

# FOREST PARK NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

**..\*~\*~\*~\*.. NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th AT 6:30 PM ..\*~\*~\*~\*..**  
Receive updates and participate in discussions of happenings in the neighborhood.



## VERY SPECIAL GUESTS

**Lt. Hanousek from the Marathon County Sheriff's Department will share with us information about their Citizens Academy. We also have Officer Nick Stetzer who will share information about the Wausau Police Departments Citizen Academy. The District 5 Alderperson Candidates: Gary Gisselman (incumbent) and Jim Wadinski have been invited to introduce themselves and answer any questions that you have.**

**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

**FEBRUARY 16, 2016 - Lt. Hanousek - Marathon County Sheriff's Department  
Officer Nick Stetzer - Wausau Police Department  
District 5 Candidate Gary Gisselman  
District 5 Candidate Jim Wadinski**

**MARCH 15, 2016 - Jeff Traska - Wisconsin Black Bear Educational Center  
(See Page 2 for more information!!!)  
Mayor candidates for April election (tentative)**



**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR**

# Looking Ahead to March 2016

MARCH 15, 2016

Guest Speaker

Jeff Traska, Wisconsin Black Bear Education Center (Located on Sell St.)

**BRING THE  
CHILDREN TO  
ASK  
QUESTIONS!**



Early Summer 2015 there were black bear sightings right here on Parcher Street!!! Jeff will educate you on black bears and their behavior. Jeff is a fascinating speaker and truly has a heart and passion for black bears. He is currently raising his 4 kids in his own back yard. Their names are Vince, Sunny, Moon, and the newest addition to his family is



Sky. This is a not to be missed speaker! Invite your neighbors, friends, and children to hear Jeff talk about his bears!

Visitors have traveled from all over the world to see his Educational Center!

Visit his website @

[www.wisconsinblackbears.com](http://www.wisconsinblackbears.com)



# Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy



Have you ever wanted to be a member of a SWAT Team? How about drive a squad car in a pursuit? This may be your opportunity! The Marathon County Sheriff's Department is seeking applicants for our Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy. The Academy is an introduction to what it is like to be a Marathon County Sheriff's Deputy. The Academy consists of classroom training combined with interactive sessions, including Patrol operations, evidence collection and processing, pursuit driving, and response to an active shooter situation.



The Academy consists of 10 weekly, 3 1/2 hour sessions Wednesday evenings from March through May. A small class size increases the interaction between Department members and participants.

If you are interested in attending the Spring 2016 Marathon County Sheriff's Department Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy. Applications can be returned in person to the Marathon County Sheriff's Department or via email to the Academy Coordinator, LT Frank Hanousek. Applicants accepted to the Academy will be notified by email. Community members participating in the Academy will be required to sign a Waiver of Liability the first night of class. Applicants not selected for the Spring 2016 session, will be put on a waiting list for future Academies.

Questions reference the Citizen Law Enforcement Academy can be directed to LT Frank Hanousek, (715) 261-1227 or [Frank.Hanousek@co.marathon.wi.us](mailto:Frank.Hanousek@co.marathon.wi.us).

The purpose of the Marathon County Sheriff's Department Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy is to give the public a



## Wausau Police Department Citizen's Academy



*Wausau Police Department hosts a Citizen's Academy twice a year. The purpose of the Academy is to expose interested citizens to the work of our Departmental Personnel. It consists of class one night a week, for eight weeks, for 2 1/2 hours per class. If you're interested in getting signed up for the Spring or Fall classes, please fill out and submit our Citizen's Academy application form <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Police/CommunityPrograms/CitizensAcademy.aspx>. Priority will be given first to those who live and work in the City Of Wausau, then to the Metro area.*

