

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 & Events

11/27, 5:15pm – Special Common Council, Council Chambers

11/27, 5:30pm – Committee of the Whole, Council Chambers

12/11, 6:00pm – Common Council, Council Chambers

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

12/17, 4:15pm – Library Board, Library

12/18, 5:30pm – Board of Public Works, Council Chambers

12/19, 4:45pm – Plan Commission, Council Chambers

12/24 & 12/25 – CITY HALL CLOSED



View meeting agendas and minutes on the city website:

www.cityofwaupun.org

City Hall Happenings

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

If you've caught a glimpse of the "open space" area (located between C. Verhage Photo and C&J Rock Shop) on east Main Street lately it is clear that Christmas is on its way! Our friendly elves have once again outdone themselves and made this area a sight to see. We hope you take a moment to enjoy it and we would like to take a moment to thank this year's



Jim Grant, Greg Kast & Eugene Brudnowski

crew for their time and generosity. Our sincere appreciation goes out to:

- Jim Grant (on his own behalf and on

- behalf of the Waupun Garden Club), Greg Kast & Andy Kast for selecting, cutting down, hauling trees to Waupun, and placing them in the open space
- Eugene Brudnowski and family for providing the trees at no cost to the City
- The Public Works Department for putting posts in the open space
- Steve Hopp & Jim Grant for putting the



WAUPUN AREA EVENTS

- 11/27**, 6:30pm – Holiday Parade, Downtown Waupun
- 11/27**, 6:00-8:00pm – Avenue of Angels featuring Holiday Music by Vicki Belleville at 7:00pm, City Hall Auditorium
- 11/28**, 10:30am – Story Time, Library
- 11/28** – Avenue of Angels, featuring Waupun Warriorettes at 5:15pm and Reindeer Games Fun Night at 6:45pm
- 11/29**, 6:00-8:00pm – Avenue of Angels featuring Mixed Blessings concert at 6:30pm
- 11/30**, 3:00-9:00pm – Master Gardeners Bus Trip to Green Bay Botanical Gardens
- 11/30**, 6:00pm – Dance Recital (admission charged), City Hall Auditorium
- 12/1**, 11:00am-1:00pm – Avenue of Angels
- Sundays in Dec.**, 4:30-6:45pm – Open Skating, Waupun Community Center
- 12/5**, 10:30am – Story Time, Library
- 12/8**, 9:00am-3:00pm – Farm Toy Show, RRIS
- 12/8**, 7:30pm – Janet Planet Christmas Show, City Hall Auditorium

Check out the full list of Waupun Area Events at www.waupunfestivals.com

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! (Continued)

trees up and tying them in place

- Randy Bentley of Waupun Utilities for assisting with electrical needs
- Cassandra Verhage of C. Verhage Photography for

donating the electricity to light the trees in the open space

- Marcia Grant and the community service workers from the Burke Center for laying out the electrical cords and

stringing lights on the trees

Many people come together to make the open space look amazing for the holidays – **thank you all!**

ENERGY COST SAVING MEASURES IMPLEMENTED

This summer we introduced you to intern Renee Henning, who was brought on board to analyze the city's energy usage. At the end of her internship, Renee put together her recommendations and presented them

to the Common Council in August. Since that time the City has focused on three conservations strategies she suggested: wrapping boiler pipes, insulating the attics of City Hall and the museum, and improving the

efficiency of vending machines. For additional information on these cost saving measures, see the attached press release from Fond du Lac County UW-Extension following the newsletter.

RIBBON CUTTING HELD FOR NEW SECTION OF BIKE/WALKING TRAIL

On November 13th a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the new bike/walking trail from Meadowview Park to Edgewood Drive. The 3,569 foot trail (.68 miles) meanders through wooded areas and along the Rock River, making it a beautiful setting. The trail is open for use, though some finishing touches may be made in the spring. The City was awarded several grants toward this project, totaling nearly \$255,000!



Ribbon cutting attendees (left to right) Dwayne Schmaltz (Chairman of Board of Elders for Edgewood Church), Alderman Pete Kaczmarek, Phil Ruk (lives near trail), Mayor Jodi Steger, Bill Buchholz (lives near trail), City Administrator Kyle Clark, State Senator Jessica King, Roger Knowlton (Edgewood Church Pastor), Alderman Mike Johnson, Art Ehler (lives near trail), and Public Works Director Dick Flynn.



