the UW Extension Design Wisconsin Team visited Waupun. We toured the downtown business district, and then had discussions with business owners, government leaders, high school students, and other stakeholders about what we want to do to keep downtown Waupun the place people want to be. It was a good experience that to me, mostly confirmed that Waupun is on the right course.

Discussion centered on cleaning up the back sides of the buildings, expanding parking by making the city lots one way, burying the overhead utility wires - both for more parking and aesthetics- along with more trees, and art. These are awesome ideas that Waupun is already working on!

Seeing all the hard work and dedication that our downtown business members are putting into improving Waupun only reinforces me to keep up the pressure on the dilapidated buildings. This week, I attended a meeting with both the building owner and residents of the "Golden Cup" building. At times it was a confrontational meeting, but I was assured that progress is being made and ramping up. The garbage has been cleaned out, the fly infestation is over, the old Golden Cup sign is to be removed, the pigeons will be dealt with, and that the building can be inspected for structural issues.

Waupun has so many positive improvements going on, and deserves better than what that building has been! I know it's not the only problematic building, but it's likely the worst. I will continue to ramp up code enforcement in an effort to help beautify Waupun and boost property values.

I can also say we're making progress with a few other properties scattered around Waupun. Just this past week Waupun PD worked with a location on Gateway Drive. That business person was very apologetic and is cleaning up his property. We're slowly but surely making some progress on the Fox Lake Road property, and I have personally visited with a downtown service station owner who has also assured me he will prioritize making his place look better.

Hopefully this creates momentum and we continue to improve Waupun!

Quick hits: The Recording Angel Rededication is only a couple weeks away on October 7, as is the Waupun Community Players performance. I believe they're still looking for one actor, so if you're interested, let them know!

On October 6 WTMJ radio will be broadcasting live from Waupun as we kick off our celebratory weekend, that afternoon will be the Homecoming Parade, and that evening will be the downtown beer walk.

I'm excited to say that I've been working with a local artist on a mural or two for Waupun. We've agreed they should be "Waupun themed" and tie in the marsh, sculptures, prisons, rivets, etc. This will really brighten up a wall, look nice, and celebrate Waupun!

I still have a goal of adding a sculpture of the sculptor to our collection. I think it would be appropriate for Waupun to have a statue of Clarence Shaler, probably at Harris Park overlooking two of the sculptures he gifted to Waupun. This will take a fundraising effort, but please stay tuned!

Finally, this Tuesday at 2pm is the ground breaking for the new Community Center on McKinley Street. Hope to see you there!

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. For vendor information visit [www.mrstoragewaupu.com/market](http://www.mrstoragewaupu.com/market)

**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). Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

**OCTOBER 3 – HISTORY OF THE RECORDING ANGEL – 6PM:** Waupun Historical Society brings our beloved “Recording Angel” sculpture to life. Presented as a gift to the city of Waupun in 1923, a 100 year old dedication anniversary will be held later this year in celebration of the Forest Mound Cemetery sculpture. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

**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 – NOVEMBER 13 FALL YARD WASTE PICKUP:** The City’s Fall Yard Waste pick-up is designated for October 9, 2023 thru November 13, 2023 (weather permitting). This service is for the disposal of leaves, grass, garden waste, and branches that are generated from routine yard maintenance. Leaves and brush shall not be deposited on the street. Leave grass clippings and leaves at the curbside loose, do not bag. Separate leaf piles and brush piles. Branches shall not exceed 3 inches in diameter. No tree stumps or tree root systems will be collected. The service is not intended for tree removal or lot cleaning.

**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 10 – ADULT CRAFT NIGHT – FABRIC PUMPKINS – 6PM TO 7PM:** Toilet paper pumpkins are such an easy and festive fall craft you can make with just a few basic craft supplies. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

**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.

**OCTOBER 25 – SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESS – KARSTEN REAL ESTATE, 4 Fond du Lac St – 6PM** – Karsten Real Estate features the expertise of John's 30 year career in the industry. Join us as John describes the ins & outs of real estate, including: talking with a lender, online home searches, needs vs wants, changing market trends, engaging a realtor & patience. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

**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 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.