

From the Waupun Mayor -

Hi Everyone!

I was asked to write a few updates for this week's column, so here it goes.

Rail Road: The rail road crossing at Main street is scheduled to be repaired next Summer. DPW Director Danne has done a nice job working with the rail road to get this scheduled. It's going to be a big project and require about a four-day detour of Main St. Stay tuned for updates as we get closer....

Communication: the Action Advertiser no longer exists, so I'm trying to do my best to keep people informed. I personally write this column every week, I'm out in the community as much as possible answering questions, and I try to get on the radio, too. I would recommend the Daily Citizen and Waupun Pioneer News for information. They're two media sources who cover Waupun.

There is also a Waupun Municipal Government Facebook Page and now an official Mayor's page. The previous Mayors Facebook page was a personal page and not owned by the city. The previous mayor killed that page on the afternoon I took office. I decided the city should own the "Mayor's Page" so that in future transitions the new mayor doesn't have to start from scratch with the page. It also helps with succession, meaning if something happens to me, the new mayor will have immediate access to the Mayor's Page.

Garbage: Last week I signed a new garbage contract! The new service is scheduled to begin in January, however, if things continue to be a struggle with our current garbage situation we may try to change sooner. As for the garbage, they're often behind on recyclables. Please leave the recycling container out, they usually come back around for it. And, make sure yours is out there by 7am! If the truck drives by before your can goes out, you've missed out! And sometimes garbage items fall out of the garbage truck, instead of calling city hall, please walk out and pick up lost trash and throw it away. Together, we can keep Waupun cleaner.

Child Care: This issue is big and continues to be a problem in our region. Daycares struggle with staffing, and parents struggle for a quality place for their kiddos while they work. We continue to work with the existing daycare to hopefully expand, and are exploring options to bring in another child care center.

After School Program: The after-school care program was a joint adventure between Wee Care and the Waupun School District. I had nothing to do with it and didn't know the program was ending until all the emails started pouring in. For questions and concerns about the after-school program please contact your school board member.

Waupun Community Fund: I'm really excited this group is now up and running. We just announced the fund's first big donation and project, (Cemetery/Shaler Park improvements) and we're on the verge of announcing a second. Stay tuned!

Prisoners in the Park: I learned this week that when the line to drop off new inmates at DCI is long, and the incoming inmate needs to use the restroom, the transportation officers drive the inmate to Dodge Park. This usually isn't an issue, except that we have a Summer Park Program going on there, so we have a park full of kiddos, and then a van shows up, armed officers hop out, and then escort a hand cuffed and shackled inmate through the park to use the bathroom. I have talked with the warden and we're working towards a better solution than escorting inmates through a park full of kids.

City of Sculpture: I feel strongly that the Shaler statues make Waupun unique, are our top cultural asset, and can help drive people to Waupun. For that reason, I campaigned hard to return our branding to be "City of Sculpture or Wisconsin's Sculpture City." I was even willing to pay for the updates to the way finding signage myself, so that the End of the Trail would be on the sign instead of the corn leaf logo.

I lost. I worked really hard for it, but in the end the council unanimously disagreed with me. Somehow my effort got tagged as being racially incentive, and I spent much of the past three weeks explaining to people that I don't hate Indians. That was frustrating, but I guess this is how it is.

Breast Feeding: We took a complaint at city hall about a woman who was breast feeding her baby at the Farmer's Market. While I understand it might not be what you expect to see, moms are protected by law to feed their babies, and as Mayor I will support a women's right to breast feed if she chooses.

Senior Center: We're finally making good progress here. The council authorized the creation of an Ad Hoc committee that I will be appointing people to. The senior center was the biggest goal of Mayor Nickel and I will make sure that we honor that in some way at the new building. This will be a wonderful addition for our community.

Thank you and God Bless,

Rohn W. Bishop

Mayor, City of Waupun

JULY 31 DEADLINE – PROPERTY TAXES DUE BY JULY 31 TO THE COUNTY:

Current Taxes Due: Current year property taxes due. The 2021 property tax bills were mailed December 2021 and a minimum payment, equal to the first installment, was due by January 31, 2022. Second installment(s) are considered Postponed Taxes and are due **July 31, 2022**. If the required installment amount due is not paid or is paid after the mandatory deadline, the remaining balance becomes delinquent. **What happens if I'm late in paying my taxes?** All delinquent taxes are subject to interest and penalty charges from February 1 until paid (fraction of a month counts as a whole month). **Who do I contact if I have questions on my tax bill and payments?** Fond Du Lac County 920-929-3010. Dodge County 920-386-3782. **Where do I mail my tax payment?** Dodge County Tax Payment: Make Check Payable and Mail to: DODGE COUNTY TREASURER, 127 E OAK ST, JUNEAU WI 53039-1390. Fond Du Lac County Tax Payment: FOND DU LAC COUNTY TREASURER, 160 SOUTH MACY STREET P.O. BOX 1515, FOND DU LAC, WI 54936-1515.

