

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

LAKEFRONT SURVEY RESULTS

September 2008

Responses Received: 515

QUESTION 18:

“What would be the single BEST thing that could happen on the Lakefront?”

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1. We would like to see the lakefront opened up more; similar to what Williams Bay has done - I would not like to see any more business establishments on the street. The lake should belong to all and the view should be unobstructed.
2. ----- No Comments -----
3. ----- No Comments -----
4. More open space and views
5. Knock down the ugly building
6. Improved parking
7. Maintain as much open space as possible.
8. ----- No Comments -----
9. That there would be no additional increase in taxes. I have significant concerns about the major rise in property taxes. Many of us long-time residents (I have been a summer resident for over 60 years) have trouble paying these rates. The millage did NOT go down as Tom promised.
10. Leave it open.
11. ----- No Comments -----
12. No opinion.
13. ----- No Comments -----
14. Eliminate the commercialism (public and private) to facilitate an open space as nature intended it to be thousands of years ago!
15. ----- No Comments -----
16. Outdoor seating for dining and drinks!
17. Protect the beach and swimming area from boating activities and do something about the seaweed and drop in water purity.
18. Tear down the beach house.
19. Allow for a safer pedestrian passage from Shabbona where it meets S. Shore. Is there a path from County Club Estates to the lakefront? That would make sense.
20. More open park space - lower height of new beach house - beach house exterior more natural materials (rock, stone, cedar) and more earth tone colors.
21. ----- No Comments -----
22. Open it up - Look to Chicago as an example. All public use. Beauty and recreation.
23. Do not make the lakefront too commercialized. Keep it simple for sunbathing and picnics. Do not clutter with bldgs and structures.
24. Better parking.
25. I am quite disappointed with the recent large assessment. What do you do for the residents of Abbey Springs to merit such a large increase in assessment?
26. There's storm water pollution entering lake in front of gazebo - remedy that. Beach house too high - Gordy's too high.
27. 1. Fix the park area - lack of maintenance. 2. Our street is disintegrating - and nothing is done - but - many dollars have been spent on the lakefront and our Village governors want to spend more.
28. Remove Lake Marine and add additional park space.
29. Better views - more family friendly restaurants with outdoor seating looking at water.

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30. Remove marine building and beach house (or lower beach house). Restrict any new buildings to one level.
31. Additional parking. Additional restaurants/coffee shops. Improved boat launching access/ add'l launch pads.
32. Eliminate the lake front street.
33. open area for public view down the lake.
34. ----- No Comments -----
35. Raise nonresident fees. Reduce crowds. Make more friendly for homeowners. More boat slips for residents.
36. Reconstruct beach house to 1 story and face east/west. If not put a plaque on the building showing the name(s) of the person(s) responsible for this mess. Had to be someone's ego-trip!
37. Remove the Lake Geneva Marine Co.
38. Natural environment that residents can enjoy. Do not commercialize this space - we have plenty of that on the east end of the lake.
39. Get ride of Fontana Marine and go back to open space.
40. ----- No Comments -----
41. Add a seasonal breakfast/fast casual restaurant big enough to handle summertime crowds. Create a walking environment in summer, road access from 10/1-5/30.
42. Have the lakefront be the lakefront, not a business street. The lakefront is Fontana's biggest asset.
43. 1) Allow outside seating for food and drink. 2) Lake Street could be pedestrian only. 3) Increase parking lot size (remove Marina building).
44. ----- No Comments -----
45. More park space w/ cozy places, recreation and places to have fun and enjoy the view.
46. ----- No Comments -----
47. ----- No Comments -----
48. ----- No Comments -----
49. A reconfiguration of all streets leading to and from lakefront. Please consider that Kinzie was once a year round two way street and the one way configuration was a temporary measure. Kinzie where it meets the lakefront is a dangerous blind corner for walkers, joggers, children alone or walking with parents. The risk is greater because the boat launch and cars swinging around the boats at that corner. If Lake Street access is restricted to pedestrian use only, people with disabilities will be illegally excluded from the businesses, restaurants, and public space there.
50. Nature would prevail and less man-made structures.
51. Keep it the same. Eliminating Lake Street would be good also.
52. ----- No Comments -----
53. Better views and parks (less building structures). We also need specialty retail and shopping experience so that we don't need to travel to Lake Geneva.
54. Stop spending money on the lakefront and fix our streets - and flooding issues
55. Knock down the beach house and park building and rebuild it with a building that fits into the lake Geneva/Fontana landscape. What a sorry sight.

