
FOREST PARK NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

..*~*~*.. **NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 17th AT 6:30 PM** ..*~*~*..

Receive updates and participate in discussions of happenings in the neighborhood.



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

Please join us as we welcome **MaryAnne Groat, Finance Director - Wausau City Hall** to talk about the **Refuse & Recycling Referendum** scheduled for the **April 7th** election.

Sean Gehin, Engineering Department - Wausau City Hall will also be here to talk about the **Stormwater Referendum** also scheduled for the ballot on **April 7th**.

Please forward and share this information to your neighbors and invite them to attend our next meeting.

**MEETING WILL BE HELD AT
FOREST PARK VILLAGE
2901 N. 7TH STREET
WAUSAU, WI 54403**

Entrance under the green awning



Please consider attending. This is a great opportunity to speak with your neighbors, elected officials, and Wausau Police Officers. Share your ideas, concerns, or ask questions.

The Forest Park Neighborhood Group is bounded by 6th Street to 13th Street and Winton Street to Sylvan Street.

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Police department updates
- Guest speakers(s)
- Neighborhood updates

- Questions, answers, sharing, ideas, etc
- Ideas for future topics
- Next meeting date:
APRIL 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Forest Park Village Neighborhood Group
February 17, 2015
Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by Dick Rayborn
2. Introductions by name and street and how long we have lived in the neighborhood
3. Treasurer's Report (Bonnie Morath subbing) – Balance as of 2/17/15 \$145.00
4. Police Dept Updates – Officer Benjamin Graham
 - Introduction of self – with department for 7 years
 - Reviewed monthly newsletter called “The Briefing Sheet” (copy attached)
 - There is a public website called www.crimereporters.com to get a snapshot of criminal activity in an area.
5. Guest Speakers:
 - a. Blaine Peterson from Marathon County Forestry Department
 - i. Pruned to make Stop signs more visible. If you are still noticing a problem; call them and let them know
 - ii. Handout with tips of what to look for in tree health (copy attached)
 - iii. Can only respond to boulevard tree questions – for those in yard you are recommended to call UW-Extension office for advice
 - b. Romey Wagner – City Council President re: City Governance Referendum in April

Full time administrator vote will be one of the most important issues Council will be voting on – the referendum is to get citizen advice; it is non-binding – background information available on City website; Goal is not to change the form of government.

Other two referendums are binding meaning the voter's decide how this will be handled; council cannot override the vote for at least 2 years. (next month's speakers will present more information on these two referendums).

 - One is on how the garbage and recycling should be billed; suggesting we pay for garbage and recycling based on how much you generate vs. the assessed value of your home.
 - Second is on how storm water management should be billed so that non-profits would also have to pay for this service.
6. Neighborhood Updates
7. Questions, Idea Sharing
8. Ideas for Future Programs
 - a. Feel free to email any suggestions to any of the leadership team. Email addresses in newsletter.
9. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Forest Park Village



The Briefing Sheet

Wausau Police Department

February 2015 (Volume 1, Issue 2)

Forest Park

“If there’s somethin’ strange in your neighborhood, who ya gonna call...”

*Healing happens
in relationships.*

In last month’s article entitled “Your Police, Our Community,” we touched on the mission statement of the Wausau Police Department and the shared responsibility we have with the community to work together to enhance the quality of life. In a recent training I attended, the presenter commented that “healing happens in relationships.” This idea is applicable on several levels to include neighborhoods in general. The healing of our neighborhoods will happen as relationships between neighbors and relationships between the public and police grow.

