



Neighbors

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CTH-G Bridge over Honey Creek .
Reconstructed this past summer

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Mark Your Calendars

The next ICC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6 pm. ICC meetings are held at the Government Center in Elkhorn. The Chief Elected Official of each city, town, and village is a voting member of the ICC. Other elected officials and employees are always welcome to attend. Meetings are typically held in March, June, and October.

Economic Development 101

Our October 30th ICC meeting featured an economic development workshop presented by WEDA, the Wisconsin Economic Development Association, in conjunction with the Walworth County Economic Development Alliance (WCEDA). The three hour block of training is accredited by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). The workshop included instruction on a wide range of topics including business retention and expansion strategies and workforce development. One useful handout provided at the training was a “briefing book” or workbook that contained templates to aid in activities such as analyzing the viability of new projects or surveying existing businesses. The workbook also contained information that would be useful to assist a community in assessing its economic development priorities as well as determining gaps and



opportunities in its approach to economic development. If you were not able to attend the workshop but would like the workbook, contact Derek D’Auria at the Walworth County Economic Development Alliance. Derek can be reached at (262) 741-8527. WCEDA does great work for all communities in our county. The organization depends heavily on membership dues. I would encourage you to reach out to WCEDA with any economic development issues your community may have and consider becoming a WCEDA member.

Youth In Government

ICC meetings help local officials learn about new programs. At our June meeting, Easy Troy Village Administrator, Eileen Suhm presented information about a program that she has been running for several years called, Youth in Government. The purpose of this program is to educate high school students about local government by providing them with an opportunity to serve as non-voting members on the governing board of a town, city, or village. Bill Antti, Village of Genoa City President saw the presentation and decided this was a program his village would try. On December 13th, two Badger High School students, Brianna Mackey-Lord and Madison Hunt were sworn in as Genoa City’s first student advisers. If you would like to start up a Youth in Government program in your municipality or town, call Eileen Suhm for more information. She can be reached at (262) 642-6255.

Ice Skating in Elkhorn

One of the goals of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council is to promote cooperation between different units of government. One example of such cooperation is being constructed right outside of my office window. With funding provided by a group of its downtown merchants, the City of Elkhorn requested permission to install a portable ice skating rink in the County's Veteran's Park, which surrounds the Government Center. The hope is that the rink will draw visitors and shoppers to downtown Elkhorn. After working out the details, the City's request was approved and the rink went up the next day. The rink is manufactured right here in Walworth County by NiceRink of Genoa City.

