



WHAT'S IN THE WORKS

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HIGHWAY HOT TOPICS

- David Woodhouse

Update on CTH-NN

Walworth County Campus to Lake Geneva

Work on this project includes removing the existing pavement, replacing culverts, widening and improving the intersections with curb and gutter, repairing soft spots in the sub-grade and constructing new asphalt pavement. The work also includes ditch and drainage improvements and extensions to the large cross-culvert at Como Creek (just south of USH-12).

Paving is underway and we have adjusted the plan to complete the area between Sitler Road and the County Campus first, as this is one of the heaviest traveled parts of the project. Once the paving is completed, the gravel shoulders, pavement markings and new signs will be installed by Walworth County Public Works.



Preparing for culvert extension—Como Creek



Paving between Sitler road & County campus

Hwy 12 Centerline Milling

Per the request of the WI Department of Transportation, the Hwy Department milled the centerline of Hwy 12 last week (9/12 – 9/16) from Hwy 50 to the state line. Milling was done because the centerline was unraveling and full of holes. The Hwy Department mills (grinds) 2" deep and 24" wide down the centerline, then fills the empty space with asphalt. After the asphalt is put in, it is leveled and rolled, followed by putting the centerlines back on the road with our paint truck.

New Highway Equipment

The Hwy Department has purchased its first new 6 x 6 truck since 1986. The new Mack GU 713 has over 400 horse power, is fitted with a demolition box, high lift tailgate, and is equipped with a Wausau V-plow and a wing capable of benching over 6 feet of snow.

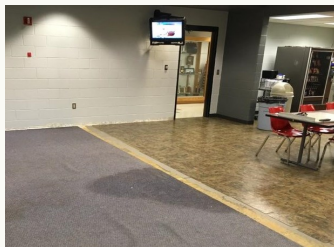


Walworth County Building Facility Highlights

- Brent Brooks



Our facilities Building Maintenance Technicians have been busy at the Sheriff's Office over the last few weeks. Replacing the washer and dryer with larger units to accommodate the usage at the jail. The employee break room received a make-over with fresh paint and new floor tile, and the floor polishing in the Super Pod area at the jail was completed.



CTH NN/HWY 12 State Construction Project Update

Stage 3 of the WI Department of Transportation – USH12/ CTH NN Interchange project is ongoing. Stage 3 work operations include reconstructing the westbound lanes of CTH NN, the westbound CTH NN bridge spanning US 12, Stuart Drive and Bray Road. Major milestones achieved thus far include: the demolition of both old CTH NN bridges, construction of the new eastbound CTH NN bridge and US12 bridge abutment walls, and reconstruction of all four interchange ramps and the CTH H intersection. Ongoing work includes westbound CTH NN roadway embankment construction, storm sewer pipe installation, grading the roadway gravel base and bridge substructure construction (pile driving, footings, columns, pier caps). Planned work not yet started includes concrete paving of westbound CTH NN, westbound bridge superstructure construction (girders, deck, parapets), asphalt paving Stuart Drive and Bray Road, gravel shoulder grading, topsoil placement, restoration activities, signing and pavement marking.

At the conclusion of Stage 3 in late-fall, westbound CTH NN, Bray Road and Stuart Drive will be reopened to traffic. For additional project information and planned roadway closures, please visit the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website: <http://projects.511wi.gov/>

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VOLUNTEER WORK DAY!

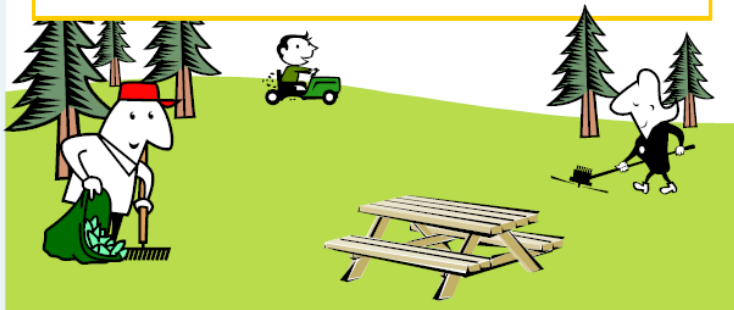
Saturday, October 8th 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Price Park N6421 Hodunk Rd, Elkhorn

and

Saturday, October 15th 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Natureland Park W8338 Territorial Rd, Whitewater

