

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 MEETINGS

11/24 & 11/25 – CITY HALL CLOSED

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

11/30, 6:00pm – Special Common Council, Council Chambers

12/13, 6:30pm – Common Council, Council Chambers

City Hall Happenings

SIGN UP FOR THE 2012 CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY



The Waupun Police Department is seeking interested City of Waupun residents 18 years of age or older to fill the 2012 Citizen's Police Academy Roster. The Citizen's Academy offers an inside view of the Waupun Police Department, along with hands-on law enforcement experiences and training from

members of the Police Department and other expert instructors.

The Academy will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 9:00pm, beginning on January 25, 2012 and ending March 7, 2012.

Interested parties are encouraged to go to the Waupun Police Department

Website at www.waupunpd.org and click on the Citizen's Police Academy tab for application materials and additional information. Applications are also available at the Waupun Police Department. Please return completed applications to the Police Department on or before **December 15, 2011.**



View meeting agendas and minutes on the city website:

www.cityofwaupun.org

Chamber of Commerce Chit-Chat

AVENUE OF ANGELS CELEBRATION

There will be plenty of holiday fun in

store for Waupun residents and visitors

alike next week Tuesday, November

WAUPUN AREA EVENTS

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

11/29, 6:30pm – Holiday Parade, Downtown Waupun

11/29, 7:00-8:00pm – Holiday Music by Vicki Belleville & guests, City Hall Auditorium

11/30, 6:00-7:30pm – Dance Recital, City Hall Auditorium

12/1, 6:30-8:00pm – Mixed Blessings Concert, City Hall Auditorium

12/2, 6:00-6:30 – Christmas Stories; 7:00pm – Community Theatre performance, 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

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

AVENUE OF ANGELS CELEBRATION (continued)

29 through Friday, December 2 during this year's Avenue of Angels celebration. Stop by City Hall from 6:00 - 8:00pm each evening to enjoy free hot chocolate, apple cider and cookies. Visit with Santa Tuesday after the parade, and Wednesday and Friday evenings. Vote for your favorite tree at the "Festival of Trees". Food and/or cash donations will be

collected each night for the Waupun Food Pantry. Other special activities include:

- Tuesday, 6:30pm – Holiday Parade
- Tuesday, 7:00-8:00pm – Holiday Music by Vicki Belleville & guests
- Wednesday, 6:00-7:30pm – Dance Recitals by the Waupun Warriorettes and the Masters of Movement
- Thursday, 6:30-8:00pm – Mixed

Blessings Concert

- Friday, 6:00-6:30pm – Mrs. Clause reads Christmas stories
- Friday, 7:00pm – Community Theater Troupe performs The Night Before Christmas

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 PERFORMANCE



Photo by LaMont Page

City Hall Auditorium was the place to be last weekend. The Madison Mellophonium Jazz Orchestra and



Photo by Dan Landbo

Waupun's own, Angela Babler, performed Saturday evening in a lively, well attended event.

Waupun Festivals Inc. is planning a line up of shows and events in the auditorium in 2012.



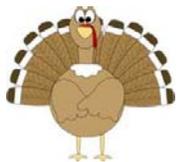
Computer Access Jr/Sr High Library

- ◆ Monday-Thursday evenings, 6:00-8:00pm – Public Computer & Internet Access
- ◆ 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!