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56. ----- No Comments -----
57. Enjoy the open space and view. We moved here for the "quaintness" of Fontana - not waiting for little Chicago!
58. City of Chicago is noted for its magnificent open lakefront along Lake Michigan. It's time for Fontana to preserve and open up the beautiful Lake Geneva for years to come.
59. It's good to keep Lake St open and 1-way during weekends. No parking on left side is good for people walking or biking or toddlers in strollers - sometimes the rental areas become over-crowded and make it difficult to stay on the sidewalk.
60. ----- No Comments -----
61. ----- No Comments -----
62. Nice outdoor eating and drinking establishment. Ice cream shop.
63. Turning present Marina building into beach house.
64. More view of lake from further back. The new beach house blocks more of the lake than the old one. People come here to see the lake. As a life long, permanent resident, I would like to see more of the lake, not less.
65. Remove the Lake Street from Chuck's to the public beach.
66. Re-do beach house
67. Tear down the very ugly beach house.
68. ----- No Comments -----
69. more restaurants
70. Bring in more specialty shops - Fontana could be a destination like Lake Geneva (town of) is.
71. Provide quality restaurant options with ample boat parking to bring business into Fontana. Consider a business corridor a long Lake Shore Dr (in front of Abbey and through parking lot areas). The condos along "67" eliminated any potential for a "down town" area in Fontana - in my opinion this was a planning commission error in judgment.
72. ----- No Comments -----
73. Stay the same.
74. Tear down the Marina building and leave it as additional park land. This will enhance the beauty of the entire Village, increase the value of the Abbey condominiums, and reduce or eliminate unnecessary cost to the Village (maintenance and repair to a new building) and eliminate capital costs of construction and development. **YOU CANNOT IMPROVE UPON THE BEAUTY OF THE LAKEFRONT WITH A LIBRARY, COMMUNITY CENTER, ETC.**
75. Tear down the ugly beach house!
76. Keep buildings and landscape low so view of lake not blocked. Keep park large and open with trees and flowers and beach area separate if possible - convince Abbey to put in new fence along harbor to match beach and their other fence.
77. Leave the street where it is. Remove the marine building and replace with resident only parking lot. Keep the street open everyday, including weekends!

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78. To have outdoor seating at Chuck's and Gordy's. Improve the view of the water.
79. ----- No Comments -----
80. More open space. Outdoor dining at existing restaurants. Lake St should be for pedestrians only. Put road behind business.
81. Landscaping and as much park land and openness as possible.
82. ----- No Comments -----
83. Keep it well maintained.
84. Tear down the building on the south and turn the land area into green space.
85. ----- No Comments -----
86. ----- No Comments -----
87. More open area
88. More resident parking.
89. Please - no more buildings - unobstructed views of the lake are golden. The VOF does everything to obstruct views, i.e. larger beach house, larger public restrooms. No more buildings, period!
90. Limit building on the lakefront that limits views of the lake we enjoy.
91. Less commercial buildings - more open space and views - reduce size of beach house when rebuilt in the future. It is too high.
92. Eliminate Lake Geneva Marine Bldg and extend park space in its place. The lakefront is just that - a peaceful place to view and enjoy a beautiful lake.
93. Less buildings, more open space/recreation area w/ mild landscaping.
94. Correct the placement of the beach house by turning 90-degrees to face the beach this would increase lake front views and be more practical for beach house employees to view the beach not the lake.
95. tranquility
96. Stop building large obstructive buildings like the new beach house, etc. Less is more! The beach house should have been smaller and 1-story tall to block less view and take up less space. The same should apply to any new buildings.
97. Not invest loads of money which only benefit Lake Front Businesses!
98. Elimination of as many rental buoys and boat slips as possible. Eliminate power boat rental.
99. More boat parking at public piers.
100. ----- No Comments -----
101. ----- No Comments -----
102. Keep it open - so you can at least view the lake - that boat house blocks the view of the lake.
103. Knock down the Geneva Boat Comp - replace it with green space. We don't need more boats, restaurants we need to use the lot for more open space to enjoy the lake. Do nothing!!
104. Less buildings and more green space w/ unobstructed lake views.
105. ----- No Comments -----
106. More green space, less car traffic
107. Curb appeal is key to businesses having success in this area. Our lakefront and area across from Abbey looks like "70s" nightmare. Let's update the look - "charming" should be Fontana's focus. Take a visit to some quaint towns on

