

From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun!

The mayor's column is back! Sorry I didn't have one last week, but it was a super busy week and I just ran out of time.

It's May! My favorite time of year. Baseball, warm weather, more daylight, and more time spent outside. With the nice weather our city public works crew installed the mill pond fountain for the season. Once again, Mike Rens went for a swim, and I get to tease him in my column! Haha! In all seriousness, I tell this story as an example of the good and dedicated crew we have at our DPW. They do a lot of good work, usually behind the scene, and are on call at all times for storms, fires, crashes, snow, etc. Waupun is very fortunate to have the team we have on our public works crew.

With spring is lawn mowing season. I would like to remind you that you shouldn't mow your lawn clippings into the street. It violates city ordinances and is a hazard to plugins storm sewers.

This past week was National Correctional Officers week. I want to thank all the men and women who work at the three Correctional institutions here in Waupun. No group of Americans has a more difficult and a less publicly visible job than the brave men and women who work in the prisons. They're responsible for the safety, containment, and control the inmates, and their hard work helps keep us safe!

It was also National Teachers' Week. I want to thank all the great teachers here in Waupun! Specifically, my favorite teacher, Jenny Bishop and my second favorite teacher, Kyle Bille.

This next week I'll be throwing out the first pitch for Waupun Little League, and hopefully attend the Police Officers' Memorial. I'm also trying to change some city ordinances to allow kids older than 10 to ride their bikes on the sidewalk, strengthen our truancy ordinances, because I think school is important, and I'm trying to clean up our fine schedule.

I want to thank Jay Graff for making a donation to the Forrest Mound Cemetery Association to fix up the grave stones of President Harding's great grandparents.

I'm also working with Mrs. Des Hull at Rock River Intermediate School on a project where the kiddos have designed banners for the light poles out front of the school. Waupun Utilities has generously willing to hang the banners, but I need to raise \$300. Whatever we don't raise, I'll pay the difference, but if anyone is willing to help us, please let me know.

Finally, Happy Mother's Day to all you moms out there.

Thank you and God Bless!

Mayor Rohn

COMMUNITY GARDEN QUESTIONS – Please call 920-324-4000 or 920-318-3335.

MAY 16 – 6PM – CELEBRATE THE HEART OF GIVING: WI ASSISTED LIVING VOLUNTEER PROGRAM: Right within the Waupun community, your friends & neighbors are making a difference in the lives of older adults & their own too! They are generous, caring, & concerned individuals with a passion for helping older adults in Assisted Living Communities. Kim Verstegen, Assisted Living Project Coordinator with the Board on Aging & Long Term Care, discusses how you can make a difference as a screened & trained Volunteer Advocate & the ongoing support you will receive from our area Program Coordinator. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

MAY 17 (3PM TO 7PM) & MAY 18 (9AM TO 3PM) – COUNTRY ROADS ATV/UTV CLUB BRAT FRY. Held at Mike's Wild Boar, 814 W Main St, Waupun. All donations and half of the proceeds will go to this years recipients, Alto Fire Department Water Truck and Waupun Police Department K-9 Unit.

MAY 18 – ANTIQUE TRUCK & TRACTOR SHOW – 8AM TO 4PM – An event for all ages, fun for the whole family. Bounce house and face painting for the children. Food to fill you belly and fill your soul. Music all day. Plenty of truck and tractors to look at and stories to tell and hear. Held at Heritage Ridge Travel Plaza, 1705 Shaler Drive, Waupun. For more information or any questions please refer them to President Jeff Kreuziger at 920-299-6511.

MAY 23 – 6PM – DECLASSIFIED – We welcome back the Waupun Historical Society, who invites you to take a look at World War II through the eyes of Walter Riel, and Army Air Corp Reconnaissance Photographer. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

MAY 27 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE/PROGRAM: 9AM. Parade line up will begin at 8:30am at St Joseph Catholic Church. The parade starts at St Joseph Catholic church and will proceed to Shaler Park (if rain it will be held at the Waupun Ice Arena) where following the parade ceremonies will be held to honor our past military personal who have served and died. If there are individuals or service clubs interested in participating in the parade, please contact LaMont Page at (920) 296-3040 or by email, pagelam@icloud.com.

MAY 30 – SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY 5PM TO 7PM. Family Event for all ages. Featuring DJ/Karaoke, Face painting/Temporary Tattoos, Photo Op, Craft Project, Lawn Games, Inflatables, Kona Ice. Get all of your Summer 2024 info for the Waupun Park Program, Library Summer Reading Program, and the Waupun Family Aquatic Center. Held at West End Park, 200 Beaver Dam St. Contact Information: Call 920-324-7930. Email parks@cityofwaupun.org. Facebook: Waupun Recreation Department.

JUNE 6 – BIKE RODEO – 1PM TO 2:30PM – Free Event for ages 12 and under. Please bring your bike and helmet. Parent/Guardian must complete a waiver. Fun bike activities and prizes. Held at Waupun Ice Arena. Sponsored by Waupun Park Program, Waupun Police Department, and Waupun Kiwanis Club.

JUNE 14 – 2024 FISHING TOURNAMENT – Registration at 9AM, Tournament from 9:30AM to 11:30AM, Prizes and lunch at Noon. Age Brackets: Kids 7-10, Kids 11-14, Grandparents (Ages 50+). Bring your own fishing pole, bait & tackle. If you do not have a fishing pole, the Park Program has a limited number of poles and tack that can be borrowed. Sponsored by City of Waupun, Holliday Food & Sport, Culvers, & Pizza Ranch. Questions? Contact the Waupun Recreation Department at 920-324-7930.

