

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

**1/19**, 7:00pm – Waupun Festivals Informational Meeting, City Hall Auditorium

**1/23**, 4:15pm – Library Board, Library

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

**2/8**, 7:00am – Business Improvement District, Council Chambers

**2/14**, 6:30pm – Common Council, Library

**2/15**, 4:45pm – Plan Commission

**2/20**, 4:15pm – Library Board, Library



View meeting agendas and minutes on the city website:

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

## City Hall Happenings

### 2012 ELECTION LAW PRESENTATION

The public is invited to attend a presentation by election experts from the Government Accountability Board regarding

Wisconsin's new voter photo ID law. This public meeting will be held Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm at the Beaver Dam Community

Library – Lower Level, 311 N. Spring Street, Beaver Dam. This is a non-partisan event and will last about 1 ½ hours.

### LEGO CLUB MEETS AT LIBRARY

The Lego Club kicked off its first meeting of the year at the Waupun Public Library last Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> but there are still plenty of opportunities to join in the fun.

Children interested in building with legos are welcome to attend – those 6 and under please bring a parent or older family member along. You do not

have to attend every meeting. Come when you can! Take home your projects or display them at the library from meeting to meeting. Regular pick-up of legos left at the library is encouraged. A limited supply of legos is on hand, but please bring your legos along if you have some. Lego books are available to help offer ideas.

For additional information contact the library at 324-7925.

#### 2012 Lego Club Schedule:

- Tues. 1/24, 3:30-4:30
- Tues. 2/7, 3:30-4:30
- Sat. 2/25, 2:00-3:00
- Tues. 3/6, 3:30-4:30
- Fri. 3/16, 3:30-4:30
- Tues. 3/27, 3:30-4:30
- Sat. 4/7, 2:00-3:00
- Sat. 4/21, 2:00-3:00

**WAUPUN AREA EVENTS**

- 1/24**, 3:30-4:30 – Lego Club, Library
- 1/25**, 7:00pm – Circle Dance, City Hall Auditorium
- 1/25**, 10:30-11:00am – Story Time, Library
- 1/22 & 1/29**, 4:30-6:30pm – Open Skating, Community Center
- 1/25**, 5:00pm – 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
- 1/28**, 6:30pm – Lions Club Vegas Fun Night, St. Joe's Parish Center
- Wednesdays in Feb.**, 10:30-11:00am – Story Time, Library
- 2/3-2/5** – Region 5 Pee Wee Hockey Playdowns, Community Center
- Sundays in February**, 4:30-6:30pm – Open Skating, Community Center
- 2/7**, 3:30-4:30 – Lego Club, Library
- 2/8**, 4:00-6:30pm – Waupun Animal Shelter Chili Supper, Wesley Center

## Chamber of Commerce Chit-Chat

*CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING*

Mark your calendars – the Waupun Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting is set for Wednesday,

January 25 at Rock River Country Club. The event begins at 5:00 pm with a cash bar, dinner at 6:00pm, followed by

a short meeting. Cost is \$18 per person. Register on the Chamber website:

[www.waupunchamber.com](http://www.waupunchamber.com)

## Service Organization On-Goings

*TONIGHT: CELEBRATE WAUPUN INFORMATIONAL SESSION*

On January 19<sup>th</sup> the Waupun Festivals Committee will hold an informational meeting at 7:00pm in the City Hall Auditorium. Members of the committee will be available to answer questions about the new Celebrate Waupun festival coming to Tanner Park this summer and explain non-profit fund raising and

volunteer opportunities. Free snacks and beverages will be available and everyone is welcome.

Celebrate Waupun will be held June 1-3, 2012. The event will feature 3 music stages including a Brass Band Stage, a Hispano Fest stage and a Waupun area Rock Band Reunion

Stage. There will also be a car show, Tip Top Rides, volleyball tournament, bean bag toss tournament, 5k run/walk/kid's run, Kidz Zone and historic sculpture and city tours. Information is available at the Celebrate Waupun web site: [www.waupunfestivals.com](http://www.waupunfestivals.com) or by calling City Hall at 324-7900.

*BOOSTER CLUB BOWL-A-THON JUST OVER 1 WEEK AWAY*

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 27<sup>th</sup> 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

*BOOSTER CLUB BOWL-A-THON (Continued)*

food available for purchase.  
For additional information contact Tournament Director

John Kraintz at 324-9346 or [john\\_kraintz@yahoo.com](mailto:john_kraintz@yahoo.com).  
All proceeds from the event will go toward

the football renovation loan.

