

LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD



WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

May, 2024

Our next meeting is Monday, May 6, 2024

Wausau Police Department Community Room, 6:30 PM

Agenda

- Welcome remarks from Longfellow Neighborhood President – Brooke Mueller
- Guest Speaker – None planned
- Wausau District 2 Alderperson – Michael Martens (with Q & A)
- Marathon County District 2 Supervisor – Ann Lemmer (with Q & A)

Dates to Remember

- May 4: Farmers Market of Wausau begins; 7:00 AM – Sold out; 200 River Drive
- May 5: **Cinco de Mayo**
- May 6: **Longfellow Neighborhood Meeting**
- May 12: **Mothers Day**
- May 17-18: Clean It Up Wausau Large Item Drop-Off; 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, east end of E. Chellis St., near Yard Waste Site
- May 25: History speaks; Marathon County Historical Society, 2:00 PM, Woodson History Center, 410 McIndoe Street
- May 27: **Memorial Day**

Wausau Farmers Market, Saturday and Wednesday, 7:00 AM – Sold Out – 200 River Drive
Marathon County Historical Society Vintage Game Night – 1st Friday of each month, 5:30 PM

Minutes from the April 1, 2024 Meeting

Michael discussed the following with our group:

- The Westside Battery project is one step closer with groundbreaking expected this fall and completion expected by December 31, 2025; the process takes longer with affordable housing.
- ARPA funds are almost gone; there is approximately \$1.5 million left of the \$15 million initially available). The funding must be allocated by the end of 2024 for completion of projects by the end of 2026. Funds are/will be used for blacktop/road repairs, Department of Public Works and Police Department repairs, the Wausau airport, and the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Wausau is accepting Section 8 housing applications until April 12th; preference is currently given to unhoused persons.
- Michael discussed the on-boarding of City Council members after the upcoming election. There will be an evening retreat for Council members and the League of Municipalities will also have additional on-boarding information.

Ann had several items for our group:

- Ann reminded everyone to be sure and vote tomorrow. There will be at least 10 new County Supervisors; 10 current Supervisors are not running for re-election.

- The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is expected to move to the Lakeview Campus (hopefully in April).
- The County requires a 2 day on-boarding session for all County Supervisors (new and current). The Wisconsin County Association also has on-boarding information available for them.

There were several general questions/items from the group.

- The little libraries on the corner of East Thomas and Grand Avenue will remain there for now but the intersection will require water main work in the future.
- TID 6 will be closing soon, so approximately \$3.5 million to go towards affordable housing.

Chief Matthew Barnes and Officer Luis Lopes Serrao spoke to us about constructing fencing around the Police Department parking lot.

- Chief Barnes explained the Police Department has experienced numerous issues with the parking lot for a number of years. The unfenced parking lot is considered public property while a fenced area is not sometimes resulting in confusing interactions between officers (both on and off-duty) and the general public. Fencing may also help route members of the public to the appropriate entrance for the Police Department.
- Officer Lopes Serrao has been attending a command college course which includes completing a project. He looked at a variety of things that could be done and selected fencing the Police Department parking lot. He had to research zoning, engineering, finance and city council requirements that would impact project decisions. A black chain-link fence would cost about \$35,000 and is not allowed because of zoning regulations; an ornamental fence (similar to the one surrounding Marathon Park) could cost as much as \$200,000. Options are still being explored in order to ensure the best combination of looks, cost, effectiveness and compliance to all codes. Fence proposals must be given to Finance and the City; ARPA funding is one possible option for the fencing.

Officer John Shear distributed and discussed the Briefing Sheet. Officer Shear is originally from Medford and was hired in October, 2019 and started in the Community Resource Units in March of this year. There wasn't much activity in our neighborhood to report for the month of March.

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From My Desk to Yours . . . Brooke Mueller, President, Longfellow Neighborhood

Hi everyone! Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 6, at 6:30pm in the Community Room at the Wausau Police Department.

