

## **From the Waupun Mayor –**

Waupun has got it going on!

This past week the council approved the proposed 2024 budget, a budget that invests in Waupun's future, and is one of the most optimistic budgets passed in years! This budget is largely possible because 2023 was a year full of accomplishments, that provide a strong foundation on which our new 2024 budget is built, here a few of the highlights:

Construction is underway on a new \$4.9M senior/community center that will be opening in late 2024.

We have a fire staffing study that we will be completing yet this year, to help us identify any actions needed to strengthen the long term sustainability of our emergency response services in Waupun. Along with this, Waupun was awarded an EMS Flex Grant and Healthcare infrastructure Grant which allowed us to secure and equip both our EMR program and two ambulances as 911 calls for service continue to increase.

Wilson and Shaler Drives in the Waupun Industrial Park were extended, and Phases 1 and 2 of the United Cooperative project are well underway.

All Phase Heating and Cooling opened in the Heritage Ridge Business Park, and the Bayberry Lane extension and storm water infrastructure is now complete. This paves the way for new construction that includes a truck wash and a facility that will be home to Eric Mulder Construction.

The Tanager Drive subdivision on the City's west side completed builds ahead of schedule, adding \$5.8M of new valuation and some badly needed housing here in Waupun.

The K9 Police program was restored with citizen support.

The city is investing in youth sports with \$100,000 towards baseball turf, \$100,000 towards the new hockey floor, and a \$75,000 allotment to create a youth sports grant that is being introduced in 2024.

A Childcare Stabilization Grant that allocated \$250,000 of funds to help increase licensed childcare space in Waupun was launched. The first award from that program supports a renovation at Wee Care to bring additional licensed childcare slots to the community. We're also working on bringing a second childcare provider to Waupun.

A Vibrant Spaces Grant was awarded from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, and a new food truck alley will be constructed in Downtown in 2024!

Design WI completed a workshop with community stakeholders and presented ideas to advancing Capital improvement ideas in our Central Business District using the downtown Tax Increment.

Maybe the most substantial win for Waupun came from the state budget, a budget that saw the first increase in state shared revenues in over 20 years! That increase in funding laid the foundation for a strong 2024 budget that is focused on moving Waupun forward!

In other news... Christmas is coming! The Waupun Christmas Parade is Friday night December 1 at 6:30! Can't wait to see you all there!

This week I had the privilege of joining the crews from Waupun Utilities and Public Works to help install the Christmas Angel decorations that make Waupun look beautiful. Thank you to both our utilities and public works for your work on the Christmas decorations!

Finally, I want to wish all you deer hunters good luck, be safe, and have fun! And I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Thank you, Waupun and God Bless,  
Mayor Rohn

**\*Holiday Waupun Aquatic Pool Pass Special\***

Get your 2024 Waupun Family Aquatic Center Pool Pass now through December 15, 2023. Holiday Rates: \$180 residential family pass; \$90 residential individual pass; \$200 non-residential family pass, and \$100 non-residential individual pass. The purchaser will be provided with a Christmas Waupun Family Aquatic Center Pool Pass Certificate in which the recipient will redeem next year when the actual passes are being sold. The Family Pass provides for a maximum of 7 members to the pass. If you have more than 7 members, the recipient will need to pay the additional member fee when redeeming the actual pass. The Christmas Waupun Family Aquatic Center Pool Passes can be obtained at City Hall (201 E Main Street, Waupun) in the City Clerk's Office Monday-Thursday 7:00am -4:00pm and Friday 7:00am-11:00am. For inquiries, please call 920-324-7900.

**WAUPUN HOLIDAY HELP:** Applications are available at Waupun City Hall, Waupun Food Pantry, the National Exchange Bank, and Waupun Area School District offices. Completed applications need to be returned no later than November 20 to City Hall, Food Pantry, or National Exchange Bank. Distribution of gifts and food coupons will be on Saturday, December 16, at the Waupun Fire Department. In addition, we are looking for individuals, families, and organizations from the Waupun area who would be willing to adopt a family and purchase gifts for their children. Applications for donors can be obtained by contacting Jessica Buchholz at the National Exchange Bank (920-324-5551).

**OCTOBER 9 – NOVEMBER 20 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.

**NOVEMBER 30 – WOOD FLOWER ARRANGEMENT – 1PM & 6PM** – In this event, Lisa of Mackford Home & Gifts offers participants a selection of Sola wood flowers, filler, and a wood drawer to make their own arrangement. \$5 sign up fee covers all materials & guarantees your spot. Registration + \$5 fee required! Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

**DECEMBER 1 – WAUPUN CHRISTMAS PARADE – 6:30PM (parade line-up 5:45)**

Let's get ready to spread some cheer and love with The Charlie Brown Christmas Theme!!

Three ways to get involved:

Create a float and join the Parade

Give a monetary donation

Purchase something to be put in the kids bags that are handed out by Santa.

Please reach out to Kelly Miller or Rachel Darnick with how you would like to participate or any questions you may have. Kelly Miller – [920-296-0913/1kwesthuis@gmail.com](mailto:920-296-0913/1kwesthuis@gmail.com). Rachel Darnick – [920-382-4237/rachdarnick02@gmail.com](mailto:920-382-4237/rachdarnick02@gmail.com)

**DECEMBER 10 – LESSONS AND CAROLS – 5PM** – The Waupun area Churches invite you to a special service of Lessons and Carols at the Waupun City Auditorium, 201 E Main Street. Hear the Christmas Story and sing the songs of Christmas as we anticipate and prepare for the coming of Jesus the Christ into our world again this year. Refreshments to follow.

**WAUPUN WINTER MARKET – 4PM TO 7PM:**

November 16<sup>th</sup>

December 21<sup>st</sup>

January 18<sup>th</sup>

February 15<sup>th</sup>

March 21<sup>st</sup>

Please join the Go-Dutch staff & local vendors as we create a once a month Thursday evening experience for our community. On the 3rd Thursday of the month's October through March from 4pm-7pm, we open our doors to the public to enjoy an indoor "farmer's market" like event during the cold winter months.

Grab a quick bite to eat from a limited menu we have available during the market hours \*or until sold out\*. Held at Go Dutch Solutions, 328 S Division St, Waupun. Interested vendor should contact Casey at 920.345.1225.

**WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS** - states that for a period of 48 hours immediately following an accumulated snowfall of two inches or more, vehicles cannot park on city streets or alleys between the hours of 2:00am and 6:00am. Snowfall is measured at the Waupun Safety Building. During these early morning hours the Public Works Department is out cleaning the streets. If cars are parked on the streets during this time City staff has the authority to have the vehicle removed and stored at the owners expense. For further information regarding winter parking regulations please visit the city website [www.cityofwaupun.org](http://www.cityofwaupun.org) (Government, Municipal Codes), and review Chapter 6, Traffic Code section 6.05(5).

**SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL** is addressed in Chapter 7 of our municipal code. Property owners are given 24 hours after the end of a snowfall to remove snow and ice from sidewalks. Failure to do so is cause for the city to clean up the area and will result in a minimum fee of \$100.00. The City provides notice of these winter rules in the local paper and will put door hangers on any property they have to clean up. Pictures of the property are taken before the property is cleaned for verification of violation. Visit the city website, and review Chapter 7, sections 7.07 and 7.08 for additional information on snow and ice removal requirements. You can also call City Hall or the Police Department for further clarification.

**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 – Vacant; 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-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)