Harris Mill Park

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.

MAYOR'S LUNCHEON

The November 9th Mayor's Luncheon received a wonderful turnout! Attendees enjoyed gourmet soups and salads and a fun, entertaining and informational presentation by Janet Planet and Tami Rens. Janet returns to City Hall Auditorium on December 8 for her exclusive 2012 Wisconsin Christmas Show "All I Want for Christmas". See the

flyer following the newsletter for more

details on the Christmas Show.



Janet Planet & Tami Rens

Chamber of Commerce Chit-Chat

AVENUE OF ANGELS ACTIVITIES

The Avenue of Angels kicks off tonight with a holiday parade at 6:30pm. Many more fun activities are

planned through Saturday, including holiday music, dance recitals, carnival games, cookie decorating,

and, of course, visits with Santa! Check out the full schedule of events at the end of the newsletter.

Service Organization On-Goings

HOLIDAY BOOK SALE

Friends of the Waupun Library invite you to their next book sale on December 10, with extended hours from 10:00am-8:00pm. This special book sale will feature many holiday books on

sale!
FOWL is a volunteer group dedicated to helping the Library. The group's major fundraising 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.



"Who Sows Believes In God"



Community Tech Talks

Mondays
6:30-7:30pm
Waupun High School
Library Computer Lab

- ◆ Dec. 3 – Wikis
- ◆ Dec. 10 – Online Photos

Classes for the 2nd Semester begin in February!

Tech Talks are free & open to the public. No experience necessary! For more info email Denise at dleong@waupun.k12.wi.us



VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

On Sunday, November 11 the American Legion and VFW hosted a Veteran's Day Observance on the grounds of Waupun City Hall. The ceremony honoring our Veterans included singing of the National Anthem, prayer, speakers and playing of taps.



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School District Dialogue

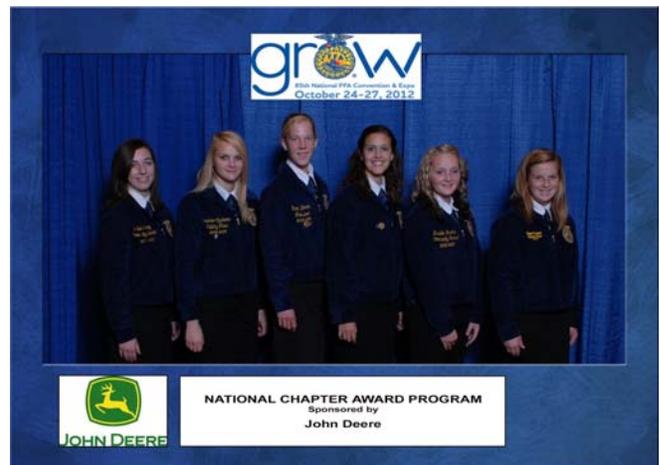
Child Development Days: January 15 & January 22, 2013
View the attached press release for further details.

NATIONAL FFA AWARD GOES TO LOCAL CHAPTER

At the recent National FFA Convention, the Waupun Area FFA Chapter was presented the 3-Star National Chapter Award. This award recognizes the top 1% of all chapters in the country. Advisor Tari Costello congratulated the students and the community. "These students work hard all year and are soooo proud of this accomplishment! Special thanks to the school, community and a fantastic FFA Alumni who support this organization and

their efforts!" The local chapter serves

the area in innumerable ways.



Waupun Area FFA members Rachel Perry, Brianna Tjepkema, Ronna Woock, Hannah Hoppa, Tia Van Bever and Hannah Harder pose for the 3-Star National Chapter Award recognition at the 85th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. The 3-Star National Chapter Award is sponsored by John Deere as a special project through the National FFA.

