



# Neighbors

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*Pool area at the County's new  
Lakeland School*

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## New Lakeland School Grand Opening

The County's new Lakeland School opened for summer school on July 22, 2008. Feedback regarding the building has been very positive. If you would like to see this unique school for yourself, the grand opening ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, September 7, 2008 at 1:00 PM. A number of people asked me about the County's plans for the old school. Following a competitive bidding process, the property was sold to a Chicago developer, who plans to convert it to senior housing.

## Municipal Boundary Agreements

Our August meeting should be an interesting one. We have dedicated the entire evening to presentations and discussion regarding municipal boundary agreements. We have invited three speakers to assist us:

- **Richard Stadelman.** Rick has served since 1987 as Executive Director of the Wisconsin Towns Association, a voluntary association of the majority of towns (1,256 of 1,259) and eighteen villages in Wisconsin. He works part-time with the Towns Association as legal counsel and lobbyist. Rick served as District Attorney for Shawano and Menominee counties from 1975 to 1979 and has served on several state committees and task forces, including the DATCP. Prior to 1987, he practiced law in the private sector.
- **Dan Thompson.** Dan is Executive Director for the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, a voluntary association of 575 cities and villages in Wisconsin. Prior to taking this position, Dan served as Fond du

Lac City Manager and Director of Publications for the Wisconsin State Bar Association. He also was a private practice attorney and served for a period of time as legal counsel and chief of program and policy development for the Wisconsin Department of Local Affairs and Development in Madison.

- **William White.** Bill is an attorney and special counsel on land use issues to towns, villages, cities and counties. He has participated extensively in the development of cooperative plans, boundary agreements and "smart growth" comprehensive master plans. He serves as general counsel and principal legal advisor for a variety of clients in the construction, retail/wholesale and health care fields, as well as not-for-profit exempt organizations.

In anticipation of our meeting, if any city, town or village has a boundary agreement that they would be willing to share with the group, please forward it to me. Our meeting will be held August 26, 2008 at 6 PM.

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## Future Meetings of the ICC

It is not too soon to start thinking about future meetings of the ICC.

- Our November 25, 2008 meeting is reserved for a presentation by Phil Evenson, Executive Director, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, concerning regional water quality and quantity issues.
- On January 27, 2009, we will hold a “Legislative Roundtable” with state senators and assembly persons representing Walworth County.
- Our final meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2009 to evaluate the Council’s accomplishments and determine whether to continue or disband.

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## Upcoming Training Offered by the County

Every year the County conducts its Basic Course Leadership Academy for new County managers and those employees who demonstrate management potential. For the first time this year, we are extending an invitation to management employees of the County’s cities, towns and villages to join us in this training. Topics that will be covered include:

- FMLA & FLSA Laws
- Employee discipline
- Effective budgeting & financial reporting
- Management literature review

- Supervisor perspective of operations
- Media relations
- HIPAA Law
- Employee relations overview & enhancing employee performance
- Boardmanship
- The management perspective
- Effective writing

The training will take place on Tuesday, September 30 and Wednesday, October 1 this fall. A program brochure and application are available. If you are

interested in having one of your managers attend the training, please call my office for more information about the Academy. We want to keep class sizes at a reasonable level. We will try our best but may not be able to accommodate all applicants. The cost is right: free!

If you would like more information about the Leadership Academy, please contact my assistant, Suzanne Harrington, by phone or email. Her contact information is as follows:

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## Are you receiving ICC information?

We have received some feedback that not all municipalities have been receiving ICC materials. We have been mailing a printed copy of each agenda and editions of *Neighbors* to every town, village and city clerk as well as the municipality’s chief elected official or designee serving on the ICC. We also have been emailing ICC agendas to town, city and village municipal clerks. Additionally, we have been distributing copies of *Neighbors* electronically to others who have expressed interest in receiving it. If the current arrangement is not working for you, contact my assistant, Suzanne Harrington, and let her know who from your municipality would like to receive the ICC information. Keep in mind that all agendas and newsletters are also posted on Walworth County’s website, [www.co.walworth.wi.us](http://www.co.walworth.wi.us). Simply click on the “County Board” link, and from the County Board web page, click on the “Intergovernmental Cooperation Council” link. You can follow the links on that page to ICC agendas, minutes and meeting presentation materials, as well as sample cooperative agreements and *Neighbors* newsletters.