**ENTRY FORM**

*WAUPUN LIONS CLUB LAS VEGAS FUN NIGHT*

The Waupun Lions Club will host its annual Las Vegas Fun Night on Saturday, January 28 at St. Joseph's Parish Center, 26 North Division Street, Waupun.

The games begin at 6:30 PM. Admission is \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple. For the cost of admission participants will receive \$500 worth of 'fun money' to be used in the Vegas style games including blackjack and craps. In addition, anyone bringing in five non-perishable items that can be donated to the Waupun Food

Pantry will receive an additional \$150 of 'fun money'. Or, anyone bringing in one pair of used eyeglasses will receive an additional \$150 of 'fun money'. Beer, soda and snacks are covered by the cost of admission. At the end of the evening, participants will be able to purchase raffle tickets with their fun money 'winnings' which will allow them chances to win many valuable prizes donated by local merchants.

All proceeds from this event will allow the Waupun Lions to

provide continued support to the Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin, Waupun Little League, the Wisconsin Eye Bank, the Waupun Public Library, scholarships for Waupun Area High School Seniors, the Waupun Food Pantry and many other worthwhile local projects. Please join us in this fun filled Las Vegas Night event and share in the enjoyment of beer, snacks, soda and prizes while contributing to the good of the local community.

## School District Dialogue

*GOOD NEWS FROM WAUPUN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT*

1. Marta Yedinak, Spanish teacher at Waupun High

School, has earned the highest credential available

to American educators. She is now a National

**Waupun Senior Center**

310 E. Main  
324-7930

**Hours:**

Monday – Friday,  
9:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday –  
Sunday, Private  
Rentals

**Homestead Tax Credit Clinic:**

Tuesday, Feb. 7  
from 9:30-  
11:30am.

To Qualify: Legal WI resident all of 2011, household income under \$24,680, not be living in a nursing home and receiving Medical Assistance, be a owner or renter of the homestead all 2011.

What to Bring: Property tax bill or rent certificate, 1099's from social security, 1099's from banks, pensions & other statements of income, W-2 form if you work.



"Who Sows"



**Computer  
Access**  
Jr/Sr High  
Library

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

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

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

◆ **Feb. 6**, 6:30-  
7:30pm - Technology  
Session: Wikis

◆ **Feb. 13**, 6:30-  
7:30pm - Technology  
Session: Google Sites

Everyone's welcome  
to attend  
Technology Sessions  
– no experience  
necessary!

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

*GOOD NEWS FROM WAUPUN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT (Continued)*

Board Certified Teacher, a credential given by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Yedinak is the first teacher in the Waupun Area School District to earn this prestigious title. "I am proud of Marta and congratulate her on this awesome accomplishment," said Jeff Finstad, junior/senior high school principal. "I have always been impressed with her desire to make herself a better instructor. What is most impressive is the relationships she has created with her students. It is because Marta's students know she cares about them that they are willing to become engaged in the activities and meet the high expectations that have been established."

District administrator Don Childs agrees. "Teachers who demand of themselves and their students a high degree of excellence are both role models and inspirations to their students," Childs

said. "National board certification of a teacher is a rigorous process that demands excellence. We congratulate Ms. Yedinak on being the first National Board Certified teacher in Waupun. She is an outstanding representative of the many fine teachers our district is fortunate to have."

National Board Certification is achieved through a rigorous, performance-based assessment of a teacher's pedagogical skills and content knowledge. The certification takes one to three years to complete. Last month, Yedinak traveled to Washington D.C. to receive her award.

2. Data from the fall Measures of Academic Progress math test indicated a high number of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who would benefit from some advanced math instruction. As a result, staff from Rock River and the junior high met to discuss how they could work together to meet these students' needs and

came up with a plan for 2 options. First, arrangements have been made so that interested students may travel to the junior high to take Math 7 in the afternoon. For the second option, the district has hired recently retired junior high math teacher Joel Scott on a part-time basis to provide an enriched, application-focused math class for 6<sup>th</sup> graders right at Rock River. "We're really excited to make these options available for our strong math students," said Geri Kempt, principal of Rock River. Staff met with parents the evening of January 19 to discuss the options. Those students opting for Math 7 will begin January 23. The advanced math class at Rock River will begin in early February.

3. Students from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade recently took the winter MAP assessment. The data from this test will inform students, parents, and teachers about the academic growth of their students from



"Recording Angel"

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*GOOD NEWS FROM WAUPUN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT (Continued)*

last fall. Results will be available by the end of the month, and teachers will use them to plan extra help, enrichment, and small group instruction to meet student needs during second semester. Preliminary results show that some students have made phenomenal gains since last fall, including a number of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who improved at rates 3 to 5 times the national average.

