



S W Jones District Neighborhood

On September 17th, Michelle Schwoch, Environmental Public Health Sanitarian, Marathon County Health Department, spoke on Radon in our homes. We received folders with contact numbers and information about Radon if we decide to proceed with checking our homes for Radon. Since we live in an area that is high with Radon, we all should have our homes checked so we have a starting point. There were test kits we could purchase for \$8.00 as well as business numbers that provide assistance with installation for permanent readings. Michelle works only part time, to contact her at the main number at 715 261 1900, and leave a message with them. She will return your call if you need further information on Radon.

Det. Jon Kindlarski spoke about children's safety since school is back in session as well as the latest scams to be aware of in the Wausau area. I was one of the individuals that were involved with the scam by the IRS. Thank goodness I was smart enough to catch them in the act. They were not happy at their end. See attached "Briefing Sheet" provided by Det Kindlarski from last month (September).

On October 15th we will be having Shannon Jarecki from The Women's Community, speak on Domestic Abuse. Shannon is the Domestic Abuse Program Coordinator. Shannon will share in discussion how the program affects our family, neighborhood, and city. Also, Shannon will discuss what the Women's Community does for our community. A little reminder, that they always welcome donations, such as home items: bedding, kitchen, bath, as well as clothing items. In addition, Det. Kindlarski will also share safety tips for the Halloween season. Just a note, be aware of children playing in the leaves during day and night hours. Also, roads do become slippery when they have wet leaves on them. Drive carefully.

Next month I will be collecting again for the VA Hospital down in Tomah. They appreciated all that was given last year. I already have a box started for them with socks, robes, flashlights, blankets, and other items. Stationary and stamps are always welcomed. I will have a complete list of items they are requesting at the meeting.

Leaf pick up schedule for the District 10:

Monday, October 27 Lake Wausau North to Chellis Street
Tuesday, October 28 Chellis Street North to Rosecrans Street
Wednesday, October 29 Rosecrans Street North to West Street
Thursday, October 30 West Street North to Callon Street

The yard waste site will close at 8:00 PM on Monday, November 17, 2014.

See at the meeting on **Wednesday, October 15th at 5:30pm at GD Jones** commons area.

Also, a shout out to Jon for his promotion! Good job, you are well deserving of this promotion. We are proud of you from this neighborhood.

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“The Briefing Sheet”

September 2014 Neighborhood Group Meeting

Prepared by Detective Jon Kindlarski (715) 261-7969

Discussion

- City of Wausau summer statistics on crimes in the neighborhood.
- Review of crimes which have affected the neighborhood. Be a good witness, report crime to police.
- Open question and answer period.

School Safety Information (From the National Crime Prevention Council)

- **All Children:** Map out with your children a safe way for them to walk to school or to the bus stop. Avoid busy roads and intersections. Do a trial run with them to point out places they should avoid along the way, such as vacant lots, construction areas, and parks where there aren't many people.
- Teach children to follow traffic signals and rules when walking or biking. Stress that they should cross the street at crosswalks or intersections with crossing guards when they can.
- Encourage children to walk to school or the bus stop with a sibling or friend, and to wait at bus stops with other children. Teach children not to talk to strangers, go anywhere with them, or accept gifts from them without your permission. If they see a suspicious stranger they should tell an adult.
- Help children memorize their phone number and full address, including area code and zip code. Write down other important phone numbers such as your work and cell phone on a card for your children to carry with them.
- **Bus Riders:** Have your children arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to pick them up. Children should know how to stand on the sidewalk/grass while waiting for the bus.
- Teach children to make sure they can see the bus driver and the bus driver can see them before crossing in front of the bus. Tell them to never walk behind the bus.
- Be aware that bullying sometimes takes place on the school bus. Ask children about their bus - who they sit with, who they talk to, and what the other kids do. Let them know that if they see someone being bullied, or are bullied themselves, they can talk to you, the bus driver, or another trusted adult.
- **Drivers:** Slowdown in school zones. Be alert. Be ready if children suddenly cross the road.

Scams and Alerts

- A Wausau citizen reported she received a phone call from a girl who sounded like her granddaughter. The citizen was made to believe that her granddaughter was being held in a Mexican jail and needed bail money (in the form of bank issued cash cards) for her to be released. This was a scam and the granddaughter confirmed she had never left the state.
- Several agencies have received complaints about people selling magazines door-to-door. The salespeople's stories are all a little different, but say something about coming from hard times, and looking for a second chance. They also claim, you can have magazines delivered to several different locations including children's hospitals. The sellers will only take cash or check. The parent company was identified as Urban Nation Entertainment, 904 West Montgomery Suite 4-326, Willis, TX 77378. The BBB rated the business as D- and there have been numerous complaints against the company. The sellers were found in Wausau and cited for failure to have a seller's permit.

Next Month: How to Prevent Scams



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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- Guest speaker: Shannon Jarecki, Women’s Community Domestic Abuse Program Coordinator
- Handouts will be given out about domestic violence
- Discussion on topics related to:
 - Services and programs offered by the Women’s Community
 - How to seek help or services
 - How to be a supportive friend or family member for someone in an abusive relationship
 - Other local agencies which also provide assistance
- Open question and answer period

Domestic Violence Safety Information (From the National Crime Prevention Council)

- **Resource:** <http://www.ncpc.org/resources/files/pdf/violent-crime/hidden%20crime%20domestic%20violence.pdf>

Halloween Safety Tips (From the National Crime Prevention Council)

- **“Trick or Treating” Day & Time:** In the city of Wausau, October 31, 2014 from 4 to 7 PM.
- **Children:** Map out with your children a safe way for them to walk in the neighborhoods. Avoid busy roads and intersections. Do a trial run with them to point out places they should avoid along the way, such as vacant lots, construction areas, and parks where there aren’t many people.
- Teach children to follow traffic signals and rules when walking or biking. Stress that they should cross the street at crosswalks or intersections when they can.
- Travel in a group if possible or with adult supervision. Tell your children they should not go inside residences and tell a trusted adult immediately if they do not feel safe.
- **Adults:** Know where your child is going; supervise if the kids are younger. After the event is over check the goodies to make sure they are safe.
- **Drivers:** Slowdown in neighborhoods. Be alert. Be ready if children suddenly cross the road.
- **Resource:** <http://www.ncpc.org/resources/files/pdf/halloween/playing-it-safe-on-halloween-pointers-for-parents.pdf>

Next Month: City Wide Crime Prevention Program on Telephone Scams

It seems so simple... “I will just hang up the phone on scammers”. Why do so many people still fall into their traps? Come join Wausau Police Detective Jon Kindlarski for a FREE city wide crime prevention program focusing on current scams, how they work, how criminals “set the hook”, and convince you to turn over (steal) your money. Jon will share with you tips on how not to get scammed. This program is open to all residents. Caregivers will also find this program beneficial to help our “at-risk” or vulnerable community members.

Join us on November 19th in the cafeteria at GD Jones Elementary School, 1018 S. 12th Ave (at the corner of W. Rosecrans St and S. 12th Ave). The program begins at 6:00 PM and will last for approximately 45 minutes. No reservations are needed. This program is co-sponsored by the SW Jones District Neighborhood Group in cooperation with Wausau Police.

The Wausau Police Department strives for excellence in policing by partnering with the community to enhance the quality of life.