

# LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD



WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

April, 2015

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Our next meeting is Monday, April 6, 2015

Wausau Police Department Community Room, 6:30 PM

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## Agenda

Officer Ben Graham will speak to us.

### Dates To Remember

- April 1:* Yard Waste Site opens (Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays only)  
*April 5:* **Happy Easter**  
*April 6:* **Longfellow Neighborhood Group Meeting**  
*April 7:* **Election Day** – multiple referendums on the ballot; be sure to make your voice heard  
*April 13:* Westies Neighborhood Group meeting; Salvation Army Community Center; 6:30 PM  
*April 17-18:* Clean It Up Wausau; drop off items next to Yard Waste Site; 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
*April 20:* Werle Park Neighborhood Group meeting; 6:30 PM, UWMC, Terrace Room (#100)  
*April 27:* SW Jones Neighborhood Group meeting; G.D. Jones Elementary School, 5:30 PM

### Minutes from the March 2, 2015 Meeting

1. Amy Arlen, Communications Coordinator for the Wausau School District, spoke to us regarding the 2 upcoming school Referendums on the April ballot.
  - They are for: 1) facilities changes and 2) technology improvements.
  - Question 1 funds capital maintenance, facility renovations and site improvements and includes: demolishing A C Kiefer Education Center; renovating and expanding 4 elementary schools to replace A C Kiefer offerings; building additional classrooms at selected elementary schools; upgrading specific programs at Wausau East and Wausau West; and deferred maintenance. The estimated impact on property taxes is based on a 20 year period in which property values increase an estimated 2% in 2016 and 1% each year after that.
  - Question 2 funds: replacement of aging infrastructure (phones, switches and servers); upgrades to digital access; and providing additional computer devices for students.
2. Romey spoke to the group about the 3 city questions on the April ballot.
  - Question 1 (binding referendum) would change how garbage and recycling are paid for. Residents are currently billed based on the assessed value of their property and is included in our property taxes. Since contracts were still being negotiated, Romey didn't have details on how this would change. It was asked how often residents would be billed and how the billing would be determined ("pay as you throw" with various sizes of bins or a single size bin). **(Romey will have answers for us at our April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.)**
  - Question 2 (binding referendum) removes storm water fees from property taxes. Non-profits (churches, hospitals, schools, etc.) would no longer be exempt from paying storm water fees and a separate storm water authority would be established but shouldn't require a new Department.
  - Question 3 (non-binding referendum) would determine whether Wausau should retain a full-time Mayor or switch to a City Administrator with a part-time Mayor.
3. Joe Gehin spoke to us about testing for lead in Wausau's drinking water. The City is looking for additional older homes to test for lead levels in order to become in compliance once again. If Wausau is unable to come into compliance, the City will be required to replace water mains on with lead in them on a specific schedule until it is in compliance once again.
4. Officer Ben Graham of the Community Resource Unit (CRU) distributed copies of the March, 2015 Police Department newsletter ("The Briefing Sheet") that is specific to our neighborhood. He also discussed the Chronic Nuisance ordinance and how it works.

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

Officer Ben Graham will speak to us about keeping your neighborhood safe from drugs and ways to enforce it. Mariah Deidrich will be with us another time. Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Romey Wagner, District 2 Alderman

Don't forget to vote for me!

Neighborhood/Community Businesses

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| 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 |
| JAS Construction              | <a href="mailto:josh@jasbuilds.com">josh@jasbuilds.com</a> | 715-432-5732 |
| 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 |
| Wausau Pickers Flea & Find    | 801 Genrich St (open Fridays only)                         | 715-212-1309 |

Odds and Ends

*Westies Neighborhood Meetings*

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

*Werle Park Neighborhood Meetings*

Held 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Please contact Sherry Abitz at 715-843-0990 for more information.

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**NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS**

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| <b>LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD PRESIDENT:</b>             | ANNE HEIDEMANN  | 715-845-4148             |              |
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| <b>SECRETARY/NEWSLETTER EDITOR:</b>                   | JOY FOYE  | 715-842-9197             |              |
| <b>POLICE DEPARTMENT (NON-EMERGENCIES):</b>           |   | 715-261-7800             |              |
| <b>OFFICER BEN GRAHAM (COMMUNITY RESOURCES UNIT):</b> |   | 715-261-7955             |              |
| <b>INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT:</b>                        | CLIFF AMBRIZ  | 715-261-6787/BILL HEBERT | 715-261-6780 |
| <b>ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT (snow removal issues):</b>  |   |                          | 715-261-6740 |
| <b>FIRE MARSHALS OFFICE:</b>                          | DAVE DESANTIS   | 715-261-7904/JEREMY KOPP | 715-261-7906 |

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