



# WHAT'S IN THE WORKS

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## CLEAN SWEEP



### 2017 Walworth County CLEAN SWEEP Scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

The Walworth County Public Works Department is sponsoring a Clean Sweep Program Friday and Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. This event will help household residents, businesses, schools and municipalities properly dispose of damaged, banned, unusable or unwanted products that contain volatile chemicals.

Clean Sweep services are provided free-of-charge to household residents who may drop off items without an appointment at the following times and locations:

#### Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

City of Delavan 490 Richmond Road CTH M & CTH P150 East Starin Road Delavan	City of Whitewater Public Works Complex Whitewater
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#### Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Walworth County Public Works Department  
W4097 County Road NN, Elkhorn

Clean Sweep program services are also available to any business, municipality, school, or other service provider that generates small amounts of hazardous waste, and classifies as a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) according to DNR standards. VSQG program participants pay for product disposal but the cost is significantly less than contracting individually for this service. The program is cost-effective and convenient.

Please note that the deadline to pre-register under this VSQG program has expired.

For more information, please contact the Walworth County Public Works Department, at (262)741-3367 or email: [walcosw@co.walworth.wi.us](mailto:walcosw@co.walworth.wi.us) or check out our website: <http://www.co.walworth.wi.us>

- Amy Limones

## Walworth County Parks



### Master Gardener Government Center

Kathy Stefanelli, Master Gardener will be leading Alternative High School students and Walworth County employees in a fall clean-up of the parking lot area at the Government Center on Tuesday, October 11th. Kathy has been responsible for the parking area gardens for the past several years and has made the back entrance to the GC a warm and inviting place. Kathy is seen in the above picture doing her best to keep up with the weeds that were so plentiful after the spring and summer rains.



### County Volunteer—Price Park

Vicky Nielsen, County volunteer, is shown watering the newly planted native prairie plants at Price Park provided by the Kettle Moraine Land Trust during an event. Vicky and volunteer Michael Schwabe have taken the time each week to make sure these 250+ plants survive. It takes a lot of water to make sure that all survive, so each of them brought their own large holding tank and hose to water the plants from the back of their trucks. Many thanks for keeping this investment alive during the last several weeks with no rain and plenty of heat.

### Fall Park Volunteer Work Days

Walworth County Volunteer Services and Department of Public Works will work on prairie seed collecting, invasive specie removal and trail maintenance during the fall work days at the following County parks:

October 6—8:00 am to 12:00 noon at  
**White River County Park**

October 13—8:00 am to 12:00 noon at  
**Price Park**

November 4—9:00 am to 1:00 pm at  
**Natureland Park**

Everyone is welcome to join. Water, snacks and lunch will be provided. Please register with Colleen Lesniak, Walworth County Volunteer Services Coordinator at 262.741.4223 or email at [clesniak@co.walworth.wi.us](mailto:clesniak@co.walworth.wi.us) for more information.

- Colleen Lesniak

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# FACILITY & FLEET

We have received phone calls from concerned Walworth County residents in regards to County owned equipment parked alongside of a roadway or under an overpass seen running idle for long periods of time.

Generally this occurs because vehicles with diesel engines that have been manufactured after 2007 are equipped with diesel particulate filters (DPF) used to reduce emissions. When the vehicle's onboard computer senses the DPF is not operating within its set parameters, a process called "regeneration" is initiated. During regeneration, extra fuel and diesel exhaust fluid is injected into the system, increasing exhaust temperatures upwards to 1200 degrees to burn soot off the DPF. This process forces the driver to stop the vehicle, place into park, and idle the engine for a period of 30 to 40 minutes while the regeneration is active.

- Mark Klusken



# FINANCE COUNTS

Finance has been busy catching up on capital asset capitalizations including DPW new equipment, roads and bridges. While the accounting for assets is done in the background, this is an integral part of good governance.

Accounting for assets is part of safeguarding governmental assets with assets identified and accounted for in the accounting system along with ensuring the financial records are complete and accurate.

Soon it will be time for all departments to be involved in the annual physical asset inventory. This is another integral part of safeguarding assets.

Please contact Finance with any questions.

- Penny Bishop



## Projects Awarded Recently: September 2017

- Design & Construction of a Pre-engineered Storage Building at the Lakeland Health Care Center
- Actuarial Services for the Finance Department
- Hospice Services for Lakeland Health Care Center
- Family Court Mediation Services
- Bread & Bakery Products for Lakeland Health Care Center

- Nick Cramer



# HIGHWAY UPDATES



With winter just around the corner, it is not too early to start preparing for the change of seasons. The Walworth County Department of Public Works Highway division recommends the following tips for your preparedness and general safety:

### Preparedness

- Before winter strikes, make sure your vehicle is in good working order. Tires should be in good condition for maximum traction.
- Keep your windshield washer full and have good wiper blades so that you can keep the windshield clear.
- Keep plenty of fuel in the tank. You never know when you may be delayed or stranded.
- Pack a winter survival kit to keep in your vehicle. Suggested items include jumper cables, blankets, candles, matches, water, extra clothing, boots, snow shovel, ice scraper, high calorie non-perishable foods, flashlight with extra batteries, first-aid kit, and sand or strips of carpet for traction.

### General Safety

- Check the weather forecast and road conditions before embarking on a trip. Check your local media, call 511, or go on-line for information. If conditions are expected to be less than ideal, you may want to postpone a discretionary trip or use more caution if the trip cannot be delayed.
- Always maintain a reasonable speed and safe following distance from the vehicle in front of you. Winter road conditions often result in longer stopping distances and reduced visibility.
- Drive below the posted speed limit when road conditions are less than ideal. Speed limits are intended for normal pavement conditions.
- Turn on lights to see and be seen. Keep head and tail lights clear of snow.
- Avoid using cruise control in winter driving conditions. You need to be in control of your car when accelerating based on road conditions. If your car is equipped with anti-lock brakes, understand how to use them and what to expect when they are used.
- Don't drive through "white out" conditions. Be patient, wait it out until conditions improve.
- Be aware that ramps and bridges may freeze before other roadway segments. Frost on bridge decks and pavements typically occurs in October, November, and March.

- Mike Sierakowski

# PUBLIC WORKS 2017 CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
	Joseph Conboy—19 years		Jason Peters—11 years
	Terry Deporter—1 year		George Hack—5 years
OCTOBER			Ronald Schultz—4 years
	Richard Heacox—29 years		Kenneth Wiswell—4 years
	Brent Brooks—17 years		Joe Kroll—4 years

