

FOREST PARK NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

..*~*~*.. **NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST AT 6:30 PM** ..*~*~*..

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



THIS MONTHS SPECIAL TOPIC

Please join us as Melissa Dotter talks about the Farmer's Markets in the county, what is available at them at certain times and programs such as using EBT or Debit cards.

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

MEETING AGENDA

- Introductions
- Police department updates
- Guest speakers(s)
- Neighborhood updates
- Questions, sharing, ideas, etc
- Ideas for future topics

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.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

APRIL 21, 2015
MAY 19, 2015
JUNE 16, 2015
JULY 21, 2015
AUGUST 18, 2015
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

FOREST PARK NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP
Minutes from March 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Dick Rayborn at 6:30 pm.

Minutes of the February 17, 2015 meeting were accepted as printed.

The 38 people attending introduced themselves by name and street location.

Treasurer Ruth Griswold reported a balance of \$145.00 on March 17, 2015.

Officer Ben Graham of the Community Research Department of the Wausau Police presented an overview of police activity in the Forest Park area. Using the attached viewing sheet he concentrated on chronic nuisance premises. Area residents were encouraged to contact the police department with concerns.

Guest Speakers to speak on the April 2015 election referendums

Sean Gehin of the Public Works Department, with input from Mary Ann Groat, on the storm water referendum.

The Public Works Department has the responsibility of designing and maintaining the storm water utility system. It has an annual budget of 1.6 million dollars. Each impervious unit has an average of 2700 feet. New DNR regulations are expected in the next couple of years. Storm water utility is the same as sewer expense.

If the referendum is adopted the storm water utility expense will be deducted from the tax base and will appear as a line item expense on each unit's quarterly water utility bill. If passed all units, including schools, churches etc will be charged.

Currently, 118 nearby communities have adopted storm water utilities. The money collected for storm water utilities would be available only for storm water utility use and not available for use by other budget concerns.

Mary Ann Groat on the refuse and recycling referendum.

There will be an automated pick up system. Separate carts would be provided for refuse and recycling. Refuse would be collected on a weekly schedule and recycling biweekly. Because the driver doesn't have to get out of the truck it is cost effective. The number one reason for the system is to increase the amount of recycling. Another benefit is that anything recyclable can be in the same bin. Homeowners will have to manage garbage to fit in the cart. Multiple units will not be able to have pickup.

Cost of the service will not be part of the tax bill but would appear as a special charge on the tax bill. Tax results will depend on the value of the home.

Guest speaker to speak on the lead in the water and monitoring sites

Joe Gehin indicated that the city of Wausau needs sixty homes built in 1965 or earlier to test for a compliance study to meet recent DNR/EPA requirements. See the attached flyer.

Neighborhood concerns, questions and sharing. High speed on 13th Street when school dismisses.

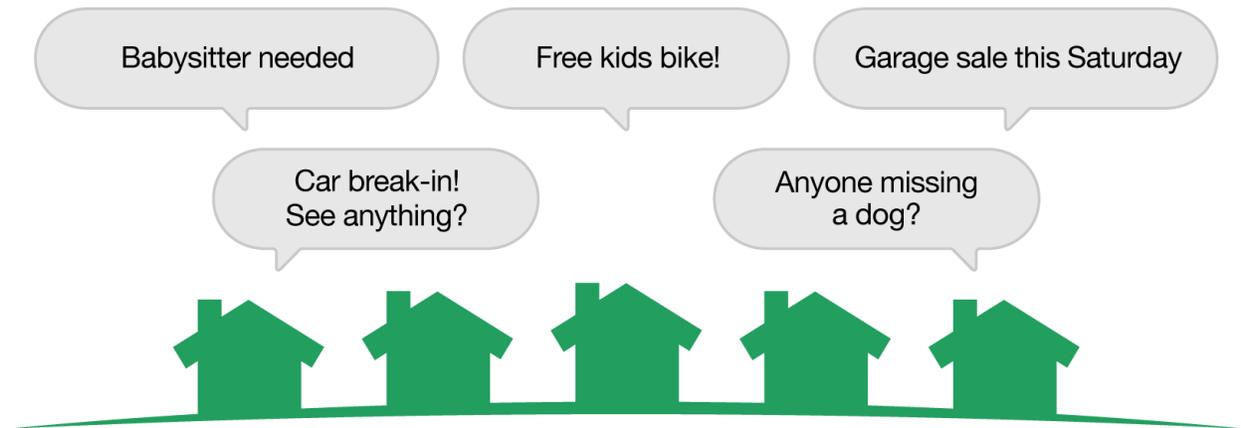
Ideas for future programs. Updating of the area parks. Master gardening program and garden and lawn pests.

