

### **From the Waupun Mayor –**

Hello Waupun and Happy Thanksgiving! This column will be a little different. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I'd like to write about a few things I'm thankful for.

First, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, I'd like to say how thankful I am to be your mayor! I love Waupun and being mayor has been the honor of my life. When I first ran for mayor, I said I'd always put Waupun first, and I believe I have done that. I know a few of my decisions have cost me a customer or two, that some decisions anger even friends, and that not everyone agrees with everything I do, but I hope you know that every decision I make, whether you agree with me or not, I'm putting Waupun first.

Second, I'm thankful to my family for putting up with me being the mayor. There are phone calls, texts, messages, emails, and visitors at all hours of the day. We even get a creepy post card every once in a while. Everyone knows where we live and what we're doing, and Jenny and the girls have been super supportive, and I'm thankful for them.

I'm also very thankful for their support as I try to live healthier. This can be a high stress job, and I've recently been diagnosed as having pre-diabetes. I'm making some lifestyle changes, including dietary changes and a lot more exercise. So hopefully you'll soon be seeing "less" of me.

I would like to thank my good friend Carly, who donated time over the past year helping me with the social media and public relations part of the job. Her selflessness has helped me be a better mayor, and I wish her well as she starts her new job!

I'm thankful to the city and utility employees who make me look good by doing a good job day in and day out. Waupun is fortunate to have a team of people who really are committed to our community.

Finally, Waupun has so much going on, and I'm so proud to be the mayor at this time! Our downtown is booming and seeing unprecedented investment. Our industrial park is seeing the largest expansion in the history of Waupun. We're adding streets, investing in child care, we have Wisconsin's best water, we're Wisconsin's seventh safest city, we have awesome schools, great people who give of their time and money to make Waupun a great place to live, and we're once again honoring our history as Wisconsin's City of Sculpture!

More than anything else, I'm thankful to live in Waupun!

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend.

Thank you and God Bless,  
Mayor Rohn

**NOVEMBER 30 WHEELS & REELS 2023: Home Alone Edition!** Alert to all pranksters and pizza lovers! Ready for a night of mischief and laughs that won't cost you a dime? We're airing "Home Alone" at Tanner Park, and guess what! It's absolutely FREE! Show times: Early Bird Special at 4:30PM. Night Owl Edition at 6:30PM. Drive in, park your trusty sleigh (car, we mean car), tune into our secret radio station (not so secret, we'll tell you when you get here), and enjoy the movie from the cozy, crumb-filled comfort of your vehicle. Tanner Park, 503 E Spring Street.

**DECEMBER 5 WINTER LEGENDS & LORE 6PM:** Chad Lewis is back! Winter is filled with stories of witches, werewolves, monsters, and Krampus! Break from the brutal holiday rush and the typically-expected cheer to explore the more ominous side of the holiday season with the wintery tales that accompany it. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

### **DECEMBER 9 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 2023:**

The Waupun Fire and Police Departments are hosting the 5th annual Breakfast with Santa event benefitting the Waupun Food Pantry. This event is sponsored by Fox Valley Savings Bank and The Rock Golf Club.

Breakfast will be buffet style, and available throughout the event. Come for great food, fun holiday activities and free pictures with our very own Santa! We will have some fire trucks and squad cars at the event for kids to check out as well. Write a letter to Santa and he will respond.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. with Santa arriving around 9:30. The event will conclude at 11a.m.

Each non-perishable food donation gets you an entry to win a family pool pass (donated by the City of Waupun) for the 2024 season.

Tickets are available: Adults - \$8, Kids - \$5. Under 2 is free.

Tickets can be purchased at Fox Valley Savings Bank, Waupun City Hall, or by contacting Nate Schears @ 920-602-2095.

**DECEMBER 12 ADULT CRAFT NIGHT 6PM TO 7PM:** This month is a Holiday Mason Jar. T'was the library craft night and what do we see, a mason jap snowman as cute as can be! Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

**\*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](tel:920-296-0913)/[1kwesthuis@gmail.com](mailto:1kwesthuis@gmail.com). Rachel Darnick – [920-382-4237](tel:920-382-4237)/[rachdarnick02@gmail.com](mailto: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 Kaczmariski, 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

### **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)