

LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD



WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!
July, 2024

Our next meeting is Monday, July 1, 2024

Wausau Police Department Community Room, 6:30 PM

Agenda

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

Dates to Remember

- June 30:* Car show and Independence Day Celebration, Willow Springs Gardens, 6905 N. 60th Ave, Village of Maine, 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM; fireworks at dusk
- July 1:* **Longfellow Neighborhood Meeting**
- July 4:* **4th of July**, Fireworks at Wausau Airport, about 9:30 PM (rain date: July 5)
- July 12-13:* Taste 'N Glow Balloon Fest, 141678 Stettin Drive, Stettin; admission charge
- July 14:* Jazz on the River (first concert); 5:00-7:00 PM, Kickbusch Plaza west of Marathon Count Public Library Headquarters
- July 27-28:* Hmong Wausau Festival, People's Sports Complex
- July 30-* Wisconsin Valley Fair, Marathon Park; carnival, concerts, food and more; admission charge (more details next month)
- August 4*

Concerts on the Square, Wednesdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM (6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31)
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
Jazz on the River - Sundays, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, Kickbusch Plaza (7/21, 7/28)
Friends of Wausau Historical Landmarks Neighborhood Walking Tours – 6/27 (Athletic Field), 7/25 (Thom Field), 8/29 (Old German)
Fiber Arts Night – Thursdays, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, Rise Up Hub in Whitewater Music Hall (some materials are provided)

Minutes from the June 3, 2024 Meeting

Ann discussed the following with our group:

- Ann is researching THC so she understands it as fully as possible before an upcoming Board of Health educational meeting on the topic.
- There will be an infrastructure and rumble strips meeting at 3:00 PM this Thursday at the Court House; rumble strips can be a hazard to bicyclists. Jonathan Smith (Chair of Wausau's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee) shared that Highway KK is the only road currently wide enough to accommodate the required 4' wide bicycle lane; Highways J and N are being considered for bicycle lanes but aren't wide enough for them.
- There will be a County Board meeting with Dr. Gibson (UWSP Chancellor) Thursday, June 13 at 6:00 PM at the Courthouse to discuss the status of the UWSP-Wausau campus.
- A neighborhood resident asked about the status of 212 River Drive. Ann shared there is still no County divestiture procedure, nor is there a County Economic Development Committee. The County needs to be sensitive about who 212 River Drive would be sold to.

Michael discussed multiple items:

- The Westside Battery building is now gone so the 50 units of affordable housing project can move forward at that location.
- The Foundry on Third (the former Mall site) is also moving forward. Work will begin this week with construction to be completed by November, 2025. The site will have 152 market-rate apartments and street level retail space.
- Michael shared multiple options being considered for a solar array to help power the new water treatment plant. One option is a 12 megawatt array with a cost of approximately \$2.5 million that is expected to pay for itself in about 12 years. ARPA energy tax credits may be available to help pay for some of the cost.

Officer John Shear distributed and discussed the Briefing Sheet.

- June is a busy month for officers and CSO's with a variety of planned events in the City including Concerts On The Square, Wings Over Wausau and Chalkfest.
- There were only 2 "incidents" in our neighborhood in May. Please call Officer Shear and leave him a message any time you have concerns about something happening in the neighborhood.
- The "drug house" on the north end of our neighborhood has been taken care of.

An attendee brought up that homeowners can (and are encouraged to) trim the "water sprouts" on boulevard trees (those are the shoots that can grow up along the base of the tree).

Liz Brodek, Development Director for the City of Wausau, was our guest speaker this month. Liz explained that, as part of a pilot program, she was attending our meeting to hear concerns and answer questions. The following items were discussed:

- One of the residents shared his experience with the lead pipe replacement program in the City. Anyone can apply to have the contractor come and determine if you have lead pipes. The consultation is free (see the attached flyer for additional information).
- It will probably be about 10 years before new Fire Department building is built. There are other needs with a higher priority including a replacing the Department of Public Works building. The current DPW maintenance facility is very overcrowded with an antiquated shop facility. The Transit Center facility is also a higher priority due to its size and is not being equipped for alternative fuel sources.
- A question was asked about sustainability and Requests for Proposals (RFP's). Sustainability is one of the components considered in an RFP (extra points are given for including them). Urban canopies/forests are also included. There are 2-3 components are considered during the process of development/design. Increased walkability and being bicycle friendly are also being considered.
- A Request for Interest (RFI) for the McClellan Street ramp will be sent out shortly.
- An update on the Thomas Street and Grand Avenue housing project was provided. Commonwealth (the contractor) has received a WHEDA grant for the development with a final completion date of 12/31/26. The project will have 50 units and (possibly) underground parking. Concerns about the ability of pedestrians to safely cross the intersection were expressed. A large water main reconstruction project will also be needed at the intersection.

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

Hi everyone! Our next meeting will be on Monday July 1st. A reminder that **everyone is welcome, not just home owners!** 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

Fireworks for Independence Day have been a fixture in Wausau for as long as I can remember. But the end of the Jaycees 4th of July Celebration created a hole in the festivities. Fortunately,

Wausau Area Events, in conjunction with the City of Wausau and other local sponsors, has brought the 4th July fireworks back. This year they will be set off at the Wausau Municipal Airport on Thursday July 4th (rain date July 5th). Plenty of seating will be available at the airport so bring your lawn chairs and blankets. There will not be any food or beverage vendors inside the airport grounds, but carry-ins are allowed. Everyone have a happy and safe Independence Day weekend.

