

From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun!

What a week it's been! Cold and snowy. I guess winter didn't forget about us after all. I do want to begin this week's column by thanking the crew over at the Department of Public Works for all their hard work cleaning up our city. With the amount of snow we got, followed by the below zero temperatures, it's been a challenge to clean it all up. The crew has been putting in 10 hour plus days this week, and I really appreciate their dedication to Waupun! I think we take for granted how awesome our city employees are, and as Mayor I sure don't want their efforts to go unnoticed!

With all this snow and cold, the snowmobile trails are open! I don't know the last time they were open for this length of time, and with that we're getting snowmobile tourist. The Waupun Drift Jumpers reached out to me this week to let me know our hotels are filling up with people using the trails. Because of this, I have approved a waiver to allow trucks and trailers to be parked along Gateway Drive, Shaler Drive, and at Tanner Park over nights. Hopefully we have several snowmobilers in our city this weekend spending money and paying hotel taxes!!

This week we have a couple public listening sessions with the candidates to be our next police chief. They are TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024 AT 1:00PM and WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024 AT 6:00PM at the Waupun Senior Center downtown. I'll be at both, and look forward to hearing from you.

Finally, it looks like warmer temperatures and rain coming this week. Please make sure your storm drains near your house are clear from snow and debris. We don't want any flooding issues.

Take care, Waupun!

Thank you and God Bless,
Mayor Rohn

WAUPUN WINTER MARKET – 4PM TO 7PM:

February 15th

March 21st

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.

JANUARY 29 – JIGSAW PUZZLE RACE – 6PM – January 29 is Puzzle Day – celebrate it with us! Compete against other teams to put your puzzle together the fastest. Whoever completes their puzzle first wins! Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place; teams consist of up to 4 members. Contact the library to sign up a team! Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest Street.

FEBRUARY 17TH & 18TH WAUPUN ICEFEST - Mark your calendars! We are working hard in providing a family fun filled weekend of indoor and outdoor activities and entertainment as well as more than 50 ice sculptures (and counting) on display throughout our community! This winter festival will surely warm up Waupun!

We are currently filling Crescent Ice Sponsors (\$250), Full Cube Sponsors (\$100), and collecting community donations of Half Cube (\$50) and Crystal Ice (\$25). Please let us know if you are interested in being a sponsor or donor to this brand new winter festival! Below are the benefits for sponsorship and donations:

Crescent Ice Sponsor:

\$250

Brochure/Map, Sponsor Signage, and Newspaper recognition

Full Cube Sponsor:

\$100

Sponsor Signage and Newspaper recognition

Half Cube Donation:

\$50 Community Member

Newspaper Recognition

Crystal Ice Donation:

\$25 Community Member

Newspaper Recognition

All sponsorships and donations will be used towards the operation of the festival and any proceeds will go towards the purchase of a permanent sculpture in Waupun!

Please feel free to contact us for additional information! We will also be looking for volunteers as well! Stay tuned and mark your calendars!

If interested, please send checks payable to Waupun City of Sculpture to Horicon Bank PO Box 312 Waupun WI 53963, Attn Amy Mohr.

FEBRUARY 17TH ART GALA WITH FELIX AND FINGERS DUELING PIANOS – 7PM TO 10PM.

Waupun IceFest is thrilled to welcome Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos for a spectacular event on Saturday February 17, 2024 at The Rock Golf Club! Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos is a high energy, all request sing along show. This interactive act brings together music and comedy for a night you'll be laughing about for weeks! From John Lennon to John Legend, Beach Boys to Beastie Boys, Felix and Fingers will play anything. Come ready with your favorite requests and prepare to laugh, sing, and dance with this one of a kind dueling pianos show.

This is an evening of celebrating the arts featuring local culinary artists, Chanse Schomber, otherwise known as Chef Chanse! He is a respectable fruit sculptor with a long history of watermelon carvings. Chef Chanse began carving watermelons in 1998 and was initially introduced to this art when his grandmother gifted him a watermelon sculpture book after she returned from a cruise trip. Chef Chanse became intrigued and carved his very first sculpture of a seahorse. Since then, he has carved out over 1,300 sculptures ranging from animals to flowers and optical illusions. Feast your eyes and enjoy Chef Chanse's creative watermelon sculptures and delicious signature appetizers during the first annual Art Gala with Dueling Pianos for Waupun IceFest.

Waupun IceFest is a first annual winter festival featuring over 50 ice sculptures, horse drawn sculpture tours, and winter activities throughout the city of Waupun on February 17-18th. An interactive golf ice sculpture will be on display at The Rock Golf Club for your ice golfing pleasure this evening and all weekend long.

Bar Opens: 7pm

Location: The Rock Golf Club

Tickets can be purchased online at www.hometowntickets.com this week!

Paper tickets (Cash ONLY) will be available at Horicon Bank, Waupun in the coming days. Watch for updates.

\$65 General Admission

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 (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 – Kambria Ledesma 309-709-0092; 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.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

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