

From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun!

As we all know, on June 22, 2024, the City issued a Disaster Declaration due to flooding caused by significant rainfall. Let's start with why the City would issue this type of declaration. When events like this happen, we have a team that is continually evaluating conditions. As conditions worsen, we may choose to issue a declaration like the one issued on June 22 because it allows us to quickly make emergency expenditures and bypass normal procedural requirements related to budgeting and contracting. It also allows us to issue orders to protect life and/or property, and longer-term, it allows us to potentially access state or federal reimbursement if some form of emergency funds are made available to support recovery.

When we move into emergency response mode, we respond first and need to be able to fund the costs associated with that response as an unplanned expenditure. On June 22, we encountered the need to expend additional resources related to the following: overtime for crews that worked to assist with flooding; dumpsters for damaged flood items – currently 25 dumpsters ordered that hauled away 96 tons of waste; damage – crews have or are still in the process of repairing items damaged such as the driveway at Shaler Park and still need to evaluate infrastructure in some areas like the walk path near Pine Street Park, which has remained mostly under water since June 22nd due to ongoing heavy rain. Also, there are many unknowns that may not be immediately apparent at the onset of an event like the one experienced on June 22. For example, things like roadways and bridges can be damaged during high water events but conditions cannot usually be assessed until flood waters recede. All of this can add up to substantial unplanned expenses that will need to be paid for with few options to fund the expenditures. To minimize the burden on taxpayers, our goal is always to try to recover as many of these types of unplanned expenditures as possible using one of two sources of funding available to local governments and for that reason the emergency declaration is a tool that is used in our response and recovery process.

There is some false information that is circulating right now that suggests that if the City only did more that funding would arrive to help homeowners. This is **false** information. There are two possible funding sources that may become available to us, depending on the severity of the situation. These include:

1. FEMA: A Federal disaster declaration is necessary to access FEMA Funds. A Federal disaster declaration has **NOT** been issued related to the June 22 event, removing this option from the table.
2. WI Disaster Fund: The Wisconsin Disaster Fund (WDF) is a state-funded reimbursement program that allows local governments to recoup costs incurred while responding to and recovering from disaster incidents. There is a threshold of expenditure that must be met (different amounts for Dodge and Fond du Lac Counties based on population). If we qualify, the state reimburses 70% of eligible costs after the local government submits a completed application. That application is currently being worked on and will be filed if we meet the thresholds and once all costs are recorded. The fund does not cover individuals, businesses, the agricultural sector, costs associated with snowstorms, damages covered by insurance, nor does it provide funds for mitigation activities. So what does it pay for? The fund reimburses public disaster costs under three categories:
 - a. Category A Debris Clearance;
 - b. Category B Protective Measures; and
 - c. Category C Road and Bridge Repair.

The Mayor and city staff have been in contact with Emergency Management Directors from both counties since the onset of the June 22nd event and are working with county officials. As noted previously, we must reach a minimum threshold by county to qualify for the WDF program and we will not make that determination until all repairs are complete and costs related to the event recorded.

What does this mean for homeowners? Homeowners and renters are responsible for protecting their personal property and should consider whether they have appropriate insurance coverage to manage their risks. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is an option available to City of Waupun residents because the City participates in NFIP. However, that is a separate policy from a person's homeowners' policy. Information pertaining to this program is available on the City's website for those interested. Secondly, homeowners should talk with their insurance agent about water backup coverage as part of their homeowner's policy.

We know that this has been a frustrating series of events for all of us and what should be a 100-year flood event is occurring at more frequent intervals. WI-DNR data suggests this is true and their forecasts suggest that this pattern may be our new normal. We will continue to work to keep city costs as low as possible but do recommend that you evaluate your policies to determine how you can best manage risks to protect your property.

Thank you, Waupun
Mayor Rohn

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

AUGUST 3 – WAUPUN FINE ART & CRAFT FAIR & CHALK CHALLENGE – 10AM TO 3PM. A one day Fine Art and Craft Fair at West End Park in Waupun featuring 60+ vendors from all over Wisconsin. Easy access, shade and green space. Lunch and beverages by non-profits. Entertainment by the popular Scotty Meyer and our Chalk Challenge! For a registration form email waupunfinearts@gmail.com.
Feel free to email your questions to: waupunfinearts.com

AUGUST 9TH & 10TH – 35TH & FINAL WAUPUN TRUCK-N-SHOW – Come and see hundreds of beautifully detailed trucks from all over the United States and Canada! More information coming!

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.

July Events:

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

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.

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, 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, July 30

Tuesday, August 6

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 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 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@envisongreaterfdl.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