

Hello Waupun!

Last week the council approved a \$15,000 Scope of Services agreement with VandeWalle for an Affordable Housing Strategy to be done for the City of Waupun. On Thursday I vetoed the agreement, sending it back to the Common Council in April for further review.

While I am a strong supporter of new housing opportunities due to housing shortages and lack of affordability, I believe this decision needs community review and input. The agenda packet, which included the Vandwalle and Associates Inc. Scope of Services agreement was released on Friday for approval the following Tuesday. It was also presented at the Committee of the Whole which does not allow for public input. There have been comments and concerns posted to social media which has also caused confusion and fear that we're bringing low income subitized housing.

My veto sends the housing study back to the common council for their override consideration at the April meeting. It also gives all of us, and you more time to ask questions and learn what the study is looking to accomplish.

I also have a concern that we're approving a \$15,000 study that is going to tell us what we already know; that we have a housing shortage. I will pledge to you that I will NOT be the Mayor who turns Waupun into Fond du Lac South. We are a very safe and well-kept city, and I'm committed to keeping it so. That is why I have directed city staff to be more aggressive with code enforcement. It's why we're now cracking down on slum lord properties, working on an ordinance to track empty properties, and are investing so much into a vibrant and busy downtown.

As for the timeline for the original passage, I'll take responsibility and the blame for it. I've been getting very frustrated, (probably more than I should be) at how dang slow government works, and my reaction is pushing too hard and too fast. This issue needs more time to be considered, and this veto will do just that.

Speaking of the frustrations I've had with how hard and slow government works, I'll use the example of a new stop sign. In early February, a constituent asked me for a stop sign at an uncontrolled intersection. I said, "Sure, we can do that." Thinking to myself that shouldn't be hard, and we already own stop signs.... Well, there's a process. First, the stop sign request has to go to the Police Department to research the crash history of the intersection. Then it goes to the Public Works Board, where an alderman asked about a Yield sign versus a Stop sign. Then that same alderman was concerned about the cost of installing the stop sign, and after 15 minutes or so, the board approved the stop sign request, that sent it to the March Council Meeting.

At the March Council Meeting I explained to the council where the Stop sign request came from and why. The council quickly approved the sign, but wait! We now have to approve an ordinance to give the Stop sing authority to stop you, and then that must be added to our ordinance book, and that's not cheap.

Here's the good news! We're changing the process to streamline a future sign request. If the Board of Public Works and Council approve a new Stop sign, the sign will automatically have the authority to Stop cars, saving us both time and money.

When I look frustrated and tired, that Stop sign is just one of many stories I could tell. I try really hard to have the city working for you and give this job all I have.

Thank you,  
Mayor Rohn

**[The City of Waupun Tuesday, April 1, 2025 Spring Election](#)**

**What's on my ballot?**

Access <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> and click on the WHATS ON MY BALLOT tile

**Where do I vote and what are the hours of voting on Election Day?**

Voting is held at the City Hall, located at 201 E Main Street. You may take the steps to enter the front of City Hall or enter the lower level-west entrance door to access the elevator. Voting hours are 7:00am to 8:00pm.

### **Can I vote early in-person?**

Yes, you may vote in person in the City Hall Clerk's Office from March 18-28, 2025 Monday-Friday (8:00am to 4:00pm) and March 28 (8:00am to 5:00pm)

### **What is the last day I can vote early in-person?**

The last day you can vote early in-person is Friday, March 28, 2025 by 5pm

### **Can I get a ballot mailed to me?**

Yes, there are several ways you can request a ballot be mailed to you:

1. Access <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> and click on Vote Absentee
2. Complete the WI Elections Commission Absentee Ballot Request form and return it to the City Clerk <https://elections.wi.gov/search/node?keys=el-121>
3. Email the City Clerk [angie@cityofwaupun.org](mailto:angie@cityofwaupun.org) making a request for a ballot be mailed to you. Provide your full name, Waupun address, date of birth and the full address of where you would like it mailed. If we do not have a copy of your photo ID on file, you will receive an email making request for the document before a ballot can be placed in the mail.

### **What is the last date I can request an absentee ballot be mailed to me?**

The last date you can request for a ballot be mailed to you is Thursday, March 27 by 5:00pm

### **How do I return the absentee ballot that was mailed to me?**

There are several ways to return your voted ballot:

1. Postal Mail. When the Clerk mails you the ballot, included is a return envelope which postage is already applied. Be sure to have your signature and the signature/address of your witness on the exterior of the return envelope or it will be returned to you.
2. In-person. You may return **YOUR** voted ballot in the sealed return envelope **during** the City Clerk office hours (Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm).

