

# LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD



WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!  
May, 2023

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**Our next meeting is Monday, May 1, 2023**

Wausau Police Department Community Room, 6:30 PM

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### 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 – Janell Wehr, Horticulture Coordinator, UW Extension

### Dates to Remember

- May 1: **Longfellow Neighborhood Meeting**
- May 5: **Cinco de Mayo**
- May 6: Wausau Farmers Market begins; 7:00 AM – sold out; 200 River Drive
- May 14: **Happy Mother's Day**
- May 29: **Happy Memorial Day**

*Wausau Farmers Market – Wednesdays and Saturdays, 200 River Drive; 7:00 AM – Sold Out*  
*Marathon County Historical Society History Chats – Thursdays at 12:30 PM; livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube*

### Minutes from the April 3, 2023 Meeting

A Wausau Police Department Officer attended our meeting. There was no Briefing Sheet and no one had any questions for the Officer.

Michael shared the following information with the group.

- Wausau passed a resolution to move to 100% sustainability by 2050. Using renewable resources would allow the City to reduce their carbon footprint and reduce overall costs. Those resources could include solar power and hybrid electric vehicles.
- The issue of unhoused residents was discussed at the last Council meeting. Reversing the unhoused trend will require a great deal of work by a variety of groups/organizations. There are numerous reasons people are unhoused including job instability/loss, mental health or addiction issues, lack of affordability housing, etc.

Ann also had several items for us.

- The Energy Task Force was approved by the County Board of Supervisors but the approval was reversed. Please contact County Board Supervisors and let them know if you want them to support the Energy Task Force.
- Ann is excited to have been chosen to be on the Unhoused Task Force (working in conjunction with the Marathon County United Way). The Task Force will work with those who are dealing with episodic/transitory, chronic, or temporary (i.e., sleeping on someone's couch) homelessness. Ann is excited to be a part of this group.
- Ann attended the ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) regional meeting; grants to help fund the organization were discussed.

Our group also discussed several other items.

- The City has two (2) programs to help rehabilitate/restore older homes: the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program and Fix It Up Wausau. The programs offer low interest loans (some may be forgivable) and/or they may require applicants work for a specific company to be eligible for the program. For additional information, please contact Tammy Stratz with Community Development at 715-261-6682.
- The State Historical Society also has financial assistance programs for historic homes (<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/>); they do have eligibility requirements. The Wausau Historic Preservation Commission only has control over changes that can be made to the exterior of your home; they can/do not dictate what is done to the interior. For more information, visit: (<https://www.marathoncountyhistory.org/preservation/wausau-historic-preservation-commission>)

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

Happy Spring! Our next meeting will be on Monday May 1st. Horticulture Coordinator Janell Wehr from the UW Extension will be joining us to discuss different topics related to our yards and gardens as well as answer any questions you have. She will also discuss the best steps to take now to stop/reduce invasive species in our yards.

Once again this year, with the assistance of JAS Construction, we will be helping out with the large item drop off that the city holds each year. Please see the attached sheet for more information on that. Please let me know if you would be able and willing to help with the pickup. Typically it only takes 2-3 hours in the morning. If no one volunteers to help, I will have to cancel the pickup.

Please remember to reach out to me with questions, issues, concerns, or recommendations for upcoming meeting topics at [longfellowN2N@gmail.com](mailto:longfellowN2N@gmail.com). See you at the meeting!

Michael Martens, Wausau District 2 Alderperson

As it gets warmer and nicer out, many start thinking of recreational fires. The city requires a recreational fire permit and single-family and two-family dwellings must adhere to the ordinance. If the fire danger is Very High or Extreme, then no recreational fires are allowed. Fire danger level can be found on the Wisconsin DNR website: [apps.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn/#/](https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn/#/).

More information and the application form for a recreational fire permit can be found at [ci.wausau.wi/Departments/Fire/RecreationalFire.aspx](https://ci.wausau.wi/Departments/Fire/RecreationalFire.aspx).

Ann Lemmer, Marathon County District 2 County Supervisor

In 2018, the North Central Health Care Center began planning a \$67M broad reaching project to move mental health, substance abuse, and skilled nursing care into the future by creating a Master Facilities plan to develop and redevelop the campus in order to enhance personal dignity and financial stewardship. In a nutshell, the plan included a redesign of workflow and physical space allowing for more efficiencies and flexibilities, easier access for customers, and an environment that allows for more natural light and a less “institutionalized” appearance. Additionally, the intent was to consolidate departments and reduce overall square footage to streamline services as well as increase infrastructure systems’ efficiencies to save money on energy consumption. Although the Covid pandemic certainly put a wrinkle in the plan, the County continues to move forward with it. Several departments are already in the process of relocating there, and more are anticipating moving in later in 2024. There are and will be opportunities for citizens to weigh in via public comment at our Educational Board Meetings (usually the third Thursday of the month), or by reaching out to me (or other supervisors/staff) with your thoughts. I recently took a tour of the newly renovated Social Services and Health Departments. They truly are a high quality environment with the dignity and customer need in mind.

**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
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
True North Counseling & Wellness	207 Grand Avenue	715-370-8863

**NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS**

<b>LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD PRESIDENT:</b>		
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TAMMY STRATZ (tammy.stratz@ci.wausau.wi.us)		715-261-6682
<b>INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT:</b>		
Uncut grass		715-261-6780
<b>ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:</b>		
Unshoveled sidewalks		715-261-6740
<b>STREET CONSTRUCTION &amp; MAINTENANCE:</b>		
Missed by snow plows		715-261-6960
<b>FIRE MARSHALS OFFICE:</b>		
BRIAN STAHL (brian.stahl@ci.wausau.wi.us)		715-261-7900

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# Clean It Up Longfellow

Do you have large items that need to be disposed of but no way to transport them? The Longfellow Neighborhood Group can help! Items must be on the curb by 7am Saturday morning 5/20/23.

Register for a pick-up by emailing your name, address, and description of the items that need to be picked up to **longfellowN2N@gmail.com**, no later than 5/12/23.

If you don't register in advance and you put items on the curb they will not be picked up.

ITEMS ACCEPTED	FEE
APPLIANCES:	
Microwaves	FREE
Snow blowers (gas, oil removed)	FREE
Lawnmowers (gas, oil removed)	FREE
Stoves	FREE
Washers, Dryers, Dishwashers	FREE
Scrap Metal	FREE
FURNITURE:	
Mattress/Box Springs	FREE
Tables, Chairs, Sofas, Hot tubs	FREE
Carpeting	FREE
Concrete chunks (small)	FREE
Grills (gas removed)	FREE
Pool Tables	FREE
Toilets	FREE

## Unacceptable Items

To dispose of these or other items, please call the Marathon County Solid Waste and Recycling Information line at 1-877-270- 3989.

## Household Garbage

Light Bulbs  
Smoke/CO Detectors  
Batteries  
Paint, Chemicals  
Remodeling waste-insulation, fiberglass Roofing material  
Waste oil, antifreeze, lead Fertilizers  
Pesticides, Herbicides Compressed  
Gas Cylinders Explosives  
Medication - Drop off at local Police Department