

LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD

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DAY

WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!
March, 2025

Our next meeting is Monday, March 3, 2025

Wausau Police Department Community Room, 6:30 PM

Agenda

- Welcome remarks from Longfellow Neighborhood President – Brooke Mueller
- Wausau District 2 Alderperson – Michael Martens (with Q & A)
- Marathon County District 2 Supervisor – Ann Lemmer (with Q & A)
- Briefing Sheet – Officer John Shear (with Q & A)
- Guest Speaker(s) – Wausau School District representative(s)

Dates to Remember

- March 3: **Longfellow Neighborhood Meeting**
- March 5: Ash Wednesday
- March 9: Daylight saving time begins (turn your clocks forward 1 hour)
- March 17: **Happy Saint Patrick's Day**
- April 1: **April Fool's Day**

Wausau Winter Market: 9:00 AM – Noon, John Marshall Elementary School, 1918 Lamont Street
Marathon County Historical Society Vintage Game Night – 1st Friday of each month, 5:30 PM
Public Art Studio – Sunday and Wednesday – 10:00 AM – 8:PM; Rise Up Hub, 130 1st Street, Suite 2 (underneath Whitewater Music Hall)
Fiber Arts Night – Thursdays, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, Rise Up Hub

Minutes from the February 3, 2025 Meeting

Officer Shear didn't have a Briefing Sheet for us, however, he shared that January was relatively quiet. The Wausau Police Department (WPD) seized 2.3 pounds of methamphetamine including 1.6 pounds in January; the WPD is trying to move the 1.6 pound seizure case to federal court.

We had 2 guest speakers from the Marathon County District Attorney's (DA's) Office. Dana Buettner, the Deflection Specialist, and Ruth Heinzl, the Diversion Supervisor.

- The Deflection Program has been in existence for about 15 months with at least 116 people served and only 6 being referred to the program again. All referrals to the Deflection Program are made by the WPD. Dana also works regularly with Social Services including reporting children who may be in danger. Clients must be at least 18 to participate in the program.
- Dana's specialty is working with people with drug and/or alcohol problems and the unhoused. Dana meets with the person who is referred to set up treatments (the treatment can take place anywhere in the state). Using grant money, the DA's office can also help clients with some of their expenses. Cases remain open for 2 years and clients can contact Dana if they relapse; it generally takes multiple attempts for clients to get past their issues.
- Dana strongly advocates for her clients with a goal of getting them in treatment within 72 hours of their referral. She will travel anywhere in the state to get clients the treatment they need and then follow-up on them. Dana works with the North Central Healthcare Center

(NCHC) whenever possible but NCHC has a 28 day program (a 90-120 day treatment program is the most successful) and a waiting list of 4-6 months.

- Dana will do “house visits” as needed and will find clients wherever they are; the WPD may assist in finding clients. Dana has high expectations of those in the program; those expectations are made very clear throughout the client’s participation in the program.
- Costs for the program are 100% grant funded.

Ann didn’t have anything new to report.

Michael did not attend our meeting this week.

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

Hi everyone! Our next meeting will be on Monday March 3rd. Individuals from the Wausau School District will be in attendance to discuss some upcoming items as well as the upcoming referendum. They will be available to answer any questions or concerns! A reminder that everyone is welcome, not just homeowners! 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

We may still be in the grips of winter, but before you know it this year’s street construction projects will begin. The good news is that except for the residents on the streets under reconstruction, the impact to the average driver should be minimal. The largest, and most significant project, takes place on Cherry Street from W. Wausau Avenue to Randolph and on Randolph Street from Burke to Merrill Avenue. Cherry Street has significant deterioration and along Randolph Street there is a large storm sewer that needs replacement. The other projects are much smaller in scale including work on 2nd Street from Short to Dekalb Streets; 1st Street from McIndoe to Fulton Street; and Fulton Street from 1st to 7th Streets. That cluster of three streets are part of the Riverlife development north of downtown.

Speaking of downtown, this summer we will see the new street alignments appear as Jackson Street is extended along The Foundry apartment project. If you haven’t been downtown recently, you need to check out the amount of progress that development has achieved.

Ann Lemmer, Marathon County District 2 County Supervisor

We are continuing to move forward with tax delinquent properties and foreclosures. The Extension, Education, and Economic Development Committee has passed a recommendation that buildable properties taken through the in rem process will be required to have a dwelling constructed and livable within 24 months. Additionally, properties will be prohibited from using it as a short-term rental within ten years of the purchase date. At the time of this writing, it is scheduled to be discussed at the Human Resources, Finance and Property committee and then will move onto the full board. The purpose of the covenants is to be proactive in encouraging development of properties to help relieve our housing shortage.

On that same note, we are beginning to take action on the now shuttered Northern Housing Community trailer park on Grand Avenue (across from the Menke car dealership). This property has been found to be a human health hazard, so, assuming it passes through the committee, we will be remediating it and moving forward with the tax deed process. Hopefully something new and exciting can happen at that property with these actions.

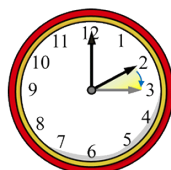
The ADRC-CW will be moving into the Lake View Campus from their Wausau office on Stewart Avenue in mid-March. Watch for a future opportunity to tour it in the future.

NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY BUSINESSES

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| Acro Plumbing | 904 Sumner Street | 715-842-9425 |
| 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 |

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| Includes uncut grass | | 715-261-6780 |
| ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT: | | |
| Includes unshoveled sidewalks | | 715-261-6740 |
| STREET CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE: | | |
| Missed by snow plows | | 715-261-6960 |
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