

LONGFELLOW NEIGHBORHOOD

JUNE



Happy Father's Day!

WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

June, 2018

Our next meeting is **Monday, June 4, 2018**

Wausau Police Department Community Room, 6:30 PM

Agenda

Scott from the Wausau Fire Department will demonstrate the latest in CPR.

Dates to Remember

June 4: **Longfellow Neighborhood Meeting**

June 7: Anne's Tot Lot dedication; corner of Prospect and Single; 5:00 PM

June 15-17: Summer Kick-Off Celebration; Oak Island Park

June 17: **Happy Fathers Day**; Father's Day Car Show (400 Block; 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM)

Concerts on the Square: 400 Block; 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (6/13, 6/20, 6/27)

Marketplace Thursdays: 400 Block; 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (6/21, 6/28, 7/5)

Minutes from the May 7, 2018 Meeting

1. Christian Schock, Director of Planning, Community and Economic Development for the City of Wausau, spoke to our group. Christian told us that based on a poll of mayors in various communities, the #1 issue in choosing a place to live is investment in development. A Gallup poll of 40,000 people from a variety of community sizes showed that a job, salary and family are in the top 10 items when choosing where to live. To address this, Wausau is working on building a "sense of place" including increasing housing diversity through owner occupied townhomes (the first in the City; across from the Glass Hat), duplex rentals (on Thomas Street), and programs such as "Live It Up" (low interest loans with partner employers to assist employees when purchasing a home) and "Fix It Up" (low interest loans on owner occupied properties for major renovations; i.e., converting from a multi to single family unit; this is NOT the homeowner rehab program). Christian distributed a handout with an overview of what community development is and why it is important for any community. There are a number of development tools the City can use, including: TIF districts, commercial rehabilitation and small business loans, a comprehensive development plan (including long-term projects; updated in 2017)/mission/zoning (revising zoning codes), cooperative RFP's/redevelopment and a metro strategy (working with neighboring communities, i.e., Weston, Schofield and Rib Mountain). Christian discussed TIF districts with the group explaining that TIF districts take on the expenses (Infrastructure, etc.) as well as the benefit of the taxes that are deferred. He explained there is a state maximum percentage of total assessed value of City properties that can be in a TIF district. The Wausau Center was also discussed--it is now bank owned. The City has requested the State coordinate redevelopment of the Wausau Center (in order to have input in the process) since "change implementation" has been an issue; the cost will be paid by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. Christian also discussed available assistance programs including "gap financing", leveraging private investment, rental rehabilitation and other housing funds and small business/property renovation lending.
2. Officer Chittum discussed the Briefing Sheet. There currently isn't much going on; the usual slight uptick in activity during the summer is expected.
3. Anne shared information about American Pride (715-892-0238). They offer a variety of services, including hauling unwanted large items.
4. Tammy Stratz of Community Development discussed the city owned house in the 1200 block of Prospect Avenue being renovated for sale (hopefully in mid-July) as an owner-occupied property. An "official" opening for Anne's Tot Lot is being planned; details to follow.
5. Mayor Mielke attended the meeting and briefly spoke to the group. He reminded attendees that his door is always open and he welcomes input/suggestions from constituents.

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

Hope to see everyone at this meeting. Scott from the Wausau Fire Department will be on hand to speak to us and demonstrate the latest in CPR. Please join us for the meeting as this is very important for everyone. Also, join us at the Tot Lot on June 7th at 5:00 PM to celebrate this terrific space that was created for our smallest neighbors. See you on the 4th and the 7th.

Michael Martens, District 2 Alderman

Spring has certainly been a short season this year. I can't believe that summer is almost upon us. It's great to see so many neighbors working on lawns and planting gardens. Need to get rid of brush, leaves, and grass clippings? Wausau's yard waste site is open Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM and Saturdays and Sundays 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Neighborhood/Community Businesses

Affordable Auto	830 Plumer Street	715-574-0753
Bull Falls Brewery	901 East Thomas	715-842-2337
Cveykus Law Office	301 Grand Avenue	715-842-5205
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

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