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## CALENDAR

- Apr 11 **APR 11 Friends of White River County Park Saturday Workday at the Park at 8:00 AM**
- Apr 23 **APR 23 Friends of White River County Park Board Meeting at 6:00 PM at Lyons Town Hall**
- Apr 27 **APR 27 Walworth County Public Works Committee Meeting at 3:30 PM at the Government Center County Boardroom #114**

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# WHAT'S IN THE WORKS

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## CTH NN Reconstruction through Walworth County Government Campus to Begin Soon !!!

At its March meeting, the County Public Works Committee awarded the CTH NN Reconstruction contract to Payne & Dolan in the amount of \$2,477,411.

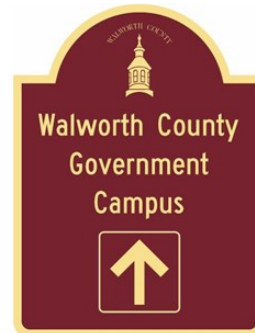
has not yet been determined, all affected stakeholders will be provided advance notice of the commencement of construction.

This project includes lane expansion (creating a center, two-way left hand turn lane) and will upgrade the road from a rural to an urban section (curb/gutter, sidewalk and terrace trees) on the County Government campus section.

Several existing driveways will be closed to provide more safe and efficient access to county buildings as well as the Aurora Hospital and Clinics.

Utility work, primarily by WE Energies, has preceded the road reconstruction this past fall and winter.

While the exact start date for the work on CTH NN



Access to all county facilities as well as the Children's Advocacy Center and Aurora Hospital and Clinics will be maintained at all times during construction.

Questions on the CTH NN project can be directed to either:

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## Lake Beulah Dam Project To Close CTH J for Several Months

The upcoming replacement of the Lake Beulah Dam Spillway located in the Town of East Troy will necessitate the closing of CTH J for several months.



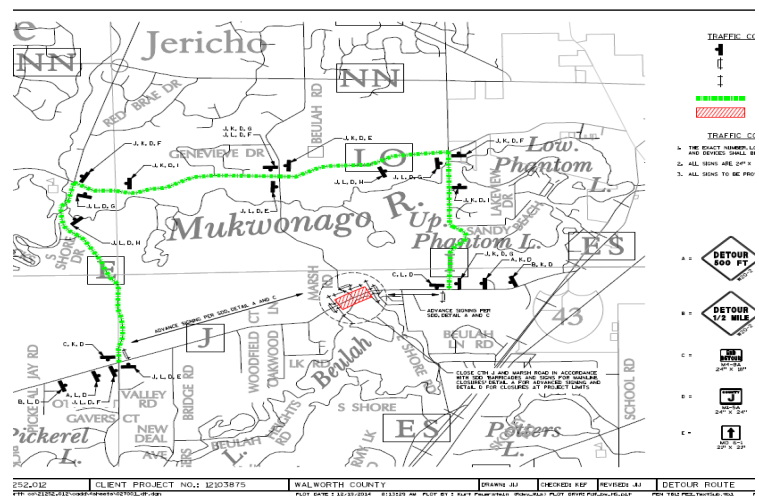
Terra Engineering and Construction, the contractor awarded this construction project, anticipates beginning its work in mid-April and CTH J will then be closed at the construction site for the duration of the project which is anticipated to be completed by mid-August.

The recommended detour map is included here and is also posted on the Walworth County website by clicking on the Highway Updates link or one of the News And Upcoming Events links on our Home page <http://www.co.walworth.wi.us/>

Motorists travelling east on CTH J to Mukwonago from the White-

water and LaGrange areas should consider taking STH 20 to I-43 rather than the posted detour. Motorists travelling west on CTH J should also consider taking STH 20 as well as other alternative routes.

The County has placed large message boards on CTH J notifying motorists of the upcoming road closure at the Lake Beulah dam.



## EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

Floyd Janny—2 years  
Nathan Hoff—1 year

"Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved"

- Mattie Stepanek

### PERSONNEL NOTES

As part of a reorganization of the Public Works Department, Stephanie Rodgers and Vanessa Mann have been appointed to the positions of Assistant Buyer/Solid Waste Coordinator and Assistant Buyer respectively. Congratulations to both Stephanie and Vanessa!

