

From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun!

As you know I have been working to make code enforcement more of a priority during my time as mayor. I find it super annoying that while we have so much going on in Waupun, and so many small businesses investing in our city, that we have a few dilapidated buildings with lousy owners, who apparently have no shame mucking up our community. The biggest eyesore is of course the old Golden Cup building on the corner of Main and Madison.

That building sits on the main intersection of our city, and with so many cool things going on all around it, it continues to sit there, as an eyesore. Last year, after the cops were called in to investigate a fly infestation downtown caused by that building having garbage piled up, I personally got involved. I held a press conference outside the building and had the city issue every citation we could, as the building had numerous violations. The owner of the building came to Waupun to yell at me, but I didn't care. The owners worked to 'barely' get that building up to code and they promised me it would be an operating restaurant "soon."

Well, a year later here it sits, and once again we have trash piling up and flies moving in. I'm not putting up with this anymore. The building owner is being cited and the police are constantly monitoring the situation. My guess is that the owner will once again visit Waupun, call me names, and do the bare minimum to be up to code. It's a shame he doesn't just sell it to someone who cares about Waupun.

Last year, that building owner and the residents told me that what Waupun needed more than anything was a new Mayor. I told them we have elections and that they're free to challenge me, and to bring it. He didn't run against me. I assure you as mayor, I will use every power the city has, up to and including eminent domain, to clean that up. Waupun's downtown business owners, who are doing so much to improve Waupun, deserve better.

We're also using all our city powers to clean up the building on 17 N. Madison St. This building too had trash piling up, unkept weeds, unsafe steps, doors that don't close, a leaky shower, an illegal business sign, and just an overall dumpy appeal. What's so sad is that these two buildings are located in a central business district that is booming. We have new business coming in on both north and south Madison Street. Also, the Green Collar Groomers is doing a beautiful building remodel to have the old gas station look.

As you can tell, I'm passionate about supporting our downtown community as they invest in our city.

More good news. The old Schrank Clinic building that I've been harping on to get cleaned up is being sold and fixed up. Yay!

Sadly, because of inflation, the council decided to change its mind and not reroof the city hall or tuck point the Carnegie Library building where we house the historical society. These were two projects I pushed to be in the budget. I think it's a bad look that the city isn't investing in our older buildings downtown when so many business owners are.

Finally, we've been in talks with the railroad about repairing the Lincoln Street crossing and the council did agree to the city doing the blacktop work, while the railroad removes and replaces old track. Hopefully we do this yet this year, but it might be next year.

Waupun has a lot going on, a lot of really cool things happening, and while I usually am more positive and love promoting our city, sometimes I have to do the 'not-so-fun' parts of this job.

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 celebrate our 35th anniversary with the last ride thru Waupun. Mark your calendars now to help us do a send off as the Truck-n-Show will be retiring after this year's show. Come and see hundreds of beautifully detailed trucks from all over the United States and Canada! Friday, August 9th – Lights of the Night Convoy starting at 9PM. Saturday, August 10th – Rides of Pride Parade starting at 3PM. FREE live music both nights. Friday, August 9th, Driftwood from 8PM to 11:30PM. Saturday, August 10th, 8PM to 11:30PM.

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

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 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@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