

LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD



Happy Father's Day!

WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!
June, 2024

Our next meeting is Monday, June 3, 2024

Wausau Police Department Community Room, 6:30 PM

Agenda

- Welcome remarks from Longfellow Neighborhood President – Brooke Mueller
- Guest Speaker – Liz Brodek, Wausau Development Director (with Q & A)
- Wausau District 2 Alderperson – Michael Martens (with Q & A)
- Marathon County District 2 Supervisor – Ann Lemmer (with Q & A)

Dates to Remember

- May 27: **Memorial Day**
- June 1: Wausau Pride, 400 Block, Downtown Wausau; 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Teen Pride, Whitewater Music Hall; 1:00-4:00 PM
- June 4: **Longfellow Neighborhood Meeting**
- June 5: Concerts on the Square begin; 400 Block, Downtown Wausau; 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- June 14: **Flag Day**
- June 16: **Happy Father's Day**
- June 19: **Juneteenth**
- June 20: Wausau Night Market; 3rd Street, Downtown Wausau, 5:00 – 9:00 PM
- June 21-22: Wings Over Wausau; Downtown Wausau Airport; Friday, 4:30-9:00 PM; Saturday, 8:00 AM – 9:30 PM; \$5 entry fee (12 and under free); food, air shows, etc.
- June 22: Run the Runway 5K; Wausau Airport; 8:00 AM; registration fee
- June 22-23: Chalkfest; 400 Block, Downtown Wausau; Saturday, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM; Sunday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM; awards ceremony begins at 4:00 PM

*Concerts on the Square, Wednesdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM (6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26)
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*

