

Hello Waupun,

Earlier this week, the council approved a grant for the extension of Shaler Drive with construction starting later this year. The grant agreement was made possible through the Dodge County Community Development Grant Program between the City of Waupun and Dodge County and would cover about 50% of the costs pertaining to the completion of Shaler Drive connecting the street between the Waupun Junior Senior High School to the intersection of Watertown Street. This street connection is important for a significant housing project, along with what looks likely to be more apartments and commercial development coming to the southeast corner of Waupun.

As you know connecting Shaler Drive has not only been a priority of mine, but also a priority of the council and city staff. It's taken a lot of effort to get us to this point, where we can pay for the street construction, including creating a tax incremental financing district, clever budgeting, and the time put into getting the grant from Dodge County. I'm confident with this street project along with the improvements we'll be seeing, and the convivence it will bring to the residents in the Robin Road and Claggett Street area, the work will be more than worth it!

Since the completion of the new valve at the dam, I'm often asked questions about the Rock River, including about restocking fish upstream from the dam, and why is the water a blue greenish color, so much so that even the ice along the dam is a swimming pool blue. A friend reached out to the WI DNR and asked about both. First, the color. The color is caused by a dye that Saputo Cheese is using in their wastewater treatment plant that empties into the river. They have a permit from the DNR to use the dye, and I'm assured it's harmless to the fish. As far as restocking the river, we can do it, but the State of Wisconsin cut funding for restocking in 2018, and the Mill Pond is no longer stocked with Northern Pike. We did get a couple of fisheries that are approved by the DNR, but we'd have to pay for it ourselves. I don't know if this is something folks are interested in donating towards, but it's something I think some folks are going to work towards accomplishing.

Last week, I asked residents in the Park, Roosevelt, and Grove Street area to please fill out the surveys that we the city sent to them. Since then, more are coming in and I appreciate that, but we still need more. The reason for the surveys is we're looking to get a million dollar grant to help us pay for the street reconstruction in that area. The cost of the project is \$3 million, and the grant would be \$1 million. Please help us save us a million dollars and return the surveys ASAP.

Finally on Tuesday, I had the opportunity to attend the Entrepreneurship Class pitch event at the Waupun High School. What is a pitch event? It's when students create small groups and come up with a small business idea. The students find a need that they think they can help with by selling a product or service. They put together a business plan; devise a solution with the product or service they wish to sell. The students then "pitch" their ideas before judges in hopes of winning money to help get their idea off the ground. Thankfully, I was a guest and not a judge because both groups of kids did a fantastic job! Kudos to Waupun School District and the Waupun Business Education Department for offering our students such awesome opportunities. It is a wonderful experience for the kids, and I'm honored to attend to be supportive. Waupun has a bright future with these talented young people coming through.

Thank you and God Bless,
Mayor Rohn

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 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@envisongreaterfdl.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