

LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD



WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!
September, 2024

Our next meeting is Monday, September 9, 2024

Wausau Police Department Community Room, 6:30 PM

Agenda

- Welcome remarks from Longfellow Neighborhood President – Brooke Mueller
- Guest Speaker – Eric Jones with CIP will speak on lead line replacement (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

- September 2:* **Happy Labor Day** (Longfellow Neighborhood meeting next week!)
Wausau Labor Day parade
- September 9:* **Longfellow Neighborhood Meeting**
- September 14:* Beer and Bacon Fest, Fern Island; 1:00 – 4:00 PM; fee
- September 20-21* Clean It Up Wausau! Large Item Drop-Off; east end of Chellis Street (near Yard Waste Site); 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (see the enclosed flyer for details)

Concerts on the Square, Wednesdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM (8/28)

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

Friends of Wausau Historical Landmarks Neighborhood Walking Tours – 8/29 (Old German)

Fiber Arts Night – Thursdays, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, Rise Up Hub in Whitewater Music Hall

Minutes from the July 1, 2024 Meeting

Brad Lenz, the Wausau City Planner, was unable to attend our meeting due to an unexpected conflict. We will try to reschedule him for another time.

Ann discussed several items with the group.

- Ann reported the County is reviewing the budget including funding for the Marathon County Historical Society and McDevco. Ann supports continued funding for the Historical Society; they provide reports to the County Board on the services they offer to county residents.
- Ann also talked about lead lateral replacement in the City of Wausau. A joint grant between the County and City of about \$2 million was available through Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The grant was voted down by the City Finance Department; a second grant may also be available. The County portion of the grant would be used for mitigation, education and remediation of lead lateral replacement.

Michael also discussed the lead lateral replacement (including funding) and other items.

- He gave additional details on the HUD grant for lead lateral replacement. The HUD grant is for \$1.9 million and was voted down. The grant would require a 10% match (over 3 years) and

would require the City hire additional staff to administer the grant (the City could use part of the grant to cover up to 80% of the staffing cost). The grant will be brought up again at the Common Council meeting on Monday, August 19, at 6:00 PM due to new information that has been received. There will be a meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Monday, August 19 at 6:45 PM to discuss the lateral replacement. Although no action will be taken at this meeting, public comments will be taken.

- The joint Water Works Commission and Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 14 at 5:00 PM will include a discussion on the PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) program.
- It will be a difficult year for the budget due to PILOT discussions, union negotiations (for the Fire, Police, and Transportation Departments), and health care expenses. Budget workshops will be held in late September or early October with final budget votes to follow in early November. Citizen input on budget allocation preferences/suggestions are most effective when given well ahead of the November vote.

Officer John Shear distributed and discussed the Briefing Sheet.

- This month's Briefing Sheet covered school zone safety. A resident asked about the proper procedure(s) for stopping for school buses. Drivers should slow down and be cautious when mmber flashing lights are present; drivers MUST stop in all directions when red flashing lights (with or without a sign) are present.
- Bluesfest is scheduled for August 16-17 at Oak Island.
- The Wisconsin Valley Fair was relatively uneventful with only the "usual" incidents.
- Our neighborhood is still relatively quiet.
- Construction of the Police Department parking lot fence will begin tomorrow (Tuesday, August 6) with the removal of the metal flower beds.

Other topics of discussion at the meeting were:

- Concern was expressed about a strong smell of cat urine in the 300 block of Seymour. Although a resident contacted multiple City agencies, they have had difficulty in getting the issue resolved. Officer Shear will check on the location in the next few days to assist in finding a resolution.
- The Friends of Wausau Historical Landmarks' next walking tour will be on Thursday, August 29. It will highlight our neighborhood and will begin at the Longfellow School at 6:30 PM.
- Fiber Arts Night meets Thursdays from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Rise Up Hub in the Whitewater Music Hall. They are changing their focus and will be offering free fiber arts for adults.

