

From the Waupun Mayor –
Hello Waupun!

It's finally here.... Election Day! Come Wednesday you'll be able to watch the TV and every commercial won't be a political message. I've been avoiding City Hall during the Early Voting season because of how busy the place has been. I did stop briefly on Thursday, and I am impressed at the professionalism and the organization of our clerk, Angie Hull and her team. Thank you to all the poll workers who've been helping out with this high turnout election.

Trick-or-Treating is a new issue I'm hearing about. Because of the overwhelming popularity of the Downtown Trick-or-treat, some residents want the residential trick-or-treat moved to Halloween evening. Also, people are doing more decorating for Halloween and want kids coming at dark to enjoy the decorations. If you have a strong opinion about Trick-or-Treating, please let your alderman know. Trick-or-Treat is decided by the Council sometime in the Spring.

The City of Waupun annual budget hearing will be held at the November Common Council meeting. The 2025 budget invests into both City Hall and the Carnegie Library building. We will rebuild the second half of the Rock/Newton loop, put money down for a new fire truck, and we will add part-time staff to the Recreation Department so that the new Community Center can be open earlier and later.

In 2025 we will continue to meet with the surrendering townships in regard to fire/EMS responsibilities and cost, as well as my goal to square off Waupun and clean up many of the town islands. Town islands cause issues for first responders, garbage service, street maintenance, and ordinance enforcement. I'm also excited to let you know we have several more exciting projects looking to come, and/or expand here in Waupun. While I can't say publicly what it is yet, I can say it will continue to be an exciting time to live here in Waupun!

Last but not least, the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony will be downtown on November 21 at 6pm, and the Christmas Parade will be on Friday December 6. The Veterans Day Ceremony will be on Veterans Day at the Rock.

PS. Whoever wins on Tuesday, America will be okay, and just because someone votes differently than you doesn't mean they're an awful person. What helps make America great is our ability to agree to disagree. Now, go vote!

Thank you
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@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