Next meeting date. Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm @ Forest Park Village.

The meeting was adjourned.



Please join us on Nextdoor Forest Park



Nextdoor is the free and private social network just for Forest Park neighbors. On Nextdoor, neighbors share crime and safety concerns, local events, recommendations, items for sale/free, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better, and more.

Our neighborhood is using a private online network called Nextdoor. Please join us to build a better neighborhood!

*- Marie S.
Parcher St*

Please join us!

www.nextdoor.com/join
Code: PQYHUD

Don't miss out :)



The Briefing Sheet

Wausau Police Department

March 2015 (Volume 1, Issue 3)

Forest Park

Chronic Nuisance Premises

9.24.070 WMC

Your Police, Our Community



Officer Ben Graham

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Is your neighborhood experiencing a decline in quality of life because of issues like drug dealing, suspicious activity, noisy neighbors, rowdy residents, loud parties, barking dogs, et cetera? If so, know that the City of Wausau has instituted an ordinance to address chronic nuisance activities. The following is a excerpt from the ordinance:

Nuisance activity contributes to the general decay of an affected neighborhood and negatively impacts law-abiding residents in these neighborhoods, as well as the economic values of all properties in the vicinity of this activity. This ordinance is enacted to encourage property owners to recognize their responsibility to ensure that activities occurring on their premises conform to the law; do not unduly burden the City's police and inspection departments; and to provide a mechanism for the City to take action against property owners who chronically, routinely, actively, consistently, or often fail to ensure their premises do not require a disproportionate devotion of City resources.

What is a Chronic Nuisance Premises?

- A premises which has “nuisance activity” occurring on the premises three times on separate days during a six-month period resulting in enforcement action; or
- A premises which has one enforcement action resulting from the manufacture or delivery of controlled substance or related offenses, as defined in Chapter 961 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

What is the penalty?

- First Offense
 - \$1,000 to \$2,500 Forfeiture
- Second Offense (within 24 months of previous violation)
 - \$2,500 to \$5,000 Forfeiture

How is the ordinance enforced?

- If a residence meets the definition of a Chronic Nuisance Premises, the Community Resource Unit formally declares the property by issuing the property owner a letter. Generally speaking, a citation for the violation is typically withheld to allow reasonable time for the property owner to abate the issue(s). A citation may be issued immediately in cases where the violator is the property owner or based upon prior history of nuisance properties. If nuisance activity continues after a reasonable passing of time, the property owner may receive a citation.

The Community Resource Unit has declared over 85 residences a Chronic Nuisance Premises in the last two years. Over the same period of time, only 14 citations have been issued, which reveals the majority of property owners choose to partner with the police department to abate the nuisance activity in a reasonable amount of time.

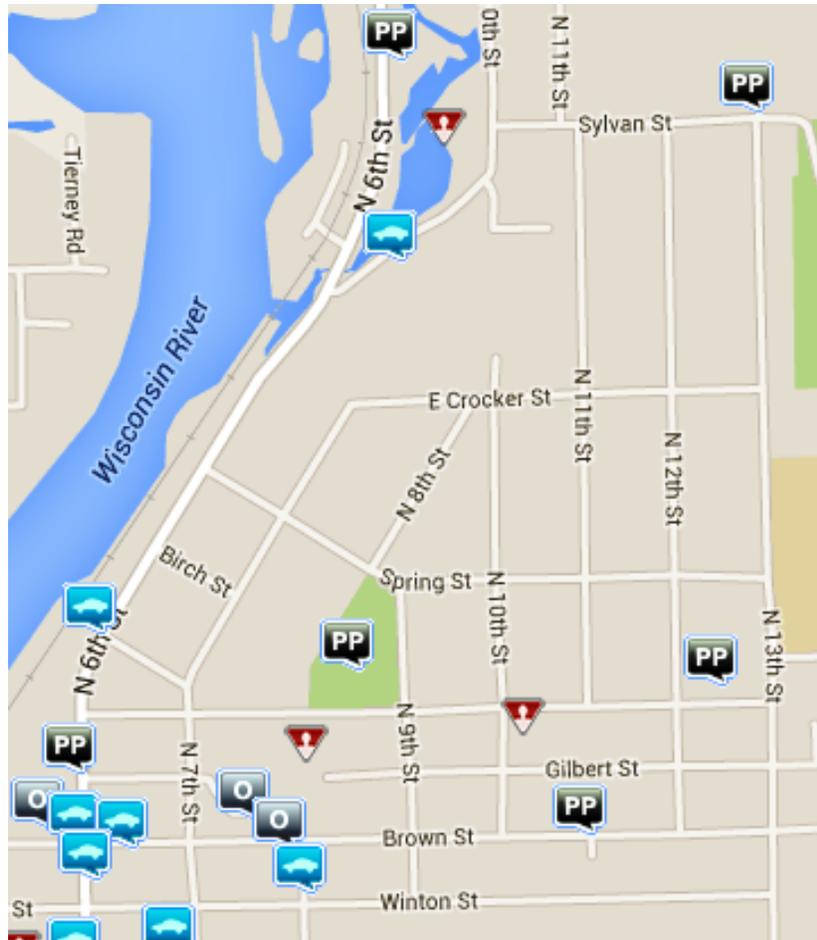
If you have questions concerning a residence in your neighborhood with chronic nuisance activity, please feel free to contact Officer Ben Graham with the Community Resource Unit.

