



Neighbors

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Highlight on County Municipalities

Geneva Township

The Town of Geneva, the Elkhorn Area Fire Department (EAFD) and the Lake Como Sanitary District No. 1 (LCSO) have been parties to a cooperative agreement since December 2007. Pursuant to the agreement, the Town rents space in the LCSO facility for storing fire and rescue equipment, and a meeting room and restroom facilities are made available to EAFD personnel. Geneva Township also has an agreement with the Town of Linn for tornado siren installation and maintenance and with the City of Lake Geneva for stump grinding services. To view the agreements, go to the Walworth County web page, www.co.walworth.wi.us, and click on "County Board." Look for the I.C.C. link on that page.

New University Extension Resources

Walworth County and the University of Wisconsin Extension welcome Joshua Clements as the new Community, Natural Resources and Economic Development Educator. The position was created to assist Walworth County communities in addressing their community and development challenges, with special emphasis on economic development activities. Joshua will complement the activities of the Walworth County Economic Development Alliance (WCEDA), Workforce Development, local organizations and municipal efforts. Joshua can be reached at 262-741-4968 or via email at joshua.clements@ces.uwex.edu.

Town and County Planning Workshop

On Tuesday, October 27, County Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) staff will be conducting a Town and County Planning Workshop from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. The date and time coincide with the next I.C.C. meeting. The workshop will cover conditional uses and re-zones, as well as the impacts of Smart Growth Plan implementation.

Town officials should have received an invitation and workshop registration earlier this month. We have included a copy of the workshop registration with this newsletter in case you missed it. Your R.S.V.P. is due by October 23rd and should be sent directly to the county's LURM department.

Next I.C.C. Meeting

The next I.C.C. meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 6 PM at the Walworth County Government Center in Elkhorn.

Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants

The State of Wisconsin has made available \$9.5 million for competitive grant awards to municipalities undertaking projects to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions. Eligible projects include Municipal Building Retrofits: installation of insulation, energy efficient windows, retrofitting of an existing heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) system to increase energy efficiency, and/or installing solar hot water; and Energy Efficient Light Replacement: purchase of LED or other energy efficient lighting technology to replace existing exterior or interior lights that are the responsibility of the local government. The project(s) to be financed must be completed within 12 months of award. Maximum award is \$225,000, competitively awarded based upon energy savings, funds leveraged, supporting narrative, and local energy conservation/planning efforts. Applications are due November 12, 2009.

Eligible municipalities are counties, cities, villages or towns that are non-entitlement (municipality with less than 35,000 in population or a county with less than 200,000 in population).

UW Extension Educator Joshua Clements is educated and trained in providing support on energy planning and this grant opportunity. Interested governments can contact Joshua at the Walworth County UW Extension at 262-741-4968, or visit the Wisconsin Department of Commerce website, <http://commerce.wi.gov/CD/cd-bcf-energy.html>.

WE Energies Local Affairs

WE Energies has a new account manager for local affairs in Walworth County. Vivian Kuss is the Principal Account Manager for Walworth County and its local units of government. Ms. Kuss may try to attend future meetings of the I.C.C. when she is available. Feel free to contact Ms. Kuss via email at Vivian.kuss@we-energies.com.

I.C.C. Web Page

The Intergovernmental Cooperation web page, which is linked through the Walworth County Board web page, contains information that may be of help to local town, city and village officials. In addition to I.C.C. agendas and minutes, staff presentations to the Council are posted on the web page, as well as examples of cooperative agreements currently in effect between local governments. Regular issues of the I.C.C. newsletter, *Neighbors*, are also posted on the Web. When you have some time, take a few minutes to review the information posted on our I.C.C. web page at the following link: www.co.walworth.wi.us. From the county's home page, click on "County Board," and then look for the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council link near the bottom third of the page.

2009 Town and County Planning Workshop



Tuesday, October 27, 2009
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- 3:00 p.m. **Welcome**
 Michael Cotter, Director
- 3:05 p.m. **Conditional Uses and Rezones**
 Matthew Weidensee,
 Associate Planner
- Applications
 - Decisions
 - Amendments to Conditional Uses
 - Planned Residential Developments/ Conservation Subdivisions
 - Pre-application Conferences
 - ETZ and ETP

Walworth Co. Government Center, Room 114
100 W. Walworth, Elkhorn

This event is sponsored by:
Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management

- 4:05 p.m. **Break**
- 4:15 p.m. **County Zoning Agency Member Perspective**
 Nancy Russell, Walworth County Board Chairperson
- 4:30 p.m. **Smart Growth Plan Implementation Impacts**
 Neal Frauenfelder, Planner
- Summary of Smart Growth Plan
 - Effective Date
 - Consistency Requirement for Future Land Use Decisions
 - Plan Amendment Process
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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Workshop Registration

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail _____

Township _____

Number of People Attending: _____

Space is limited!
Pre-registration is recommended.

Please RSVP by October 23, 2009

Send registration form to:
Walworth County LURM
PO Box 1001
Elkhorn, WI 53121
Attn: MARIE HALVORSON – Town and County Planning Workshop



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Questions?

Contact Marie Halvorson (262) 741-7913



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