READING IS FUN NIGHT

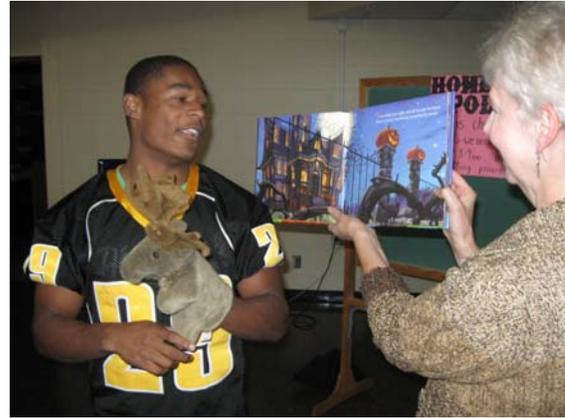
School Board meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:00pm at the Education Service Center, 950 Wilcox Street



Rock River Intermediate School hosted a "Reading is Fun Night" for students and their families. High school students on the football team and in the National Honor Society also participated. Rock River students performed a reader's theater for the high school students and parents; then the high school students

read to the younger students who also had

the opportunity to do a craft.



STEM CLASS AT ROCK RIVER

Superintendent Community Chats

- **1st Thursday of the month, Helen's Kitchen, 7:30am**
- **2nd Tuesday of the month, Culver's Restaurant, 5:15pm**



Becky Wagner and Justin Kluesner from Fond du Lac County Land and Water Conservation Department were guest speakers in Mrs. Kohlmann's STEM fourth grade classes recently. Wagner and Kluesner engaged students in an activity to learn how humans impact our water and land systems. The class discussed everything from industry to housing to everyday activities and litter. To demonstrate the importance of a clean water supply, students used a

model of a farming community with a river that becomes polluted. (See picture below.) STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and math. All students from kindergarten to

sixth grade participate in hands-on activities that incorporate science concepts and engineering processes as part of the specials rotation in WASD elementary schools.



SCHOOL REPORT CARDS

The Department of Public Instruction recently published a report card for every school in the state.

All of the Waupun Area School District schools were rating as "meeting expectations." The

report cards considered test scores, student improvement, attendance,



"Recording Angel"

Waupun Dog Park
903 N. Madison St.

Bring your dogs to run and play! The dog park is open from sunrise to sunset, 7 days a week, year round.

Please use the driveway entrance to the Waupun Area Animal Shelter. Information guides containing park rules are available at City Hall or at www.cityofwaupun.org



Many of the photos and articles in Community News are submitted by service organizations, sports groups, or other individuals. Thank you for sharing your events and achievements with us! To submit information to be considered for a future newsletter, please email michelle@cityofwaupun.org

SCHOOL REPORT CARDS (Continued)

graduation rates, etc. Tonya Gubin, district administrator, is confident about the future. "We have many pieces in place

to make dramatic improvement. Staff is working hard during late starts; building administrators are monitoring data

closely. Our schools are on the verge of exceeding expectations."



- Nov. 27: SAGES Community Presentation Night, 6-7pm
- Nov. 28: Late Start
- Dec. 5: Late Start
- Dec. 6: Superintendent's Community Chat, Helen's Kitchen, 7:30-8:30am
- Dec. 10: Sr High Band/Choir Concert, 7:00pm
- Dec. 11: Superintendent's Community Chat, Culvers, 5:15-6:15pm

Community Events

BUS TRIP TO GREEN BAY BOTANICAL GARDENS

Fond du Lac County Master Gardeners are planning a November 30th trip to the Green Bay Botanical Gardens. The garden is transformed into a spectacular winter landscape featuring

botanical light displays. Participants have an opportunity to take both a walking tour and a wagon ride. The final stop will be a pizza dinner at Rosati's for authentic Chicago pizza. \$55 includes

the bus, tour fees and pizza dinner. Bus leaves UW FDL campus at 3pm and returns at 9pm. For more information please contact Janet at 920-921-5020.

"SHIFTING GEARS FOR YOUR LATER FARMING YEARS" PROGRAM OFFERED IN DEC.