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- the North Shore (Chicago) - you will see adorable storefronts/restaurants/village buildings with architectural appeal.
108. Expand Reid Park to include croquet, lawn bowling, more benches
 109. More of a "quaint" shopping and dining area - no modern looking structures j-only structures that reflect the history of the area.
 110. No more buildings/ keep it green/ do not block the views of the lake - especially when driving to and from home or work, it is a great feeling to live here and be able to see our lake.
 111. ----- No Comments -----
 112. Less development
 113. ----- No Comments -----
 114. Either make open space or leave it as it is with Lake Geneva Marine occupying its current space. Keep Gordy, Jerry, and Chuck's out of any new development.
 115. To take down the Lake Geneva Marine Co. building and use the property for more park space or parking lot
 116. Open lakeshore road to pedestrian traffic only - no parking. Replace road with walking and plaza.
 117. Remove Lake Geneva Marine bldg, Gordy's 2 businesses. *I have lived in this area for a no. of yrs. And resent having to pay high taxes so Fontana can be the most beautiful area around.
 118. Replace beach house with a design compatible with the area.
 119. no bars
 120. ----- No Comments -----
 121. Hold down unnecessary and expensive cosmetic spending. Recently the appraised value of my home jumped up 69% and will substantially increase my property tax - for what? More parking, a community building?
 122. More landscaping and unobstructed view of the lake; more drinking fountains.
 123. Keep it beautiful and accessible for Fontana taxpayers. It would be great to have water taxis available to take people across the lake to restaurants or shopping or just a ride.
 124. more park type of lakefront.
 125. 1) more restaurants, coffee shop, bars. 2) less marine and boat sale stores. 3) more parking
 126. ----- No Comments -----
 127. Level the Lake Geneva Marine Co and have open space and better view of lake.
 128. Leave it as it is
 129. Concerts in the park
 130. Have the CDA take a break! Quit finding ways to spend \$ just because of availability. Too much of the lake view has been taken away already because of rash decisions and architecture that has a "quaint New England fishing village" appeal rather than a "quaint mid-western lake" appeal - bring the lake view back!
 131. ----- No Comments -----
 132. ----- No Comments -----

