

# LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD

# August



WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD  
August, 2020

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**Our monthly meetings are cancelled until at least September.**

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### Dates to Remember

- August 3: **Longfellow Neighborhood meeting - cancelled**
- August 11: Partisan primary election

Dining on the Street: Wednesdays, 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM, outdoor dining on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, downtown Wausau (8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26)

Wausau Farmers Market: Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7:00 AM – until sold out; 388 River Drive

Big Bull Falls Farmers Market: Saturdays, 7:30 – noon; 388 River Drive

### Notes From The Editor

Since we didn't have a July meeting, I'd like to use our newsletter to share information with you once again.

### **Scams**

Scams are never out of season so here are a couple of the most common ones right now.

1. COVID-19: Scammers are using robo-calls, text messages, or emails to offer free facemasks. There have also been social media posts about free COVID-19 testing kits, "cures," or protective equipment. They are all being used to try and steal personal information, including Medicare numbers. If anyone contacts you and asks for personal information or your Medicare number in exchange for something, you can bet it's a scam.
2. A 7/22 article in Wausau Pilot and Review highlighted contractor scams, especially driveway paving scams. Most scams involving contractors begin with a random contractor offering you an estimate you didn't request. If you're the victim of a contractor scam, report the incident to [BBB.org/ScamTracker](http://BBB.org/ScamTracker) to help alert others to similar scams. For more information, please contact the Wisconsin Better Business Bureau (BBB) at [www.bbb.org/wisconsin](http://www.bbb.org/wisconsin), or call them at 800-273-1002. Here are some tips to follow:
  - Research companies and contractors before hiring them (BBB.org is one resource); make sure you check to see if there are multiple negative reviews and complaints.
  - Get a written estimate and a written (**and signed**) contract outlining starting and completion dates, a detailed description of the work to be provided, material costs, payment arrangements and warranty information.
  - Most contractors require a percentage of the total price upfront, but you should never pay the full price before work has started. Make an agreement to stagger payments, so you can inspect work at various stages of the project. Payment by credit card offers some recourse if the company is fraudulent. If paying by check, write the check out to a company, not an

individual. Paying cash or using an electronic wallet app is risky, since there is no way to stop the payment or get your cash back if something goes wrong.

### **Voting**

City Hall officially re-opened Monday, 7/20 (from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM daily). Voting for the August 11<sup>th</sup> partisan primary can be done in the Clerk’s office July 28-31 and August 3-7 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM daily. Voter registration can also be completed during this time. The following forms of identification are acceptable to use at the polls--no separate “voter ID” is required.

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license (the federally-compliant REAL ID card, which has a star in the right-hand corner, is **not** required for voting purposes) **OR**
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card (anyone with questions related to obtaining an ID to vote should call DMV’s toll-free Voter ID hotline at 844-588-1069) **OR**
- Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service **OR**
- A U.S. passport **OR**
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin

Contact the Wisconsin Elections Commission at “elections.wi.gov” or by telephone, toll free, at (866) VOTE-WIS (866-868-3947) with questions about voter eligibility, poll locations, voter registration information, or what identification is needed to vote.

Wisconsin officials launched a newly created, bipartisan coalition to promote safe voting in the upcoming elections. It’s called the “VoteSafe Wisconsin Coalition” and is co-chaired by Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul (Democrat) and former Wisconsin attorney General J.B. Van Hollen (Republican). Whether you plan to vote in-person or absentee, Wisconsin officials want you to know you can do so safely and securely. Although the coalition can’t change how elections are run (that’s handled by the Wisconsin Elections Commission, state legislators and local government officials), Kaul and Van Hollen say “VoteSafe” can raise awareness, promote preparation among voters and address issues ahead of time for those responsible for running the elections. The “VoteSafe” principles have been endorsed by elected officials from across the political spectrum. The “Vote Safe” coalition initially includes: Attorney General Josh Kaul (Democratic co-chair); Former Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen (Republican co-chair); Former Gov. Scott McCallum (R); Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett (D); Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley (D); Former Congressman Tom Petri (R); Former Congressman Reid Ribble (R); and State Treasurer Sarah Godlewski (D).

### **2020 Real Estate Assessment Roll Open Book**

The 2020 Real Estate Assessment Roll will be open for public inspection in the Assessment Department on the first floor at City Hall from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM beginning Wednesday, July 29 through Wednesday, August 12. To serve the public more efficiently, taxpayers must schedule an appointment to speak with an appraiser. To request an appointment call 715-261-6600 or visit the Assessment Department on their website. It is requested that all inquiries regarding 2020 assessments be made during the public inspection period, which precedes the closing and certification of the assessment roll.

### **The August monthly meeting is cancelled.**

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

Although we are hoping to be able to meet in September (tentatively on Tuesday, September 8), only time will tell--we want everyone to feel safe don’t want anyone to feel obligated to attend our meetings if they are uncomfortable doing so. Take care and continue being kind to each other--we have no way of knowing what someone else is going through.

#### Michael Martens, District 2 Alderman

Due to the troubles the pandemic has caused in getting your pet licensed, the City of Wausau has extended the deadline for pet licenses to September 14th. Licenses can be taken care of online or at City Hall. (City Hall is open daily from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM from now until August 11.)

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	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

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**NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS**

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**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:**

uncut grass/unshoveled sidewalks 715-261-6740

**STREET CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE:**

missed by snow plows 715-261-6960

**FIRE MARSHALS OFFICE:**

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