

A City of Waupun publication



"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 East Main Street; 9) Promote Waupun as Excellent Community for Business & Family; 10) Work on Main Street (Empty Buildings).

You can also find helpful information from the Waupun Area School District, Waupun Area Chamber of Commerce, and local service organizations in special sections of *Community News*.

City Hall Happenings

SPORTS COMPLEX PROGRESS

The baseball fields are really starting to look like baseball fields! Thanks to everyone who has donated toward this wonderful community-focused project. Total donations have passed the \$14,000 mark. Since our last update, contributions have come in from the following very generous businesses and individuals:

- Bob & Barb Pluim
- Culver's Restaurant



- Rosendale Dairy
- Dan & Grace Brown
- VZ's Trucking Inc.
- American Transmission

Company
• Dr. Jim and Mary Ann Lenz
Thank you for your support!

VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE

At 11:00am on 11/11/11 a Veteran's Day Observance was held on the steps of City Hall. Members of the American Legion and VFW participated in the event. The National



CITY MEETINGS

11/21, 4:15pm – Library Board, Library

11/24 & 11/25 – CITY HALL CLOSED

11/28, 6:00pm – Recreation Board, Council Chambers

11/29, 5:30pm – Committee of the Whole, Council Chambers

11/29 – Special Council Meeting (following C.O.W. mtg), Council Chambers

11/30, 4:00pm – Community Development Authority, Council Chambers



View meeting agendas and minutes on the city website:

www.cityofwaupun.org

WAUPUN AREA EVENTS

Sundays in Nov., 4:30-6:30pm – Open Skating, Community Center

11/19, 1:00-2:00pm – Lego Club, Library

11/19, 6:30pm – Celebrate Waupun Kick-off Dance, City Hall Auditorium

11/29, 6:30pm – Avenue of Angels Parade, Downtown Waupun

11/29-12/2, 6:00-8:00pm daily – Avenue of Angels Activities, City Hall Auditorium

12/3, 2:00pm – Sled Hockey, Community Center

Dec. 4, 11 & 18, 4:30-6:30pm – Open Skating, Community Center

12/6, 4:00-5:00pm – Lego Club, Library

12/7 & 12/14, 10:30-11:00am – Story Time, Library

12/14, 7:00pm – Figure Skating Christmas Exhibition & Cookie Walk, Community Center

View a list of area events at the NEW Waupun Festivals website:
www.waupunfestivals.com

VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE (continued)

Anthem was sung and Mayor Steger and Post

Commanders from the Legion and VFW offered words during

the observance. Thank You Veterans!

Chamber of Commerce Chit-Chat

AVENUE OF ANGELS APPROACHES

The days are drawing near for this year's Avenue of Angels Christmas celebration which will be held Tuesday, November 29 – Friday, December 2. The event kicks off with a Christmas parade on Tuesday at 6:30pm.

Enjoy free hot chocolate, apple cider and cookies at City Hall from 6:00 - 8:00pm, Tuesday – Friday evenings. The "Festival of Trees" is a holiday favorite. Area businesses and organizations decorate trees highlighting their

trade or organization which adds to the holiday fun of the Avenue of Angels.

Tuesday night Vicki Belleville and the Pella Praise Team sing traditional and contemporary holiday songs. Santa will be available for photos after the parade.

Wednesday evening Masters of Movement dance studio and the Waupun Warriorettes will bring smiles to your faces as they show off their moves. And come visit with Santa!

Community choirs will perform a "Mixed Blessings" concert on Thursday evening.

The Friday night finale will feature stories by Mrs. Claus, and a play by a local community children's theater. And, of course, Mr. Claus will be there too!

To register for the parade or Festival of Trees visit the Waupun Area Chamber of Commerce website at www.waupunchamber.com, or call 324-3491 for additional information.

Service Organization On-Goings

MADISON MELLOPHONIUM JAZZ ORCHESTRA COMES TO CITY HALL AUDITORIUM THIS SATURDAY

The Superb vocal styles of Waupun's own Angela Babler plus the outstanding big band sounds of the 23 piece Madison Mellophonium Jazz Orchestra are in store for everyone attending the Celebrate Waupun



Photo of Angela Babler by Bruce Fritz Photography



"Who Sows"

**Energy Services for
Fond du Lac
County Offered at
Senior Center**
310 E. Main

- Nov. 22 & Dec. 6 – 9:00am-noon
- Dec. 20 – noon-3:00pm

Walk-ins welcome,
no appointment
necessary

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MADISON MELLOPHONIUM JAZZ ORCHESTRA (continued)

Kick Off Dance at the Waupun City Hall Auditorium, this Saturday, November 19. Well known jazz standards from Stan Kenton and Johnny Richards will be heard throughout the night providing the best in dancing and listening music for all who attend.

The band's featured vocalist Angela grew up and attended schools in Waupun before studying music at the College of St. Theresa in Winona, Minn. There she was able to develop her talent while also traveling to New York and the West Coast for singing engagements. She has sung with the MMJO as the band's featured vocalist

since it's inception while teaching privately and playing with the instrumental jazz ensemble "Ladies Must Swing" and other music groups in the Madison area. Among the song's Angela will perform with the band on the Waupun stage are "All Or Nothing At All", "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "Got A Lot of Living to Do".

