

LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD



WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

April, 2023

Our next meeting is Monday, April 3, 2023

Wausau Police Department Community Room, 6:30 PM

Agenda

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

Dates to Remember

- April 1: April Fool's Day
- April 3: **Longfellow Neighborhood Meeting**
- April 4: **Election Day** – Wisconsin Supreme Court, Wausau School Board, referendums
- April 9: **Happy Easter**
- April 22: **Earth Day**
- April 18: Tax Day
- May 5: **Cinco de Mayo**

Wausau Winter Market –Saturdays, 8:00 AM – Noon, Whitewater Music Hall

Marathon County Historical Society History Chats – Thursdays at 12:30 PM; livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

Minutes from the March 6, 2023 Meeting

Officer Stark attended our meeting. No Briefing Sheet and no questions for Officer Stark.

Michael shared several items with the group.

- It is anticipated that approximately \$500,000 in ARPA funds for lead lateral replacements will be allocated for homeowners on specific streets as they are under reconstruction. Grants of about \$5,000 may be available to help cover the cost for homeowners to replace the lead laterals but it would be enough cover the complete cost.
- A question was asked regarding the new apartment building proposed for the corner of East Thomas and Grand Avenue. Concerns were again expressed regarding adequate parking space for residents of the building. Michael shared that the new building may have underground parking which could potentially address that issue.

Ann spoke to us about several items.

- As part of her duties on the ADRC board, Ann will be traveling to Madison to learn more about Alzheimer's disease.
- Ann also shared that health equity (such as the effect of poverty on health) is part of mental health and is one of the responsibilities/priorities of the Health Department.
- A County committee is establishing a task to at energy usage and efficiencies and how to accomplish that including alternatives sources, increasing the efficiency of natural gas, etc.

Travis and Adam from the Inspections Department were our guest speakers.

- The Inspections Department deals with permits for buildings (homes and businesses), yards, and assistance to renters.
- A resident asked if the Inspections Department goes out to check if work being done on a home requires/has a permit. One of the ways Inspections is aware of changes to a home that might require a permit is when a house comes on the market and shows “new bath”, etc. in the listing. Inspections then checks their files to see if permits were issued.
- A permit is **not** needed: for replacement of 1 or 2 windows (including replacement sashes), if less than 1/4 of the house is resided, or if the exterior of the house is painted. A permit **is** required before work begins on individual house systems such as electrical or plumbing (a permit can be issued after the fact in the event of an emergency).
- No decision has been made on “no mow May” and how it would work but Travis and Adam think it will probably happen again this year.
- A question was asked about how Inspections handles lawn which aren’t mowed. Inspections issues a \$124 citation with the City eventually mowing the lawn if the homeowner doesn’t.
- Travis and Adam discussed Japanese knotweed, an invasive species. You shouldn’t plant it; if you see it, you can contact the Parks Department or Inspections for additional information.

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

Hi everyone and happy spring! Our next meeting will be on Monday April 3. 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

At the prior council meeting, the City of Wausau passed a resolution to move towards 100% clean energy by 2050. This resolution was met by overwhelming support by the council and the community members that spoke at the meeting. In a nutshell, the City commits to: determine the level of energy use and greenhouse gasses in City government operations; develop a municipal energy plan with a goal of moving government operations to a more secure and 100% clean energy by 2050; provide resources and information to residents and businesses to support them in the transition to a cleaner energy future; and create cost savings through efficiency upgrades that will reduce the energy burdens on the tax levy. As stated in the discussion of this resolution, the City hopes to be a model for businesses and the community so we can all reduce our energy burden and works towards a 100% clean energy future.

Ann Lemmer, Marathon County District 2 County Supervisor

The Marathon County Board is examining how best to tackle the issue of childcare. Over the past several years, Marathon County lost more than half of its regulated childcare programs, resulting in large parts of the county being considered a “childcare desert”. Thankfully, in 2022 Marathon County received a \$75K grant to help study and find solutions to bolster the childcare supply. The County partnered with representatives from the City of Wausau, school districts, Childcaring, North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, NTC, WIPPS, Early Years Coalition, United Way, Hmong American Center, YMCA, WUCMAA, Wausau Child Care, and others, to create a diverse team that evaluated the current childcare landscape and then suggestions to develop a sustainable plan to build the childcare supply county-wide. Some of the strategies are to increase childcare staff by leveraging public/private funding partnerships with existing providers, explore alternative childcare business models, and invest and retain the current childcare workforce in the county. Childcare is essential for the financial growth and economic development of our area, and high-quality childcare provides a safe environment for children to thrive. Both the Health and Human Services Committee and the Extension, Education, and Economic Development Committee have been discussing this issue. Tune in via

the [Marathon County YouTube Channel](#), or at the Courthouse on April 5th or 6th @ 3:00 if you want to hear more.

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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
Forward Electronics	115 Prospect Avenue	715-845-4355
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
Meverden Chiropractic	215 Grand Avenue	715-848-4088
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
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