**Forest Park Neighborhood Group**  
**January 19, 2016**  
**Minutes**



1. Meeting called to order by Dick Rayborn
2. Introductions by name and street
3. Secretary's Report – minutes accepted as printed
4. Treasurer's Report – Balance as of 1/19/16 \$150.00
5. Police Dept Updates – Officer Nate Stetzer
  - Distributed latest *The Briefing Sheet* -- highlights the switch to Raids Online vs. Crime Reports.com Information about how to sign up to be able to also provided.
  - Will be changing the reports he provides to highlight “bigger” calls and concerns
  - Just had a huge issue with an underage party north of Forest Park that led to a warrant served on an ecstasy dealer.
  - Had a chat with the “boy racer” and it appears no other complaints have come in.
  - Thursday is the east side sector meeting in City Council Chambers at 6 p.m.; Prior to that is “Coffee with a Cop” from 4-5:30 at Biggby Coffee on Bridge St.
6. Guest Speakers
  - Barbara Sugden (Wausau Community Warming Center) – Open Nov 1 – April 30. Open doors at 7 p.m. until 8 a.m. Volunteers are what makes the program work. Takes 14 volunteers each night to cover the Center. Can host up to 25 adult men and/or women (no children are accepted due to the fact that felons or addicts are allowed to use the Center). Served a meal and laundry is done. 107 different individuals have come through the door since November. Mission to keep them warm, get them off street and feed them. We also are trying to find out why they are homeless, and what we as a community we need to do to help lower our homeless numbers. Surprising number of homeless in the age 18-24 range. What causes homelessness – many psychological and addiction issues without the proper answers or care available for them. Seemingly missing education in “life skills” such as preparing and managing a budget.
  - Anne Drow (The Open Door of Marathon County) -- Started in 2010 when a gentlemen was arrested in August in shorts and flip flops and released in January in shorts and flip flops and almost froze to death trying to get to the Salvation Army. Have served over 1000 since opening. Located behind St. Paul's church. Have a clothes closet, toiletries, life skills classes and working to expand services this year. Primarily serve people coming out of jail. Accept donation of gently used clothing, boots/shoes, coffee, financial support, cleaning supplies, office supplies, etc.
  - Tom Belongia (District 6 Council Candidate) – Moved to Wausau 5 years ago; 3 children; owns Biggby Coffee on Bridge St and in Marshfield. Born and Raised in Kenosha; worked in County Gov't then truck stop company
  - Becky McElhaney (District 6 Council Candidate) – lifelong resident of Wausau; grew up and have lived in District 6 whole life; 2 children; RN in several settings; been on sub-committees for Wausau

7. Neighborhood Updates, Questions, Idea Sharing

- Financial Wellness Conference – Saturday, February 13 at John Muir Middle School from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Cost is \$4.00 at the door)
- AARP Free Tax Preparation beginning Tuesday Feb 2 at UW Extension and other location. Call 715-298-5734 for places, dates and times.
- IRS phone scams continue to occur. FYI the IRS will not call you.
- Second phone scam is someone claiming you have damaged their property. And as you respond, auto responses escalate.
- If you have caller ID you can enter a phone number and it will tell you where it originates and if it is a scam. (whitepages.com)
- Garbage Collection Hiccups – Bins have to be out by 6 a.m.; cannot be heaped; covers must be closed or almost closed; spacing between bins; Christmas trees must be 4 ft or less. Advance is still picking up containers; must be empty. After April 1<sup>st</sup> if you need to change container sizes. Yard waste bins will be available. Next City newsletter should be coming out soon. Mary Ann Groat is the person to contact with concerns.
- Clean It Up Wausau – tentative date of April 15 & 16 and again September 16 & 17 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Yard Waste Site; post on Next Door if you have a large item with no way to get it there and perhaps those of us with ability to haul can help. . .

8. Ideas for Future Programs.

9. Next Meeting: February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Forest Park Village speakers are the Wausau Police and County Sheriff to discuss their Citizen's Academy plus the District 5 candidates: Gary Gisselman & Jim Wadinski

**F.Y.I.**

In response to queries about what is proposed for Sylvan Park, Alderman Keene Winters has posted a great deal of information about the topic at the link below.

<http://wausaudistrict6.com/aldermanic-followup/>

## Please join us on Nextdoor Forest Park

**We would like to invite you to join us on Forest Park's Nextdoor private network just for Forest Park neighbors. Nextdoor is free and private. On Nextdoor, neighbors share crime and safety concerns, local events, recommendations, items for sale/free, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better, and much more. Please join us to build a better neighborhood!**

**Please join us!**

**nextdoor.com/join  
CODE: XFJPJB**



# The Briefing Sheet

Wausau Police Department

January (Volume 2, Issue 2)

FOREST PARK

## THE FOUR "L's"

The rule of four "L's" can be used to keep you and your family safe from harm. No one wishes to have their home broken into or items taken from them so using these four simple words of advice may protect you and your home.

*The first "L" is LOCK:*

When you are leaving your residence for five or ten minutes it's always a good idea to lock your doors and windows. The same rule applies to your vehicle. It makes it easy for someone to open an unlocked car door or home door. Don't give someone the opportunity to have easy access to your personal belongings.

*The second "L" is LISTEN:*

Become involved in your neighborhood. No one knows the neighborhood like someone who lives in the neighborhood. Be aware and pay attention to what is going on in your neighborhood. Report activities which seem suspicious or out of place. Also listen to your neighbors about what they are noticing in your neighborhood.