A key component to the strengthening of any relationship is communication. Without it, we narrow and limit the scope of our success. Whether it is an emergency or there’s just “somethin’ strange in your neighborhood,” it’s important for you to know who to call. The following are just a few ways for you to communicate with your police department:



Officer Ben Graham

715-261-7955

Benjamin.Graham@ci.wausau.wi.us

◆ 9-1-1 (Marathon County Dispatch)

◆ *If there is an emergency, dial 9-1-1.*

◆ Non-Emergency (Marathon County Dispatch)

◆ **715-261-7800**

◆ *For all non-emergencies, please direct your calls to the Wausau Police Department at 715-261-7800. Marathon County Dispatch will arrange for you to speak with an officer. You may remain anonymous.*

◆ Marathon County Crime Stoppers

◆ **www.marathoncountycrimestoppers.org**

◆ **1-877-409-8777**

◆ **Text “MCTIP with Your Tip” to 274637 (CRIMES)**

◆ *Marathon County Crime Stoppers provides a toll-free telephone number, text number, and Web Tips to encourage citizens in the community to volunteer vital information helpful to law enforcement agencies to fight against crime. Callers can remain anonymous and are eligible to receive a cash reward if the information given solves a crime or leads to the arrest of an offender.*

Inside this issue:

Who ya gonna call? **1**

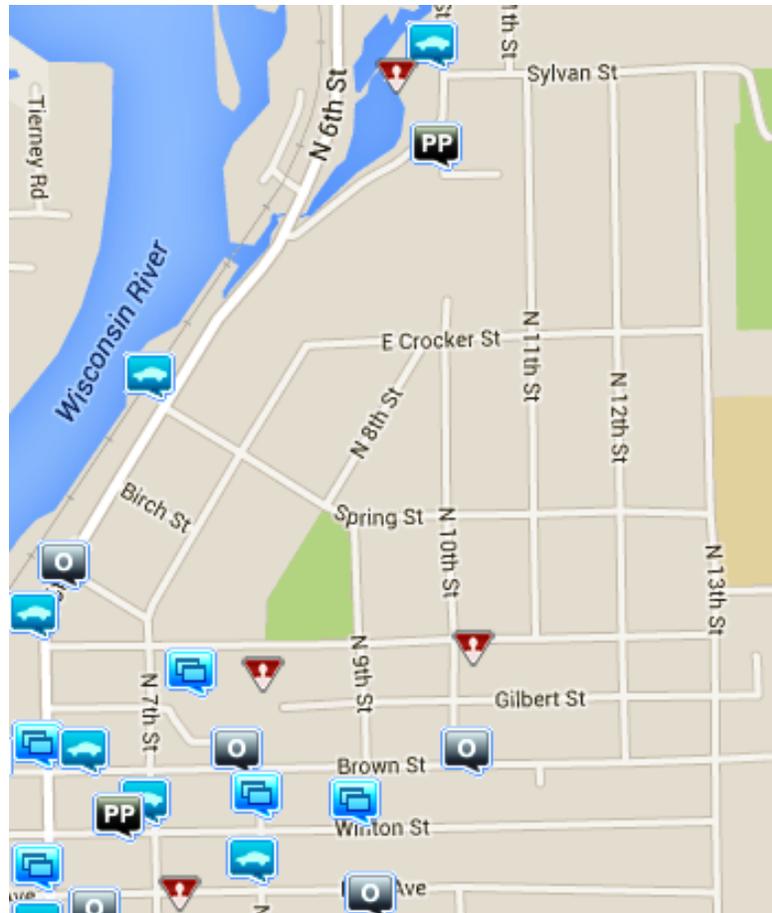
Statistics: Last Month
in Review **2**

Please considering partnering with your department as our eyes and ears by communicating with us as we seek to work with you to enhance the quality of life.

