

LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD



WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

April, 2014

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 7, 2014

Wausau Police Department Community Room, 6:30 PM

Agenda

No speaker this month. Please bring your questions/concerns (and a neighbor) to the meeting.

Dates To Remember

- April 1:* Elections for Alderpersons and School Board Members – don't forget to vote!
April Fool's Day
- April 7:* **Longfellow Neighborhood Meeting**
- April 16:* S W Jones Neighborhood meeting; 5:30 PM; G D Jones Elementary School
- April 20:* **Happy Easter**
- April 21:* Werle Park Neighborhood meeting; 6:30 PM, UW-Marathon County (Terrace Room #100)

Minutes from the March 3, 2014 Meeting

Todd Wunsch, (City Electrical Inspector) and Dave DeSantis (City Fire Marshal) spoke to us about electrical wiring in older homes, especially knob and tube wiring.

- Pre-1950 wiring was often knob and tube (and outlets without ground wires). Fires can result when wiring becomes frayed, insulation is added too close to the wiring (it no longer can remain cool), or when the circuits become overloaded. Overdrawn circuits resulted in 4 fires in 2014. (There are 4 causes of fires: incendiary, mechanical, Act of God and accidental.)
- Some insurance companies are sending cancellation notices to homeowners who may have knob and tube wiring in their homes, and may only give the homeowner a very short time to upgrade their wiring. Community Development has low interest loans to assist homeowners in upgrading their wiring.
- A new state law requires a minimum of 60 amp service to get insurance or to sell your home.
- Federal Pacific (FPE) has lost their UL (Underwriting Laboratories) rating. If your electrical panel was manufactured by FPE, it should be replaced. You can call Todd (715-261-6780) to have Electrical Inspections come and check on whether or not you have an FPE panel.
- Make sure you have the right size light bulb for all your fixtures. Using a bulb that requires more wattage than what the fixture is rated for can overload the circuit and cause a fire.
- Effective April 1, 2014, all electrical contractors must be: a master electrician, state licensed and have insurance. The City of Wausau requires a permit for electrical work and has a listing of approved electrical contractors.
- It's a good idea to videotape everything in your home in case you ever have a fire.
- Carbon monoxide detectors expire after 5-7 years of use and must be replaced.

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

I just want to thank Todd Wunsch, City electrical inspector (Wausau Inspections Department) and Fire Marshal Dave DeSantis for walking us through the electrical issues of older homes. They are always available to answer your questions. See you at the next meeting. Think Spring!

Romey Wagner, District 2 Alderman

Wishing everyone a happy Easter. Hopefully it doesn't snow on the Easter Bunny!

Neighborhood Businesses

Affordable Auto	830 Plumer Street	715-846-6117
Budget Resale	711 Prospect	715-842-9919
Bull Falls Brewery	901 East Thomas	715-842-2337
Classic Cleaners	901A East Thomas	715-845-2531
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	813 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
The Nathan House	921 Grand Avenue	715-845-4922
The Hair Designers	607 Prospect Avenue	715-845-2666

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.

NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS

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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT (for grass or snow removal issues): 715-261-6740

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