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

Hi everyone! Our next meeting will be on Monday September 9th. A reminder that everyone is welcome, not just homeowners! Eric Jones from CIP will be joining us to discuss the lead line replacement project in more depth. Also, a reminder that the last "Clean It Up Wausau" large item drop-off for the year is September 20-21 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information. 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

A portion of 28th Avenue, from Madonna to Mary Ann Lane is closed. This hilly section of road, affectionately nicknamed "Ol' Steepy" was washed out and subsequently made undriveable during the heavy rains last July. Repairing the road is expensive and the Infrastructure and Facilities committee deemed it cost prohibitive at this point. The road is slated for reconstruction in 2026, but the expense of reconstructing it and the steep incline (15% grade in parts) has caused the Committee to consider if the road should continue to stay open, or if it should be permanently closed and traffic routed through a different route up the hill. The committee is studying options

at this point and a public hearing will be held on October 10 at 5:15 PM to gather community input. Please let me know if you have any thoughts on the closure of the hill on 28th Avenue.

Ann Lemmer, Marathon County District 2 County Supervisor

Good news Longfellowers. On August 20, the Wausau City Council reconsidered the reception of the nearly \$2M Lead Hazard Reduction Capacity Building grant through the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This grant was a collaboration between the city, the county, several community organizations, and the federal government to identify homes and people impacted by lead toxins. Very few communities in the US received this grant, so I see it as an honor to have been awarded it in the first place. In June, the Council voted to return the grant money based on partial information, but when the true scope of the project came to light, it was revisited.

I am relieved because the Marathon County Health Department already works with families whose children have had evidence of exposure to lead. There is NO safe level of lead in the human body. Lead poisoning among children is typically caused by swallowing or breathing in dust from deteriorating lead-based paint in older homes. Lead can damage the brain and other systems, leading to developmental delays, learning disabilities, reduced IQ and attention span, and a range of other lifelong health and behavioral effects. At very high levels, lead poisoning can be fatal. Most exposures involve homes or daycares built before 1978 where lead-based paint has deteriorated. Prevention of lead poisoning can be accomplished by eliminating lead-based paint hazards before children are exposed. Wisconsin State Statute mandates health departments to perform a lead hazard investigation on any child who has certain lead blood levels. When that happens, the Marathon County Health Department may provide educational materials to parents of children, conduct a home visit, perform a home assessment, or issue orders to abate lead hazards depending on the level of lead found. Last year, they conducted over 1400 childhood lead tests.

Despite progress in reducing lead exposure in the United States, lead poisoning remains a major environmental health problem. Wisconsin's goal is to eliminate this disease by making housing lead-safe, and by improving the detection and treatment of lead poisoning in children. Clearly, receiving this money will be a huge boost to meeting that goal. The next step is to bring the grant to the Marathon County Board for their acceptance. I hope you join me in supporting this important award, so we can more efficiently do the good work of protecting our kiddos.

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

LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD PRESIDENT:

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NEIGHBORHOOD ALDERPERSON:

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WAUSAU MAYOR:

DOUG DINY (doug.diny@ci.wausau.wi.us)

715-261-6800

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920-207-3105

SECRETARY/NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

JOY FOYE

715-842-9197

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

NON-EMERGENCIES

715-261-7800

NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS:

OFFICER JOHN SHEAR (john.shear@ci.wausau.wi.us)

715-261-7998

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

TAMMY STRATZ (tammy.stratz@ci.wausau.wi.us)

715-261-6682

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:

BRIAN STAHL (brian.stahl@ci.wausau.wi.us)

715-261-7900

Public Works

City Of Wausau

Clean It Up, Wausau! Large Item Drop-Off

Friday & Saturday,
May 17-18, September 20-21 • 9am - 5pm

Location: east end of E. Chellis Street - Near the Yard Waste site

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 3

Yard waste site opens.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY	
<p>May 17th, May 18th September 20th, September 21st</p>	<p>9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.</p>
<p>CITY OF WAUSAU RESIDENTS ONLY - (*proof of residency required*)</p>	

