

Hello Waupun,

At this past Tuesday's Common Council meeting we had a moment of silence for Hank Snyder, who passed away late last week. Hank was an interesting guy, to say the least, LOL! For a long time, Hank covered Waupun news and government for the Beaver Dam Daily Citizen and the Neighbors newspapers. Over the years Hank and I became friends, and he was a strong supporter of mine. Every time I saw him, he'd tell me he prayed for me and our city every day. He truly loved Waupun; and will be missed by all of us who knew him.

Also, at the Tuesday meeting, we began the process of creating a childcare Revolving Loan Fund, where daycare centers can borrow money at a super low interest rate, pay it back to the city, and the fund grows to hopefully be used for daycare expansion moving forward. As you know, supporting local childcare has been a top priority of mine, because if parents don't have a place for their kids to go, they can't go to work. When it comes to childcare, the business model and regulations have it all messed up, and that's above my pay grade, but as Mayor, I am committed to helping the local daycare, and any new daycares, be successful and most importantly AFFORDABLE for Waupun's families. The kids are our most important asset; they're our future, and I'll do whatever I can to make sure Waupun is a great place to raise kids.

With all this snow we've been getting, Alderman Pete Kaczmarski asked me to remind folks that when you roll your garbage carts out, please make sure they're on the street side of the snowbanks. The garbage truck's arm isn't long enough to grab the cart if it's up on the sidewalk.

This week I signed, along with the local town chairmen, the new Waupun Fire Service Agreement, that will provide fire services to the City of Waupun and the local townships for years to come. The agreement means the city maintains control of the fire department through the Fire and Police Commission, and that members will be appointed by the mayor. It also brings up the town's contribution to the cost of offering fire protection, and more equally, and fairly, divides the cost. This agreement took years to hammer out. My thanks to Fire Chief DeMaa, Administrator Kathy Schlieve and Aldermen Dan Siebers and Pete Kaczmarski for their work on the ad-hoc committee that brought this agreement to fruition. This is a good long-term solution that will benefit our city for a long time!

Now that the fire services agreement is settled, my next goal with the towns is to clean up all the town islands located within the city. We have several, and they cause issues when it comes to enforcement and addresses receiving city services without paying for them. These islands are also why we don't repave Young Street, Wilcox Street, Woodland Drive, Doty Street, and others, because sections aren't in the city, and I don't feel city taxpayers should be paying for township roads we don't own. We as a city are already plowing and salting them, but as cost continue to rise, the city can't just keep offering these services to non-city residents.

Thank you, Waupun! Keep warm and God Bless,
Mayor Rohn

DECEMBER 13 – BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 2025

The Waupun Fire and Police Departments are hosting the 7th annual Breakfast with Santa event benefitting the Waupun Food Pantry. This event is sponsored by Fox Valley Savings Bank and The Rock Golf Club.

Come for great food, fun holiday activities and free pictures with our very own Santa! Write a letter to Santa and he will respond.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. with Santa arriving around 9:30. The event will conclude at 11a.m.

Each non-perishable food donation gets you an entry to win a family pool pass (donated by the City of Waupun) for the 2026 season.

Tickets are available for \$12 for an adult and for ages 1 and up \$7. Infants <1yr old who will be on you lap are free. Get your tickets at Waupun City Hall with cash/credit card, at Fox Valley Savings Bank with cash. If having problems getting to one of our partners, please text Nate Schears at 920-602-2095 and we'll work something out.

DECEMBER 18 TROLLEY NIGHT – 5PM TO 8PM – Come join us for an evening of festive fun! Activities included are visiting Santa, shop vendors, ride trolleys and see lights, coloring pages, kids face painting, live local performances. Held at 520 McKinley St, Waupun.

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 Kaczmarski, 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: 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, Projectors & 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