

LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD



WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!
June, 2019

Our next meeting is **Monday, June 3, 2019**
Wausau Police Department Community Room, 6:30 PM

Agenda

We don't have a designated speaker this month so join us to discuss any concerns you may have.

Dates to Remember

- June 3:* **Longfellow Neighborhood Meeting**
June 14: **Happy Flag Day**
Summer Kick Off Weekend; 5:00 – 9:00 PM; Marathon Park; 6:00 PM Kids Fun Run;
8:00 PM movie (“Mary Poppins Returns”); music, photo booth, face painting, exhibits,
crafts, food vendors, other activities
June 16: **Happy Fathers Day**
Father’s Day Classic Car Show; 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM; 400 Block; music, food vendors
June 28: Vintage Game Night; 7:00 – 10:00 PM; Woodson History Center lower level

Concerts on the Square: 400 Block; 6:00 – 8:00 PM (6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/3)
Marketplace Thursdays: 400 Block; 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (6/20, 6/27, 7/4)

Minutes from the May 6, 2019 Meeting

1. Dr. Lori Fish, Audiologist at the Hearing Center in The Eye Clinic of Wisconsin (Wausau), spoke to us about the myths of hearing loss and the mysteries of hearing aids.
 - Most people over 70 have some type of hear loss (normally caused by nerve damage); it is usually 7 years between when the loss becomes noticeable and when someone gets hearing aids. The amount of nerve damage determines how well hearing aids will work; expectations must be realistic. Good hearing is a quality of life issue. If the hearing loss is in both ears and you can afford it, it is best to get aids for both; however, a single hearing aid is better than none. The high pitch range of hearing goes first so the beginning and end of words (which is in that range) is lost. For example: “fed/said” and “deaf/death” can be heard for someone with hearing loss to distinguish. Noise exposure (how long you are exposed to the noise and at what volume) has a cumulative effect on hearing loss.
 - When wearing hearing aids, the brain must learn to hear and adjust to the hearing aid and filter out a number of sounds. The only successful way to wear hearing aids is to always have them in when you are awake. The brain is where sound is processed; current studies indicate it needs the stimulation provided by hearing aids.
 - The 2 professional who sell/dispense hearing aids are doctors of audiology and hearing instruments specialists. Each type of professional has different educational requirements and/or licensing. Regardless of where you go, trust in the provider is critical.
 - Although hearing aids are expensive, the purchase price at the Wausau Eye Clinic includes support for as long as the devices last; aids usually last 3-5 years but may last as long as 7-10 years. Other providers may have a similar program. The cost of the hearing aids isn't always covered by insurance (Medicare and Medicare supplements generally don't).

- There is no cure for tinnitus (often called “ringing in the ears”). Since a quiet environment makes it more noticeable, filling an area with a pleasant sound (white noise) can reduce the symptoms. Hearing aids can mask tinnitus symptoms for 60% of people.
- There are many strategies to maximize effective communication: lip reading; not talking from another room; not talking when walking/facing away from the person; reducing the amount of background noise (whenever possible); and minimizing noise in public places (i.e., awareness of acoustics (carpet and drapes); sitting in the corner versus the center of the room; using booths with high backs; going during quieter times; avoiding restaurants with intrusive music levels, etc.). Speak more slowly to someone with hearing loss (it allows the brain time to process what they hear).

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2019

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

Thanks to Dr. Lori Fish for her informative presentation on hearing loss and hearing aids. We really appreciate all the wonderful information she shared with us about this important topic. I hope everyone found it as beneficial as I did. Please come to our June 3 meeting and bring a friend.

Michael Martens, District 2 Alderman

Summer is here and that means Wausau area pools will be opening on June 8 at 1:00pm. New this year are several reduced rate and free pool sessions including half price Wednesday evenings and free Thursday evenings. Plus, there are promotional free days including several bike to pool days. Learn more by picking up a copy of the Wausau/Marathon County Parks and Recreation Summer Guide available at City Hall and the Park Department office at 210 River Drive.

Neighborhood/Community Businesses

Bull Falls Brewery	901 East Thomas	715-842-2337
Cveykus Law Office	301 Grand Avenue	715-842-5205
Custom Threads	801 Genrich Street	715-298-8010
Forward Electronics	115 Prospect Avenue	715-845-4355
JAS Construction	josh@jasbuilds.com	715-432-5732
John Jokela Law Firm	207 Grand Avenue	715-845-9000
M & S, The Siding Specialists	818 Henrietta Street	715-842-7965
Meverden Chiropractic	215 Grand Avenue	715-848-4088
Olson Tire and Auto	601 Forest Street	715-845-8473
River Valley State Bank	101 Grand Avenue	715-845-0900
Schmidt & Schmidt	123 Grand Avenue	715-845-9621
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

NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS

LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD PRESIDENT:

ANNE HEIDEMANN 715-845-4148

NEIGHBORHOOD ALDERPERSON:

MICHAEL MARTENS (michael.martens@ci.wausau.wi.us) 715-845-4218

SECRETARY/NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

JOY FOYE 715-842-9197

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

NON-EMERGENCIES 715-261-7800

NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON:

OFFICER JACOB CHITTUM 715-261-7973

NEIGHBORHOOD BRIEFING SHEET (COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICERS):

OFFICER BRENT OLSON (Brent.Olson@ci.wausau.wi.us) 715-261-7982

NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS (continued)

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:

ASHLEE BISHOP

715-261-7842

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

TAMMY STRATZ

715-261-6682

INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT:

BILL HEBERT and TRAVIS LEPINSKI

715-261-6780

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

uncut grass/unshoveled sidewalks

715-261-6740

STREET CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE:

missed by snow plows

715-261-6960

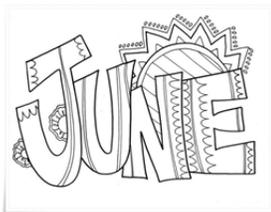
FIRE MARSHALS OFFICE:

DAVE DESANTIS

715-261-7904

JEREMY KOPP

715-261-7906 *



June is Dairy Month!