The City of Waupun Tuesday, August 9, 2022 Partisan Primary 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 Tuesday, July 26 to Thursday, August 4 (Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm) and Friday, August 5 (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, August 5 by 5pm

Can I get a ballot mailed to me?

Yes, we can mail you a ballot between the dates of Thursday, June 23 to Thursday, August 4. 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 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, August 4 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). **YOU CAN NO LONGER PLACE THEM IN THE DROP BOX. YOU CAN NO LONGER BRING IN ANYONE ELSE'S VOTED BALLOT.**

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

WAUPUN AQUATIC CENTER: POOL OPEN JUNE 4-AUGUST 21

POOL PASSES may be purchased prior to the pool opening at www.theydc.org starting April 11, at the Waupun Senior Center by appointment by calling 920-324-7930, or at the Waupun Family Aquatic Center beginning June 4. Pricing: \$150 Residential Family Pass; \$75 Residential Individual Pass; \$175 non-residential family pass, and \$85 non-residential individual pass. Questions, call Waupun Senior Center at 920-324-7930, YMCA of Dodge County at 920-887-8811, or Waupun City Hall at 920-324-7900.

SENIOR SWIM (50+) – Fridays at 11AM – Sponsored by the Waupun Community Coalition on Aging (WCCA)

SWIM LESSONS may be purchased prior to pool opening online at www.theydc.org starting April 11, at the YMCA of Dodge County, or at the Waupun Family Aquatic Center beginning June 4. Questions, call 920-887-8811.

RECIPROCAL DAY –AUGUST 7

Waupun Pass holders will be able to use the YMCA of Dodge County, Horicon Aquatic Center, Fox Lake Aquatic Center & Lomira Pool for FREE!

MY PROPERTY SHOPPE SPONSOR NIGHT – JULY 21

From 3PM to 6PM all patrons get in for FREE! Pizza and drinks also provided from 5PM to 6PM. This night is all thanks you My Property Shoppe!

KIDS PARK SUMMER DROP IN PROGRAM JUNE 13 – AUG 19 (9AM TO NOON & 1PM TO 4PM, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY)

Parks participating in the program are Dodge Park, West End Park and Pine Street Park. Are your kids ready for an adventure in the park? This year's summer park drop-in program will be filled with new adventures. From art exploration to interactive play to field trips, your kids won't want to miss this summer fun. Each week, we will explore a different theme and engage in fun learning activities that help kids explore their creative side. We will maintain free activities at the scheduled parks. We will also have some fun creative activities that will require a small fee (\$1 to \$3 each) along with weekly group and field trip adventures, and special pop-up art events during the week.

Weekly Themes:

July 18-22 – Zoo Fun (Field trip to Menomonee Park in Oshkosh on July 22)

July 25-30 – Fairies & Friends and a visit to a local art studio

Aug 1-5 – Little Picasso & Mini Matisse and a special art in the park event

Aug 8-12 – Splish Splash (Field trip to Beaver Dam Waterworks Park On August 12)

Aug 15-19 – Under the Stars (End of Summer picnic at Dodge Park on August 19)

Questions, you may contact Rachel Kaminski at 920-324-7930 or parks@cityofwaupun.org

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2022 – OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES: Dive into this year's summer reading program, featuring all things ocean all summer long! Kids will receive all of their BINGO cards at the time of registration. A BINGO can be completed by participating in 5 activities in a row, column, or diagonal. Return the completed BINGO card to the library during the week that's indicated on the card. At that time, you can pick out a prize and enter your name for grand prize drawings to be handed out at the end of the program. Supply is limited for weekly prizes; first come, first served.

Friday, July 15 at 7PM – Family Movie Night – Movie TBA

Saturday, July 16 – Last chance to log reading and enter for prizes!