Volunteers are needed for a half work day at Walworth County parks! Assist with trail maintenance, prairie seed harvesting, fen restoration and other projects. Water and lunch will be provided. *Volunteers need to be 16 or older; volunteers 15 or younger are welcome with adult supervision.*

Preregister with Colleen Lesniak at the Walworth County Volunteer Services office at 262-741-4223 or email clesniak@co.walworth.wi.us.



CLEAN SWEEP



This year's **Clean Sweep** 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 places:

Friday, Oct 7th—3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Town of Linn Municipal Garage, N611 Zenda Road, Zenda; and the City of Whitewater Public Works Complex, 150 East Starin Road, Whitewater.

Saturday, Oct 8th—8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Walworth County Public Works Department, W4097 County Road NN, Elkhorn.

Clean Sweep is funded in part by the Town of Darien Mallard Ridge Landfill Fund, and a grant from the Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection. We would also like to acknowledge and thank the following local supporters for their donation of funding or personnel:

- * Town of Linn Municipal & Street Department
- * City of Whitewater Police & Public Works Departments
- * Jefferson County Solid Waste Dept.
- * Delavan Lake Sanitary District
- * Keizer & Sons, Inc.
- * Lake Como Lake Committee
- * Lake Geneva Jaycees
- * Walworth County Lakes Assoc.
- * Wal-Co-Met
- * Village of Walworth
- * Plaza Pharmacy, Elkhorn
- * Nieuwenhuis Bros., Inc.
- * Lake Wandawega Improvement Association

****REMINDER**** Medications will NOT be collected at the **Clean Sweep** event. The Walworth County Sheriff's Office provides a 24-hour drop-box located in the lobby at 1770 County Road NN, Elkhorn.

Clean Sweep does NOT accept such items as Alkaline batteries, Computers, Electronics, Ammunition, Explosives, Radioactive materials, Latex Paint, or Vehicle Tires.

For more information, contact Stephanie Rodgers by phone 262.741.7264 or Amy Limones, phone 262.741.3367. You can also email: walcsw@co.walworth.wi.us



FINANCE COUNTS

On September 15th, some Finance staff attended the GFOA conference on Tech and Excel updates in Pewaukee. The GFOA speaker noted some interesting trends. One such trend is going back to using one monitor (not so sure this will catch on). Another trend is more cloud based software verses on site software with a move towards a virtual office. And of course we all know the speed at which our technology functions is always getting faster as the actual hardware continues to get smaller.

A more interesting trend the speaker predicted, was that eventually everyone would convert from many media devices to one-a phone that has all the function of a computer. The phone would just require a docking station to hook up to peripheral items. Interesting concept to think your phone could function in the place of your computer. Some of the more notable advances in Excel 2016 are the ability to compare worksheets for differences, forecasting tools including regression analysis and improved pivot table function. As accountants, we very much look forward to the upgrades.

- Penny Bishop

PUBLIC WORKS 2016 CALENDAR

Sep 29	Joseph Conboy—18 year Anniversary	Oct 17	Walworth County Public Works Committee Meeting 3:30 pm County Board Room #114, 100 W Walworth Street, Elkhorn
Oct 2	Brent Brooks—16 year Anniversary	Oct 24	Nicholas Keck—3 year Anniversary
Oct 2	Jason Peters—10 year Anniversary	Oct 24	Kenneth Wiswell—3 year Anniversary
Oct 7	Ronald Schultz—3 year Anniversary	Oct 29	George Hack—4 year Anniversary
Oct 17	Richard Heacox—28 year Anniversary	Oct 31	Joe Kroll—3 year Anniversary