In a farm business, planning for the current owners' later years is an important aspect of a farm succession plan. Even if the owners are not planning on fully retiring from careers as many workers do, it is important to discuss their vision with family

and farming partners, and plan for shifting gears, slowing down, and finding time to enjoy other activities. Farmers and farm businesses have some unique characteristics that may not be addressed in general financial planning or

retirement planning workshops. The **Shifting Gears for Your Later Farming Years** program is a two-day workshop series designed specifically for farm families who are approaching retirement. The meeting is scheduled for

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"SHIFTING GEARS FOR YOUR LATER FARMING YEARS" PROGRAM (Continued)

Thursday, December 6th and 13th at UW-Extension Fond du Lac County, 400 University Drive, Fond du Lac. The focus of the meeting is to help producers explore, plan and communicate goals and needs as they "shift gears in the later years of farming". Topics will include how much "gold" do I need in my "golden years"; off farm investments and off-farm income; what will an individual do if not farming; communication with family members hopes, plans and expectations; estate planning; and

choosing professionals to help reach goals.

The program is open to any individuals wishing to explore and plan for retirement. The fee for the two-day program is \$40 per person or \$70 per couple and is offset by a North Central Risk Management Education Center Grant. The fee also includes a resource binder, meals for both days and other related materials.

The mission of UW-Extension is to teach, learn and serve, connecting people with the University of

Wisconsin, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities in the areas of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 4H and Youth Development, Family Living and Community, Natural Resource and Economic Development.

For more information regarding the program and/or to register please contact UW-Extension Dairy & Livestock Agent Tina Kohlman at 920-929-3171 or please visit <http://fonddulac.uwex.edu/>.



For Immediate Release

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UW-Cooperative Extension, Fond du Lac County

City of Waupun Monitors Energy Costs

The City of Waupun plans to save significantly on energy costs through adjustments to facilities, according to the Director of Public Works, Dick Flynn.

“Our City employees are already energy-conscious,” Flynn says. “We have motion sensors for lights in many of our buildings, including City Hall, the Department of Public Works, the library, and the Safety Building. We turn lights off when not in use and have fewer lamps per fixture. We turn off computers overnight.”

Looking for more ways to conserve, Flynn hired an intern to analyze energy usage. The UW-Extension Sustainability Intern, Renee Henning, presented her findings to the Waupun Common Council in August.

Since then, City has decided to focus on three conservation strategies she suggested: wrapping boiler pipes, insulating the attics of City Hall and the museum, and improving the efficiency of vending machines. Flynn adds that the costs of these changes will be reduced by incentives from Focus on Energy, with a return on the investments in less than two years. “As energy costs increase and energy-saving technologies become less expensive,” he says, “these types of improvements are suitable and sure ways to reduce our expenses.”

Boiler pipes

City Hall uses steam heat. The pipes from the boiler to the radiators are not insulated, which causes the boiler to work harder and actually over-heat some areas. According the U.S. Department of Energy, insulation can reduce a boiler system’s energy waste by 90%.

The calculated annual savings for insulating the pipes in the boiler room, the main pipes, and run-out pipes is \$1400 to \$1500. With the Focus on Energy incentive, the City can recover its costs in about 18 months.

Attic insulation

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that 20% of heating and cooling costs, or 10% of the electrical costs, can be saved through sealing and insulating a typical house. Savings to a municipal office building are similar.

Flynn is looking into better insulating the attic of the Museum (2400 square feet). He may also insulate, for the first time, the space above the City Hall auditorium (7000 square feet). Henning, the intern, obtained bids from three companies that blow cellulose (recycled paper fiber) onto the floor to improve the effectiveness of the insulation. If the projects are approved for Focus on Energy incentives, the City could save \$2500 per year.

Vending machines

The City of Waupun has seven soda machines in parks and one in City Hall. A new device, The VendingMiser, improves the efficiency of machines and monitors the ambient temperature. “The Miser” also reduces how often the compressor cycles. It could reduce the electrical costs \$50 per machine, or \$400 per year. Fond du Lac County and UW-Fond du Lac maintenance officials have tested and found these devices to be a successful way to reduce energy costs and still keep drinks cold.

De-lamping the soda machines is another option, as it decreases their energy usage by as much as 30%. Flynn is analyzing the costs and benefits of both de-lamping and installing “The Miser.”

The City of Waupun funded the summer-long internship in a partnership with UW-Extension and Waupun Utilities. The internship supports the City’s 25 x 25 Resolution, which aims to obtain 25% of the City’s energy from renewable sources by 2025.