Wednesday, July 20 at 1PM – Game Day at Dodge Park. Join us anytime between 1PM and 3PM to try your hand at giant Connect Four or Kerplunk and so much more.

In case of rain, outdoor programming will be held at the library.

Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St. 920-324-7915.

WAUPUN FINE ARTS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Thursday's in July held at West End Park, 200 Beaver Dam Street, Waupun. (Rain Venue, Waupun Community Center, 510 E Spring St). Food starting at 5:30PM, Concert at 6:30PM. July 21st, FDL Symphonic Band. July 28th, J.T. Jazz. Free Will Offering, Concessions, Bring your lawn chair and/or

blanket. For more information please visit: <https://www.waupunfinearts.org>. Email: info@waupunfinearts.org.
<https://www.facebook.com/Waupun-Fine-Arts>

AUGUST 12 & 13 WAUPUN TRUCK-N-SHOW

The Waupun Truck-n-Show isn't just about trucks! There's just enough space left for everyone to relax and enjoy the bands, food stands, exhibits and beverages offered throughout the weekend. Camping available on the grounds. (No Bicycles, Scooters, Inline Skates, or Skateboards Allowed on Grounds.) Access their website for the two-day itinerary! www.waupuntrucknshow.com Any questions, contact 920-324-9985.

WAUPUN FARMER'S MARKET will run on Saturday's from 8AM to 12PM, June 4 through September 24, in the O'Connor, Wells, & VanderWerff parking lot, corner of Main St & Forest St. The Farmers Market serves as an outlet for local producers to sell their products and provides the community with access to fresh foods and associated crafts from small vendors, hobby farmers and local gardens. If you would like to participate in the Farmer's Market you can contact Stephanie Fletcher at 414-313-0841 or email her at fletchersn09@gmail.com.

FREE COVID-19 TESTING

Fond du Lac County Health Department is offering **FREE COVID-19 testing for all residents ages 2 and older**. Accelerated Clinical Laboratories will be providing mobile COVID-19 testing onsite at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds (520 Fond du lac Ave) on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 8AM -4:30PM**. Drive-thru only. As a reminder, anyone ages 2 or older can utilize these testing sites. Symptoms are not required. No appointments, insurance, or identification is required. Pre-registering may speed up your visit; individuals can pre-register at <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov/en-US/>. Individuals may find additional testing sites within Fond du Lac County by visiting our website, or throughout the state by visiting the DHS website.

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 7:30am- 4:00pm, Monday-Friday. 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 – Will Langford 262-224-1035; District 4 –Mike Matoushek 262-470-5975; District 5 – Dan Siebers 920-205-3065; District 6 – Nancy Vanderkin, 920-345-1151.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Contact Susan Leahy 920-229-6360. City Hall hours: Monday's & Wednesday's 10:00am – 12:00pm. Friday 11:00am – 12:00pm.

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 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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 Chamber at 920-324-3491 Monday – Friday, 8AM to 5PM. The Waupun Chamber is located at 321 E Main Street.

WAUPUN UTILITIES

Open Monday-Friday from 8 AM 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. During this public health emergency Waupun Taxi is allowed to make certain pharmaceutical deliveries. Ask your pharmacist if your medications can be delivered. No charge for the delivery service. To qualify your pharmacist must agree, and you must pay the cost of your medications (if any) over the telephone or internet. But Waupun Taxi will not add on any extra charge for the delivery. Call your pharmacist.

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 are: \$30 City Resident and \$35 Non-City Resident. To reserve a park, call 324-7930. Leave a message if no one answers. 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.

FOOD PANTRY CAN DELIVER! Waupun Taxi can deliver free food from the Waupun Food Pantry to you. If you feel safer staying home – just say so and a taxicab will deliver your food to you. No charge! Waupun Food Pantry, 324-324-4000.

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

AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE FOR AGE 60+:

We can take you anywhere within the city limits of Waupun with the exception of the laundromat or pet-related places. We can take you to doctor appointments, hair appointments, grocery shopping, to restaurants, to banks, to the library, to anywhere! Transportation for ages 60+ within the city limits of Waupun. Multiple stops can be scheduled in 15-minute or more increments. Riders must be able to navigate two steps safely to board the vehicle. Van can seat up to nine passengers. Cost: \$1 each stop. Rides must be scheduled the day before by noon by calling 324-7930. Rides can be scheduled as early as 9AM. The last non-medical ride is at 2PM and the last medical ride appointment is at 3PM.