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STATISTICS

Last Month in Review



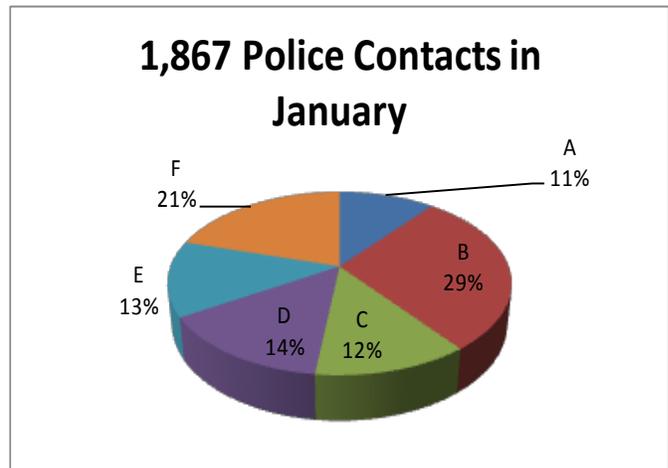
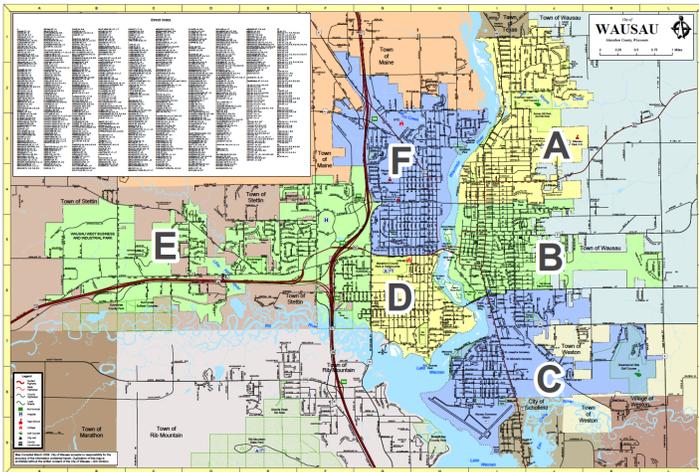
Homicide	 	0	Domestic Violence	 	1
Burglary	 	0	Juvenile Runaway	 	0
Robbery	 	0	Criminal Miscellaneous	 	4
Theft	 	0	Suspicious Activity	 	1
Theft of Vehicle	 	0	Noise Complaint	 	0
Theft from Vehicle	 	0	Animal Complaint	 	1
Sexual Offense	 	0	Alarm	 	0
Assault	 	0	Gas Skip	 	0
Fight	 	0	Traffic Stop	 	10
Property Crime	 	0	Traffic Accident	 	2

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January 2014	Sector A	Sector B	Sector C	Sector D	Sector E	Sector F
Civil Complaints*	8	7	9	5	1	12
Service Miscellaneous*	46	118	67	75	80	68
Criminal Miscellaneous*	50	124	39	52	47	92
Domestic Violence	13	17	11	9	3	17
Noise Complaints	4	5	4	1	3	10
Animal Complaints	6	7	9	3	8	9
Suspicious Activity	8	13	6	18	7	11
Traffic Stops	28	139	44	53	24	97
Traffic Accidents	11	42	11	23	57	30
Crisis Intervention*	13	25	22	13	18	17
Probation/Parole Checks	13	42	7	16	1	18
Chronic Nuisance Properties	0	0	1	0	0	0
Monthly Total	200	539	230	268	249	381



- * Civil Complaint - Child Custody, Civil Standby, Landlord/Tenant, etc.
- * Service Miscellaneous - Business Checks, Community Relations Activities, Funeral Escorts, Lost and Found, Parking Complaints, Residential Security Checks, Extra Patrol, Disabled Vehicles, Traffic Hazards, etc.
- * Criminal Miscellaneous - Alarms, Arsons, Bar Checks, Batteries, Criminal Damage to Property, Thefts, Fights, Gas Skips, 9-1-1 Hang-ups, Juvenile Runaways, Robberies, Sexual Assaults, Arrest Warrants, Search Warrants, etc.
- * Crisis Intervention - Emergency Detentions for Suicidal and/or Intoxicated Persons, Welfare Checks, etc.



