

LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD



WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!
September, 2023

Our next meeting is Monday, September 11, 2023

Wausau Police Department Community Room, 6:30 PM

Agenda

- Welcome remarks from Longfellow Neighborhood President – Brooke Mueller
- Marathon County District 2 Supervisor – Ann Lemmer (with Q & A)
- Wausau District 2 Alderperson – Michael Martens (with Q & A)
- Wausau Police Department – Q & A

Dates to Remember

- August 30:* Concerts on the Square, 400 Block, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, **last concert this year**
- September 4:* **Happy Labor Day**
- September 9-10:* Artrageous Weekend;
Saturday: Festival of Arts, 400 Block, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Art in the Park, Marathon Park, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Center of the Visual Arts, 427 N. 4th Street, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Birds in Art, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. **Sunday:** Festival of Arts, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Art in the Park, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Center of the Visual Arts, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Birds in Art, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- September 11:* **Longfellow Neighborhood Meeting**
- September 22-23:* Clean It Up Wausau! Large Item Drop Off; 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, East end of E. Chellis St (near the Yard Waste site); more details in the latest City newsletter

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

Minutes from the August 7, 2023 Meeting

Michael had several items for the group:

- Although the City Council only meets monthly during the summer, “budget season” is beginning. Discussions will include allocations for capital improvement planning (deferred maintenance, repairs, road construction), Public Works (roof replacement, new repair shops), work on the Police and Fire Departments, Parks and Recreation (playground equipment, converting some tennis courts to pickleball courts), and transit (requested amounts are greater than what is available).
- Some Wausau Center development has been delayed to 2025 (labor market, interest rates, building materials); progress is expected on water and sewer, streets and infrastructure.

Ann had the following items for the group:

- The County is also beginning the budget process including funding Human Resources, Finance and Property (HRFP), NCHC (they are requesting an additional \$5 million).
- Ann shared that the Extension, Education and Economic Development Committee (EEED) will be discussing the County’s role in childcare and housing. She requested input from attendees

regarding whether they see it as an infrastructure vs parental responsibility issue. County Board discussion on the topic has been tabled until September.

One of the attendees asked about replacement of lead pipes on Kickbusch Street. Michael replied that pipes are usually replaced during street projects but nothing west of the railroad tracks has been scheduled; the State of Wisconsin has currently halted lead pipe replacement funding.

Wausau Police Officer Shawn Meyer gave his report before he gave us a tour of the Police Department.

- The Department will have 3 new officers on Monday; 4 new recruits will begin their training; and 5 officers are currently in field training. The Department is expecting 3-4 retirements this year so the new officers are a much needed addition to the force; it takes about 18 months from hiring to complete independence in the field.
- Our tour included multiple areas of the Police Department including daily briefings are held, workout area, break room, storage lockers, etc. Officer Meyer provided explanations of various activities/duties of officers and answered attendee questions during the tour.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2023 (due to Labor Day holiday)

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

Hi everyone! Due to the Labor Day holiday, our next meeting will be on Monday September 11 at 6:30 pm in the Community Room at the Wausau PD. With school starting, please drive with caution and be on the lookout for children crossing streets! 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 saw a funny message on a bank sign the other day: August is the Sunday of summer. I pale to think what that makes September. But as I write this, we are in the waning days of the season and that means only one thing, back to school. Wausau schools are starting a few days earlier this year so please be aware of changing traffic patterns as the new school starts; especially with busses picking up and dropping off along Prospect street. Best wishes to all our students in the neighborhood, may your studies be enriching and uplifting.

Ann Lemmer, Marathon County District 2 County Supervisor

As a follow-up from the August meeting, if you have strong opinions regarding the State's role in supporting child care, you can call or write to your local legislators and state leadership. Governor Evers called for a special session on September 20, so the time to write is now. Previously the legislature gavelled in and out without discussion on these special sessions, so I recommend taking the time to let them know how you feel. The following are good contacts to make.

Rep. Pat Snyder: Rep.Snyder@legis.wisconsin.gov (608) 237-9185

Sen. Cory Tomczyk: Sen.Tomczyk@legis.wisconsin.gov (608) 266-2502

Speaker Robin Voss: Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov (608) 282-3663

Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu: Sen.LeMahieu@legis.wisconsin.gov (608) 266-2056

September is also Falls Prevention Month. The ADRC-CW (Aging and Disability Resource Center – Central Wisconsin) is co-sponsoring a Falls Prevention Fair at NTC on September 20, 2023 from 1-4 PM. Falls are a leading cause of unintentional injury and death (commonly producing hip fractures and head trauma) for our older adults. These injuries can increase the risk of early death and can make it difficult for older adults to live independently. Not only that, but the cost of care, both monetarily as well as mentally, is high. When factoring EMS/public safety calls, hospitalizations, and time of family caregivers, one estimate is as high as \$1B in WI alone. **Most falls are preventable.** Effective prevention strategies create safer environments and reduce risk factors. Suggestions range from installing handrails and improving lighting and visibility, to reducing tripping hazards and exercising regularly to enhance balance. The Falls Prevention Fair

will offer information, tips, and resources to help make you or your loved one safer. Check out the ADRC-CW's website for more information: <https://www.adrc-cw.org/falls/> will be ready for public comment by November 2nd and final adoption on November 9th. Another website is: <https://fallsfreewi.org>.

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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
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 (retired)	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

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