JUNE 21 – WAUPUN PARK PROGRAM FIELD TRIP – WATERWORKS PARK ON BEAVER DAM LAKE – 9AM to Noon. Canoeing, Kayaking, and Paddle Boarding. Bus leaves at 9AM from the Waupun Senior Center. Bus returns at Noon to the Waupun Senior Center. Registration Deadline: Noon on Thursday, June 20. \$10 per person – register online.

WAUPUN PARK PROGRAM – JUNE 3 THRU AUGUST 9. Monday thru Friday, 9AM to Noon & 1PM to 4PM. Parks included are Dodge Park, Pine St Park, & West End Park. For more information go to <https://www.cityofwaupun.org/parksrec/page/park-programs>.

WAUPUN PARK PROGRAM - PICKLEBALL – Held at West End Park on Tuesdays at 3PM. Questions? Call the Waupun Recreation Department at 920-324-7930.

AG IN THE PARK – Mondays, June 3 – August 5. Held at West End Park from 2PM to 4PM.

June 3 – Strawberry Fun

June 10 – Hooray for Honey

June 17 – Things That Grow

June 24 – Cheese, Please

July 1 – Fruits & Veggies Galore

July 8 – I Scream for Ice Cream

July 15 – Ag in the Park

July 22 – Farm Animals

July 29 – Tree-mendous Trees

August 5 – Harvest Time

All park activities included in \$10 registration fee.

ART IN THE PARK –1PM to 2PM Waupun Park Program partnered with Imagine That! Art Studio. All activities included in \$10 registration fee! Register at cityofwaupun.org

Friday, June 14

Friday, July 19

Friday, August 2

Held at Harris Mill Park, 300 N Mill St, Waupun

STEAM NIGHT – with Imagine That! Art Studio 5PM to 6PM. All activities included in \$10 registration fee! Register at cityofwaupun.org

Tuesday, June 25

Tuesday, July 30

Tuesday, August 6

Held at Harris Mill Park, 300 N Mill St, Waupun

CELEBRATE WAUPUN JUNE 28 THRU JUNE 30: Waupun’s FREE festival featuring Music, Fireworks, Carnival Rides, Car Show, Waupun Firefighters Water Barrel Fights, Sculpture Tours, Kiddie Pedal Pull, Bags Tournament, Imagine That Art Glow Zone, Imagine That Art Splat Studio, Karaoke, BINGO, Pier Pups Dog Jumping, Axe Throwing, Marsh Haven Nature Center Display, Friday Fish Fry, Community Worship Service & much, much more! Tanner Park (across from the Community Center), 510 E Spring Street, Waupun, WI 53963. For more information, check out www.waupunfestivals.com the Waupun Festivals Inc Facebook page.

JULY 11 – MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK – 7:30PM – Featuring Migration, PG, 82 minutes. Free event for all ages. Bring your blanket or lawn chair and snacks to watch a BID screen movie in the park! Held at Harris Mill Park, 300 N Mill St, Waupun.

JULY 12 – WAUPUN PARK PROGRAM FIELD TRIP – SHALOM WILDLIFE ZOO, WEST BEND – Bus leaves Waupun Senior Center at 9AM and returns to the Waupun Senior Center at 4PM. \$10 per person, register online. Registration Deadline: Noon on July 11. Questions? Contact the Waupun Recreation Department at 920-324-7930.

JULY 18 – WAUPUN PARK PROGRAM ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Join us at West End Park from 5PM to 6PM for an ice cream treat to celebrate National Park & Recreation Month!

WAUPUN FINE ARTS – CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Thursday evening in July

West End Park, 200 Beaver Dam St, Waupun

Rain Venue: Waupun Ice Arena

Concessions at 5:30PM, Concerts at 6:30PM

July 4 - Cajun Strangers The Cajun Strangers are an award-winning band from Madison, Wisconsin, that plays traditional Cajun dance music, as you would hear down in Southwest Louisiana and East Texas. A Madison institution, they’ve been playing dances, festivals, events, and backyards for nearly 20 years.

July 11 - Del Ray’s The “DEL RAY’S” are all former members of the “OUTTA STYLE SHOW BAND”. The “DEL RAY’S” are a four-piece band that has been performing together since the late 1970’s. The “DEL RAY’S” perform a variety of rock & roll from the 50’s, 60’s, and the 70’s.

July 18 - Remington’s Ride Remington's Ride is a Wisconsin-based band of veteran musicians bringing the great sounds of Vintage Western Swing, roots country, Americana, rockabilly, and honky tonk to a whole new generation of music fans. Bring your lawn chair or blanket. Free will offering.

July 25 - Madpolecats The Madpolecats unique form of entertainment was developed by fusing together traditional bluegrass instruments with reggae/ska/punk influences, making rastabilly music or, skunkgrass. This family band has an arsenal of instruments, and is made of musicians who have played together at roadhouse bars, churches, music festivals, concert halls, fund raising events, benefits, weddings, wakes, and more!

Advanced sales for the Celebrate Waupun Ride Megabands from The A&P Carnival are on sale at Waupun's Piggly Wiggly and at hometowntickets.com. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$75 at the gate! This megaband is to ride all weekend June 28, 29, 30. HUGE Savings! Advanced sale wristbands end on Thursday, June 27 at 12pm.

JUNE 30 THE FIREWORKS WILL BE HELD AT 9:30PM. Sponsored by National Exchange Bank and the City of Waupun.

OCTOBER 26 – HALLOWEEN ON MAIN – 2PM TO 4PM

OCTOBER 26 – CITY OF WAUPUN TRICK OR TREATING – 4PM TO 6PM

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 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.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

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: 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