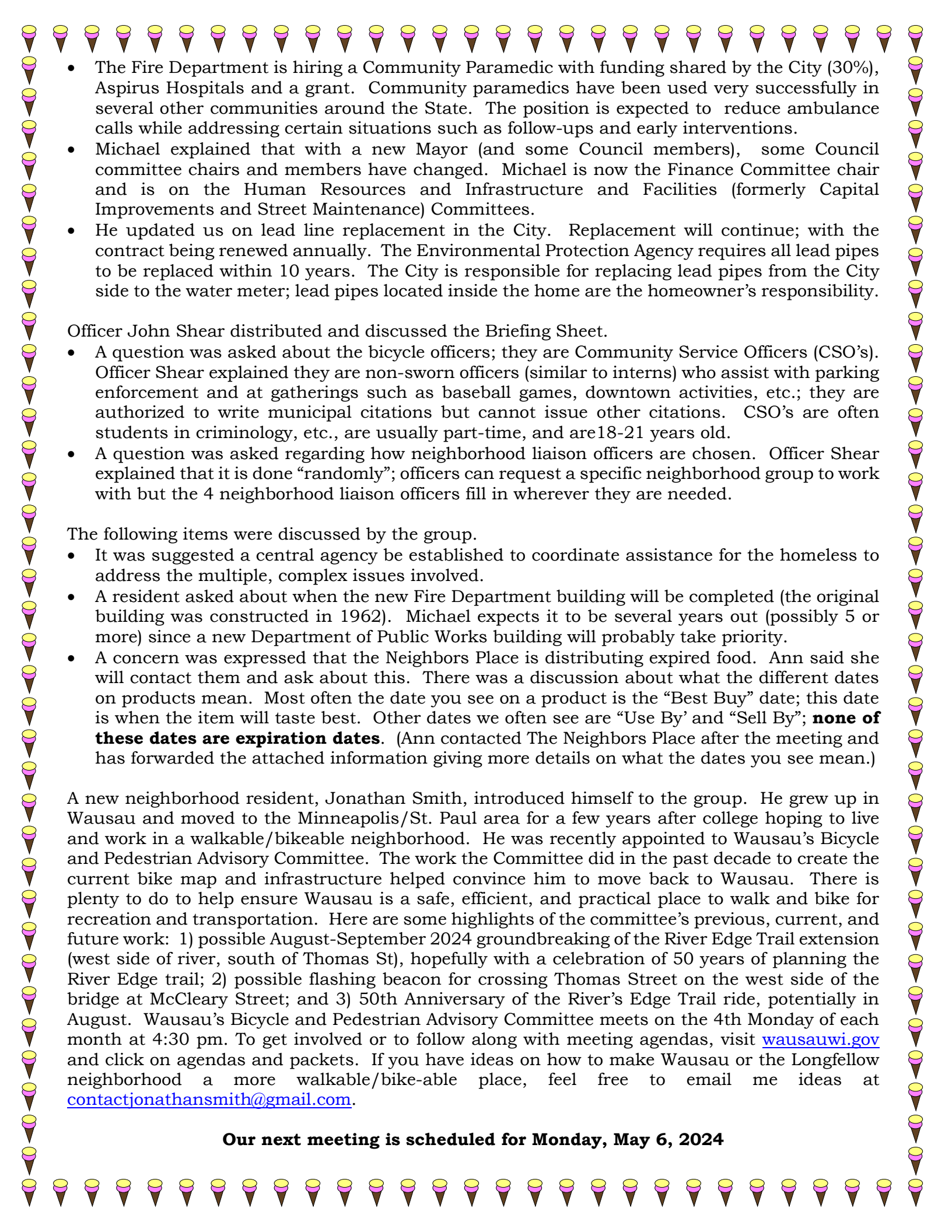
Minutes from the May 6, 2024 Meeting

Ann had several items for our group:

- Ann is serving on two (2) County Committees: Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee and the Extension, Education and Economic Development Committee.
- Ann shared that the County is exploring how to use funds received from the Jule vaping settlement; a GAP analysis might support using some of the funds for homeless programs (she supports increasing funding for the treatment side of the homelessness issue).
- The Extension Department will hopefully be moved to the North Central Healthy Care Wausau Campus in 2025.

Michael discussed the following with our group:

- Michael reminded everyone that solving the homeless problem requires coordination between the City and the County. The Wausau Police Department has hired two (2) additional officers to focus on homelessness issues in the downtown area. The new officers are limited term employees (their term expires the end of 2025) whose salaries are partially grant funded.

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- The Fire Department is hiring a Community Paramedic with funding shared by the City (30%), Aspirus Hospitals and a grant. Community paramedics have been used very successfully in several other communities around the State. The position is expected to reduce ambulance calls while addressing certain situations such as follow-ups and early interventions.
 - Michael explained that with a new Mayor (and some Council members), some Council committee chairs and members have changed. Michael is now the Finance Committee chair and is on the Human Resources and Infrastructure and Facilities (formerly Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance) Committees.
 - He updated us on lead line replacement in the City. Replacement will continue; with the contract being renewed annually. The Environmental Protection Agency requires all lead pipes to be replaced within 10 years. The City is responsible for replacing lead pipes from the City side to the water meter; lead pipes located inside the home are the homeowner's responsibility.

Officer John Shear distributed and discussed the Briefing Sheet.

- A question was asked about the bicycle officers; they are Community Service Officers (CSO's). Officer Shear explained they are non-sworn officers (similar to interns) who assist with parking enforcement and at gatherings such as baseball games, downtown activities, etc.; they are authorized to write municipal citations but cannot issue other citations. CSO's are often students in criminology, etc., are usually part-time, and are 18-21 years old.
- A question was asked regarding how neighborhood liaison officers are chosen. Officer Shear explained that it is done "randomly"; officers can request a specific neighborhood group to work with but the 4 neighborhood liaison officers fill in wherever they are needed.

The following items were discussed by the group.

- It was suggested a central agency be established to coordinate assistance for the homeless to address the multiple, complex issues involved.
- A resident asked about when the new Fire Department building will be completed (the original building was constructed in 1962). Michael expects it to be several years out (possibly 5 or more) since a new Department of Public Works building will probably take priority.
- A concern was expressed that the Neighbors Place is distributing expired food. Ann said she will contact them and ask about this. There was a discussion about what the different dates on products mean. Most often the date you see on a product is the "Best Buy" date; this date is when the item will taste best. Other dates we often see are "Use By" and "Sell By"; **none of these dates are expiration dates.** (Ann contacted The Neighbors Place after the meeting and has forwarded the attached information giving more details on what the dates you see mean.)

