

LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD



WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!
June, 2023

Our next meeting is Monday, June 5, 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)

Dates to Remember

- June 5: **Longfellow Neighborhood Meeting**
- June 7: Concerts on the Square begin; 6:00 – 8:00 PM; 400 Block
- June 14: **Happy Flag Day**
- June 16-17: Wings Over Wausau; downtown Wausau Airport; Friday 4:30 PM-9:00 PM, Saturday 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM
- June 18: **Happy Father's Day**
- June 19: **Juneteenth**
- July 4: **Happy 4th of July**

Concerts on the Square – Wednesdays, 400 Block; 6:00 -8:00 PM (6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28)
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; livestream on Facebook and YouTube

Minutes from the May 1, 2023 Meeting

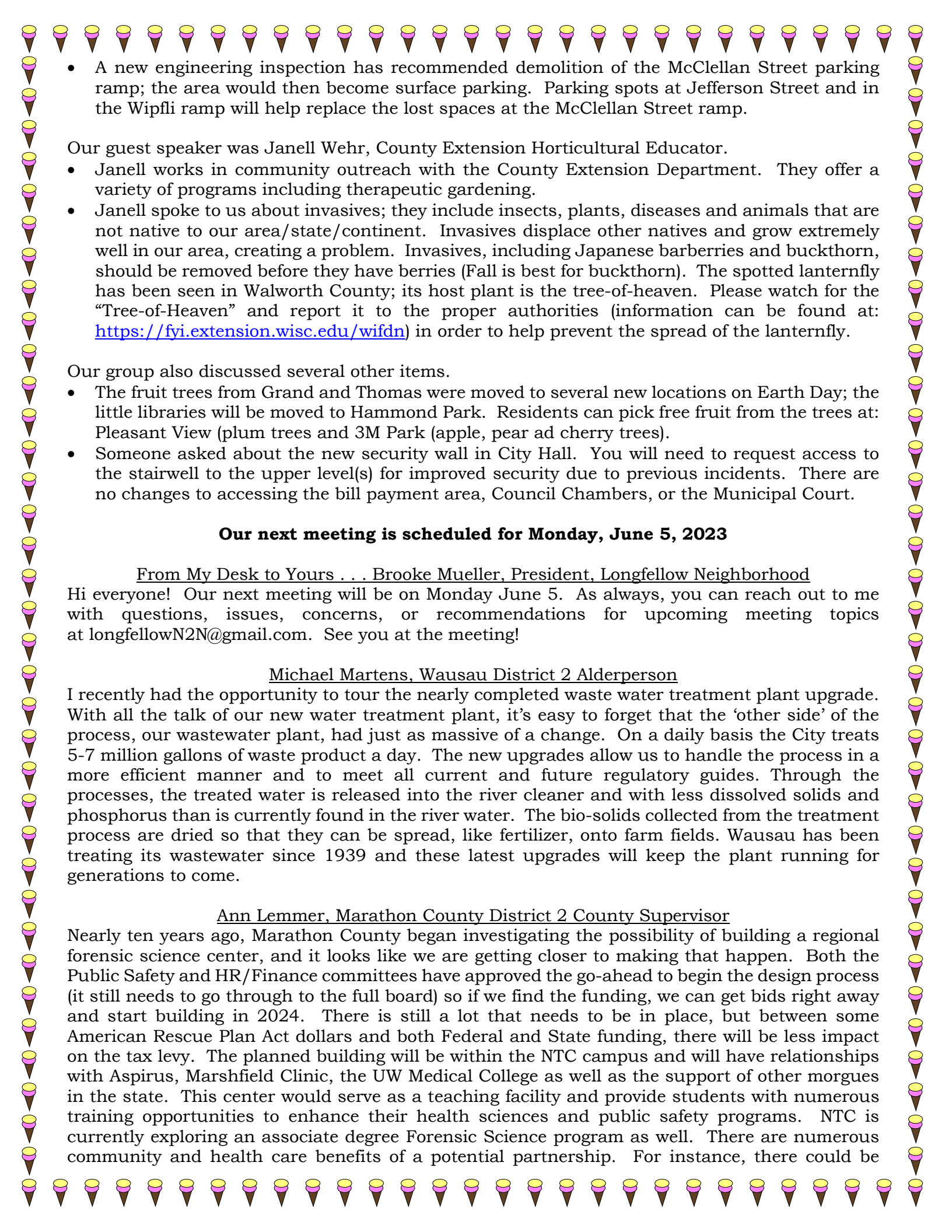
Wausau Police Officer Andrew Palmini attended our meeting; no one had any questions for him.

