

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

**12/13**, 4:00pm – Community Development Authority, Council Chambers

**12/13**, 6:30pm – Council Meeting, Council Chambers

**12/14**, 7:00am – Business Improvement District, Council Chambers

**12/19**, 4:15pm – Library Board, Library

**12/21**, 4:45pm – Plan Commission, Council Chambers

**12/23 & 12/26** – CITY HALL CLOSED

**12/30**, 7:30am-4:30pm – Clerk's Office Open for Tax Collection – ALL OTHER OFFICES CLOSED



View meeting agendas and minutes on the city website:

[www.cityofwaupun.org](http://www.cityofwaupun.org)

## City Hall Happenings

### BUDGET NEWS

On Tuesday evening the Waupun Common Council adopted the 2012 budget for the City of Waupun. With the adoption of the \$6,500,000 General Fund budget there is good news to report

that this will be the third year in row that the tax levy for the City of Waupun will remain the same. What does this mean for the property tax payer? The City of Waupun portion of your tax bill will be

reduced from \$6.19 to \$6.14 or a savings of .05/\$1,000 of property value. Property tax bills will most likely be mailed the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### GET UP-TO-DATE ON WINTER ORDINANCES

Winter weather is here! Time to refresh our memories on city ordinances relating to winter parking and snow and ice removal.

**Winter parking regulations** state that on any day that we receive 2 or more inches of snow, and the day thereafter, vehicles cannot park on city streets or

alleys between the hours of 2:00am and 6:00am. Snowfall is measured at the Waupun Safety Building. During these early morning hours the Public Works Department is out cleaning the streets. If cars are parked on the streets during this time City staff has the authority to have the vehicle removed

and stored at the owners expense. For further information regarding winter parking regulations please visit the city website [www.cityofwaupun.org](http://www.cityofwaupun.org), select the Municipal Code link (located along the left-hand side), and review Chapter 6, Traffic Code section 6.05 (4)(a).

**WAUPUN AREA EVENTS**

- 12/6**, 4:00-5:00pm – Lego Club, Library
- 12/7 & 12/14**, 10:30-11:00am – Story Time, Library
- Dec. 11 & 18**, 4:30-6:30pm – Open Skating, Community Center
- 12/12**, 10:00am-6:00pm – Book Sale, Library
- 12/14**, 7:00pm – Figure Skating Christmas Exhibition & Cookie Walk, Community Center **FLYER**
- 12/17**, 1:00-2:00pm – Lego Club, Library
- 12/17**, 6:00pm – “Pink Out The Rink Night”, Community Center
- Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29**, 4:30-6:30pm – Open Skating, Community Center
- 2/10**, 7:30pm – Valentine’s Day Dance/Concert, City Hall Auditorium

View a list of area events at the **NEW** Waupun Festivals website: [www.waupunfestivals.com](http://www.waupunfestivals.com)

*GET UP-TO-DATE ON WINTER ORDINANCES (continued)*

**Snow and ice removal** is addressed in Chapter 7 of our municipal code. Property owners are given 24 hours after the end of a snowfall to remove snow and ice from sidewalks. Failure to do so is cause for the city to clean up the area and will result in a minimum fee of \$100.00. The City

does notice these winter rules in the local paper and will put door hangers on any property they have to clean up. Pictures of the property are taken before the property is cleaned for verification of violation. Visit the city website, select the municipal code link, and review

Chapter 7, sections 7.07 and 7.08 for additional information on snow and ice removal requirements. You can also call City Hall or the Police Department for further clarification. Knowing the ordinances before hand benefits everyone involved!

*IT’S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS*

Downtown Waupun is looking very festive these days! With the help of many wonderful individuals who are very generous with their time, trees adorn East Main Street and the “Open Space” area (located between C.Verhage Photo and The Rock Shop) has been transformed into a Winter Wonderland. We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all of the amazing people who made it possible:

- Jim Grant, Bret Grant and Burt Clover for selecting, cutting down, hauling trees to Waupun, and placing them in the open space
- Jim Grant for laying the trees out in the

- open space
- John and Eugene Brudnowski and family for providing the trees at no cost to the City
- The Public Works Department for putting posts in pots along Main Street and the open space
- Jim Grant & Marcia Grant for installing posts in the ground and tying up the trees
- Randy Bentley of Waupun Utilities for laying out the electrical cords in the open space
- Cassandra Verhage of C. Verhage Photography for your generous donation of electricity to light the trees in the open



(Lt to Rt) Carl Grant, Seth VandeBerg, & Connor Hull string lights on the Christmas trees in the Open Space area on E. Main Street.

- space
- Bret Grant, Marcia Grant, Carl Grant, Angie Hull, Connor Hull, Bob Hartgerink, Seth VandeBerg, Trista Steinbach, & Jenny Petersen for



"Who Sows"

### IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS (continued)

stringing lights on trees in open space

- The Downtown Businesses for decorating the trees in the pots along Main Street

A lot of time and hard work goes into this process and we appreciate all you do for the City of Waupun!



Bob Hartgerink & Bret Grant help make the open space look festive for the holidays.

### AVENUE OF ANGELS PARADE

Mayor Steger, Council Members, and City Staff enjoyed greeting many residents and visitors last Tuesday evening during the Avenue of Angels parade in Downtown Waupun.



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

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

Walk-ins welcome, no appointment necessary.

## Service Organization On-Goings

### BOOK SALE

Friends of Waupun Library (FOWL) is hosting a book sale Monday, December 12 from 10am-6pm. This will be a Christmas sale, featuring many marked down books and even some free ones! Remember –

books make wonderful gifts!!

FOWL is a volunteer group dedicated to helping the Library. The group's major fund-raising efforts are monthly book sales, held on the second Monday of

every month. FOWL has sponsored many interesting programs including talks by various authors, educators and professionals and also donates funds to the library for the purchase of materials.

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**Dec 23 – Jan 1 –  
WASD Holiday  
Break**

**Jan 2 – School  
Resumes**



*CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION & COOKIE WALK DECEMBER 14*

Join in on the fun next Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00pm as the Waupun Figure Skating Club holds a Christmas Exhibition

and Cookie Walk. Enjoy Christmas music, watch the talented skaters perform, and purchase some delicious cookies

(just \$3/dozen!). This free event takes place at the Waupun Community Center. [Event Flyer](#)

## Chamber of Commerce Chit-Chat

*AVENUE OF ANGELS ACTIVITIES*

**The winners are...**



Masters of Movement claimed the People's Choice award in the Festival of Trees during last week's Avenue of Angels Activities at City Hall Auditorium.



Waupun Drift Jumpers Snowmobile Club took home 1st place in the Avenue of Angels Parade.



Market Fresh Foods enjoyed a 2nd place finish in the parade.



FFA & Masters of Movement tied for a third place parade finish.



**Computer Access**  
Jr/Sr High Library



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

◆ 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.

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