

LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD



WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD March, 2020

Our next meeting is **Monday, March 2, 2020**
Wausau Police Department Community Room, 6:30 PM

Agenda

Wausau Police Department Chief Ben Bliven will speak to our group. **In the event of bad weather, please contact Anne to confirm our meeting will be held.**

Dates to Remember

- March 2: **Longfellow Neighborhood Meeting**
March 17: **Happy St. Patrick's Day**
March 27: Vintage Game Night; 7:00 – 10:00 PM; Woodson History Center lower level

Minutes from the February 3, 2020 Meeting

Officer Shawn Meyer distributed and discussed the current copy of "The Briefing Sheet" which included information about current scams and fraud attempts as well as crime "highlights" in our neighborhood.

Connie and Paul Dobbratz, on behalf of the AARP Fraud Watch Network, distributed information to the group and discussed the handouts.

1. If you receive an unsolicited telephone call, don't say "yes" when you pick up the phone--instead say "this is he/she" or "may I ask who's calling?"
2. Legislation to prevent robo-calls is being worked on.
3. The top scams for 2018 were:
 - Impostor scams: the caller may claim to be a niece, nephew, or grandchild; hang up and call the child's parent to find out what's going on.
 - Debt collection: the caller may claim to be from a government agency (i.e., IRS) or a utility (i.e., WPS) and demands payment. None of these agencies would call you and demand payment, especially in the form of gift cards. They will always contact you by regular mail.
 - Identity theft.
4. If you receive a call regarding an investment (i.e., coins, stocks, etc.), be very cautious unless you initiated the call.
5. There are a variety of tactics these callers use. They all work to get you in ether--a heightened emotional state that makes it hard to think clearly and make rational decisions.
 - Phantom riches: telling you that you've won a lot of money, promise of an unrealistic return on your investment and often require a processing fee or taxes before you collect.
 - Profiling: they develop a profile by asking a series of personal questions so they can find your emotional trigger.
 - Scarcity: the belief that if something is rare, scarce or available only for a limited time or in limited supply must be more valuable.

- Source credibility: a famous or important person uses or endorses the product.
 - Fear and intimidation: using fear and intimidation is used to badger you into handing over money.
6. There are a number of things you can do to protect yourself from falling victim to these scams.
- Make sure you read about a product before buying it--don't let them pressure you into buying before you know more about it.
 - Don't let the salesperson control you—ask more questions than you answer.
 - Develop a “refusal script” so you can be prepared to say “no”.
 - Protect your personal information and your social security number—don't give any information that isn't absolutely necessary. Protect your information on-line, including your PINs and passwords.
 - Monitor your bills and financial accounts—watch for missing bills and review your monthly statements carefully.
 - Watch your credit reports. You are entitled to one free credit report each year from each nationwide credit bureau. To get them, go to annualcreditreport.com or call 877-322-8228. There is no fee to add or remove a “freeze” on your credit.
 - Check into an organization before you invest in it (smartcheck.gov). If you want to check out a charity before giving, go to charitynavigator.org or charitywatch.org to find out more about the organization you're interested in.
 - If you would like to have your name removed from unsolicited credit and insurance offers, call 1-888-567-8688 or go to optoutprescreen.com, or dmachoice.org.

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

I am pleased to announce that Chief Ben Bliven, of the Wausau Police Department, will be our guest on March 2nd. Do your best to attend this meeting and, of course, bring anyone you'd like to. Chief Bliven will share general information on the workings of our police department. I'm sure he will have time to take questions. See you there!

Michael Martens, District 2 Alderman

Spring is around the corner, I promise. But as winter draws to a close, I want to again remind everyone about the City's overnight street parking policy. You may park overnight on the street as long as you follow the even/odd routine: park on the even side when the next day is an even day and on the odd side then the next day is an odd day. As the snow banks narrow our streets, maintaining this policy will make it easier for others to travel down the road.

Neighborhood/Community Businesses

Acro Plumbing	904 Sumner Street	715-842-9425
Bull Falls Brewery	901 East Thomas	715-842-2337
Cveykus Law Office	301 Grand Avenue	715-842-5205
801 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
Little Bull Falls Soap Works	607 Prospect Avenue	715-846-2555
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
Incredible Bank/River Valley 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

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715-261-7842

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INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT:

TRAVIS LEPINSKI and ADAM MALZAHN

715-261-6780

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

uncut grass/unshoveled sidewalks

715-261-6740

STREET CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE:

missed by snow plows

715-261-6960

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