

# LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD



WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!  
November, 2016

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Our next meeting is Monday, **November 7, 2016**  
Wausau Police Department Community Room, 6:30 PM

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## Agenda

Tammy Stratz from Community Development will be joining us with some news.

## Dates To Remember

- October 31: **Happy Halloween!** Wausau Trick or Treat hours: 4:00 – 7:00 PM
- November 6: Daylight Savings Time ends
- November 7: **Longfellow Neighborhood Group Meeting**
- November 8: **Election Day**
- November 11: Veterans Day
- November 14: Westies Neighborhood Group meeting; 6:30 PM; Labor Temple
- November 20: Yard Waste Site closes for the season at 5:00 PM
- November 21: Werle Park Neighborhood Group meeting; 6:30 PM, UWMC Terrace Room (#100)
- November 28: SW Jones Neighborhood Group meeting, 5:30 PM, G D Jones Elementary School

## Minutes from the October 3, 2016 Meeting

Mayor Robert Mielke, Department of Public Works Director Eric Lindman and Finance Director Mary Ann Groat spoke to our group regarding the proposed City wheel tax. They will also address other neighborhood groups, issue a press release and hold informational meetings to educate the public on this issue.

1. Mayor Mielke discussed the need for additional funding for City street maintenance; some projects are 2-3 years behind schedule. A referendum on the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot would implement a 3-year “wheel tax” per vehicle (\$20/year; beginning in 2018); motorcycles and vehicles of more than 8,000 pounds are excluded. The City requested Marathon County “share” a portion of its wheel tax with the City of Wausau but it was not honored.
2. Eric Lindman also spoke about the referendum. He clarified this is a vehicle registration fee rather than a “wheel tax”. The fee could be used for residential streets, would be required to be used for road repair and would generate an estimated \$650,000 per year. The DPW is doing their best to maximize the life of City streets; current reconstruction projects are for underground utilities.
3. Several street related concerns were mentioned:
  - snow removal on Floral Avenue has been slow, especially during heavy snowfalls
  - a “not a through street” sign was requested for the intersection of Floral Avenue and Grand and/or Prospect Avenues
  - a sand barrel is located on the corner of Kickbusch and Prospect Avenue; one was requested for the 700-800 block of Prospect Avenue; the barrels are refilled regularly
4. Updates were provided on the Wausau Center:
  - negotiations are ongoing on the former Sears building; several groups are interested; the City has offered \$700,000 for the building; a positive announcement is anticipated soon

- the fate of the former J C Penney building is still uncertain
  - the Wausau Center currently has an 84% occupancy rate
5. Officer Chittum presented The Briefing Sheet (Officer Stetzer was training in Chicago). He also answered numerous questions and concerns from the group.
- there is a City ordinance dealing with “howling animals”; call the non-emergency number at any time with your concerns
  - traffic citations can be issued if yard waste isn’t tied down when being hauled
  - there is a \$180 fine for pets with no license or rabies shots
  - Police officers currently use body cameras with HD audio and video; the cameras must be manually activated and protect both officers and residents
  - Officer Chittum explained the pink badge he was wearing is purchased by the individual officer; they can be worn them in October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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

Winter will be here soon. Please donate clothing to Open Door and/or one of the many places that need gently used items for folks in need. No one should ever be cold or hungry! Tammy Stratz (Community Development) has a lot to share with us at our meeting about the progress of the Tot Lot and the neighborhood banners. If you didn’t vote yet, the day after our meeting is your turn! See you on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Romey Wagner, District 2 Alderman

I hope no one is too frightened on Halloween and that you are all preparing for a great Thanksgiving and a safe hunting season. I don’t hunt so I’ll concentrate twice as much on eating at Thanksgiving! Prepare for winter by changing the batteries in your smoke detectors when you set you clocks back on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Stay safe!

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
Dawn Troyer Dance Studio	803 Prospect Avenue	715-845-4925
Forward Electronics	115 Prospect Avenue	715-845-4355
Affinity Martial Arts	913 Young Street	715-551-1510
Integrity First Bank	101 Grand Avenue	715-845-0900
JAS Construction	josh@jasbuilds.com	715-432-5732
M & S, The Siding Specialists	818 Henrietta Street	715-842-7965
Nizolek Builders Inc	1211 Prospect Avenue	715-571-0512
Olson Tire and Auto	601 Forest Street	715-845-8473
Subway	601 Forest Street	715-848-1930
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)	715-212-1309

Odds and Ends

*Westies Neighborhood Meetings*

Held at The Labor Temple, 318 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue (use the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue entrance) at 6:30 PM, the 2nd Monday of each month. Contact: Deb Ryan (715-803-4909)

*Werle Park Neighborhood Meetings*

Held 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 PM, UW-Marathon County, Terrace Room (#100). Contact: Dennis Smith (715-573-7994).

*SW Jones Neighborhood Meetings*

Held at G D Jones Elementary School, 5:30 PM, the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Contact: Alderperson Sherry Abitz (715-843-0990).

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**NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS**

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<b>STREET CONSTRUCTION &amp; MAINTENANCE (missed by snow plows)</b>		715-261-6960
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