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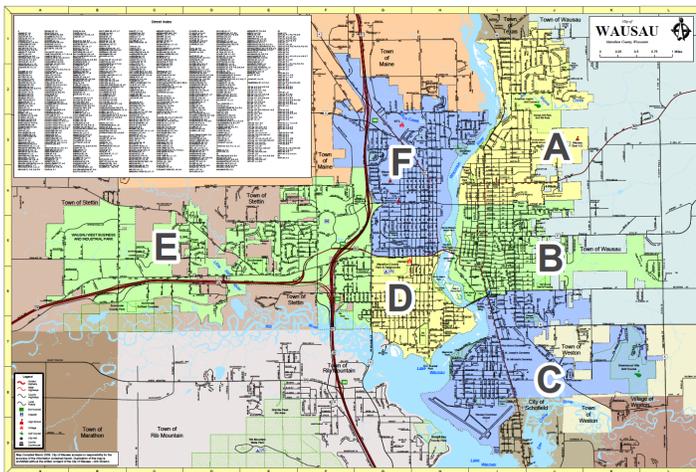
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Burglary	 	0	Juvenile Runaway	 	0
Robbery	 	0	Criminal Miscellaneous	 	2
Theft	 	0	Suspicious Activity	 	2
Theft of Vehicle	 	0	Noise Complaint	 	0
Theft from Vehicle	 	0	Animal Complaint	 	2
Sexual Offense	 	0	Alarm	 	0
Assault	 	0	Gas Skip	 	0
Fight	 	0	Traffic Stop	 	1
Property Crime	 	0	Traffic Accident	 	3

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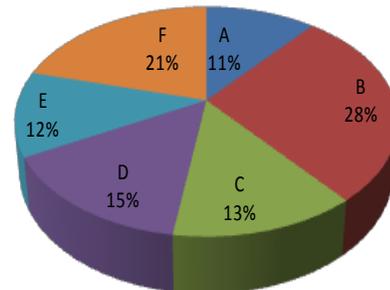
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February 2015	Sector A	Sector B	Sector C	Sector D	Sector E	Sector F
Civil Complaints*	5	11	3	8	1	5
Service Miscellaneous*	54	99	58	85	71	58
Criminal Miscellaneous*	56	119	34	50	29	109
Domestic Violence	8	14	8	6	1	9
Noise Complaints	2	4	5	1	5	4
Animal Complaints	7	7	6	8	7	6
Suspicious Activity	4	17	11	5	6	14
Traffic Stops	25	133	60	42	32	102
Traffic Accidents	9	18	11	18	29	25
Crisis Intervention*	9	24	22	10	23	15
Probation/Parole Checks	13	38	12	23	3	14
Chronic Nuisance Properties	0	0	0	1	0	0
Monthly Total	192	484	230	257	207	361



1,731 Police Contacts in February



- * 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.
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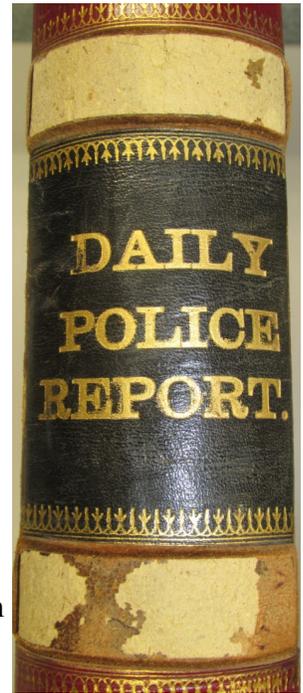
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Snapshot from the Archives