A new neighborhood resident, Jonathan Smith, introduced himself to the group. He grew up in Wausau and moved to the Minneapolis/St. Paul area for a few years after college hoping to live and work in a walkable/bikeable neighborhood. He was recently appointed to Wausau's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The work the Committee did in the past decade to create the current bike map and infrastructure helped convince him to move back to Wausau. There is plenty to do to help ensure Wausau is a safe, efficient, and practical place to walk and bike for recreation and transportation. Here are some highlights of the committee's previous, current, and future work: 1) possible August-September 2024 groundbreaking of the River Edge Trail extension (west side of river, south of Thomas St), hopefully with a celebration of 50 years of planning the River Edge trail; 2) possible flashing beacon for crossing Thomas Street on the west side of the bridge at McCleary Street; and 3) 50th Anniversary of the River's Edge Trail ride, potentially in August. Wausau's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 4:30 pm. To get involved or to follow along with meeting agendas, visit wausauwi.gov and click on agendas and packets. If you have ideas on how to make Wausau or the Longfellow neighborhood a more walkable/bike-able place, feel free to email me ideas at contactjonathansmith@gmail.com.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2024

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

Liz Brodek, Wausau Development Director, will be in attendance to discuss the City in-fill housing plans in our area (Jefferson Street and the two Grand Avenue properties) as well as answer any questions that might come up. 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

We are on the cusp of summer and there are scores of activities programmed by the Marathon County Parks Department. You can pick up a recreation guide at the Parks Department (212 River Drive) or view the summer activists online. The City's three swimming pools will open June 1st and offer reduced admission rates after 5:00 PM and free swims on Thursdays from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. The new splash pad at Marathon Park also opens on June 1st. Go out and enjoy the bounty of summer.

Ann Lemmer, Marathon County District 2 County Supervisor

I had the pleasure of meeting with our area state representatives (Senator Tomczyk and one of Representative Snyder's staff) in Madison recently to advocate for five issues relating to our aging population. Although not in session, the budget process is soon to begin, and some will be working this summer and fall to prepare various proposals for inclusion. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Day, sponsored by the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network is hoping to impact issues affecting older adults to improve the quality of life and shape policy surrounding funding and preventative measures to allow for more choice and independence. There were five key investments supporting the health and well-being while reducing long-term care costs: 1) increase funding to Aging and Disability Resource Centers; 2) increase support for family caregivers via a state caregiver program as well as changes to the Family Medical Leave program; 3) increase funding for the home-delivered meals program; 4) implement a Healthy Aging Grant program to fund falls prevention programs throughout the state; and 5) increase funding for specialized transportation services by upping investments in state mandated programs. Many of these investments haven't had their allocations increased in the last five years, but we know the population receiving these services has gone up dramatically. For more information, visit www.gwaar.org.

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
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

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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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FRESH FOODS

Product	Cook or Freeze By
Ground meat	2 days after purchase
Hard cheese	6 months unopened, 3-4 weeks opened, stored airtight. It's OK to cut away mold, it does not spoil the whole cheese block.
Hot dogs	7 days after sell by date
Luncheon meats	7 days after sell-by date
Milk	5-7 days past the sell-by date. Don't use if it smells sour.
Pork	3-5 days after purchase
Poultry	1-2 days loosely wrapped
Soft cheese	1 week unopened or 2 weeks for cream cheese

PROCESSED—SHELF STABLE PRODUCTS

	Unopened, After Purchase	After Opening
Baked goods	2-7 days. Refrigerate or freeze for longer storage.	
Baking powder	Replace every 6 months to a year.	
Baking soda	Replace every 6 months to a year.	
Canned goods—high acid	18 months	3-4 days
Canned goods—low acid	2-5 years	3-4 days
Canned meats, shelf stable	2-5 years/pantry	3-4 days
Flour	All-purpose, stored in cool, dry location can store indefinitely. Refrigerate whole wheat and high-fat flours.	
Juices	Shelf-stable Bottled. 12-18 mo.	3-5 days
Powdered seasonings	6 months to a Year past "best by" date.	1 month Spoilage is unlikely but quality will degrade
Salt	Does NOT "expire"	
Sugar	Never (unless exposed to moisture)	

The Dating Game

"Use-By" or "Sell-By"?



