



SW Jones District Neighborhood

We had a very long discussion of events in our area. Update of situations in the district and websites to go to for information that is attached to newsletter.

We have an event in May where the police will educate us on how to keep our home environment safe. All meetings are open to the public. The information has been stated in the Spring Newsletter from Wausau.

Our meeting will be on April 16, at 5:30 pm at G.D. Jones School. Please bring friends and neighbors.

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## “The Briefing Sheet”

April 2014 Neighborhood Group Meeting

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### **Police Department Programs**

There are a number of ways that you can find information about your police department, and crime prevention programs we offer.

- Wausau Police Department Website (lots of great information and a good place to start)  
<http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Police.aspx>
- Neighborhood group meetings (WPD commitment to have officers attend)
- Child safety seat clinics (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month)
- Un-occupied home security checks (sign up on department website)
- Home Security Surveys (you and an officer discuss your home's security)
- Citizen's Police Academy (spring of the year – generally eight classes)
- Police Ride-A-Long Program (ride in a squad car for 4 hours with a police officer)
- Police Honor Guard (for parades and other special events)
- Prescription Drug Drop Off (lobby of police dept. open normal business hours)
- Emergency Police Unit (volunteers who help at numerous community events)
- DART (Domestic Abuse Response Team – services to domestic abuse victims)
- Police Explorers (high school and college age students learn about police work)
- Safety City (week long program for children entering kindergarten)
- DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Training – offered to 5<sup>th</sup> graders)
- School Safety Zones (Crossing Guards, schools and parents working together)
- Safety Patrols (young people in the schools who are safety officers)
- School Resource Officers (assigned to the public middle and high schools)
- Department Tours (any interested group can get a tour of our facility)
- Police Canine Demonstrations (meet one of our police dogs and their handler)
- Crime Prevention Programs (periodically specific crime prevention programs)

### **Scams and Crime Alerts**

- It is contractor fraud season. Most of these scams happen in the spring and summer. Be wary of the person who offers to fix your driveway or paint your house because they happen to have “extra” materials from another job site. It may seem like the offer is “too good to be true” or “a limited time only” and this is when you need to be extra suspicious. Use reputable firms and remember it is okay to ask for and to check references.

### **Next Month’s Topic: Special Crime Prevention Program**

The S.W. Jones District Neighborhood Group and the Wausau Police invite the entire community to a FREE class on how to improve the appearance of the exterior of your home and how to use outdoor landscaping to reduce the likelihood of crime. This special presentation will be offered on May 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 5:30 PM at the GD Jones Grade School. The information will be presented by Wausau Police Officer Jon Kindlarski, a certified Crime Prevention Specialist through the International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners. Come join us for a fun evening where we learn together how to make our homes more beautiful and our neighborhoods safer.