

Hello Waupun,

Late Wednesday morning I tuned into a Madison TV station to monitor the approaching severe storms. As the storms worked their way across the state, I felt it a good idea to head home and help keep the kids calm. As I was tracking the storm, I heard the Waupun sirens sound. When they timed out after three minutes, they sounded again when the National Weather Service issued a Tornado Warning.

The early sounding of the sirens was the good work of Fire Chief BJ DeMaa. Chief DeMaa was tracking the storms in his office. He was watching radar, following storm chaser reports, monitoring a YouTube channel, and had Waupun fire personnel out in the field. The Chief noticed a hook echo on his radar, confirmed with spotters who were watching the funnel materialize, and manually sounded the city's tornado warning sirens.

A few minutes later the National Weather Service picked up the funnel cloud and issued the tornado warning, and that's when dispatch sounded the sirens area wide, and why ours sounded back-to-back.

Waupun was lucky, as the tornado briefly touched down but receded back to the sky before passing over Waupun. However, had the tornado remained on the ground, the quick actions of the chief by alerting the community a couple minutes earlier likely would have saved lives.

Thank you Chief DeMaa and the men and women of the Fire Department and Police Department who are out during severe weather events to help keep the community safe.

In other city news, I receive texts, emails, messages, almost daily, and many have to do with a city ordinance violation, or concern. I do want to again promote the new "Text my Gov" app available through the City of Waupun website. Text my Gov gives you the option to take a picture of your concern, write a text, and send it to city government. The system looks for keywords like (trash, parking, animal, streetlight, pothole, etc) and the complaint is passed along to the appropriate department. I'm hoping that the Text my Gov app helps streamline the process and speeds up our response time. To sign up or learn more, text "Hi" to 920.325.3205.

Thank you and God Bless,

Mayor Rohn

2ND INSTALLMENT PROPERTY TAXES DUE BY JULY 31 TO THE COUNTY

If you chose to pay your 2024 taxes in installments, your 2nd (final) installment is due no later than July 31, 2025 TO THE COUNTY.

If you did not pay the 1st installment by January 31, 2025, and you are in delinquent status, please contact the County Treasurer for your balance due:

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 54936-151

JULY 23 – HEART HEALTH – 10AM – Dodge County Public Health brings us this program on cardiovascular health, heart disease, and knowing your numbers (BMI, blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar) & how your habits can make a big impact! FREE blood pressure screening after the presentation! Sign up preferred, not required. Held at Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

JULY 24 – JIGSAW PUZZLE RACE – 6PM – Teams will compete to finish a 500 piece jigsaw puzzle. Whoever completes their prize 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 Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

AUGUST 5 – WAUPUN ANIMAL SHELTER – 6PM – Animal Shelter Volunteers will discuss their beginnings & the services they provide. A cat friend will be present as well, in a carrier! A donation drive at the library will continue the entire month of August. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

AUGUST 23 – DODGE COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP, N8856 CTH A, Beaver Dam – 8AM TO 12PM – Drop off old & unwanted chemicals for farms, households & small businesses. **Clean Sweep Guidelines:** Put items in your trunk or as close to the hatchback as possible. Do NOT pack material in the backseat of your vehicle. Keep like materials together & place in cardboard boxes. We will NOT return cardboard boxes used to transport items. You must stay in your vehicle at all times. Materials should be properly identified with their original labels. DO NOT MIX materials together. NO latex paint. **Please note:** Unknown materials can be brought in, BUT Dodge County and the hazardous waste disposal contractor reserve the right to refuse any material. Household/\$10 vehicle. Agriculture = Free (must pre-register). Small Business/VSQG must pre-register. To pre-register please call 920-386-3660

WAUPUN PARK PROGRAM – JUNE 2 THRU AUGUST 8. Monday thru Friday, 9AM to Noon & 1PM to 4PM. Parks included are Dodge Park, Pine St Park, & Wilcox Park. For more information go to <https://www.cityofwaupun.org/parksrec/page/park-programs>.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 – CITY WIDE TRICK-OR-TREATING FROM 4PM TO 6PM.

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

Summer Hours (Memorial Day - Labor Day):

Monday - Thursday 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 7:00 am - 11:00 am

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: 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