4. The Waupun Area School District made history in April of 2006 by becoming the **first K-12 school district in the state of Wisconsin to be accredited by a national organization**, then known as North Central Association (NCA). Since then, the NCA has merged with two other agencies to form the world's largest education accreditation organization, serving more than 27,000 public and private schools and districts across the United States and in 69 countries that educate over 15 million students. Currently, only 9

other districts in the state of Wisconsin have earned this credential.

In order to maintain this status, the district must undergo an on-site evaluation every five years. This accreditation visit has been scheduled for March 25-28. A team of trained evaluators from within and outside the state, all with a wealth of experience in public education, will be reviewing the district self-assessment, examining performance data, and interviewing students, staff, parents and community members to identify the strengths and challenges of the district. Their report will be sent first to the state Advanc-Ed board, and then to the national Advanc-Ed board to determine the district's accreditation status.

Why is accreditation important? Faced with a choice between an accredited hospital and a hospital without accreditation, patients, doctors, nurses, and health

care administrators all would most likely choose the accredited institution for a variety of reasons. Accreditation reflects a commitment to high standards and continuous improvement. Accreditation means the hospital is holding itself accountable to best practices and quality results. Accreditation equals credibility.

The Waupun Area School District has chosen to participate in the accreditation process in order to be accountable to the community. By choosing to apply for accreditation, the district is holding itself to a set of standards above and beyond and far more comprehensive than the requirements of the state. Through the process, the schools examine and evaluate their operations, their instructional program, and their results by comparing them to a set of high expectations based on best practices and research. The

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

[www.waupunfestivals.com](http://www.waupunfestivals.com)

**School Hours for Waupun Area School District:**

Meadow View Primary

8:00am - 2:55pm

Rock River Intermediate  
8:15am - 3:10pm

Waupun Area Jr/Sr High  
8:00am - 3:05pm



*GOOD NEWS FROM WAUPUN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT (Continued)*

outside review team reviews the self-assessment, then visits the district to examine the evidence, conduct first-hand observations, and interview various stakeholders to further investigate operations, procedures, and results. The team will then deliberate over the evidence and

summarize their findings, which are then submitted for review at the state and national level. The final report will be published on the district website.

**Any community members and/or parents are invited to participate in focus groups with the review team. Interested persons**

**should contact Linda Meagher at the Educational Service Center by telephone (324-9341) or by email [lmeagher@waupun.k12.wi.us](mailto:lmeagher@waupun.k12.wi.us).**

The public is also invited to hear the exit report the afternoon of March 28. Details will be published when finalized.

*CHILD DEVELOPMENT DAYS*

Waupun Child Development Days are April 12 & 26, 2012. The WASD will be offering free developmental screenings for all children between the ages of 3 to 5 (not currently in a 4K

program or entering kindergarten in the fall). The screening looks at your child's early readiness skills, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, and speech and language development. To set up an appointment

for a screening, please call Linda Meagher at the Education Service Center **before Friday, March 30** at 324-9341. View the attached flyer for more details.

[CDD Flyer](#)

*4-YEAR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION*

The WASD is in the process of compiling the **4-year old** kindergarten list for the 2012-13 school year. To attend 4-year old kindergarten, students must be 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have a child whose

birth date is on or before September 1, 2008 you may pick up a registration packet after Feb. 6 from one of the following locations: Education Service Center, Meadow View Primary School, Rock River Intermediate School,

Alto Reformed Church, Head Start (Fox Lake), Waupun Preschool, and Wee Care.

If you are unable to pick up a packet please contact Linda Meagher at the Education Service Center to

**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**

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*4-YEAR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION (Continued)*

have one mailed to you at 324-9341. It is imperative that parents respond at this time. Planning is

under way and this information is needed. The number of students registered will

determine class size and allow ample time to order class material for students.

*KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION (FOR STUDENTS **NOT** IN 4K)*

The WASD is in the process of compiling the kindergarten list for the 2012-13 school year. If you are a parent with a child whose birthday is on or before September 1, 2007 and **does not attend 4K**, please contact Linda Meagher at

the Education Service Center at 324-9341 between 8:00am and 4:00pm Monday-Friday to register your child for kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year. Students attending 4K will be moved up to kindergarten and do not need to register.

It is very important that parents respond at this time. Planning is under way and this information is needed. The number of students registered will determine class size and allow ample time to order class material for students.