Clean it Up Wausau (large item drop-off) will be held Friday May 17 and Saturday May 18 from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. You must show proof of City of Wausau residency. Any questions, please call City of Wausau Department of Public Works 715-261-6960. Office hours are Monday -Friday from 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Examples of FREE disposal items:

- Furniture: tables, chairs, sofas, dressers, mattress/box springs, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, microwaves, grills.
- Yard Equipment (gas and oil removed): snow blowers, lawn mowers, weed trimmer, edger, rototiller
- Scrap Metal

Examples of Items with a disposal FEE:

*****CASH ONLY*****

- Tires:; up to 20" \$5 (each), over 20" \$10 (each)
- Broken TV's: \$0.65/lb
- All Electronics: all computers, faxes, printers, non-broken TV's, small appliances like coffee makers and vacuum cleaners, stereos, almost anything with a cord) - \$0.45/lb

- Appliances: dehumidifiers, air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers - \$25 (each)

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- General Miscellaneous: light bulbs, smoke/CO detectors, batteries, paint, chemicals, waste oil, antifreeze, remodeling waste (insulation, fiberglass, etc.), roofing material, lead, fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides, compressed gas cylinders, explosives
- Medications: Drop Off at Local Police Department

As always, you can reach out to me with questions, issues, concerns, or recommendations for upcoming meeting topics at longfellowN2N@gmail.com. See you at the meeting!

Michael Martens, Wausau District 2 Alderperson

As we usher in a new mayor and the council’s new two-year term begins, I just wish to thank everyone for their continued support. This will be my fourth term on the Council and I look forward to continue advocating for housing at all levels, making sure our Police and Fire are properly funded, and striving for Wausau to be a great place to live, work, and play. If you have any questions or concerns in the neighborhood or city as a whole, please feel free to reach out.

Ann Lemmer, Marathon County District 2 County Supervisor

Hello Longfellowers! I would like to THANK YOU for trusting me to represent you on the Marathon County Board. It truly is an honor to do this work. At the time of this writing, we have not received our committee appointments, however, I believe I will continue serving on the Board of Health and as the Chair of the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin. Standing committee appointments are scheduled for Tuesday, April 23rd. Regardless of the appointment, you can rest assured that I will be an active and engaged member. I encourage you to be active and engaged in your county government by attending a meeting and giving public comment when an issue you care about comes up. Our regular county board meetings usually occur on the third Thursday & fourth Tuesday of the month, and this session, we voted to have them begin @ 6 PM. Public comment may only be heard on the Thursday meetings, however, you can attend any Standing Committee meeting throughout the month and offer your thoughts there. Here is the link to the calendar which has all of the agendas and packets <https://marathon.prod.govaccess.org/about-us/county-calendar>

I will continue to attend the monthly Longfellow Neighborhood meetings, which is one way to interface with me. Additionally, you can email me at: Ann.lemmer@co.marathon.wi.us.

I look forward to the next two years of serving you so that we can make Marathon County the preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business!

NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY BUSINESSES

Acro Plumbing	904 Sumner Street	715-842-9425
Bull Falls Brewery	901 East Thomas	715-842-2337
Cveykus Law Office	301 Grand Avenue	715-842-5205
Distinctive Treasures (seasonal)	701 Prospect Avenue	715-842-7739
Global View Capital Advisors	215 Grand Avenue	715-298-0313
Herrle Health Services	215 Grand Avenue	715-846-3444
JAS Construction	josh@jasbuilds.com	715-432-5732
M & S, The Siding Specialists	818 Henrietta Street	715-842-7965
Olson Tire and Auto	601 Forest Street	715-845-8473
Incredible Bank	101 Grand Avenue	715-845-0900
Schmidt & Schmidt	123 Grand Avenue	715-845-9621
Townline Market	916 Townline Road	715-842-5201
True North Counseling & Wellness	207 Grand Avenue	715-370-8863

NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS

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INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT:

Uncut grass 715-261-6780

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

Unshoveled sidewalks 715-261-6740

STREET CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE:

Missed by snow plows 715-261-6960

FIRE MARSHALS OFFICE:

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