The following record was taken from Wausau’s “Daily Police Report” dated April 15, 1904:

*All Quiet on the East Side
All Quiet on the West Side
All Quiet on the South West Beat
All Quiet on the North West Beat
All Quiet on the South East Beat
All Quiet on the North East Beat
All Quiet on the Center Beat
~ Thomas Malone (Chief of Police)*



Besides the occasional lock up of an intoxicated person, “All Quiet” was the pervasive description of police activity in 1904. Population grew from approximately 13,000 in 1904 to approximately 40,000 in 2015. The population influx over the course of the last century inevitably brought with it an increase in activities that required police attention. While Wausau remains a relatively quiet and safe place to live, a seven line report of daily police activity is certainly a thing of the past. In the last 5 years, the Wausau Police Department responded to approximately 33,000 calls for police service each year. If you are wondering what tops the list of police activities, the following is a breakdown of the top 20 calls for service in 2014:



Officer Ben Graham

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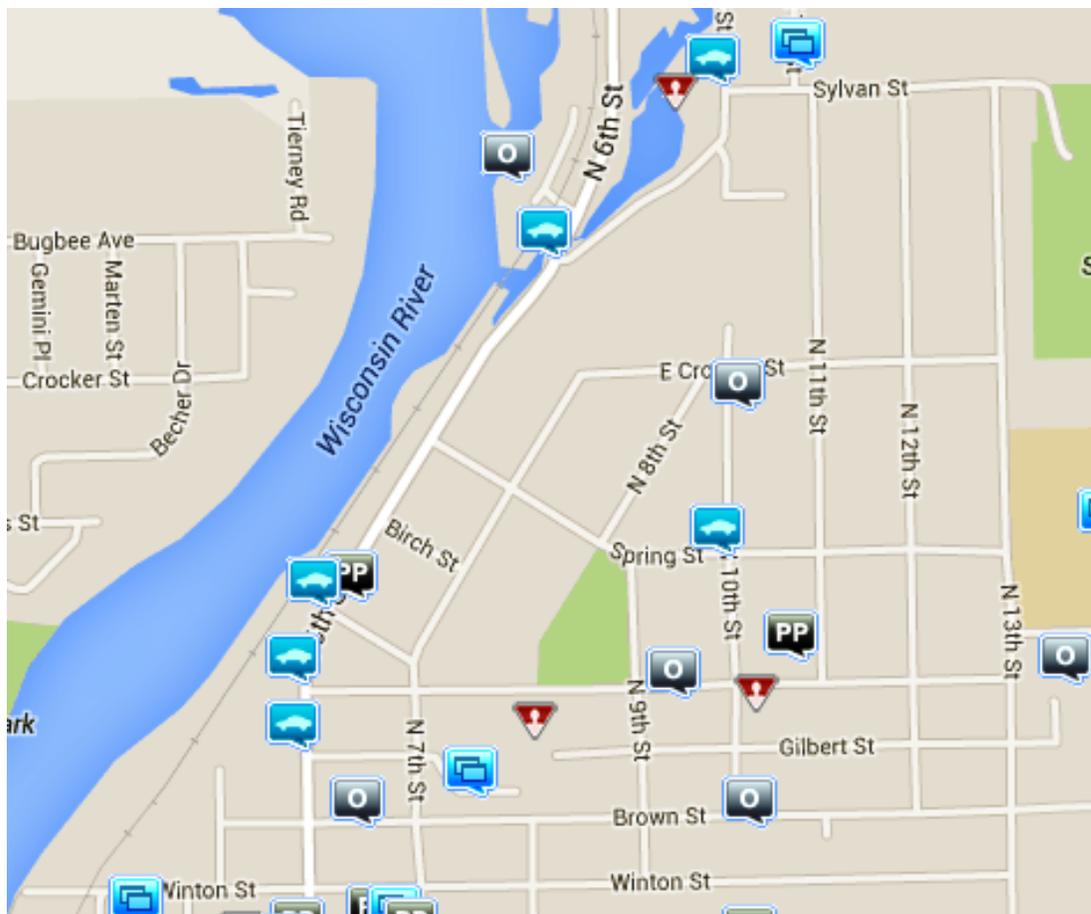
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1	Traffic Stops	5014	11	Probation/Parole Checks	713
2	Criminal Miscellaneous	2666	12	Civil Complaints	654
3	Service Miscellaneous	2036	13	Family Disturbances	541
4	Traffic Accidents	1724	14	Disabled Vehicles	537
5	Extra Patrol	1652	15	Field Interview Stops	534
6	Animal Complaints	1353	16	Criminal Thefts	532
7	Suspicious Activity	1211	17	Medical Emergencies	532
8	Traffic Miscellaneous	1101	18	911 Hang ups	511
9	Welfare Checks	792	19	Noise Complaints	484
10	Mental Subjects	747	20	Vehicle Lock Outs	474

