



WHAT'S IN THE WORKS

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Check out the Walworth County Website at <http://www.co.walworth.wi.us/>

WALWORTH COUNTY PARKS Upcoming Events

Volunteer Work Days

Volunteers are needed for a half work day to assist with trail maintenance, invasive species removal, and much more.

Water and lunch will be provided.

RSVP to Walworth County Volunteer Services office at 262.741.4223 or email clesniak@co.walworth.wi.us.



White River County Park

Saturday—May 6th 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Friday, October 6th 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Price Park

Friday, October 13th 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Natureland Park

Friday—June 9th 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Saturday, November 4th 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Friends of White River County Park

Are pleased to Invite Everyone to their 3rd Annual Founders Day Paddle and Picnic
Saturday—May 20th 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

FREE Hot Dog or Hamburger lunch with chips, dessert and drinks under the new picnic pavilion!
Go on the river, take a hike, explore the park, learn about the history of the farm, activities for kids and lots of s'mores by the river's edge!

Donations accepted to support park projects and conservation.

Bring your friends & neighbors, it will be a great day!

<https://www.whiteriverparkfriends.org/>

White River State Trail



State Trail Passes

DAILY Pass: \$5.00 Each

ANNUAL Pass: \$25.00 Each

❖ **Self-Registration Stations are located at the following Trail Stops:**

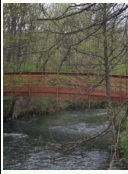
- Parking Lot on CTH H (Elkhorn)
- Parking Lot on CTH NN
- Parking Lot off of STH 120 north of STH 36 (Springfield)
- Parking Lot off of STH 36 south by Railroad Street (Lyons)
- Parking Lot on Spring Valley Road

A State Trail Pass is required for riders 16 years of age and older.

❖ **Passes can be purchased locally at the following places:**

- Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce
- Walworth County Public Works Dept. (Elkhorn)
- White River Cycle Club (Elkhorn)
- Boots & Saddle Club (Elkhorn)
- Walworth County Visitor's Bureau (Delavan)
- Pedal & Cup (Springfield)
- Bob's Pedal Pusher (Burlington)

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Parks & Trails Etiquette & Safety Tips

- Mark Klusken

- Keep right, pass on the left, move off the trail when stopping.
- Operate a bicycle at a speed that is reasonable & prudent under existing conditions
- Be courteous, yield appropriately, announce your approach. Bicyclists traveling downhill should yield to uphill traffic.
- Dogs must be on a leash and reined in to within four (4) feet. Dog handlers must clean up after their dogs and dispose of dog waste in a sanitary manner.
- Use authorized trails. Respect closures. Minimize trail erosion by avoiding muddy trails and shortcuts.
- Don't litter. Pack out what you pack in.
- Motorized equipment is prohibited, except official and emergency vehicles, powered mobility devices for persons with disabilities.
- Trail users may not disturb or remove any plants, animals or other property.
- For trail emergencies, dial 911. Report trail maintenance items by calling (262)-741-3367.
- Tell friends or family the route you'll be taking, and always travel with a partner, when possible.
- Be sure to carry identification (include name, phone #, and medical information).
- Keep valuables such as cell phones and wallets hidden.
- Carry a whistle or noisemaker.
- If you wear a headset to listen to music, keep one ear free so that you can hear those coming up behind you.
- Avoid unfamiliar areas when on the trails alone.
- Stay alert, be observant about your surroundings, and avoid areas where visibility is poor.
- Use discretion when acknowledging strangers, and follow your intuition about unfamiliar people and areas.
- Bicyclists should pull off the trail when stopping to avoid a possible accident.
- Bicyclists should wear a helmet and ride at speeds suitable for the trail conditions.
- At night, make sure you have appropriate lights and reflective clothes.



Spring Road Work

Walworth County Highway Department has begun spring work early because of the warmer weather. All snow fencing has been taken down, bridge sweeping has begun, crack filling will begin soon along with filling potholes. Tree trimming and the removal of dead or dying trees along state and county highways has begun. Tree trimming and removal is an effective measure in preventing trees from falling into the highways during storms.

Road Side Litter Pick Up

Since January 1, 2017 we have devoted 1510 hours of time to picking up litter on approximately 1100 miles of county, state and interstate roads. Our 20 yard dumpster, which is used primarily for litter, has been emptied 4 times this year.

- Amy Limones



The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing celebrates March as Purchasing Month by acknowledging that purchasing policies and procedures make a difference in county efficiency and effectiveness. The goal of centralized county purchasing is to obtain goods and services for all county departments while assuring the highest value for the taxpayer's dollar. In this endeavor, county purchasing staff is assisted by all county staff; including department heads, Corporation Counsel and County Administrator.

County purchasing staff:

- Is responsible for the oversight of 421 active contracts
- Issued 4,112 purchase orders in 2016
- Administers the County's procurement card (P-card) program

We are pleased for this opportunity to acknowledge Walworth County's purchasing staff: Nick Cramer, Diane Knoll, Cindy Matz, Stephanie Rodgers and Vanessa Mann who work conscientiously to fulfill the County's procurement needs.

Projects Awarded Recently:

December 2016

- Countywide Fire Suppression System

January 2017

- Prairie Seeding—Phase II for the White River County Park

February 2017

- Employee Entrance Turnstile at the Judicial Center
- Countywide On-Site Shredding Services
- Mobile Imaging Services for Lakeland Health Care Center

March 2017

- CTH DD Bridge over Honey Creek
- Sheriff's Shooting Range Training Facility Equipment
- Supervised Visitations for the HHS Department

- Nick Cramer



Finance is pleased to announce the addition of a new Senior Accountant—Heather Lee. Heather joined the Finance team on February 20th. Heather worked in governmental accounting at UW Milwaukee in an accounting role for the past 13 years. Heather has been busy learning her new role for the Public Works, Human Resources and IT departments. We are all very excited to have Heather aboard and she has already made a positive contribution to our team!

- Penny Bishop



Spring Clean Sweep – Mukwonago

Walworth County residents are welcome to attend the One-Day Clean Sweep Collection in Mukwonago on Saturday, May 20 from 8:00 am to 12 noon. It will be held at the Village Public Works Garage, 630 County Hwy NN, Mukwonago. For more information, visit Waukesha County's web site at www.waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste or call 262-896-8300.

- Amy Limones

PUBLIC WORKS 2017 CALENDAR



Month	Event
March	Kathy Mergener—18 years
	Jeremy Jacobs—17 years
	Dave Woodhouse—17 years
April	Floyd Janny—4 years
	Penny Bishop—2 years
	Carol Mast—1 year
April 24	Walworth County Public Works Committee Meeting
	3:30 PM County Board Room 114
	100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn

