

Happy New Year Waupun!

On New Year's Day, I had the privilege of riding along in a city Public Works truck while they were salting the streets. The technology in the trucks is pretty cool, and I'm thankful for the opportunity to keep learning the behind the scenes work it takes to keep Waupun open for business. Over the years I've done ride-alongs in a squad car, drove a fire truck, hung a Christmas Angel, smelled sewer water, took down pickleball nets, and even helped open absentee ballots for the Presidential Election. Waupun is fortunate to have a dedicated team who serve our city well, and I enjoy learning first hand how they do it!

This first full week of 2026 will get me off to a busy start. I appeared on WFDL Radio's "Between the Lines Program" on January 2 to talk about 2025 accomplishments and goals for 2026. On Tuesday at 8:10 I'll be on WRPN (1600 AM and 93.1 FM) out of Ripon and at 10:00 I'll do a full hour on "Community Comment" on 95.3, WBEV Beaver Dam. Then at 11:30 I have a several hours long meeting about the Main Street Program and what Waupun can do to become a Main Street city.

I know it's the dead of winter, but come May at Shaler Park, the military service flags will go back up, and I learned that our Legion/VFW reuse the flags, often sewing the old tattered worn-out flags. Which is nice, but they're still sun faded and don't look the nicest. I asked Frank Mesa what the cost of a new set of flags would be, and it comes out to about \$300. If anyone reading this wishes to make a donation to Frank for a new set of flags, let him or I know and we'll get new flags!

With this cold weather, the Rock River is frozen over. I remember as a kid, kids skating the river all the way from Brandon St. to the Mill Pond. There was even a hockey rink between the Buchholz and Dr. Timmerman's places. This year we have kids skating on the river again, and I think that's a good thing, however I do want to caution parents that while the river is frozen and fairly shallow, it is a river and never completely freezes over, especially near storm water inlets. So, If your kids are skating the river, please remind them to be careful, avoid the inlets, and to be aware of the ice conditions.

Thank you and God Bless,
Mayor Rohn

JANUARY 13 – ADULT CRAFT NIGHT – 6PM TO 7PM - SNOWMAN SALT & PEPPER SET – Make this adorable seasonal set sure to cozy up your space this winter. Held at the Waupun Public Library, 123 S Forest St.

JANUARY 29 – 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.

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, 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