

LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD



WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!
July, 2025

Our next meeting is Monday, July 7, 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)

Dates to Remember

- July 4: **Happy 4th of July:** 6:00 PM, fireworks at 9:15 PM; Wausau Airport
- July 7: **Longfellow Neighborhood Meeting**
- July 10: Movie in the Park: 7:00 PM; 400 Block
- July 11-12: Taste and Glow Balloonfest: 140914 Stettin Dr., Marathon City
Saturday: 11:00 AM 10:00 PM; craft show/swap meet, food vendors, lumberjack shows, family activities;
Sunday: 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM; Kiwanis pancake breakfast, craft show/swap meet, food vendors, car show (10:00 AM – 3:00 PM) family activities, balloon tether rides
- July 17: Movie in the Park: 7:00 PM; 400 Block
Wausau Night Market: 5:00 – 9:00 PM; Wausau River District, 3rd Street
- July 19-20: 27th Annual AirVenture Cup Race, Downtown Wausau Airport
Saturday: 7:30 – 10:30 AM, Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, open house
Sunday: 6:30 – 9:30 AM, Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast; 9:00 AM, launch (weather permitting)
- July 24: Movie in the Park: 7:00 PM; 400 Block
- July 26-27: Wausau Hmong Festival: 7:00 AM - People’s Sport Complex, 602 E. Kent Street, Wausau; fee (10 and under and 65+ are free)
- July 29: Wisconsin Valley Fair begins (more details in August newsletter)
- July 30: Movie in the Park: 7:00 PM; 400 Block
Wausau Farmers Market: 7:30 AM, 200 River Drive
Marathon County Historical Society Vintage Game Night – 1st Friday of each month, 5:30 PM
Concerts on the Square – Wednesdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM; 400 Block (7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30)
Public Art Studio – Rise Up, Tuesday and Wednesday, Noon- 2:00 PM; Thursday and Friday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM; 622 N 3rd St., Wausau
Wausau Night Market – 3rd Thursday of the month, Wausau River District, 3rd St. (7/21, 8/21)

Brooke has a new job and is stepping down from her role as our neighborhood President so we are looking for someone to fill that position. See Brooke’s article for more information.

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

Hi everyone! Our next meeting will be on Monday July 7th. After a number of years, I have sadly decided to step down as President of this group. It has been an amazing time and so rewarding helping the neighborhood but I am no longer able to dedicate the time and effort that I hope to. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in taking over the position, please reach out to me at longfellowN2N@gmail.com and I can give you an overview of the duties. As of now, the July meeting will be our last unless/until we can find a new President. A reminder that everyone is welcome, not just home owners! See you at the meeting!

Michael Martens, Wausau District 2 Alderperson

The City of Wausau is interested in knowing how you interact with City Hall and the various government services. This will help shape policy and improve customer service. The community engagement survey is online, is brief, and is available on the city website at wausauwi.gov. Just click on the banner link at the top of the page. Related to the survey, City Hall is running a summer hours pilot from July 7 to August 29. During this time City Hall will be open 7:15 AM - 4:30 PM Monday to Thursday and 7:15 AM to 12:15 PM on Friday. Let me know what you think, good or bad, of this adjusted schedule.

Ann Lemmer, Marathon County District 2 County Supervisor

At the June 11 Human Resources, Finance, and Property committee meeting, we discussed a proposal from the Ethiopian Community Development Council Multicultural Community center to acquire the former dormitory building at the UWSP @ Wausau Campus. Their interest is to use the building to create a multi-functional community hub potentially including housing, office space, and community gathering opportunities for various groups. In their proposal, they plan to renovate the space in phases as grant funding, in-kind and private donations allow. Obviously, a lot needs to be ironed out, as the building has been empty for the past 5 or so years. The committee directed staff to continue discussions with ECDC-MCC to continue working out an agreement. I am in support of this project as I believe it hits several of our goals on the Marathon County Strategic Plan. This is the only group to come forward with a plan to use the building, and when it went out for a request for proposals in 2019, no one offered up a plan. The county was looking into razing it, however that comes at a cost between \$250-500K, so this proposal may give new life into this well-built structure. Stay tuned on more info later this summer.

And, to follow-up on the CWA info I presented at the June meeting, the Board voted in favor of having the Administrator work the Regional Aviation Development Fund into the 2026 budget. There was lively discussion on both sides of the issue, and ultimately, most members felt there was value in creating this fund for the long-term health of not only CWA, but our larger community. I was one of the minority who voted no.

Minutes from the May 12, 2025 Meeting

Ann only had one item to share with the group this month. She discussed a Central Wisconsin Airport (CWA) proposal to establish a fund to mitigate the risk of bringing new carriers to the airport. A previous carrier (Avelo) provided service for less than a year during 2024 with low-cost direct flights to Orlando, Florida. Brian Grefe (the Airport Director) requested \$150,000 to establish an aviation fund to bring a different seasonal, low-cost carrier to CWA. He pointed out the funding would be a "safety net" NOT a "subsidy". CWA is also looking for external funding support including from Portage County, regional economic development grants, and private funding which may include area businesses, and economic and philanthropic foundations. Ann initially voted "no" on the request due to personal concerns that the money could potentially be used for items that would benefit a large proportion of county residents; the resolution did pass. Ann asked for input from the neighborhood on how she should vote when the proposal is presented to the entire County Board.

Michael had just a couple items for us this month.

- Michael talked about summer hours for the staff at City Hall. The summer hours program was piloted last year and the City is considering making it permanent with the schedule in effect from July 7 – August 29, 2025. The hours will be 7:15 AM – 4:30 PM on Monday through Thursday and 7:15 AM – 12:15 PM on Friday. The Customer Service Department is launching a customer

engagement survey on the City website and is asking all City residents to take the survey. The survey can be accessed by clicking on the green banner on the City website home page.

- Michael also shared the following street closures: North 3rd Street at Fulton, beginning 6/11 and lasting 1 week; Merrill Avenue to Randolph, beginning 6/11 and lasting 2 weeks; and North 5th Street from Washington to Forest on 6/9 only.

Officer Shear distributed our monthly Briefing Sheet and discussed it with the group.

- There have been some personnel changes in the Police Department with some officers leaving while others received promotions resulting in openings within the Department. Two new female recruits have started Phase 1 training (one was previously a CSO), the current hiring process is nearly done with 3 spots available. New CSO's (Community Service Officers) are starting; 7-8 CSO II's are taking new roles (primarily animal control and noise complaints). The City is hiring a "Community Communications Specialist for their social media platforms (the previous Specialist left to become a Wausau police officer).
- DMV scams, especially texts about having outstanding tolls, are continuing. Make sure you avoid these scams.
- The new unhoused shelter at the Methodist Church (903 N. 3rd Street) is going well with minimal issues. There have been a few lifetime bans instituted at the shelter.
- A home in the 900 block of Jefferson Street has been declared a chronic nuisance; the current resident(s) will be evicted next week.
- The Department is now changing \$40 for vehicle lockouts.

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NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY BUSINESSES

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

NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS

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INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT:

Includes uncut grass 715-261-6780

ENGINEERING DEPARTMEN

Includes unshoveled sidewalks 715-261-6740

NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS (continued)

STREET CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE:

Missed by snow plows

715-261-6960

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