

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

**12/23 & 12/26** – CITY HALL CLOSED

**12/28, 7:45am** – Special Council Meeting, Council Chambers

**12/28, 8:00am** – Negotiations Committee, Council Chambers

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

**12/31, 7:30am-noon** – Clerk's Office Open for Tax Collection – ALL OTHER OFFICES CLOSED

**1/2/12** – CITY HALL CLOSED

**1/10/12, 6:30pm** – Common Council, Council Chambers



View meeting agendas and minutes on the city website:

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

## City Hall Happenings

### BASEBALL COMPLEX UPDATE

It's the season for giving and that is exactly what the following thoughtful individuals and businesses have done. Thank you all for your donations to the new baseball complex! Past donors and those listed at right have contributed over \$35,000 toward this wonderful project benefiting our youth.

- Pete's Auto Repair & Sales
- Donations in memory of Milan Stessel
- William & Debra Gerrits in memory of Aaron "Beezer" Gerrits
- SMA Construction Services
- Neil & Judy VandeZande
- Rich & Diane Bille
- Waupun Volksfest

- Stam Auto Body
- Truck Country
- Toni & Jack Nickel in memory of Jess Nickel & in honor of Winifred Nickel
- Advanced College of Cosmetology
- Larry & Charlotte Rackow
- The John Bille Family in memory of Daniel Bille
- Waupun Utilities

### HOLIDAY HOURS AT CITY HALL

Waupun City Hall will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th for the Christmas holiday. For New Year's holidays, the City

offices (with the exception of the Treasurer's office) will be closed Friday, December 30th and Monday, January 2nd. **The Treasurer's office will be open**

**on Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am – 4:30pm and Saturday December 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:30am – noon to accept tax payments.**

**WAUPUN AREA EVENTS**

**Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29,**  
4:30-6:30pm – Open Skating, Community Center

**1/18 & 1/25,** 10:30-11:00am – Story Time, Library

**1/25** – Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, Rock River Country Club

**1/27-1/29** – Booster Club Bowl-a-thon, Judson’s Bowling Alley

**1/27-1/29** – Hockey Tournament, Community Center

**2/3-2/5** – Region 5 Pee Wee Hockey Playdowns, Community Center

**Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26,**  
**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)

*WAUPUN TAXI OFFERS EXPANDED HOURS IN 2012*

Waupun Taxi offers shared-ride taxi services throughout the City of Waupun. Services are available to the general public.

**Beginning January 6, 2012, the taxi hours will be expanding to**

**include late-night hours on Fridays and Saturdays.** Please review the taxi schedule below and don’t hesitate to call the taxi at 324-2426 next time you need a ride!

- Monday – Thursday

6:00am – 6:00 pm

- Friday 6:00am – 6:00pm, 9:00pm – 2:30am

- Saturday 10:00am – 2:00pm, 9:00pm – 2:30am

- Sunday – No Service

*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).

**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 beforehand benefits everyone involved!



"Who Sows"

### Waupun Senior Center

310 E. Main  
324-7930

Anyone 50 or over and their spouse is welcome to participate in activities offered at the Senior Center!

#### Hours:

Monday – Friday,  
9:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday –  
Sunday, Private  
Rentals

#### Activities:

Pool, cards, bingo,  
meals & more!  
Transportation is  
available.

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Sign up at  
[www.cityofwaupun.org](http://www.cityofwaupun.org)  
Click on "Community Newsletter Sign Up" on the bottom left side.

## Service Organization On-Goings

### WFA OFFICERS ANNOUNCE 2012 EVENTS, FUND DRIVE

The newly elected officers of Waupun Fine Arts (WFA) wish to thank all those who have attended WFA events in the past and look forward to seeing you at next year's variety of family friendly events. 2012 WFA programming and dates include:

- Feb. 10, 7:30 PM – **Warm Up Your Hearts with Acoustic Soup**
- Apr. 22, 2 PM – From **Gospel to Greig with The Freisland Men's Chorus and Grieg Men's Chorus** from Stoughton
- June 1, 2, 3 – **Celebrate Waupun** – with Waupun Festivals at Tanner Park
- Thursdays in July, 7 PM – **Concerts in the Park**, Dodge Park, Jul. 5 – Los Gavilanes Mariachi Band, Jul. 12 – Beaver Dam Community Band, Jul. 19 – The Del Rays, 50's & 60's, Jul. 26 - Jubilation, Gospel & More
- Sept. 8, 10 AM – 4 PM – **Art Around**



Shown above are Waupun Fine Arts officers for 2012, left to right, Dylan Weber, President, Kristy Buteyn, Secretary, Debbie Vande Zande, Treasurer and Lori Page, Vice President.