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Tree Health:

What to look for

Wilting of leaves, needles (drought or disease)

Leaf, needle drop (drought or disease)

Accelerated accumulation of dead limbs, die back of crown (outer limbs, tips of limbs)

Cracks, splits of trunk, limbs (frost crack vs new split after high wind or ice, heavy snow load)

Mushrooms on trunk, root flare, limbs

Leaning tree (not tree growing for space, sunlight)

Unnatural color of needles, leaves (yellowing, pale green)

Leaf/needle spots, blotches

Decreased growth rate (dramatic decrease in tip growth)

All of the above conditions (accept leaf/needle spots, blotches) can be caused by exposure to stress of some type. Drought, poor soil aeration (usually caused by human activity from construction), temperature extremes, chemical injury, insect defoliation.

Newly transplanted and older woody plants are more susceptible to stresses than established vigorous plants.

Trees that are stressed can be attacked by pathogens (disease and insects) that would normally be of minimal issue to an otherwise healthy tree.

There are only a few tree diseases of trees in the Wausau area that are fatal and can be spread from tree to tree, they are; Dutch Elm Disease (only affect native elm trees) and Oak Wilt (only fatal to oaks in the "red oak" group) such as northern red oak and pin oak. "white oaks" such as the native white oak, bur oak, swamp white oak can become infected but the disease will usually cause a limited amount of dieback to a limb or small portion of the tree.

In the small or ornamental tree group, fireblight can be an issue of plum, pear and some susceptible apple, crabapple varieties.

Structural issues:

Cracks, splits, decay (defects)

Cracks – frost crack or stress crack/split from snow, ice or high wind. Cracks and splits that occur across grain are much worse than those that are with the grain.

Cracks or splits that are into a branch attachment or fork are usually worse than those that occur away from limbs or forks.

Cracks or splits that are associated with areas of decay or hollows are worse than just one of the issues.

Decay and hollows

Almost all older trees have hollow areas on limbs or the trunk. The hollow areas started as areas of decay and over time some of the wood decayed to the point where a hollow formed.

When to Remove:

Tree is unstable (root loss or uprooted)

Decay to the point of high risk

Split or fractured

High percentage of dead/dying limbs

Spread communicable (fatal) disease

Lose landscape value (subjective)

..*~*~*~*.. IMPORTANT INFORMATIONAL VIDEO ..*~*~*~*..

This important informational workshop video link is between consultant Dr. Stephen Hintz and the city council on January 28th, 2015 at City Hall to talk about the options for the form of government study for the city of Wausau. Pass this on and view at your convenience. This is a great opportunity to listen and learn.

<http://waac.pegcentral.com/player.php?video=668d1ceb5337cd53fc12af1d3b7b5efb>

..*~*~*~*.. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: WAUSAU GOVERNMENT ..*~*~*~*..

Wausau Advisory Referendum Executive Summary and White Paper

<http://www.wausauchamber.com/files/643.pdf>

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Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. @ Forest Park Village

I/We are interested in receiving regular monthly updates through our
email Communicator newsletter.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

*Email _____

*Email _____

***All newsletter emails are sent BCC to ensure your privacy.**

My/Our concerns that we have about our neighborhood:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Any additional comments you would like to share:

Please bring form to meeting or email information to ForestParkNeighborhood@aol.com

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Special Note:

The best, easiest and most cost effective method to get the newsletter information out is electronically. The email newsletter will be sent on a monthly basis to all individuals signed up who have provided an email address. Share the newsletter with your friends and neighbors. Invite them to come to the next meeting.



**INTERESTED IN HELPING OUR
WAUSAU POLICE DEPARTMENT?**

Tired of high speed traffic in your area? Want to help the Wausau Police Department slow down those cars flying in front of your home? The Wausau Police Department is looking for permission to park in your driveway to set up their radar. The element of surprise from various locations other than the street side would help to eliminate high speed traffic. If you would like to give the Wausau Police Department permission to park in your driveway please contact Officer Benjamin Graham at 715-261-7955 or Benjamin.Graham@ci.wausau.wi.us Officer Graham will need your contact information and home address.

**PLEASE REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO POLICE DEPARTMENT
715-261-7800 NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER
911 EMERGENCY NUMBER**

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