Ann Lemmer, Marathon County District 2 County Supervisor

As a follow-up to the info I shared at the June Longfellow Neighborhood Meeting, representatives from the University of Wisconsin Steven’s Point addressed the County Board on June 13. There are certain adjustments that will be considered this fall once enrollment is finalized. What we learned is that UWSP is stable, dynamic, and strong as is UWSP-Marshfield, however, the Wausau Campus is declining with only 122 students currently attending. Addressing the needs of adult learners—particularly at the graduate level is a current opportunity. Another opportunity is bachelor’s degree completion. UWSP has implemented a comprehensive recruitment campaign targeting adult learners with some college credits and no degree. UWSP is creating bachelor’s degree pathways, offering a hybrid approach as well as in close partnership with NTC and other business partners in technology management, organizational leadership, business, nursing, and multidisciplinary studies. This hybrid model will decrease the amount of space needed at the campus. What that looks like, however, is unclear.

Several of us expressed the need for greater community involvement, and I have asked the chair of Extension, Education, and Economic Development to add this to the agenda so we can develop a way to do that. Dr. Gibson, UWSP Chancellor, expressed their commitment to a four-year, public university presence in Marathon County. He said it was his obligation to help expand educational access to the campus to serve business, industry, and community needs for the benefit of all of Marathon County.

Please reach out if you have any comments, suggestions, or questions. As always, the meetings are recorded and available on our YouTube Channel. The June 13th meeting and packet are linked below. See pages 3-15 and at about 13 minutes in on the YouTube link.

Packet: <https://www.marathoncounty.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/13178/638538850016333816>

YouTube Link: https://www.youtube.com/live/roZqFTV3bBI?si=BO_qrY97TpHgYrnm

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

NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS

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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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EquiFlow Lead-Free Program

The City of Wausau and CIP are partnering to improve the safety and quality of drinking water in Wausau.

A lead water line may be causing unsafe levels of lead for residence of Wausau. The EquiFlow Lead-Free Program offers lead service line identification and replacement—and importantly, homeowners receive no bill for these services.



WHAT IS A LEAD SERVICE LINE?

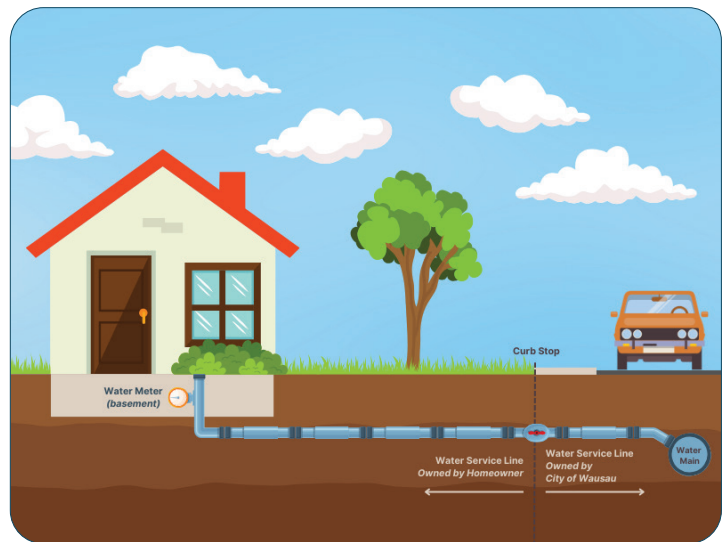
A lead service line is a pipe that connects your home to the public water supply system. It's called a "lead service line" because it is often made of lead, a toxic metal. However, some are made of galvanized steel and some have been updated to copper. We can help residence find out what material their services lines are made of and if they qualify for free replacement. The **figure below** is a simplified illustration of the components of a service line installation.

WHY SHOULD RESIDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE EQUIFLOW LEAD-FREE PROGRAM?

When present, a lead service line can be the largest contributor of lead in drinking water. Unfortunately, replacing a lead service line can cost up to \$20,000! EquiFlow Lead-Free Program funding is provided through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and as a result, homeowners that qualify for the Program are not billed for any of the costs associated with inspecting and replacing their lead service line.

ENROLL TODAY!

Enrollment to replace water service lines is easy. Renters will need the property owners to sign the Right of Entry Agreement.



Scan to visit our website and learn more or schedule an inspection.

Flip over for additional information

CONTACT US



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What participants can expect if they choose to participate in the program.



The 5-Step Replacement Process:



SERVICE LINE INSPECTION

An EquiFlow Lead-Free Program specialist will visit homes to inspect the material of the service line. Alternatively, participants can use the self-verification feature on the EquiFlow website by completing a brief form and uploading a photo of their service line, and one of our EquiFlow Lead-Free Program specialists will later contact them to let them know the results of their submission. If a residents service line contains lead or galvanized material, we will schedule a date and time to replace the service line under the Program.



REPLACEMENT DAY

A licensed plumber will replace the lead service line. During this time, we will need to turn off the water. Residents will receive an estimate of how long this will take before any work begins. We provide a supply of bottled water for use during this time. We strive to minimize the disruption during this time.



AFTER REPLACEMENT & RESTORATION OF IMPACTED AREAS

We will restore any property impacted by the replacement activities. We will also provide residents with filters to use following replacement and instructions on how to flush pipes for the next 30 days. Residents will want to use the water pitcher or faucet mount filter provided by the EquiFlow Lead-Free Program until your lead levels are below 2.01 ppb.



WATER RE-TESTING

Testing is critical to ensure a reduction in lead levels following replacement activities. An EquiFlow Lead-Free Program specialist may visit the home following replacement to test the water and confirm lead levels have successfully been reduced. Residents will also receive two free lead-in-water test kits following replacement.



CONGRATULATIONS - ALL DONE!

The EquiFlow Lead-Free Program journey is complete. Congratulations on creating a healthier environment Wausau Residents!



Scan to visit our website and schedule your inspection or to use our quick and easy self-verification tool by uploading a photo of your service line!

