

From the Waupun Mayor –
Hello Waupun!

I'm writing this week's column while drinking a coffee and listening to Christmas music at Wind and Unwind; watching the snow come down so hard it's like a mini blizzard! The shop is decorated nicely, and with the snow falling, it kinda feels like I'm in a Hallmark movie.

By the time you read this, we should have lit up this year's Community Christmas Tree. Thank you to Bill and Pam Buchholz for donating the tree in memory of Betty Buchholz, and thank you to Torres Tree Service for harvesting and transporting the tree. A special thank you to Stephaine Starker for taking the lead setting up this year's ceremony.

Coming up on December 3rd will be the Grand Opening of the new Waupun Community Center! There'll be an open house at 3pm, a dedication and ribbon cutting at 4, and tours, along with refreshments and prizes! I hope to see you there!

Then on December 6, at 6pm, is the Waupun Christmas Parade.

This week as we celebrate Thanksgiving, I think back to three years ago this past week, when we buried my dad. In many ways dad's passing has changed my perspective on things. I seem to care less about saving for the future and try to do more fun things with Jenny and the kids now. Dad was only 63, and you're not promised tomorrow. I think this potential lack of time also pushes me to have a sense of urgency to get stuff done. While I'm proud of our list of accomplishments since becoming Mayor, I have a few more things I want to get done, and I'll keep pushing hard! I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve as your mayor, and for entrusting me with this role.

Finally, if you're a hunter, have a good and safe hunt.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Mayor Rohn

Holiday Waupun Aquatic Pool Pass Special

Get your 2025 Waupun Family Aquatic Center Christmas Pool Pass now through December 12, 2024. Holiday Rates: \$200 residential/\$250 non-residential family pass; \$100 residential/\$125 non-residential individual pass. The purchaser will be provided with a Waupun Family Aquatic Center Christmas Pool Pass Certificate in which the recipient will redeem at the aquatic center next year when the actual passes are being sold. The Family Pass (all members must reside at the same address) provides a maximum of 5 members - an additional 2 members can be added for \$10 each. A maximum of 7 members to a family pass. The Waupun Family Aquatic Center Christmas Pool Passes can be obtained (cash, check, charge) at City Hall (201 E Main Street, Waupun) in the City Clerk's Office Monday-Thursday 7:00am -4:00pm and Friday 7:00am-11:00am. For inquiries, please call 920-324-7900.

DECEMBER 3 – WAUPUN COMMUNITY CENTER GRAND OPENING (520 McKinley St) -

3PM – Open House

4PM – Dedication Ceremony

5PM – 7PM – Tours

Come join us for tours, enter for raffle prizes, enjoy coffee, juice and snacks. Construction of the Waupun Community Center was supported in part by American Rescue Plan Act funds that provided a \$4.9M grant awarded to the City of Waupun via the Wisconsin Department of Administration by the U.S. Department of Treasury and by private donor contributions.

DECEMBER 6 – WAUPUN CHRISTMAS PARADE – 6PM

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 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. 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