

From the Waupun Mayor –
Hello Waupun!

As you know, downtown Waupun has got it going on. You've seen construction work happening for the new food truck patio, and now you're seeing a new paint job, and a new mural on the side of the Stone and Suede building. That building came within weeks of being torn down, before it was purchased by the nice ladies who own Stone and Suede.

You may remember how bad some of the properties downtown were getting about 20 years ago, and that is why in 2005, the city created a tax increment district in our downtown (known as a TID) to address building deterioration and blight that was occurring due to lack of investment. Since its creation, TID 3 has generated roughly \$10M in new incremental value in our downtown.

Prior to TID 3's creation, within the 400 block, we saw the demolition of three buildings due to significant decline due to lack of investment. For those that may not realize it, that is the reason we have the green spaces / open spaces in that block.

Any time a building needs to be demolished, it negatively impacts the tax roll and may mean that the city incurs costs associated with the demolition and cleanup. That's also why the city now owns the vacant green spaces downtown.

From 2017 to 2021, the city struggled with questions around the future of 417 E Main St (the former Rock Shop) and what to do as ongoing deterioration was evident.

In 2021, the building was acquired and the city worked with the now property owners to secure grants. Combined with significant private investment, that work supported essential structural repair and renovation to 417 E Main St and saved that building from a similar fate of demolition. Had that building required a raze, we would be faced with an even bigger gaping hole in our downtown and further loss of tax base.

Over the next couple of years, significant investment will be made from the proceeds of Tax Increment District (TID) 3 as it moves into its final two investment years. Investment of TID funds are restricted to redevelopment of the district and does not impact the tax levy. When the district closes the new incremental value generated helps us all by creating more tax base to spread our levy across and helps keep our taxes low.

At present, there are several improvements underway as we work through these final investment years of TID 3, including:

1. Downtown Food Truck Alley is being constructed to the East of Stone & Suede. This is a remake of what was previously an underutilized parklet and is being done in partnership with Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and a Vibrant Spaces grant. The grant is designed to help our community activate under-utilized spaces and in our case, we will gain a much improved park space with lighting, more seating, and electrical needed to host community-based events. Look for a ribbon cutting and program schedule to appear later this summer as that project moves toward completion.
2. The owners of 417 E Main have opted to paint the East wall of their building and are working with Leadership Fond du Lac County and a team of local business leaders to install a new mural that will complement the alley redesign and create a photo opportunity for visitors to our

downtown. Yes, this means that the existing mural will be covered. While not everyone may like that fact, keep in mind that this is a privately owned wall. The team working on this has obtained approval from our community development authority and has fundraised to support the planned improvement. The owners are also working to repair the back of their building as of this writing due to loose and falling brick – again caused by lack of investment over many years. I'm sure they will tell you that old buildings are a labor of love. Because of the collective investment and commitment of many, the building has been preserved for generations to come and I thank all involved for their efforts.

This is just one of many similar success stories downtown. Last week, Gysbers Jewelry opened their new expansion. If you have not had the opportunity to visit, I highly encourage you to see this greatly improved space. Similarly, the owners of Wind & Unwined, Real Sports Cards, Jud-son's and many others have joined forces to make significant improvements across our downtown.

New art installations throughout the community have been added, thanks to Jeni Maly and her nonprofit – Waupun City of Sculpture, and the Waupun Sculpture Tour will come to life later this year. Look for fun ways to engage with public art coming later this summer.

The Waupun Senior Center building, located at 301 E Main, will be vacated this fall as we move to our new facility on McKinley Street. The current building has been listed for sale and we are working with interested developers to facilitate redevelopment and return the building to the tax roll.

A new brewery – Hoya Hop House – is under construction at 514 E Main (former Snow Law office) with plans to open later this year.

We are working on back-alleyway and parking improvement plans across the downtown.

There is example after example of business leaders investing to make Waupun better and preserve the historic architecture within our central business district.

Change is never easy, but without public and private investment and improvements like those listed, we would not be able to maintain a vibrant downtown while preserving the historic architecture that we all appreciate. We should recognize and celebrate the business leaders across our community that continue to invest despite economic uncertainty, be open to change and ready to experience some exciting new things planned for our downtown later this year.

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 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. 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 – 5th 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 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,

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 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: 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