



# Neighbors

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**Newsletter of the Walworth County Intergovernmental  
Cooperation Council (ICC)**

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## ICC Celebrates Seventh Year

This year marks the seventh anniversary of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council. Our first meeting was held on February 26, 2008. We welcome the chief elected official of each town, city and village to attend our meetings or his or her designated alternate. The purpose of the meetings is to share information and best practices and to foster intergovernmental cooperation. All ICC meetings are open to the public. Knowing that local officials have many meetings to attend we limit the length of ours to ninety minutes. Discussion is facilitated by County Administrator Dave Bretl. Dave provides support to the Council, but is not a voting member. Our group has been meeting three times a year, typically on the fourth Tuesday in October, March and June. Information about the ICC can be found on Walworth County's webpage, [www.co.walworth.wi.us](http://www.co.walworth.wi.us). From the home page, click on "County Board" and follow the link to the ICC.

## Parliamentary Training Available

If you are interested in learning more about parliamentary procedure and running effective meetings, consider attending some training on the subject. The UW-Extension Local Government Center, League of Wisconsin Municipalities, Wisconsin Counties Association and Wisconsin Towns Association announced a WisLine Teleconference "Advanced Course in Parliamentary Procedure for Wisconsin Local Government—Spring 2015. This is a four-session program held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays during April 2015. The registration fee of \$59.00 covers attendance and a PDF of materials for all four sessions.

The four sessions are Principle of Parliamentary Authority, Principle of a Meeting, Principle of Majority Rule, and finally Principle of Order. The program will provide a comprehensive understanding of the traditional rules of procedure that local government officials use in the conduct of meetings. They will address many of the more frequently asked questions about Parliamentary Procedure, such as

- \* What constitutes a meeting? What can you do without a quorum?
- \* What are appropriate forms of voting? What powers can the chairperson assume?
- \* When can the chairperson vote? How can you reconsider a decision? And most importantly of all — Where can I turn to when I have a problem?

Larry E. Larmer, Professor Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin—Madison will be teaching all topics of this program.

To register online [lgc.uwex.edu](http://lgc.uwex.edu) or call 608-262-0810

Spring 2015

**ICC Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 24**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Walworth County**  
**Government Center**

If any member has a topic they would like included on the agenda, contact Dave Bretl at (262) 741.4357 or by email, [dbretl@co.walworth.wi.us](mailto:dbretl@co.walworth.wi.us)

### Our March 24th meeting will feature

- Economic Development Update
- Meet the new Sheriff
- Winter Wrap Up
- Road Maintenance Issues
- State Budget Initiatives

## Share Your Cooperative Efforts

One of the goals of the ICC is to document the number of cooperative efforts already taking place in the County. We have seen that these efforts can range from “handshake” agreements to formal contracts. By documenting existing cooperative arrangements, you may inspire others to follow your example and save them a lot of work in drafting agreements. We have been archiving these agreements on our ICC web page. If you have any examples, such as boundary agreements, shared-use facility agreements or any other cooperative efforts, either written or unwritten call or email Dave Bretl, 262-741-4357 (dbretl@co.walworth.wi.us).

Electronic or “hard” copies of written agreements would be appreciated. A short written narrative of less formal arrangements would be useful, as well. If any official would be interested in sharing their experience in intergovernmental cooperation, we would welcome your input at a meeting. Just let us know so we can put you on the meeting agenda.

## Learn about Transportation Programs

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will be hosting its Local Program Symposium for the upcoming funding cycle for 2015 to 2020 on Thursday, April 2nd 2015 at the Waukesha County Technical College from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. The meeting is in the Richard T. Anderson Education Center located at WCTC, 800 Main St., Pewaukee, WI 53072. Representatives from the DOT Southeast Region, Central Office, Federal Highway Administration, and DAAR Engineering will be presenting new information regarding the STP-Urban, STP-Rural and Local Bridge Program. Updates will be provided for CMAQ and TAP.

We strongly recommend that a representative from your organization attend whether you have applied in the past, plan to in the future, or currently have a project underway. There will be useful information for everyone. Lunch will not be provided. The WCTC cafeteria on site will be open, and a list of local restaurants will be available at the Symposium.

Feel free to check the Programs for Local Government website for any new updates. <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/index.htm>

If there are any specific questions you have, and would like to see them addressed at the symposium, please email them to Roslin Burns prior to April 2nd. RSVP's are not required but would be appreciated. Please RSVP to [roslin.burns@dot.wi.gov](mailto:roslin.burns@dot.wi.gov), provide name and contact information for everyone you are RSVP'ing for.