Casual dress fits the bill for the evening which begins at 6:30 when the doors open followed by "meet the band" at 7 then at 8 PM the music begins. The auditorium boasts a large wooden floor great for dancing with plenty of seats on the floor and

balcony for relaxing and listening. A cash bar and refreshments will also be available throughout the night.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at Waupun City Hall, End of the Trail, The Goose Shot, Waupun Area Chamber of Commerce, Recheck's Food Pride in Beaver Dam, Wegner's Office Supply in Fond du Lac and at the door. For more information call 324-7900 or visit www.waupunfestivals.com.

The Waupun City Hall Auditorium is located at 210 E. Main St. in Waupun and is elevator handicapped accessible on the lower west side on S. Forest Street.

NOVEMBER 11TH VETERANS CONCERT

The Beaver Dam Area Orchestra performed at the Salute To Our Veterans concert on Friday, November 11 at the Waupun City Hall Auditorium. This event honoring our veteran's was sponsored by Waupun Fine Arts.





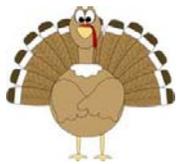
Computer Access Jr/Sr High Library

- ◆ Monday-Thursday evenings, 6:00-8:00pm – Public Computer & Internet Access
- ◆ Nov. 21, 6:30-7:30pm - Technology Session: Social Networking: What's Facebook & Twitter?
- ◆ Nov. 28 – *No Session*
- ◆ Dec. 5, 6:30-7:30pm - Technology Session: Learning the iPad
- ◆ Dec. 12, 6:30-7:30pm - Technology Session: Open Q&A
- ◆ Dec. 19 – *No Session*
- ◆ Dec. 19 – *CLOSED*

For questions contact Toni at the Education Service Center at 324-9341.

No School

November 23-25 due to Thanksgiving Recess



School District Dialogue

SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- The WASD Board of Education held a public discussion Monday evening, Nov. 14 to get feedback from community members on the district's vision and direction and to seek input on how best to communicate district plans, events and successes with the community. Several more such meetings are being planned. The board hopes to hear from a wide cross-section of its constituents.
- The Board of Directors of the SAGES Charter School planned for Fox Lake held a "Meet and Greet" open house for interested residents of the WASD on Nov. 10. Meadow View and Rock River teacher, Lisa Grosz, was introduced as the new lead teacher/principal of the charter school scheduled to open in Fall, 2012. Taher, the district's food service contractor, and the Fox Lake mayor and city council members provided a buffet dinner to some 120 attendees.
- In case you missed it in the news:
 - The high school boys' cross-country team won sectionals and qualified for state for the first time in their history. Congratulations Matt Dickhut and team!
 - ASK (the after school program for students at MVP and RRI) was evaluated by the state this month, and was described as "exemplary." Congratulations to Lori LeBeau, staff and students!
 - Waupun's FFA Chapter is in the top 1% of the 7,487 chapters across the nation. Congratulations Tari Costello, Ryan Seichter, FFA members, and FFA alumni!
- In case you missed it on TV:
 - Several of our senior high students, along with students from other Dodge County high schools, planned and produced an anti-bullying commercial that was aired regularly during the Brewers' playoff run and during Packer games. It is powerful. This activity was sponsored by the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant.
 - Not in the news or on TV, but equally exciting, interesting, and/or noteworthy:
 - Budding artists are displaying their versions of Monet's famous "Water Lily Pond," at MVP. Great job, Cheryl Kutcher and students!
 - Rock River hosted a SET (Science, Engineering and Technology) parent night on Oct 17th. Leigh Kohlmann gave a good overview of the new offering in the specials rotation and provided opportunities for hands-on participation. Lisa Grosz shared a video of the STEM activities at MVP, Robbi Schranz demonstrated the link with literacy, and Linda Evan integrated the "bee" theme with art projects. A well-organized, interesting event!
 - Mike Schmitt and Bill Yedinak are implementing Class

SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS (continued)



"Recording Angel"

School Board meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:00pm at the Education Service Center, 950 Wilcox Street

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Action projects in their classrooms. Students are divided into teams to prepare and present hypothetical civil cases where someone has been harmed as a result of underage drinking. This activity is funded by the GRAA grant. Karla Daane is coordinating grant activities at the high school.

◦ As writing consultant Mark Dressel was walking across the back parking lot of RRI, he was greeted enthusiastically by a roomful of 6th grade students. It turns out that Sadie Schultz was leading a Type 4 peer-review just as Mark arrived for a Collins Writing follow-up workshop.

◦ Students at the junior/senior high are wondering, "What's up with all this writing? We're doing it

everywhere!" That is proof that the J/SH staff is working hard on their building goal. Congratulations!

• Documented Progress!

◦ In 2002, our composite WKCE scores were the lowest of eight area school districts. At that time, we were among the three districts with the lowest poverty rates. Now, although we have the 3rd-highest poverty rate, **we have moved from the bottom of the 8 districts academically to the top three!**

• Thanks to the continued efforts of our staff and changes we have been making across the District since 2002, we are:

- Identifying and aligning our priority learning targets
- Participating in assessment literacy

training

- Developing common assessments
- Implementing standards-based grading
- Changing our schedules, the block schedule 7-12 and consistent building-wide schedules K-6 that guarantee literacy and math blocks, along with intervention (resource) periods.
- Co-teaching at elementary and secondary
- Collaborating through Professional Learning Communities, common planning time, early releases and now, late starts
- Implementing Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports at MVP and RRI

Our hard work is paying off!