

LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD



WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

March, 2015

Our next meeting is Monday, March 2, 2015
Wausau Police Department Community Room, 6:30 PM

Agenda

Amy Arlen (Communications Coordinator, Wausau School District) and Romey Wagner (District 2 Alderman) will speak to us about two items on the April referendum.

Dates To Remember

- March 2:* **Longfellow Neighborhood Group Meeting**
Westies Neighborhood Group meeting; Salvation Army Community Center, 6:30 PM
- March 16:* Werle Park Neighborhood Group meeting; 6:30 PM, UWMC, Terrace Room (#100)
- March 17:* **Happy St. Patrick's Day**
- March 23:* SW Jones Neighborhood Group meeting; G.D. Jones Elementary School, 5:30 PM

Minutes from the February 2, 2015 Meeting

1. Nan Giese and Rick Rubow of the City Assessors office spoke to us about the Assessment Department and the upcoming city-wide reassessment.
 - Maps of the City showing the neighborhoods were displayed. They were color-coded based on when buildings were erected--before and after 1940. Wausau has approximately 39,000 residents and 16,000 parcels. The Assessment Department also contracts with the City of Schofield to assess their approximately 1,200 property assessments. Wausau has 6 full time 6 employees--1 technician, 2 residential appraisers, 2 senior property assessors, 1 City Assessor.
 - The Wisconsin Department of Revenue monitors the Assessment Department and determines the equalized rate/ratio used by the City. Numerous other duties of the Assessment Department are determined by regulations.
 - When comparing properties, a number of variables are taken into consideration: condition, size (number of bedrooms, style, number of stories, square footage, etc.) and location. Neighborhoods are determined by geographical criteria (river, major roads) as well as when buildings were erected.
 - Some factors used in determining the assessed value of a property are location and building to land ratio (which can vary by neighborhood). The Assessment Department establishes where sales are and looks at several factors in order to establish a property's "grade". The "A", "B", "C" (average) and "D" grades (there can also be a "+" or "-" for each grade) are based on age, size and quality of construction (including materials used) of properties. CDU is condition, desirability and utility. The number of bedrooms, baths and finished recreation areas are also considered.
 - Your property record is a card on file in the Assessment Department with information about your property including sales and permits issued. It is always available for you to view.
 - The three basic approaches to home sales are: cost, income, market value/sales.
 - Since the entire City is being reevaluated, new assessment notices will be sent to all property owners (hopefully in July or August). After notices are sent, an open book period will occur (for minimum of 1 month). If you have questions regarding your assessed value, you can talk to an assessor. If you are unable to come to an agreement, regarding the assessment, you can file an Objection Form with the City Clerk and appear at a hearing before the Board of Review.
2. Officer Ben Graham of the Community Resource Unit (CRU) distributed copies of the January and February, 2015 Police Department newsletters ("The Briefing Sheet"). Officer Graham transferred

back from the Marathon County Drug Unit to the CRU. He explained that anonymous calls to the Police Department are treated the same way as when callers identify themselves.

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From My Desk to Yours . . . Anne Heidemann, President, Longfellow Neighborhood

Please join us to hear our speakers regarding 2 major items on the April ballot. Amy will talk about the Wausau School District referendums and Romey will talk about the non-binding referendum regarding the structure of the City administration (Mayor versus City Administrator).

Romey Wagner, District 2 Alderman

I strongly urge everyone to make sure you vote in order to provide guidance to the City Council.

Neighborhood/Community Businesses

Affordable Auto	830 Plumer Street	715-574-0753
Bull Falls Brewery	901 East Thomas	715-842-2337
Classic Cleaners	901A East Thomas	715-845-2531
Crossroads Community Services	P O Box 599	715-897-2156
Dawn Troyer Dance Studio	803 Prospect Avenue	715-845-4925
Forward Electronics	115 Prospect Avenue	715-845-4355
Grand Repeats	429 Grand Avenue	715-675-2345
Great White Martial Arts	913 Young Street	715-551-3576
Croi Croga Studio	701 Prospect Avenue	715-432-4570
Integrity First Bank	101 Grand Avenue	715-845-0900
M & S, The Siding Specialists	818 Henrietta Street	715-842-7965
Nizolek Builders Inc	1211 Prospect Avenue	715-571-0512
The Nathan House	921 Grand Avenue	715-845-4922
The Hair Designers	607 Prospect Avenue	715-845-2666
Townline Market	916 Townline Road	715-842-5201

Odds and Ends

Werle Park Neighborhood Meetings

Held 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 PM, UW-Marathon County, Terrace Room (#100)

SW Jones Neighborhood Meetings

Held at G D Jones Elementary School, 5:30 PM, the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Please contact Sherry Abitz at 715-843-0990 for more information.

Westies Neighborhood Meetings

Held at Salvation Army Community Center (corner of Elm Street and 2nd Avenue, use entrance closest to Sam's Pizza on Elm Street), 6:30 PM, the 1st Monday of each month.

NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS

- LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD PRESIDENT:** ANNE HEIDEMANN 715-845-4148
- NEIGHBORHOOD ALDERPERSON:** ROMNEY WAGNER 715-848-5506 (romey.wagner@ci.wausau.wi.us)
- SECRETARY/NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** JOY FOYE 715-842-9197
- POLICE DEPARTMENT (NON-EMERGENCIES):** 715-261-7800
- INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT:** CLIFF AMBRIZ 715-261-6787/BILL HEBERT 715-261-6780
- ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT (snow removal issues):** 715-261-6740
- FIRE MARSHALS OFFICE:** DAVE DESANTIS 715-261-7904/JEREMY KOPP 715-261-7906



HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
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