

Hello Waupun,

Happy Labor Day weekend! As usual, summer flew by. The Brewers are the best team in all of baseball, the Waupun Warriors are 2-0 after one heck of a game Friday night, the Badgers started off with a win, and the Packers made a huge trade! Exciting times!

Around town, on Wednesday, we had a huge turnout for the Waupun Utilities open house to show off the new ABNR addition to the wastewater treatment facility. Waupun currently operates the largest wastewater treatment plant of this kind in the country, and we have the cleanest wastewater discharge, too. ABNR stands for Advanced Biological Nutrient Recovery, which uses algae to consume phosphorus and nitrogen, producing clean water and valuable algal biomass for products like bioplastics and shoe insoles. The water discharging from our wastewater plant is likely cleaner than water being consumed in many parts of the world.

The public works crew has been doing a fantastic job keeping Waupun looking great. They cleaned up along Harris Creek, trimmed the trees at the Veterans' Memorial, have the boardwalk looking good, painted and did some repairs to the windmill, repaired the steps in front of city hall, keep the parks looking good and maintained, and even removed a very large spider from the West End Park shelter light.

On Friday, Chuck Stobb, a linchpin of our Public Works Team, showed me how he maintains the street sweeper at the end of each day. While it shouldn't have been surprising, I was kind of surprised at just how much dirt, grime, lawn clippings, rocks, etc. that he cleans off the streets. While the street sweeper does help to keep the city looking nice, its primary purpose is to remove debris from the streets as to not pollute the Rock River during a rain event. The street sweeper is part of our DNR Storm Water Management Mandate and is paid for by the Storm Water Utility Fee.

As for the Storm Water Utility Fee, it's projected that going into the 2026 budget, the Storm Water Utility is looking at a deficit of \$65,000. My solution for this is to slightly raise the fee to cover the shortfall, however, the recommendation to the Common Council is to hire a consultant to review the Storm Water Utility, look at where it's going long term, and to recommend a fee increase. This annoys me. I don't want to hire a consultant with tax dollars, to tell me to increase a fee that we already know we need to increase. I support the mission of the Storm Water Utility, which is to fund our Storm Water Management Program, not enrich government consultants. I admit at times we do need to bring in an expert to help us with an issue, like the engineer for the flood study. I'm no engineer and we needed to learn where the water is going and possible solutions to help relieve the flooding, but not every situation needs an outside expenditure.

The annual river clean-up day is coming on September 20, and we'll also be having the official unveiling of the new sculpture along the river at Harris Mill Park. This too is part of our city's pride in our water. The sculpture, called Eddies & Etchings, is a reflective outdoor sculpture designed to highlight the relationship between people and our river. The sculpture came to Waupun thanks to a grant from the Protect Wisconsin Waterways Water Quality and Education and Involvement. We'll be adding educational signage to the sculpture as we continue to promote both Waupun's commitment to clean water and our heritage as Wisconsin's Sculpture City!

Thank you and God Bless,

Mayor Rohn

SEPTEMBER 12 & 13 – WAUPUN VOLKSFEST 2025 – IN A TENT THIS YEAR at Tanner Park!

Friday Schedule:

3PM – Bingo

5PM – Fish Fry (Served by Fox Lake Blazers)

7PM – Stein Holding Contest

Saturday Schedule:

8AM – Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

8AM to 3PM – My Property Shop Car Show
9AM – Warrior Blaskapelle
11AM – Carol & the Keynotes
2PM – Stumpf Fiddle Contest
3PM – Apolka Tpse
4PM – The Mark Jirikovec Band

Craft beers from: Knuth Brewing (Ripon), Spaten (Germany), Hoya Hop House (Waupun)
Desserts by Pella Lutheran.

SEPTEMBER 9 – ADULT CRAFT NIGHT – RECYCLED BOOK PUMPKIN – 6PM TO 7PM – Previously loved books find a new life in these cute little pumpkins. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

SEPTEMBER 15 – FLOWER WORKSHOP – 6PM AND 7PM – Christina from Kartechner & Girls Flower Company will be leading us in a flower arranging workshop. Follow along as you arrange a lovely bouquet to take home! Space limited. Registration + \$10 fee required! Call 920-324-7925 to register. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St

SEPTEMBER 20 – PROJECT WATERWAYS – 8AM to 10AM – Join our annual waterway clean-up. Join the community in preserving and protecting local water resources. Together, we can make a difference and ensure clean water for generations to come. Held at Shaler Park, 400 N Madison St.

SEPTEMBER 26 – WAUPUN HOPS N SHOPS BEER AND CIDER WALK – 5:30PM TO 8:30PM. Join Discover Downtown Waupun for a fun fall evening of sipping, shopping, and strolling through downtown Waupun. Local brews, crisp ciders, and small-town charm await! 21+ only. Online tickets: \$35 through Eventbrite. In-person tickets: \$40 at Brooks Shoes & Repair.

SEPTEMBER 29, 30 & OCTOBER 1 BULK PICK-UP - The Fall bulk item pick-up with GFL will be held the week of September 29. Bulk pick-up is a service that is provided to all City of Waupun residential properties (4 units and under). Bulk items will be picked up on your normal trash pick-up date. Items may not be placed at the curb earlier than 24 hours before your scheduled pick-up date. If items do not meet bulk pick-up guidelines a door-hanger will be hung at the property 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. GFL will be providing 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.

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

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 – Ryan Mielke 920-517-0854; 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

Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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