

# Community News

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"End of the Trail"

*Community News* is an E-newsletter capturing key events of the City of Waupun, and the various departments within the City. The newsletter will largely focus on 10 goals identified during the June 2010 strategic planning session: 1) To Create Pool Facility in Fond du Lac County Park/McCune Beach; 2) Bike Trail – Connect Wild Goose Trail to the City (East & West Sides); 3) Consolidate Recreational Area (Sports Complex); 4) Facilitate Construction of Banquet Hall; 5) Fill the Pamida Building; 6) Streamline Process for Recruiting New Businesses; 7) Bring in Large Business/Industry; 8) 400 Block of South Main Street; 9) Promote Waupun as Excellent Community for Business & Family; 10) Work on Main Street (Empty Buildings).

As the newsletter evolves we hope to also share with you activities of the area schools, the Chamber of Commerce, and additional local service organizations.

## CITY HALL MEETINGS

**3/15**, 4:00pm – Community Development Authority

**3/15**, 5:30pm – Board of Public Works

**3/16**, 4:45pm – Planning Commission

**3/21**, 4:15pm – Library Board

**3/21**, 5:30pm – Special Joint Common Council

## City Hall Happenings

### BIKE TOUR

Over the past few weeks eight communities surrounding the Horicon Marsh have been meeting to discuss interests in organizing a bike and auto tour around the Marsh. The

bike touring event is being planned for June 4<sup>th</sup>. It is estimated that 500 + bike riders will take part in the event. Local businesses and service organizations are encouraged to

participate. Sites around the trail will be available for vendors and clubs to set up stands to sell their products. More details will be forthcoming.

## WAUPUN AREA EVENTS

**3/18**, 7:30pm – Drowsy Maggies Celtic Celebration, City Hall

**3/18-3/20** – Waupun Figure Skating Club Ice Show

**4/17**, 10:00-5:00 – Marsh Haven Earth Day Celebration

**5/14** – City Wide Rummage Sale

### OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

Last Tuesday, the Waupun Common Council adopted the 2011-2016 Park, Outdoor Recreation & Open Space Plan for the City of Waupun. This 5 year comprehensive plan is a guide for the development of

recreational facilities and programs. Much of the data that was gathered came from the 1,300 city residents that completed the outdoor recreation survey. The State of Wisconsin also requires an approved

recreation plan to maintain eligibility for grant funding. This is important as we will be seeking grants for our bike & walking trails. Feel free to visit the city website and view the Outdoor Rec Plan.

### UPCOMING POOL MEETING

A meeting to discuss the proposed pool project will be held on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM in the City

Hall Council Chambers. This will be joint meeting between the Common Council,

Recreation Board, and Waupun Area Recreation Projects (WARP).



"Who Sows"



**Get Out  
And Vote!**

**April 5** – Spring Election, polling hours 7:00am to 8:00pm, Waupun City Hall

View past issues of *Community News* on the City website, [www.cityofwaupun.org](http://www.cityofwaupun.org). Click on "Community Newsletter".

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*BIKE TRAIL UPDATE*

A meeting was held with the Wisconsin DNR to review the location of the walking trail segment from Meadowview Park

to Edgewood Drive. It was recommended that the proposed trail be realigned further away from the Rock River. Discussion was

also held on the anchoring method that will secure the boardwalk and also limit disruption to the area.

*SPORTS COMPLEX PROGRESS*

H & K Sports Fields is in the process of developing the final design layout and preparing bid specifications. It is estimated that a bid

award will occur around May 15<sup>th</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a publicly funded private construction project requiring a prevailing wage

determination. Last week the prevailing wage application was filed with the Department of Workforce Development.

*SHALER DRIVE STREET EXTENSION UPDATE*

Later this year Shaler Drive will be extended south and west to

Mayfair Street and S. Watertown Street. Last week we received the

preliminary design layout for the boulevard style street.

*PROJECT FUNDING*

Information was recently provided regarding Governor Walker's budget repair bill and biennial budget. We're estimating that the City of Waupun could lose as much as \$500,000 in state aids. Questions have been raised as to how the city can proceed with the development of the sports complex, bike

trail, and extension of Shaler Drive with these pending cuts. The short answer is that all these projects are being built within a Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) District. A TIF District is a designated development area within the city. We currently have four such Districts. Development within these Districts and the

revenue generated from the new property value from the development pays for any improvements within the District. Individual property taxes are not being used to fund these projects, rather the revenue generated from development within the TIF District.

**Service Organization On-Goings**

*Friday Night Fun!*  
Waupun Fine Arts, Inc. is sponsoring The Drowsy Maggies Celtic Celebration Friday,

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at Waupun City Hall auditorium.

*SATURDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES:*  
American Legion Birthday Dinner, 6:30pm, Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the legion hall.