Retired Business Services Manager Peggy Watson's former position has been split into two new positions- DPW Finance Manager and Purchasing Manager. Joeann Evans has been hired as the new DPW Finance Manager and will begin her new duties in mid-April. Evans comes to the County and DPW with extensive private financial management experience and is currently completing her MBA.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Friends of White River County Park  
Welcome You To Attend**

**Founder's Day  
"Paddles and a Picnic" Event**

**Saturday, May 16, 2015  
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**



**A free community picnic at the new  
White River County Park!**

**Come and enjoy a burger or hot dog,  
take a hike, explore the park or even  
paddle a kayak!**

**We will have lots of food and family  
activities including a  
children's scavenger hunt.**

**All are welcome.**

## Wisconsin Department of Transport County Highway Updates



### Work on I-43 Commencing in Walworth County



Beginning on March 27th, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has recommenced work on I-43, from US 12 to WIS 83, in Walworth and Waukesha Counties. A single lane closure on I-43 (southbound) has already begun. A short term closure of the WIS 83 (southbound) on-ramp to I-43 is scheduled for mid-May. Major earth moving operations are scheduled to begin the first week of April.

The contractor, Payne and Dolan, plans on completing the project in late spring. The schedule is weather permitting and subject to change.

#### 2014 work completed

- Repaved the roadway south of WIS 83
- Rebuilt the Canadian National Railroad Bridge
- Replaced foundational bearing on 11 bridges along the corridor

#### 2015 work to be completed

- Finishing work on the 11 repaired bridges including painting and slope paving
- Removing median pavement that was part of 2014 traffic crossover
- Completing paving on WIS 83 (southbound) on-ramp to I-43
- Completing paving on I-43 (southbound) at WIS 83

As always, WisDOT urges motorists to remain alert and cautious when driving through a work zone.

### Government Center Veterans Park Forestry Plan Adopted

The County Park Committee at its March meeting adopted a forestry plan for the Veterans Park that surrounds the Government Center in downtown Elkhorn. This plan, which was drafted by County Head Groundskeeper and Arborist Steve Messick, sets forward a 20 year plan on how this important urban forested area will be maintained and improved upon in the future.

The Veteran's Park Forestry Plan is available for review on the Walworth County committee website located at: [March 16, 2015 Park Committee Packet](#).

### WisDOT Schedules CTH A / STH 89 Intersection Improvements



In an effort to address some recent accidents at the CTH A/STH 89 intersection in the Town of Richmond, the Wisconsin Department of Transport is making several improvements to the intersection in the next several months.



New flashing beacons above the stop signs will be installed and the stop bars will be moved closer to the intersection to improve visibility. In addition, the County will be installing additional stop ahead signs on CTH A.

### "Second Saturday at the Park" Informal Workday Each Month at White River County Park

We need volunteers to help clean up the trails, prep gardens for spring, pull garlic mustard and do things that do not require power tools or a vehicle. Meet us by the Kiosk at 8:00 AM every second Saturday of the month!! So: Saturday April 11 at 8 AM be at the park. Bring friends and some coffee!!! (and clippers, work gloves, bags, etc.)

Anyone interested in a little friendly competition? This year's Garlic Mustard Pull-A-Thon is coming up soon. More info in the link below from SEWISC. If we participate in the pull-a-thon, we need a coordinator to register our team and keep track of results. Anything we pull out of the park and bag up counts until June 30th. Interested? Let me know April 11th. <http://sewisc.org/resources/garlic-mustard-pullathon/367-2015-garlic-mustard-pull-a-thon-start>

### Venture Architects to Work with County on Small Projects

Venture Architects, a Milwaukee-based architectural design and engineering services firm, was recently selected from among 18 firms who submitted their qualifications, to provide needed services to Walworth County on small facility remodeling and improvement projects that are under \$500,000 in estimated construction cost. Venture has a strong interdisciplinary team that has worked with 37 of the 72 Wisconsin counties on various building projects.

Venture will begin to work immediately with county staff on a variety of 2015 Capital Improvement Projects including the remodeling of the Government Center basement; planning for the renovation of the Sheriff's Office Lobby; roof repairs at various county buildings and the installation of LED lighting at the Sheriff's Office as part of the County's energy efficiency efforts.