

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

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

1/11, 7:00am – Business
Improvement District,
Council Chambers

1/17, 4:00pm –
Community
Development Authority,
Council Chambers

1/17, 5:30pm – Board of
Public Works, Council
Chambers

1/18, 4:45pm – Plan
Commission, Council
Chambers

1/23, 4:15pm – Library
Board, Library

1/31, 5:30pm –
Committee of the
Whole, Council
Chambers



View meeting
agendas and
minutes on the
city website:

www.cityofwaupun.org

City Hall Happenings

FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDS BANQUET

The Waupun Fire Department Awards Banquet was held December 10, 2011. The following members of the department were honored for their years of service:

- Marcus Cox – 5 years
- Brad Schouten – 15 years
- Mike Beer – 15 years
- Paul Beder – 20 years
- Butch Salkowski – 25 years
- Capt. Wally Beekman – 40 years
- Asst Chief Wayne VerHage – 45 years

Thank you firefighters
for your dedication to
our community!



Firefighters received plaques in recognition for their years of service at a recent awards banquet. Front Row, Lt to Rt: Brad Schouten, Mike Beer, Paul Beder; Back Row, Lt to Rt: Asst. Chief Ron VandeZande, Marcus Cox, Butch Salkowski, Capt. Wally Beekman, Asst. Chief Wayne VerHage, Chief Jeff Berry



Asst Chief Wayne VerHage (center) receives a plaque in recognition for an amazing 45 years of service with the Waupun Fire Department!



Captain Wally Beekman (second from left) is honored for 40 years of serving the Waupun Fire Department.

WAUPUN AREA EVENTS

1/7, noon-4:00pm – Bridal & Prom Fair, City Hall Auditorium

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

1/10, 10:00am – Master Gardener Annual Meeting & Pot Luck, UW-Extension Fond du Lac [FLYER](#)

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, Jud-Son’s Bowling Alley

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

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

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

View a list of area events at the **NEW Waupun Festivals website:** 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, 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"

Service Organization On-Goings

BOOK SALE JANUARY 9

The first Friends of the Waupun Library book sale for 2012 will be held Monday, January 9 from 10:00am-6:00pm.

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.

MASTER GARDENER ANNUAL MEETING & POT LUCK JANUARY 10

The Master Gardener Association will hold their annual meeting Tuesday, January 10 at 10:00am in rooms AE 205/206 at the UW-Extension in Fond du Lac, 400 University Drive.

The program begins with a 30-minute presentation on Sesson's Peony Gardens in Rosendale: Past, Present, and Future.

The Association's annual meeting

follows the presentation, after which will be a pot luck lunch.

The public is welcome to attend. A donation for the Peony Gardens is encouraged.

BOOSTER CLUB BOWL-A-THON APPROACHES

January 27 – 29 the Waupun Athletic Booster Club will hold a Bowl-a-thon at Jud-Son's Bowling Alley in downtown Waupun. The event begins the evening of the 27th at 4:00pm. There are 5 shifts of bowling:

- 4:00PM & 7:00PM on Friday, Jan. 27
- 4:00PM & 7:30PM

on Saturday, Jan. 28
• 1:00 PM on Sunday, Jan. 29

The entry fee for a team of 5 bowlers is \$75.00. For those who do not wish to bowl but want to participate in the charity there will be several raffles, a silent auction, and food available for purchase.

For additional information contact Tournament Director John Kraitz at 324-9346 or john.kraitz@yahoo.com.

All proceeds from the event will go toward the football renovation loan.

ENTRY FORM

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.



Computer Access
Jr/Sr High Library

◆ **Mondays-Thursdays**, 3:00-4:30pm – Public Computer & Internet Access

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

◆ **Jan. 23**, 6:30-7:30pm - Technology Session: – Learning the iPad

◆ **Jan. 30**, 6:30-7:30pm - Technology Session: – Blogs

School Board meetings are the 1st and 3rd 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 be participating in a virtual tour of the building and watching videos featuring junior-senior high staff. Topics covered include expectations



"Recording Angel"

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ONLINE LEARNING IS HERE AT WAUPUN'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (continued)

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

All students from kindergarten through 5th 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.

Community Events

BRIDAL & PROM FAIR THIS WEEKEND

Timeless Bridal invites the public to attend the Waupun Area Bridal & Prom Fair at Waupun City Hall Auditorium this Saturday, January 7. 15 area vendors will be participating in

the event, including professionals in the cosmetology, jewelry, and music businesses – along with many more! Come and learn about the many valuable services

available locally!

The Fair runs from noon – 4:00pm, with a fashion show to be held at 3:00pm. There is no cost to attend.