

## From the Waupun Mayor –

Hallo Waupun!

(That's hello in German) This weekend is Volksfest, and I hope to see you at the ice arena (old community center) all weekend long, but especially at the opening ceremonies at 10am on Saturday. There's Bingo at 3 on Friday, a fish fry, and then Kiwanis Club Breakfast on Saturday morning.

You may have noticed that the water levels at the Mill Pond and the Rock River, upriver, are considerably lower than usual and keep falling. Contrary to what you may have heard, this wasn't done to help me catch fish, the dam is broken. There is a bypass valve and pipe that allows city crews to release pressure on the dam during high water/flooding events. As we all know, we've been using it a lot lately, and something just broke and gave way. The current valve and pipe were installed in 1974. The DNR is working with the city to fix this issue, and recommended we let the water level fall enough to where it's easier to work on repairing it. With the dry conditions, hopefully that won't take too long.

This week at our city council meeting, we heard from Waupun Junior/Senior High School Principal Julie Schmidt. She gave city leaders an update about all the great things happening at our Waupun schools, and the cool things students and staff are accomplishing.

Speaking of schools, you've all heard about the "false alarm" lockdown that took place on Wednesday. While it's unfortunate that it happened, I know that school and police officials are using it as an educational tool to learn from and improve policies and procedures. I've heard stories about teachers and staff who dropped everything to make sure students were safe, and other teachers who kept students calm and protected during the event. Waupun is fortunate to have a staff that's very dedicated to our kids and keeping them safe. I want to thank our teachers and all school staff for what they do for our kids!

We're close to opening the new Community Center building and approved the new policies and procedures manual for the building. We are asking the Recreation Board to take a second look at the policy as it won't allow any alcohol in the building. I've heard from a few local groups that would like to rent the center for fundraising purposes, and hosting events there that would have alcohol sales. If you have a strong opinion one way or the other, contact your alderperson and let them know.

Finally, a point of personal privilege. I'd like to wish my awesome wife a very happy birthday on Sunday, and a happy anniversary on Monday!

Thank you and I'll see ya at Volksfest!

Mayor Rohn

## **SEPTEMBER 13 & 14 – WAUPUN VOLKSFEST 2024 – Held at the Waupun Ice Arena.**

### **Friday Schedule:**

3PM – BINGO

5PM – 2/5ths Party Bank

### **Saturday Schedule:**

8AM – Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

9AM – Warrior Blaskapelle

10AM – Carol & the Keynotes

2PM – Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen

4PM – Stumpf Fiddle Contest

6PM – Dorf Kapelle

Craft Beers from: Knuth Brewing (Ripon), Cercis Brewing (Columbus), Spaten (Germany), 3 Sheeps (Sheboygan).

Beer and food services served by Waupun Hockey and Figure Skaters.

Desserts by Pella Lutheran

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**SEPTEMBER 17 – BIRDHOUSE GOURDS – 6PM** – Master gardener Carol Shirk is back! Birdhouse gourds are fun to grow, easy to work with, and can be used for a variety of purposes including containers, birdhouses, & household décor. Learn growing tips, the process of drying or curing them, and many ways to utilize them with a Master Gardener of more than 27 years! Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

**SEPTEMBER 24 – JIGSAW PUZZLE RACE – 6PM** – The race is on! Teams will compete to finish a 500 piece jigsaw puzzle. Whoever completes their puzzle first wins! Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Teams consist of 1-4 members, of any age; please note this is the team's choice and no accommodations will be provided for teams based on age or number or members. Contact the Library to sign up a team at 920-324-7925. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

**SEPTEMBER 30 – 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 plus a \$10 fee required! Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

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

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

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

**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](mailto: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:** 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)