

From the Waupun Mayor –

Hello Waupun,

I'm thinking more people will be reading this week's column than usual, simply because watching TV is almost impossible right now. Every. Single. Commercial is political and about how the other person is the worst person in the world. I love politics and have done politics as either a job or a hobby for 25 years, and even I'm sick of all the ads! With that said, Early Voting continues all week at Waupun City Hall, and Election Day voting takes place at the new Waupun Community Center.

Speaking of the new Waupun Community Center, we opened it up last week. I held my first monthly Mayoral Listening Session there on Tuesday. I was honored to be joined by Mayor Julie who worked so hard to begin the process of building the new Community Center. We had over a hundred people show up to see us, and then take a tour of the new facility. The building is awesome, and I look forward to playing pickleball and shooting pool there.

Today is Trick or Treat for the kiddos. Downtown Trick or Treating is at 2 and residential is at 4 to 6. I'll be at city hall handing out candy, and I won't be dressing up, because seeing me as mayor is scary enough!

On Wednesday, I had the privilege of attending the Marian University Business and Industry Awards dinner where the Waupun Business Alliance won the Community Collaboration Award! It was awesome to see our downtown get so much positive attention at such a large gathering.

Please note: Veterans Day is fast approaching, and because of the elevator at city hall having been struck by lightning, the Veterans Day Ceremony has been moved to The Rock Golf Club. I know Frank Mesa is telling people that the Mayor will buy everyone a drink who attends, but I'm not so sure about that! 🤔

Finally, on a personal note, I want to say Get Well Soon to my neighbor and friend, Bambi Buchholz!

Thank you and Happy Halloween Waupun!
Mayor Rohn

NOVEMBER 5 2024 GENERAL ELECTION:

In Person Voting:

Tuesday, October 22 through Thursday, October 31 – 8AM to 4PM

Friday, November 1 – 8AM to 5PM

*Must be registered

*Must provide a photo ID

Request an Absentee Ballot by mailed:

Deadline to request a ballot be mailed (5th day prior to election) Thursday, October 31, 2024 at 5PM.

There are several ways registered voters can request absentee ballots.

1) ON-LINE: If they have internet access, the easiest way is to sign up at MyVote Wisconsin, <https://myvote.wi.gov>. Just look for the "Vote Absentee" button near the top of the page. On a mobile phone, use the menu button in the upper right corner of the website. There is a three-step process that starts with putting in your name and date of birth, followed by requesting your ballot. If you don't already have a photo ID on file with your clerk's office, you can upload a copy. Mobile phone users can take a picture and upload it to MyVote. Absentee ballot requests submitted this way go directly to your clerk's office, and you can track your ballot by returning to the website.

2) BY MAIL: Voters can also request absentee ballots by mail (Military and Permanent Overseas may request by Email or fax) from their municipal clerk's office. You can find your clerk's contact information on MyVote Wisconsin. These requests **must be accompanied by a copy of your photo ID**. If you already have a photo ID on file from previous absentee requests under your current registration, you will not need to provide it again.

Voters who are indefinitely confined, meaning they may have difficulty getting to the polls for reason of age, illness, infirmity, or disability are not required to provide a photo ID. Voters in care facilities can have a representative of the facility confirm the resident's identity instead of providing a photo ID. More information on photo ID and exemptions can be found at bringit.wi.gov.

The deadline for registered voters to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you is the Thursday before the election.

Your absentee ballot must be received in your clerk's office or at your polling place by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY:

Polling Location – (New) Waupun Community Center, 520 McKinley Street

Hours – 7AM to 8PM

VOTER REGISTRATION:

Voter registration is required in the City of Waupun before an elector is allowed to vote. A qualified elector is a U.S. Citizen, at least 18 years of age, having resided in the election district for at least 28 days.

An elector can register:

1. **Online** at [MyVoteWI](#),
2. **In person** in the office of the City Clerk (201 E Main Street, Waupun WI 53963),
3. **At the polling place** on Election Day,
4. **By mail** (City Clerk 201 E Main Street, Waupun WI 53963)

PROOF OF RESIDENCE

[Information regarding Proof of Residence for Voter Registration](#) can be found on the [Wisconsin Election's Commission website](#).

You can find municipal ordinances on elections by viewing the [Waupun Municipal Code](#).

For additional information contact the City Clerk, Angela Hull, at 920-324-7915 or email angie@cityofwaupunwi.gov

OCTOBER 7 – NOVEMBER 11 FALL YARD WASTE PICKUP: The City's Fall Yard Waste pick-up is designated for October 7, 2024 thru November 11, 2024 (weather permitting). This service is for the disposal of leaves, grass, garden waste, and branches that are generated from routine yard maintenance. Leaves and brush shall not be deposited on the street. Leave grass clippings and leaves at the curbside loose, do not bag. Separate leaf piles and brush piles. Branches shall not exceed 3 inches in diameter. No tree stumps or tree root systems will be collected. The service is not intended for tree removal or lot cleaning.

NOVEMBER 2 – WAUPUN UMN FALL CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR & BAKE SALE – 9AM TO 2PM – Held at the Waupun United Methodist Church and Wesley Center, 114 S Forest St, Waupun. Free admission and lunch available to purchase.

NOVEMBER 6 – WAUPUN GONE WILD! 6PM – Waupun has gone wild! Join us & the Waupun Historical Society as we explore a compilation of weird but true stories from the past (as found in Waupun newspapers of yore). Held at Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

NOVEMBER 14 – ADULT CRAFT NIGHT – 6PM-7PM – BEADED TREE ORNAMENT – Add a little rustic charm to your home this season! These fun ornaments feature wooden beads & jute twine. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

WAUPUN HOLIDAY HELP - Applications are available at Waupun City Hall, Waupun Food Pantry, the National Exchange Bank, and Waupun Area School District offices. Completed applications need to be returned no later than November 22 to City Hall, Food Pantry, or National Exchange Bank. Distribution of gifts and food coupons will be on Saturday, December 14, at the Waupun Fire Department. In addition, we are looking for individuals, families, and organizations from the Waupun area who would be willing to adopt a family and purchase gifts for their children. Applications for donors can be obtained by contacting Jessica Buchholz at the National Exchange Bank (920-324-5551).

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 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.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

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