Ann spoke to us about the Marathon County Housing Task Force that she is a member of.

- The county-wide ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed) Report is available on-line. ALICE represents individuals and households who earn just above the Federal Poverty Level but less than what it costs to make ends meet. The number of ALICE households in Marathon County increased 8% since COVID; residents under 25 and over 65 really struggling financially; single fathers are doing relatively well but single mothers are really struggling.
- The average age of Marathon County residents is increasing.

Michael shared the following information with the group.

- The Open Door (426 Washington St.) and Catholic Charities continue working together to assist the unhoused. Catholic Charities provides a year round overnight warming center while The Open Door provides daytime services. The Open Door is highly utilized by the unhoused population and has provided 247 unduplicated individuals with food and other services. The unhoused population includes people who are new to being unhoused and/or new to the area.
- The Wausau City Council has approved 3 new TID's: 3, 8, and 12. Project plans were approved for Swiderski (for a 7-story apartment building; part of the Riverfront development) and T-Wall (for infrastructure improvements at the former Wausau Center Mall).

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- A new engineering inspection has recommended demolition of the McClellan Street parking ramp; the area would then become surface parking. Parking spots at Jefferson Street and in the Wipfli ramp will help replace the lost spaces at the McClellan Street ramp.

Our guest speaker was Janell Wehr, County Extension Horticultural Educator.

- Janell works in community outreach with the County Extension Department. They offer a variety of programs including therapeutic gardening.
- Janell spoke to us about invasives; they include insects, plants, diseases and animals that are not native to our area/state/continent. Invasives displace other natives and grow extremely well in our area, creating a problem. Invasives, including Japanese barberries and buckthorn, should be removed before they have berries (Fall is best for buckthorn). The spotted lanternfly has been seen in Walworth County; its host plant is the tree-of-heaven. Please watch for the “Tree-of-Heaven” and report it to the proper authorities (information can be found at: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wifdn>) in order to help prevent the spread of the lanternfly.

Our group also discussed several other items.

- The fruit trees from Grand and Thomas were moved to several new locations on Earth Day; the little libraries will be moved to Hammond Park. Residents can pick free fruit from the trees at: Pleasant View (plum trees and 3M Park (apple, pear and cherry trees).
- Someone asked about the new security wall in City Hall. You will need to request access to the stairwell to the upper level(s) for improved security due to previous incidents. There are no changes to accessing the bill payment area, Council Chambers, or the Municipal Court.

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

Hi everyone! Our next meeting will be on Monday June 5. 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

I recently had the opportunity to tour the nearly completed waste water treatment plant upgrade. With all the talk of our new water treatment plant, it’s easy to forget that the ‘other side’ of the process, our wastewater plant, had just as massive of a change. On a daily basis the City treats 5-7 million gallons of waste product a day. The new upgrades allow us to handle the process in a more efficient manner and to meet all current and future regulatory guides. Through the processes, the treated water is released into the river cleaner and with less dissolved solids and phosphorus than is currently found in the river water. The bio-solids collected from the treatment process are dried so that they can be spread, like fertilizer, onto farm fields. Wausau has been treating its wastewater since 1939 and these latest upgrades will keep the plant running for generations to come.

Ann Lemmer, Marathon County District 2 County Supervisor

Nearly ten years ago, Marathon County began investigating the possibility of building a regional forensic science center, and it looks like we are getting closer to making that happen. Both the Public Safety and HR/Finance committees have approved the go-ahead to begin the design process (it still needs to go through to the full board) so if we find the funding, we can get bids right away and start building in 2024. There is still a lot that needs to be in place, but between some American Rescue Plan Act dollars and both Federal and State funding, there will be less impact on the tax levy. The planned building will be within the NTC campus and will have relationships with Aspirus, Marshfield Clinic, the UW Medical College as well as the support of other morgues in the state. This center would serve as a teaching facility and provide students with numerous training opportunities to enhance their health sciences and public safety programs. NTC is currently exploring an associate degree Forensic Science program as well. There are numerous community and health care benefits of a potential partnership. For instance, there could be

collaborations between this and the State Crime Lab which would be a new approach for this type of facility; there are no other facilities like this in Wisconsin and potentially this would be the first of its kind nationwide.

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