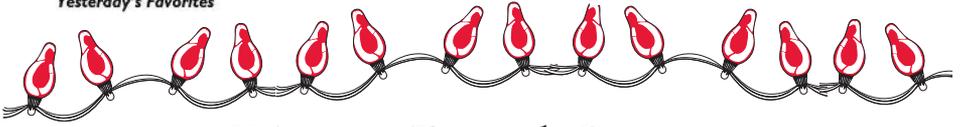
Citizens interested in checking their own energy usage can borrow watt meters from their local public library. Questions about energy education in the county can be directed to UW-Extension Educator Diana Hammer Tscheschlok at 920/324-2879 or diana.tscheschlok@ces.uwex.edu

Now in its 100th year of educating residents, Fond du Lac County UW-Extension has tips on energy conservation for home and work at <http://fonddulac.uwex.edu> and on Facebook.

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Today's News &
Yesterday's Favorites

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Waupun Festivals Presents:
Exclusive 2012 Wisconsin Christmas Show



**JANET
PLANET**

*"All I Want
For Christmas"*

Featuring the
Janet Planet Band

SATURDAY, DEC. 8, 2012 - 7:30 P.M.

Historic Waupun City Hall Auditorium
201 E. Main St. • Waupun, WI 53963

*Celebrate Christmas in Waupun
Avenue of Angels
Nov. 27 - Dec. 1, 2012
www.waupunchamber.com*

GENERAL ADMISSION \$20.00

Seniors & Children under 14 \$16.00

Tickets available at Waupun City Hall, 201 E. Main St.,
AM 1170 Radio, 609 Home Ave., Waupun,
Rechek's Food Pride, 609 N. Spring St., Beaver Dam
and all Ticket Star locations OR www.ticketstaronline.com

For more information call 920-324-7900 www.waupunfestivals.com



2012 Avenue of Angels Celebration

Holiday Parade

6:30 pm. Tuesday, November 27
Downtown, Main Street, Waupun

Join Us at City Hall for These Events

Tuesday, November 27

7:00 pm. - Holiday Music by Vicki Belleville & guests
Visit Santa and enjoy cookies, hot cocoa and cider

Wednesday, November 28

5:15 pm. - "Joy to the World" - Waupun Warriorettes
6:45pm. - "Reindeer Games" - Family Fun Night - play carnival games to win prizes!
Visit Santa and enjoy cookies, hot cocoa and cider

Thursday, November 29

6:30 pm. - "Mixed Blessings" Concert featuring a variety of local church choirs.
Enjoy cookies, hot cocoa and cider

Friday, November 30

6:00 pm. - "Santa Rocks" - Masters of Movement Dance Recital
Enjoy cookies, hot cocoa and cider *General Admission \$2 Reserved \$4*

Saturday, December 1

11:00 am. - Mrs. Claus reads your favorite Christmas stories
11:30 am. - Christmas Show featuring Rudy's Marionettes
Noon - 1:00 pm. - Decorate a Christmas cookie
Visit Santa and enjoy cookies, hot cocoa and cider

Festival of Trees – Vote for Your Favorite Tree!

We will be collecting food and/or cash donations for the Waupun Food Pantry. Santa will hand out treat bags on Tuesday & Wednesday and Saturday 11 - 1. Free photos by Walgreen's & treat bags provided by Front Edge, Waupun American Legion Ladies Auxiliary & Culver's. Enjoy cookies donated by Waupun Education Association, American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, FFA & Waupun Hockey Association. Cider & hot chocolate compliments of Piggly Wiggly & Market Fresh Foods. Elevator Access to the Auditorium at the Forest Street entrance.

Waupun Child Development Days January 15 and 22, 2013

The Waupun Area School District will be offering free developmental screenings for children between the ages of 2½ 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. Your child's vision and hearing will also be screened. In addition to the screening, a variety of developmental materials and information will be available.

If you would like your child to participate in this free screening, please call the Education Service Center at 324-9341, extension 2117 and ask for Linda Meagher. She will assist you in scheduling an appointment to have your child screened.

Please call before Friday, December 7, 2012

After you have scheduled your appointment, you will receive confirmation and information regarding the screening.