### **When do I have to have my absentee ballot to the City Clerk to be counted?**

Your voted ballot, with your signature and the signature/address of your witness on the exterior of the return envelope, must be in the hands of the Clerk, no later than 8:00pm on Election Day.

### **If I have questions on anything related to voting, who do I call?**

Please contact Angie Hull, City of Waupun City Clerk/Treasurer at 920-324-7915 or email [angie@cityofwaupun.org](mailto:angie@cityofwaupun.org)

**MARCH 31, APRIL 1, APRIL 2 BULK PICK-UP** - The Spring bulk item pick-up with Advanced Disposal Services will be held the week of March 31 2025. Bulk items should be picked up on your normal trash pick-up date. Items may not be placed at the curb prior than 24 hours to your scheduled pick-up date. If items do not meet bulk pick-up guidelines a door-hanger will be hung the day of pick-up. A picture will be taken of the remaining items, and you will have 3 days to remove them. Please remember bulk pick-up is for large items that do not fit in a garbage or recycling container. Waste Management will be providing three 30 yard containers for wood related items only during bulk pick up as well. The dumpsters will be located at the Department of Public Works Garage, at 903 N. Madison St. The days and hours of operation will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8am to 3pm during the bulk pickup days only. Residents will be required to show proof of residency. Material other than wood related items, will not be accepted and will be turned away. You may check out the guidelines for what is considered bulk on our City web-site at [www.cityofwaupun.org](http://www.cityofwaupun.org).

**Wisconsin's Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week has been designated for April 7-11, 2025.** The Statewide Tornado Drill will be Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, with a mock "Tornado Warning" issued at approximately 1:45PM. The drill will conclude at 2:00PM. A second drill will be conducted later in the day with a mock "Tornado Warning" being issued at 6:45PM. Having two drills allows people to practice at work, school, and at home. If severe weather is present in the State on this date, the drill will be held at approximately the same time on Friday,

April 11<sup>th</sup>. If severe weather persists through Friday, the drill will be cancelled. Remember, the City of Waupun NEVER sounds sirens for an all-clear signal.

**APRIL 7- MAY 5 2025 SPRING YARD WASTE PICKUP:** The City's Spring Yard Waste pick-up is designated for April 7, 2025 thru May 5, 2025 (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.

**APRIL 12** - The City of Waupun, in partnership with Rock River Coalition, Protect WI Waterways and Wis-Pak will be hosting a Rain Barrel Workshop at the Waupun Community Center on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Learn about stormwater, health of the Rock River watershed, and how rain barrels help! You'll build your own rain barrel. \$15.00 fee.

Register by April 10 at <https://rockrivercoalition.org/event/2025-rain-barrel-workshop-waupun/>

**WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS** - states that for a period of 48 hours immediately following an accumulated snowfall of two inches or more, vehicles cannot park on city streets or alleys between the hours of 2:00am and 6:00am. Snowfall is measured at the Waupun Safety Building. During these early morning hours the Public Works Department is out cleaning the streets. If cars are parked on the streets during this time City staff has the authority to have the vehicle removed and stored at the owners expense. For further information regarding winter parking regulations please visit the city website [www.cityofwaupun.org](http://www.cityofwaupun.org) (Government, Municipal Codes), and review Chapter 6, Traffic Code section 6.05(5).

**SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL** is addressed in Chapter 7 of our municipal code. Property owners are given 24 hours after the end of a snowfall to remove snow and ice from sidewalks. Failure to do so is cause for the city to clean up the area and will result in a minimum fee of \$100.00. The City provides notice of these winter rules in the local paper and will put door hangers on any property they have to clean up. Pictures of the property are taken before the property is cleaned for verification of violation. Visit the city website, and review Chapter 7, sections 7.07 and 7.08 for additional information on snow and ice removal requirements. You can also call City Hall or the Police Department for further clarification.

**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

**WAUPUN COMMUNITY CENTER (520 McKinley Street):**

HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, from 8AM to 4PM. Tuesday & Friday, from 8AM to 2PM.

**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.waupunareanimalshelter.org](http://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](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: 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)