*The third "L" is LIGHTS:*

Lights are a very good way to deter crime and prevent something from happening to your residence. Whether you have motion lights on your residence or you leave your front porch light on, using lighting is a effective deterrent. A criminal is less likely to go into a well lit place and commit a crime due to the fear of being seen easier.

*The fourth "L" is LOG:*

While you are paying attention to suspicious activities in your neighborhood create a log. Document the activities in a log and report your observations to law enforcement. The log can be passed on to law enforcement and assist them with their investigations.

Wausau Police Department

515 Grand Avenue  
Wausau, WI 54403

Your Police,  
Our Community



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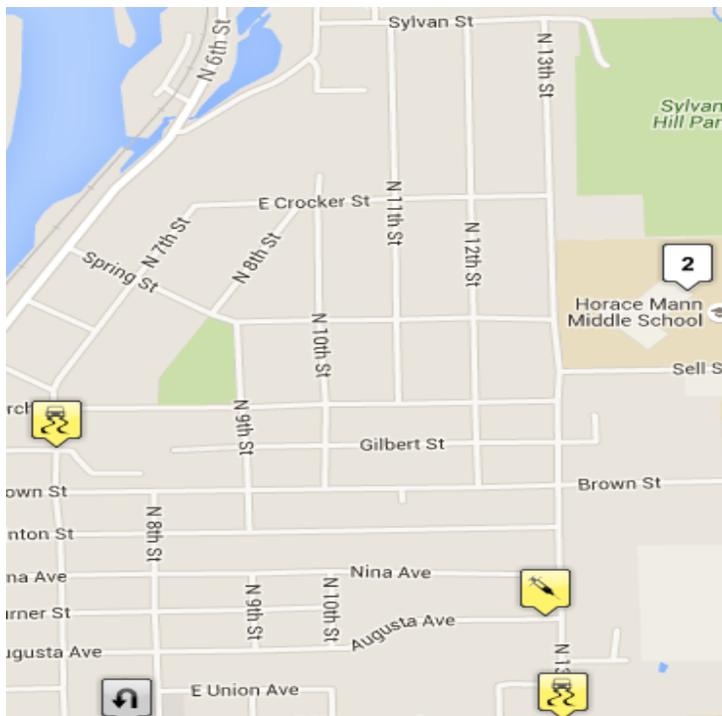
As a person who lives in the neighborhood using these simple steps can keep your home, family, and neighbors safer. Together we can continue to provide the highest quality of life in the City of Wausau.

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# INCIDENTS

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## Last Month in Review - RaidsOnline.com



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## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

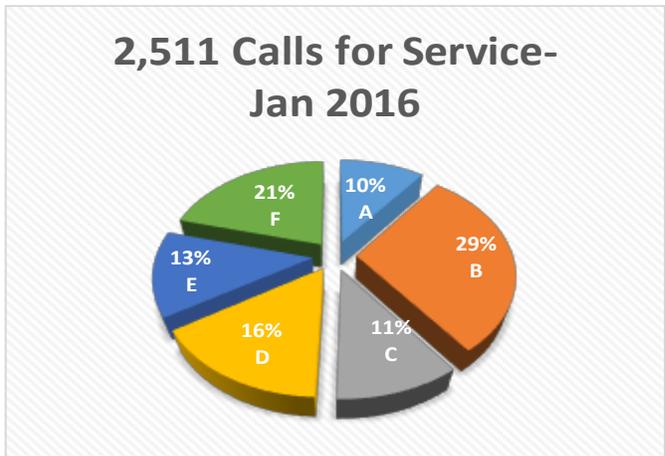
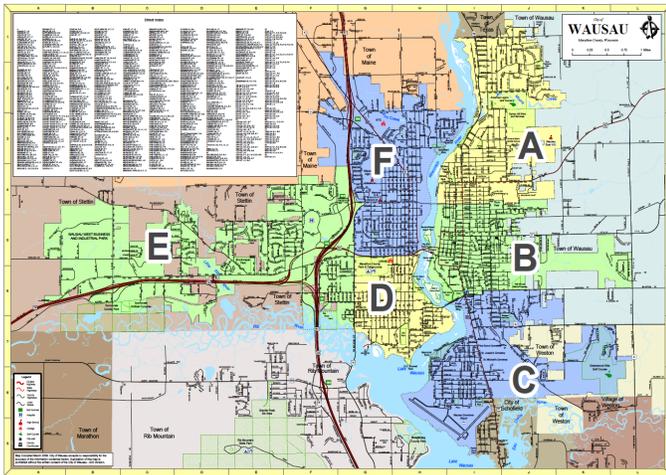
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- 1.) Drug Search Warrant: 600 block of Chicago Avenue  
Residence declared Chronic Nuisance Premise
- 2.) Drug Search Warrant: 520 Humboldt Street  
6 Arrests for various drug charges  
Residence declared Chronic Nuisance Premise  
Marijuana and paraphernalia was seized as a result of warrant
- 3.) Drug Search Warrant: 800 Block of Kickbusch Street  
Ecstasy and marijuana seized  
Declared Chronic Nuisance Premise
- 4.) Drug Search Warrant: 1100 block of Grand Avenue

