

Tracking progress in 2016

As 2016 comes to an end, Chisago Lakes is closing in on the third quarter of the America's Best Communities Competition with continued energy and excitement. Here's an update on our most recent activities:

- Maps, brochures and signage are complete for the new Chisago Lakes Water Trail, and the new trailhead is in the works. Watch for a winter activity coming soon on the trail, which transverses the Chisago Lakes Area.

- A new section was completed on the Swedish Immigrant Bike and Walking Trail including some beautiful bridges.

- Next steps in our Healthy Living initiative are being reviewed after several hundred people attended the Blue Zone Rally at the Chisago Lakes High School this fall. We are currently exploring collaboration with Chisago County Public Health in the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership. A second Walk Your City campaign is being planned.

- The new Chisago Lakes community website will go live soon. Window decals and city banners are being created incorporating the new Chisago Lakes logo. The logo promotes the area as a whole and each of its communities.

- Wi-fi hotspots are scheduled for installation in several locations in the community. Video conferencing equipment has been installed at the Chisago Lakes Library and at the Chisago County HRA/EDA office. Guidelines for its use are being developed.

- Space has been rented in the Lindstrom Office Center where a higher education center will be created to connect area residents with higher education options.

- Several area businesses are utilizing the savings available through the Chisago Clean Energy Hub to update lighting and install solar energy. Businesses can sign up for a free assessment at www.chisago.cleanenergyhub.us.

- Anyone interested in



learning more about ABC and its projects is invited to join the All Team Meetings held on the fourth Thursday of each month from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Chisago Lakes Library. The next All Team Meeting will be held in January. For further information, call 651-257-1177.

