

From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun!

It's been a tough week! You've all seen the news about Waupun Correctional and the charges that have been filed because of the deaths of inmates. Quickly, many politicians, most who've done nothing to fix the problems over the last 15 years, are sending out press releases and running to the cameras angling for good media coverage; going so far to even be calling for the prison to be closed. Even worse, these cheap shots are hurting the morale of the brave men and women who work there. The very people who help keep us safe, by keeping the bad guys locked up. They are now being dragged through the mud, because it's convenient to blame Waupun for the failures of the last few administrations. It's easier to point a finger at Waupun than the failures of the Madison bureaucrats at the Department of Corrections. It's easy to punish our community because the political class looks to save themselves.

It's cowardly and not leadership.

For 175 years, Waupun has helped keep Wisconsnites safe by housing those who've committed bad crimes. Waupun is Wisconsin's oldest prison and Waupun inmates helped to build the Green Bay Prison. Every license plate in Wisconsin is made right here in Waupun and we're really proud of that.

Folks in Green Bay want to close their prison because it's prime real estate for development, but to make their case, they keep bashing Waupun. And I've had it with that! Waupun's prison means more to us than Green Bay's means to them. They seem to think they can kick us around and it's ticked me off!

Waupun may be an easy target because we're a small city; but we're a great one too! Waupun is Wisconsin's Sculpture City, we're America's Rivet City, we have delicious water, and we still are, and always will be, Wisconsin's Prison City. As your mayor, they're not going to close Waupun Correctional without a fight.

The problems at Waupun weren't caused by Warden Hepp or the good people who work there. These problems were caused by governors who didn't care, legislators who didn't care, and a media who cared too much about the prisoners instead of the safety of the staff.

I'm hopeful Governor Evers gets serious about fixing these problems. I would recommend asking Governor Tommy Thompson to come out of retirement and help fix corrections and bring it back to the professionalism that corrections was under his watch.

Wisconsin deserves better than what we're getting. Our inmates deserve better. Our correctional staff deserves better. Waupun deserves better.

Finally, to all our correctional families, keep your heads up high. Waupun is proud of the hard work you do, and this community will continue to have your back. We are Waupun! #WCISTRONG

**A few quick hits:**

It has come to my attention that both the Waupun High School and CWC's graduation ceremonies might take place at the same time in May of 2025. I have heard from some folks who like to attend both ceremonies and are concerned they won't be able to. I have nothing to do with graduations, so if this is an issue to you, please contact members of the WASD Board of Education.

Finally, I saw a What's Up Waupun post that we won't allow businesses to sponsor "Free Days" at the Waupun Aquatic Center, similar to the free days the Fox Lake pool has. This is simply not true, however, we're not Fox Lake. First, our pool is twice the size of theirs. Second, they started a pilot program of "free days" to help attendance and Fox Lake was willing to increase their annual deficit that the pool runs. In Waupun, our pool attendance is strong and we don't want to increase the deficit our pool runs. Because of that, if a business wishes

to sponsor a day, we would charge the business the equivalent amount of admission per pool user. Our pool holds 600 persons when at capacity, meaning that if it is a hot and sunny day, and the pool is packed, the business would be charged at least \$3,600 for that afternoon.

Waupun's aquatic center is an awesome quality of life amenity for our community, and the city does operate it at a loss to help keep the cost for users as low as possible. The aquatic center is also another service offered by our city that the surrounding townships don't contribute towards.

If any business wishes to sponsor a day for the 2025 season, please contact Rachel at Waupun Recreation Department sometime before fall. We'd like all sponsorships to be paid before we sell annual passes.

Thank you and God Bless,  
Mayor Rohn

**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](http://www.waupunfestivals.com) the Waupun Festivals Inc Facebook page.

**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](http://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.

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

#### **WAUPUN FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER – OPENS JUNE 1 – AUGUST 18, 2024**

Open Swim – Monday thru Friday – 1PM to 6PM, Saturday & Sunday – 12PM to 7PM

Pool hours are subject to change based on weather/attendance. Note: 3:30-3:45PM all pool break; weekends only.

#### **NEW! Camp Waupun:**

June 3 – August 23, no camp July 4 (Campers can attend weekly or for the entire summer!)

They YMCA of Dodge County is excited to spend the summer learning new skills, developing new friendships, and creating lifelong memories with you in Waupun! Our mission is to support youth development, healthy living, and encourage social responsibility through our Summer Camp Program. We will discover new themes each week and take field trips to the Waupun Aquatic Center on Friday afternoon. Our camp staff go through rigorous training to prepare themselves for the best summer ever! We cannot wait to spend the summer with you!

Camp Waupun:

Members: \$95/week

Non-Members: \$125/week

Grade/Age: Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Ages 5 – 12

Times: 6:30AM to 5:45PM

Location: Waupun Ice Arena, 510 E Spring St, Waupun, WI

**Summer Reading 2024 at Waupun Public Library** – Let the adventure begin at your library this summer! Participate weekly reading & activities to earn prizes and attend any of our programs & events.

#### **June Events:**

Monday, June 10 – Summer Reading Program starts & registration begins

Tuesday, June 11 – 1PM – Mischief & Magic Show

Wednesday, June 12 – 1PM – Smarty Pants & the Big Balloon Show

Thursday, June 13 – 11AM – Bluey Song & Dance Show

**July Events:**

Wednesday, July 3 – 1PM – Puzzly Race, Jr (watch for more info)

Wednesday, July 10 – 1PM – Science Heroes: Adventure of the Lost Treasure

Friday, July 19 – 4PM to 6PM – Carnival Finale

Saturday, July 20 – Last chance to log reading and enter for prizes!

Cityofwaupun.org/library

Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St, Waupun

**JUNE 13 – ADULT CRAFT NIGHT – 6PM to 7PM** – Mosquito Repellent Candle – Combine lemon, lime and basil to keep mosquitos at bay with these mosquito repellent candles that will also look nice on your table. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St, Waupun

**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 18 – FLOWER WORKSHOP – 6PM & 7PM** – This flower workshop with Heidi of Rens Floral is sure to inspire and motivate you! \$10 registration fee secures your spot & allows you to arrange your own bouquet with guidance from Heidi. Registration + \$10 fee required! Held at Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

**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

**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!

**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 Kaczmariski, 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)