#### Waupun Art Show

- October **Autumn Art Studio Driving Tour** with Beaver Dam Area Art Association, weekend TBA
- November **Comedy Improv** with The Dam Funny Beavers, date TBA 7:30 PM

All events are held at the Waupun City Hall Auditorium unless otherwise stated.

Waupun Fine Arts wishes to thank all businesses and individuals who have so generously contributed financially to support arts programming in

Waupun. An annual fund drive is now underway for your continued financial support for the 2012 Calendar of Events. All amounts are welcomed with several contribution levels available as follows: Bronze - \$25 - \$49, Silver - \$50 - \$199, Gold - \$200 - \$499, Platinum - \$500 and above, and Other Donation. All gifts are tax deductible. Checks in your level of support may be mailed to Debbie Vande Zande, WFA Treasurer, 159 Harmsen Ave, Waupun, WI 53963.

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

**Jan 2 – School  
Resumes**



**Computer  
Access**  
Jr/Sr High  
Library

◆ Dec 22, 6:00-8:00pm – Public Computer & Internet Access

◆ Mondays-  
Thursdays (beginning  
Jan. 2), 3:00-4:30pm  
– Public Computer &  
Internet Access

◆ Jan. 16, 6:30-7:30pm - Technology Session: Google Docs

◆ Jan. 23 – Learning the iPad

◆ Jan. 30 – Blogs

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

*FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AVAILABLE*



Many individuals and families are struggling to make ends meet. If you could use help with your grocery bill, or if you have to choose which bills will be paid each month, it's worth a simple call to find out if you may be eligible for FoodShare Wisconsin (the QUEST card).

FoodShare is a food assistance program and is for anyone with low or no

income. This includes working people or those receiving Social Security, SSI, SSDI or Unemployment.

If your income is less than the amount shown below for your household size, chances are good that you will be eligible. Call the FoodShare Helpline today to complete a confidential prescreening and make an appointment for free application

assistance. Assistance is provided in several locations across Dodge and Fond du Lac County.

Call the **FoodShare Helpline at 1-877-366-3635** today!

Family Size	Maximum Monthly Gross Income
1	\$1,816
2	\$2,452
3	\$3,090
4	\$3,726

*The information above is submitted by Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin.*

**School District Dialogue**

*ONLINE LEARNING IS HERE AT WAUPUN'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS*

Many adults in the community participate in online learning, and students at the Waupun Area Junior-Senior High have had the opportunity for several years. However, now all elementary students are also learning online.

Sixth grade students are actually taking an online Transition course so that they are better prepared to succeed at the junior-senior high school. Not only do students learn how

to use My Big Campus, the online learning platform used at the junior/senior high, they also collect their work in an online portfolio using *prezi*.

The curriculum includes a variety of activities designed to get these children thinking about their strengths and challenges, career opportunities that match their skills and interests, and strategies for good decision making and problem solving.

Health and safety units have students working on goal-setting, study habits, etc., along with developing an awareness of and strategies for dealing with the issues that many of them may face, such as cyberbullying, depression, and stress. This spring they will participating in a virtual tour of the building and watching videos featuring junior-senior high staff. Topics covered include expectations

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"Recording Angel"

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for 7<sup>th</sup> grade, extra-curricular activities, the block schedule, and standards-based grading.

All students from kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade participate in Computer Center. During this time, children participate in a variety of learning opportunities. They practice keyboarding, math, reading, and computer skills, they explore science and social studies topics on a variety of websites, they learn about Internet Safety, and they use a variety of software programs ranging from Glogster to Geosketch pad.

Here's what some of our Rock River students have to say about these

opportunities:

- I love computer center!
- I read and get more smarter
- I can see improvement in my typing already.
- It's awesome and you learn a lot.
- It is the best way to learn.
- I liked the Internet safety.
- Computer center rocks because you get to play fun activities. Computer Center has taught me a lot of things and I'm happy to be a part of it.
- I like it because I get to learn and have fun at the same time.
- On TTL4 (the keyboarding program), they have facts after you're done with a game. One was listening to

classical music will improve your health. I'm listening to classical music now.

- I like cool math
- I like Brain Pop
- I like My Big Campus.
- My big campus is a way to learn, but it's a fun way to learn
- I really like getting a topic and then making a PowerPoint about it
- I learned what I want to do with my life
- My favorite part about computer center is I learn new things every day and I have a lot of fun doing it
- I like computer center because there is a big variety of activities to do related to every day subjects.