

## From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun and happy birthday!

March 20<sup>th</sup> will be Waupun's 185<sup>th</sup> birthday! On March 20, 1839 Seymour Wilcox and his wife Lucy settled along the banks of the Rock River, by where Shaler Park is today, to build the first homestead and created a new community that was supposed to be named Waubun. Waupun comes from the Ojibwe word "Waubun" which means "the east," "the morning," "the twilight of dawn" and "dawn of day." Waupun was originally supposed to be named "Waubun" but the state of Wisconsin made a spelling error, and Waupun never bothered to change it. For that reason, we're the only Waupun in the world, as we should be! We're the most unique coolest litter city ever!

Speaking of being the coolest little city ever, the reason we're so cool is because the people here care so much about making Waupun, well... Waupun. For that reason, you've seen me fight to purchase things for the city from local businesses. I believe our city should buy from the businesses who support our city. For that reason, I'll be pushing for a change to our purchase policy. Basically, I want to eliminate the policy. I'm tired of using the policy as an excuse to buy things out of town to save a little bit of money. The last example was, by policy, we should have bought the new DPW truck from Oconomowoc, not Homan in Waupun, to save \$900. \$900?? To not buy from a local business that does so much for Waupun?!

I find that unacceptable, and I'm not putting up with it anymore! The policy I will be putting forward is no policy. Let the council decide, and own their decisions. My recommendation is to just have the city receive bids but allow the Common Council to make their purchase decisions on what they feel is best for the "City". Criteria they should look at is whether the winning bidder is a taxpayer in the City of Waupun, convenience of service, product/options offered, availability of vehicle or item, do they employ local people, support local causes, etc.

The Council is currently pigeonholed by their current policy. And it is their policy... I believe we should entrust the Council to make decisions that are in the best interest of the City and I hope the Council chooses to keep the money in town. And every time a purchase comes up, you know I'll fight to buy local. Whether it's a truck, or flooring, or furniture, I want to buy locally. Waupun just needs a policy that lets the alderman make their purchasing decision based on "fair and reasonable" and make this on a case-by-case basis without a percentage attached.

Is this perfect? Of course not. Will the city always choose the local business, no. But let's give local business a chance, it's the local businesses who pay taxes, and hire people. Local businesses support youth sports, local events, and help keep Waupun a great place to live, work and play.

Speaking of local business, I'd like to give a shout out to Bucky and Jackie Wetland of All Phase, who generously donated towards the purchase of the new DPW truck. Their donation helped close the \$900 gap to help convince the council to buy local! Thank you to everyone who pledged to help out.

I have a couple other projects near and dear to me that I might need some fundraising help with.

1. I want to help clean up the cemetery and fix some of the broken grave sites, specifically those of President Harding's grandparents, and place historical marker signs to draw attention to more significant people buried there.
2. I want to buy new "Welcome to Waupun" signs. Nice signs put in better locations, and that have the End of the Trail on them along with "City of Sculpture" or Wisconsin's Sculpture City.
3. I would like to see Waupun add a sculpture of Mr. Shaler to our permanent collection of sculptures.

Please stay tuned for updates, and if you're interested in helping me out, please reach out to me.

Thank you and God Bless,  
Mayor Rohn

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

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.

### **MARCH 23 – BOTTOMS UP: A TOAST TO WISCONSIN'S HISTORIC BARS & BREWERIES – 1PM**

Celebrate Wisconsin's taverns & the breweries that fueled them! Author Jim Draeger's Bottoms Up features a heady mix of beer - related topics – there are bars in barns & basements, brewpubs in former ice cream factories & a railroad depot, barrel making, Old-Fashions, bar games & more! Held at Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

### **MARCH 26 – GARDEN COMPOSTING – 6PM**

There are 10 basic steps to home composting & everyone can do it! Rather than put waster into landfills, turn your backyard into a veritable black gold machine. Take the angst out of composting & learn how to manage your waste more sustainably with Master Gardner Carol Shirk. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

**APRIL 1, 2, 3 BULK PICK-UP** - The Spring bulk item pick-up with Advanced Disposal Services will be held the week of April 1, 2024. 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 website at [www.cityofwaupun.org](http://www.cityofwaupun.org).

**APRIL 8- APRIL 29 SPRING YARD WASTE PICKUP:** The City's Spring Yard Waste pick-up is designated for April 8, 2024 thru April 29, 2024 (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.

**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 – 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..

**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)