

Hello Waupun,

If you're like me, just living your busy life day to day, you probably barely notice the government is shutdown. In fact, if it wasn't for the constant news coverage I wonder how many of us would notice it's closed. It feels like when these shutdowns happen, politicians grandstand, the media works up a frenzy, the shutdown lasts a bit and we move on. This time, however, both sides seem really dug in, and as the calendar turns from October to November it may now begin to affect us here locally.

It appears the shutdown is shutting down the SNAP program, (As I write this that's being argued in court) and that could effect residents here in Waupun and the Waupun Area. I say all this because it looks like this will be a time for our community to step up and help those truly in need; and that effort begins this morning with the Waupun Fire Department. WFD will be hosting their 17th annual food drive today from 9 am to 1 pm. This is our chance to help keep our pantry shelves full. The Fire Department is accepting shelf-stable foods and cash donations. There are three locations where you can participate: the Fire Department, Piggly Wiggly and Tractor Supply.

The Waupun Food Pantry, too, is preparing to be busier than normal, and could really use donations, whether monetary or food or clothing. Terri and the gang do a magnificent job helping people in need. They're located at the new Community Center and you can learn more here: <https://www.waupunfoodpantry.org/>

I'm asking everyone who's able to join in this effort. Every can, every dollar, and every act of kindness makes a difference. Together, we can ensure no one in our city goes hungry.

Special shoutout to the Firefighters who early this morning dealt with a fire call, will be collecting food donations, and then this evening is the Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery event sponsored by Tony's Pizza. I'm thankful for the dedication of the team we have at the WFD.

This weekend also kicks off the Holiday Shopping Season for Waupun local businesses, and I noticed the city was busy yesterday. There are so many neat stores throughout Waupun and we've really become a destination for people to shop, eat, and have a good time. Tonight is the Holiday Wine Walk and we change our clocks back an hour tonight.

As always, Waupun really has it going on!

Thank you,

Mayor Rohn

OCTOBER 6 – NOVEMBER 10 FALL YARD WASTE PICKUP: The City's Fall Yard Waste pick-up is designated for October 6, 2025 thru November 10, 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.

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

NOVEMBER 4 – WOOD FLOWER WORKSHOP – 1PM & 6PM – Lisa from Mackford Home & Gifts will demonstrate how to create a book – inspired wood flower arrangement and guide attendees in the creation of their own. Space limited. Spot secured with \$5 fee at the library. Registration + \$5 fee required! Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

NOVEMBER 8 – WAUPUN UMC FALL CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR & BAKE SALE – 9AM to 2PM – Held at Waupun United Methodist Church & Wesley Center, 114 S Forest St, Waupun. Free admission and lunch available to purchase.

NOVEMBER 12 – ADULT CRAFT NIGHT – 6PM TO 7PM – TASSEL TREE ORNAMENT – Create a cute and festive Christmas tree ornament using yarn & other adornments! Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

WAUPUN HOLIDAY HELP

Applications are available at Waupun City Hall, Waupun Food Pantry, the National Exchange Bank, and Waupun Area School District offices. Completed applications need to be returned no later than Friday, November 21 to City Hall, Food Pantry, or National Exchange Bank. Distribution of gifts and food coupons will be on Saturday, December 13, at the Waupun Fire Department. In addition, we are looking for individuals, families, and organizations from the Waupun area who would be willing to adopt a family and purchase gifts for their children. Applications for donors can be obtained by contacting Jessica Buchholz at the National Exchange Bank (920-324-5551).

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 – 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.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