What Do Expiration Dates Mean?

UW Extension

Cooperative Extension • Family Living Programs

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program

Florence, Forest and Vilas Counties

Florence County Office: 715-528-5490, ext 115

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University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA. WNEP education is supported by the USDA FoodShare Program, UW-Extension, and local partners. FoodShare can help provide a healthy diet. To find out more about FoodShare, call your local Human Services Department.

“Use by”, “Sell-by” What Does It Mean?

It’s breakfast time and you’re craving a cheese omelet. Your carton of eggs says, “EXPFE12”; the milk says, “Sell March 1.” It’s March 4. Can you safely scramble, or should switch to cereal, which is telling you “Best” if used by 3/5? If you’re unsure, you’re not alone. The boxes, cans and cartons in our kitchens are trying to tell us something, but we may not be getting the message.

Except for poultry, infant formula and some baby food, product dating is not required by the federal government, but more than 20 states mandate dating of some foods. When dates are applied, generally by the manufacturer and occasionally by the store, they’re stated in a variety of ways: You might see Nov. 25, 11-25, or 1125. The terms used are somewhat flexible, too, since there’s no standard.

What Types of Food Are Dated: Open dating is found primarily on perishable foods such as meat, poultry, eggs and dairy products. “Closed” or “coded” dating might appear on shelf-stable products such as cans and boxes of food. Here, words to the wise about the words on foods:

“Use By,” Best if Used By, or “Quality Assurance” Date

The last date the product is likely to be a peak flavor and quality. One of these dates is often placed on foods such as cereal, which may decline in flavor and quality. It doesn’t mean the food is unsafe to eat.

“Sell By” or “Pull”

An indication, to the retailer, of the last day on which a product should be sold. It takes into account time for the food to be stored and used at home. You should buy it before the date, but don’t have to use it by then. You should be able to use milk, say, for up to about seven days after the sell-by date.

Pack or Package Date

The date the food—fresh meat, for example—was packed or processed. Consumers can tell which package is fresher and choose that one. A pack date isn’t an indication of safety.

“Expiration”

For most foods, this indicates the last date on which the product should be eaten or used. Eggs are an exception: If you buy federally graded eggs before the expiration date (which must be no more than 30 days from when they were put in the carton) you should be able to use them safely for the next 3 to 5 weeks.

“Coded Date”

A series of letters or numbers or both used by the manufacturer to track foods across state lines and, if necessary, recall them. The code is not meant as a use-by-date.

Other words to the wise:

As a rule, high-acid canned foods such as tomatoes can be stored on the shelf for 12 to 18 months; properly stored low-acid canned foods such as meat, fish and most vegetables will keep 2 to 5 years. **Don’t use a can that’s bulging.** If perishable foods are packaged and frozen properly, they will be safe to eat after the expiration date, although the food may suffer freezer burn if it’s stored for a long time.

Except for “use-by” dates, product dates don’t always refer to home storage and use after purchase. “Use-by” dates usually refer to best quality and are not safety dates. But even if the date expires during home storage, a product should be safe, wholesome and of good quality—if handled properly and kept at 40° F or below.

If a product has a “use-by” date, follow that date. If a product has a “sell-by” date or no date, cook or freeze the product by the times on the chart below.

FRESH FOODS

Product	Cook or Freeze By
Beef	3—5 days after purchase
Butter	2 weeks to 2 months unopened
Cream & half and half	3-4 days from sell by date or sniff it!
Eggs	3-5 weeks from carton date
Fish	1-2 days wrapped tightly and well chilled