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS
Bathroom plumbing fixtures
Cabinets
Carpeting
Chairs
Concrete chunks (small amount)
Countertops
Furniture
Gasoline engine equipment - gas and oil removed
Grills (propane tanks removed)
Hot tubs
Lawn mowers - gas and oil removed
Long boards (that do not fit in a garbage container)
Mattresses
Metal
Plastic childrens toys (too large to fit in garbage dumpster)
Pool tables
Remodeling waste - Insulation, Fiberglass (small amount)
Sinks
Snow blowers - gas and oil removed
Sofas / Couches
Tables
Toilets
Vacuum cleaners
Wash tubs
Water heater
Weed eater - if the unit is gas, gas and oil removed

ITEMS ACCEPTED
<p>Appliances (examples):</p> <p>*FEE TO DISPOSE OF* \$25.00 PER ITEM THAT CONTAINS FREON Air Conditioner, Dehumidifier, Refrigerator, Freezer</p> <p>* NO CHARGE ITEMS* - Microwave, Dishwasher, Dryer, Humidifier, Stove, Washer</p> <p>If your appliance is gently used and in working condition - it can be donated to Habitat for Humanity's Recycled Building Materials Facility</p> <p>OR if in NON working order- Contact: Alter Metals, Wellers Salvage, Yaeger's or other salvage scrap vendors</p>

Electronics (examples):
<p>*FEE TO DISPOSE OF - *based on weight* TV's, Computer monitors, Computers, Laptops, Keyboards, Cameras & Recorders with video display, DVD & VCRs, Printers, Scanners, Fax machines, Cell phones with video display Contact Good News Project, Helping Hands Recycling or Wellers Salvage</p>

TIRES - (CASH ONLY)
<p>No credit cards accepted</p> <p>Under 22" - \$5.00 22" and Over - \$10.00</p>

The City of Wausau Department of Public Works facility is monitored by video surveillance, a citation will be issued to those who intentionally dispose of unacceptable items at their facility

ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTED AT THE CITY'S DROP OFF SITE
<p>NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE and/or items in an enclosed bag</p> <p>PAINT - can be dried by opening the cover to let dry, or use cat litter and place within your normal garbage container provided by Harters.</p> <p>Cardboard, Plastic containers - can be placed bi-weekly in a container provided by Harters</p>

Marathon County Hazardous Waste Facility - Located at the Marathon County Landfill
<p>*NOTE -you need to make an appointment at least 1 day in advance* there may be fees associated with specific items 715-446-3101 ext. 100</p> <p>Aerosol Paint cans with paint in it (empties can be recycled) Antifreeze Ballasts, Fluorescent bulbs, tubes Cleaning Solvents, Degreasers, Drain Cleaners, Oven Cleaners Dry Cleaning Fluids Ether, Fuel Floor / Furniture Polish Fungicides, Herbicides, Insecticides Gun Cleaners Hobby materials / chemicals Metal Cleaners Mildew Cleaners Oil / or any gas mixtures exceeding 5 gallons Paint (Oil based), Thinners, Turpentine, Varnish Photography chemicals</p>

SHARPS ARE ACCEPTED AT THE LANDFILL
<p>- put them in a commercial sharps disposal container, or in a heavy plastic detergent or bleach bottle with a screw-on cap for sealing tightly.</p> <p>NO MILK JUGS OR OTHER THIN PLASTIC. - Do not separate the needle from the syringe- LABEL THE CONTAINER WITH 'BIOHAZARD', INFECTIOUS WASTE / SHARPS & DO NOT RECYCLE.</p>

Look for acceptable and non-acceptable items via City's website:
www.wausauwi.gov

City of Wausau Yard Waste Site

The City of Wausau Yard Waste Site is located at the east end of East Chellis Street.

2024 Hours of Operation

The Yard Waste Site will be open from April 3rd through November 24th during the following hours:

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

***NOTE*- Schedule times may vary in the fall, call D.P.W. at 715-261-6960 to confirm scheduled hours.**

The site will be locked and gated during non-operating hours. The site is monitored by video surveillance. Citations will be issued to those who leave yard waste outside the gate of the facility.

Materials Accepted:

Garden & flower debris, Grass, Leaves, Tree branches/brush

The City of Wausau appreciates your cooperation. The site is for City of Wausau residents only.

Call The Department of Public Works at 715-261-6960, if you have any questions. Office hours are: Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

