

## PARK STAFF NEWS

### JOHN MORK RETIRES



Our friend and colleague, John Mork, chose to retire on October 1st. John had been employed by Minnehaha County for over 10 years in the position of Park Supervisor.

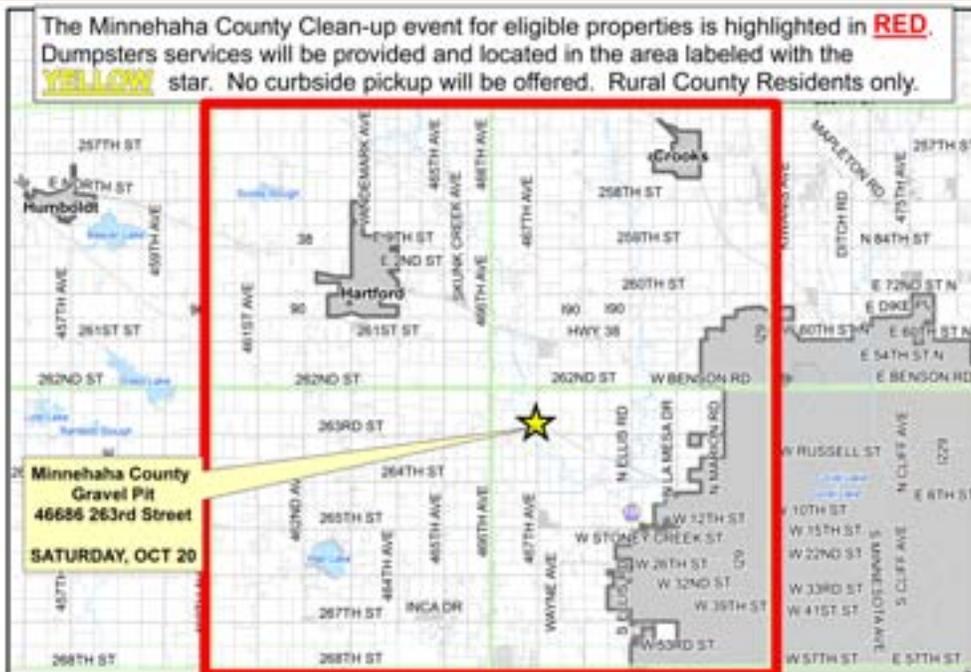
During that time John managed many improvements to the county's park system. At Wall Lake, the 80 year old Lyon's Lodge was renovated including a new roof, new electrical service, tuck pointing and repairing loose field stones, finishing and instillation inside, new fixtures, windows and a new cement front entry. In addition, two new picnic shelters were added. John also worked with Sanford Wellness to develop the Wall Lake Triathlon, an annual event utilizing the Park.



The vision of changing a cornfield into Bucher Prairie came to life under John's leadership and dedication. The 20 acre parcel is in the process of being re-created as native prairie. During John's tenure the park office/shop, bathrooms, picnic shelter, bird houses and 1.5 miles of walking trails have been added to the park.

Here's to a job well done, John! Enjoy your retirement, you have earned it!

## SLASH YOUR TRASH - COUNTY CLEAN UP



The Planning Department is holding a fall clean-up event on October 20th. As shown on the map to the left, the area encompasses portions of Benton, Hartford, Wall Lake, and Wayne Townships. This will be the largest clean-up project the department has ever held with over 1200 households invited to participate.

The clean-up will be held at the County's gravel pit on 263rd Street. There are new hours for the event, 7 am to 3 pm. With sunrise forecast for 7:45 that morning it may be a bit dark at the start. We just hope that is not the day that we finally get rain in this area.

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This Date: September 16, 2012

## ENVISION 2035

The 2035 Task Force is not meeting in September or October. Instead, four open house events are being held for citizens of the county to attend and give input on the plan. Meetings were held the last week of September at the Sioux Valley Electric Building in Brandon and at West Central School in Harford. Additional meetings will be held on October 2nd at the Dell Rapids Public School and on October 4th at the Tri-Valley High School. The open houses run from 6 to 8 pm.



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## Early Morning in Northwest Minnehaha County

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