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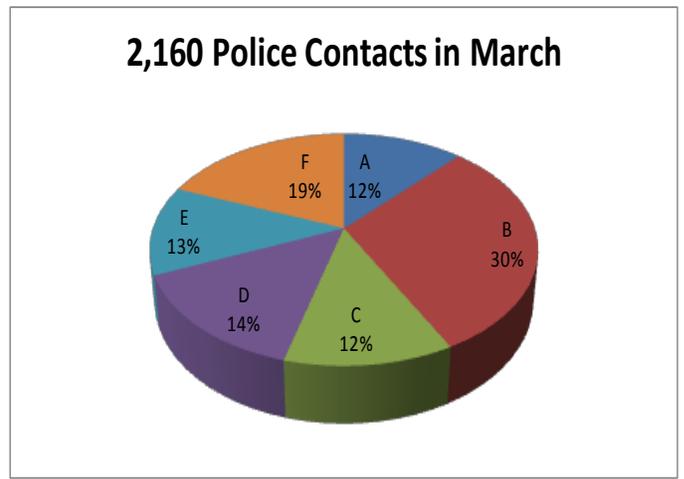
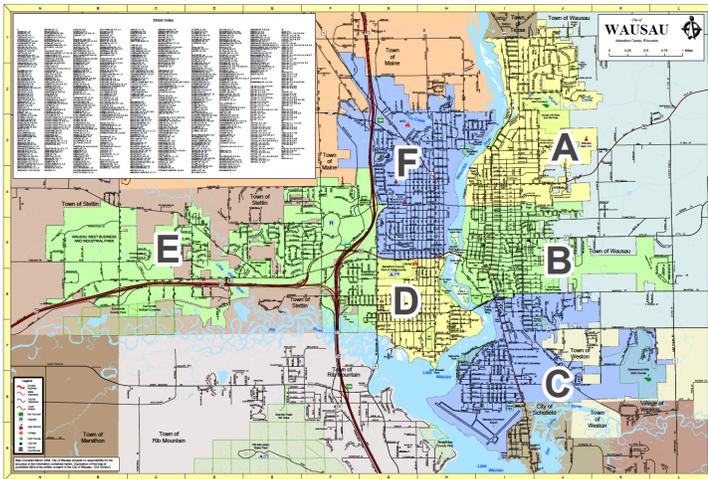
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Theft	 	0	Suspicious Activity	 	1
Theft of Vehicle	 	0	Noise Complaint	 	2
Theft from Vehicle	 	0	Animal Complaint	 	1
Sexual Offense	 	0	Alarm	 	1
Assault	 	0	Gas Skip	 	0
Fight	 	0	Traffic Stop	 	6
Property Crime	 	0	Traffic Accident	 	0

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Civil Complaints*	6	12	6	7	0	17
Service Miscellaneous*	77	157	78	96	114	62
Criminal Miscellaneous*	55	173	48	70	48	98
Domestic Violence	6	16	7	8	5	6
Noise Complaints	3	8	5	2	1	12
Animal Complaints	9	16	12	11	8	11
Suspicious Activity	15	22	12	18	8	16
Traffic Stops	46	179	46	59	41	134
Traffic Accidents	10	22	16	12	27	23
Crisis Intervention*	23	22	17	7	16	18
Probation/Parole Checks	7	28	10	22	1	12
Chronic Nuisance Properties	1	0	0	0	0	0
Monthly Total	258	655	257	312	269	409



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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.

If you know someone who may be interested in receiving our monthly email newsletter, please share this with them and have them sign up.



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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.**

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

**Do you live in the City of Wausau?
Was your home built in 1965 or earlier?**



**THEN WAUSAU WATER WORKS
NEEDS YOU!!!**

**To meet recent DNR/EPA requirements,
Wausau Water Works is looking to test homes
that have lead service laterals**

There is **NO FEE for this test and results will be provided**

**To participate, please complete the information below or contact
Deb Geier at 715-261-7262 or email deb.geier@ci.wausau.wi.us**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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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.

PLEASE REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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911 EMERGENCY NUMBER

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ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT: NAN GIESE Office: 715-261-6600 Direct: 715-261-6605

INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT: CLIFF AMBRIZ 715-261-6787 or BILL HEBERT 715-261-6780

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