# STATISTICS

## Last Month in Review

August 2015	Sector A	Sector B	Sector C	Sector D	Sector E	Sector F
Civil Complaints*	8	13	3	7	7	12
Service Miscellaneous*	51	132	44	108	97	167
Criminal Miscellaneous*	65	169	45	51	58	133
Domestic Violence	10	18	9	27	2	14
Noise Complaints	1	9	4	5	2	8
Animal Complaints	2	11	9	4	5	2
Suspicious Activity	11	29	10	11	4	21
Traffic Stops	37	169	65	93	54	115
Traffic Accidents	11	25	18	29	44	25
Crisis Intervention*	16	37	24	20	15	28
Probation/Parole Checks	7	26	13	9	1	20
Chronic Nuisance Properties	2	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>523</b>



- \* 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.



*The Wausau Police Department strives for excellence in policing by partnering with the community to enhance the quality of life.*



**FREE!!!**  
**2015 INCOME TAX PREPARATION**  
 Low-to-moderate income taxpayers;  
 Emphasis on age 60+

**Appointments Required –**

**Call 715-298-5734**

*(Effective January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016)*

**Weekdays 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM to Schedule.**

<b>UW Extension</b> 212 River Drive Wausau	<b>Tuesday &amp; Wednesday</b> <i>Mornings</i> February 2 <sup>nd</sup> thru April 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8:00 AM – Noon</b>
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<b>Merrill Enrichment Center</b> 1004 E. First St. Merrill (Lower level of City Hall)	<b>Thursday, February 25</b> <i>and</i> <b>Thursday, March 17</b>	<b>9:00 AM – 2:00 PM</b>
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**Other Locations (Walk-In.....No appointment necessary)**

Location	Date	Hours
United Methodist Church 607 13 <sup>th</sup> St. Mosinee, WI	Thursday, February 18	10:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Riverview Towers 500 Grand Ave. Wausau, WI	Thursday, March 3	8:00 AM - Noon
Sturgeon Bluffs Apts. 1320 Grand Ave. Wausau, WI (Residents, Only)	Thursday, March 10	8:00 AM - Noon
Kannenbergl Plaza 1240 Merrill Ave. Wausau, WI	Thursday, March 24	8:00 AM - Noon
Cedar Creek Senior Housing 605 Eagle's Nest Rothschild, WI	Thursday, March 31	8:00 AM - Noon



ASSET BUILDERS PRESENTS  
**The 9th Annual Wausau**  
**FINANCIAL**  
**WELLNESS**  
**CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016**

**JOHN MUIR MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**1400 WEST STEWART AVE, WAUSAU**

**8:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

Registration & Breakfast at 8:00 AM

**COST**

Pre-registered by February 5, 2016

Adults, pre-registered ..... \$2.00

Youth, pre-registered..... FREE  
(under 18 years)

Day of the event

Adults, on the day ..... \$4.00

Youth, on the day ..... \$1.00

Unable to pay? Call us to discuss  
other options. 866-304-6896

*Childcare available for children ages 2–5  
(Sign-up in advance).*

*Also included: continental breakfast, lunch and  
a free copy of your credit report.*

**See reverse for registration form.**



Special lunchtime  
activity—  
moderated by  
**Jackie Carattini,**  
UW-Extension

**WHAT YOU CAN LEARN**

Instruction in Credit Repair, Budgeting,  
Homeownership, Landlord/Tenant Rights, Job  
Search Strategies, and much more

- MyMoneyCheckUp®, an online tool which provides an overall assessment of a consumer's overall financial health
- One-on-one session with a financial planner
- Also available: one-on-one review of your credit report
- Get a free copy of your credit report with credit score!
- Age-appropriate instruction for students between the ages of 6 and 18



**Fabulous  
Door Prizes**  
given throughout the day!  
Must be present to win

**Call Asset Builders for  
more information.**

866-304-6896

**www.assetbuilders.org**

Asset Builders is a WI nonprofit organization  
and there is no selling or pressure to buy any  
financial products at the Conference.

**To Register:**

<http://tinyurl.com/z9cvq6v>



*Get \$SMART Wausau*  
C O A L I T I O N

# Forest Park Leadership Contact Information ...

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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.

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