

Hello Waupun!

Sorry if this is posted a little later than usual. I'm in Bloomington, Minnesota for a dance competition. I also want to mention that since being here, I've had over two dozen text messages, several messenger messages, and voicemails. I will get back to you, but it may take me a few days. Many of those messages deal with the dog attack of the little boy that happened yesterday. I am not going to comment yet, because I have not had a chance to talk with police officials and learn the whole story; and praying for the child's full recovery is most important at this time.

In city municipal news; I have good news and bad news. We'll do the bad new first.

The bad news is the floor in the community center commons area is already failing. The good news is that it is under warranty.

Late last year, people started to notice some areas of concern with the plank flooring. City staff quickly alerted our contractors, and they brought the flooring rep in to review. A determination was made that the product had a quality defect and was going to need to be replaced under warranty. Since then, the city has met with contractors to start to map out a plan for the replacement. This impacts a large portion of the building and is a fairly extensive project to undertake. In laying this out, our goal is to ensure the quality of the repair and building impact and minimize disruption to building operations. Over the course of the next month, we will have a more detailed plan to share with you. For now, know that we will be breaking the building into 3 or 4 quadrants for floor replacement. Crews will be working overnight and as needed and on weekends, but it is probable that we will have a shutdown of the building for one week this summer to complete the repairs. Not ideal, but this impacts the kitchen area, and it would be unlikely that we could safely operate the building with the volume of traffic we have while contractors are in the main areas of the facility.

Thank you for your patience. Hopefully the gym space and workout areas can remain open.

Thank you,
Mayor Rohn

Wisconsin's Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week has been designated for April 7-11, 2025. The Statewide Tornado Drill will be Thursday, April 10th, 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 11th. 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 7 – WILDLIFE OF MARSH HAVEN – 6PM – As the seasons change, so does the wildlife that utilizes the Marsh Haven Nature Center's many habitats. Learn what each season is like as well as typical wildlife found during that season. Meet some of Marsh Haven's live animal ambassadors, and learn more about our wild friends through artifacts and handouts. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

APRIL 8 – ADULT CRAFT NIGHT – 6PM TO 7PM – PAPER FLOWERS – Fun flower bouquets made from cupcake liners and twigs will bring Spring vibes a bit early. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

APRIL 10 – JIGSAW PUZZLE RACE – 6PM – Teams will compete to finish a 500 piece jigsaw puzzle. Whoever completes their puzzle first wins! Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Teams consist of 1-4 members, of any age; please note this is the team's choice and no accommodations will be provided for teams based on age or number of members. Contact the library to sign-up a team. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

APRIL 12 – EARTH MONTH E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT – 10AM TO 2PM – Open to Waupun Utilities customers and the surrounding area. Fee items (cash or check accepted): All TV's are \$20 each. Computer monitors are \$5 each. Sample of E-Waste you can recycle for FREE: microwaves, hair dryers, computers, dehumidifiers, fax machines, laptops, window AC units, MP3 players, printers, refrigerators, UPS devices, scanners, freezers, toasters, keyboards, all wiring, CD/DVD players, all phones, VCRs, stereos. Held at the Waupun Utilities, 817 S Madison St, Waupun.

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 12th 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/>

APRIL 17 – POETRY NIGHT – 6:30PM – To celebrate National Poetry Month, the library will be hosting a Poetry Night. Join us for poetry readings and discussions! This is an "open mic" event; attendees are welcome to share any poems they have written. Ages 13 & up. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

WAUPUN FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER – OPENS JUNE 7 – AUGUST 24, 2025

Open Swim – Monday thru Friday – 1PM to 6PM, Saturday & Sunday – 12PM to 7PM

Pool hours are subject to change based on weather/attendance. Note: 3:30-3:45PM all pool break; everyday.

Season Passes:

Individual Pass – Resident - \$105. Non-Resident - \$130

Family Pass (5) – Resident - \$210. Non-Resident - \$260

Military (Active or Retired) – 15% discount.

Family season pass includes up to 5 family members and its intended for immediate family only; all family members must reside at the same address. An additional 2 family members can be added for \$10 each. A maximum of 7 family members per family season pass.

Season pass registration can be done online through the YMCA at www.theydc.org, or return the registration form with payment to Waupun City Hall prior to the pool opening starting on April 7, or the Waupun Family Aquatic Center starting June 7. Make checks payable to the City of Waupun.

Daily Passes:

Ages 3 years and under – FREE

Ages 4 years and older - \$6.50

Senior 60+ Discount - \$2

Please note that all patrons are required to pay to enter the Waupun Family Aquatic Center, whether swimming or not.

June 9-13 the pool will close at 5PM for lessons.

Father's Day – June 15 – Dad's get in for \$1.00 all day long!

Reciprocal Days – June 22, July 6 & August 3 – Waupun pass holders will be able to use the YMCA of Dodge County, Horicon Aquatic Center, Fox Lake Aquatic Center & Lomira Pool for FREE!

Senior Swim (50+) – Fridays 11AM to 12PM

Water Aerobics – Wednesdays 4PM to 5PM

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

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. 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: 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