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133. 1. Remove street altogether and make pedestrian. 2. Create turnaround for boat launch so it comes back west on same street - not up Kinzie. 3. Create improved parking west of park with seasonal trolley service to provide better access to lakefront.
134. Please do not make it more crowded - the lakefront is so beautiful as it is, keep crowds and commercialism away as much as possible.
135. Increase the shorefront park land area - keep parking back from lakefront road.
136. Build a coffee shop, i.e. Starbucks, with great views of the lake where Lake Geneva Marine is located. Design with some elevated outdoor seating and gathering area both inside and out.
137. No new buildings that obstruct the view and usage.
138. see attached**
139. That the village would STOP trying to develop it with more streets, a community center, etc. ENHANCE the lake views and stop trying to use it so intensively. Respect the lake. Make more park space.
140. Leave it alone - it has been great for years fix up the good - and leave it as it is!
141. Keep it simple and beautiful and keep it away from special interest.
142. Get rid of the Lake Geneva Marine Co. building - or move it back away from the Lakefront. Keep it as open as possible.
143. Enhance existing parks. Return lakefront to residents of Fontana. It's Fontana - not the Dells, not Lake Geneva.
144. Keep the charm of the quiet side of the lake!
145. Miss music in the park! Sundays for the residents. If parking was easier - and music better - you would have more people!
146. ----- No Comments -----
147. Removal of piers
148. Intelligent people should remember the original intentions of those who provided the lakefront for the Village. Williams Bay could be a useful model - less is more.
149. ----- No Comments -----
150. Fewer buildings; better lake views
151. Preservation of park and wildlife; fewer buildings; with a small food cart to get hot chocolate in the winter and perhaps some healthy food for children without going into a bar.
152. Get rid of boats/trailers along Lake St and in Marine parking lot (never close a public street)
153. Tear down the Lake Geneva Marine Co and turn this into a beautiful "destination" where people want to stroll and sit and enjoy the Lake. Every inch of the lake does not need to be filled with commercial loud recreational stuff!
154. Lots more shrubbery and flowers, flowers, flowers!
155. ----- No Comments -----
156. Keep it a park-like atmosphere - no additional commercial buildings or community ctr, library, etc.

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157. Certified water front director (adult) supervision of the beach during the summer months - especially on weekends. The view is beautiful, the lakefront and beach clean. Lets keep it that way. Thank you!!
158. ----- No Comments -----
159. more beautification around beach house
160. leave it as it is with the exception of removing buildings south of gazebo and replacing them with parkland.
161. ----- No Comments -----
162. ----- No Comments -----
163. Redefine the launch ramp area and return traffic to boat lot or Fontana Blvd RATHER THAN sending heavy traffic through residential areas like Kinzie St
164. ----- No Comments -----
165. ----- No Comments -----
166. The lakefront is lovely. However, the street lamps down Lakeshore Drive are ugly and need replacement. Also, he strings of old bldgs along Lakeshore near 67 - best rebuilt into boutiques w/ prettier construction - (Novaks etc) and made into viable retailers - i.e. Starbucks or Caribou - ice cream shoppe, etc.
167. Limit outside access - too many outsiders that do not pay for the lakefront
168. More open space
169. ----- No Comments -----
170. ----- No Comments -----
171. I would like to see more boat parking
172. ----- No Comments -----
173. ----- No Comments -----
174. Do not construct any more buildings to obstruct the view of the lake. If possible tear down the beach house that has been built.
175. Keep it open - don't build two story buildings and block off views
176. Shopping! But please stop spending so much money!
177. Make it as beautiful as possible and something that residents could enjoy
178. Change the height of the Beach house - too tall!
179. ----- No Comments -----
180. New police
181. Get rid of "Gordy's" monopoly of the lakefront. Is that Tom Whoal now?
182. ----- No Comments -----
183. Good restaurants/shopping/views of lake/benches
184. ----- No Comments -----
185. Less commercial intrusion. Keep as open and natural as possible. I have never noticed storm water and/or infrastructure problems. No need to rebuild; suggest is just be updated!
186. you all know better than I
187. ----- No Comments -----
188. ----- No Comments -----
189. ----- No Comments -----
190. To preserve the way it is and has been.
191. keep it clean
192. Another restaurant w/ outdoor seating

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193. ----- No Comments -----
194. On the beach, back away from the water, possibly near the fence... some shade areas... could be provided by trees/landscaping or possibly awnings that "roll out" from the top of the fence.
195. ----- No Comments -----
196. Keeping an open area to view the lake.
197. Open the gate on east side of fence for residents who live in Indian Hills, Glenwood Springs, and Country Club - so you don't have to walk ass the way to the beach house and back.
198. Continue improvement!
199. More green space. Keep spending down. Taxes are too high in today's economic climate.
200. Concentrate improvements for use by Fontana residents with use by the general public on a fee basis that would cover costs by such public use.
201. ----- No Comments -----
202. More open space less commercial. Have Lake Geneva Marine rent out recreational equipment (kayaks, jet ski, etc)
203. Not to commercialize it
204. more parking for beach and restaurant/bar use.
205. ----- No Comments -----
206. Allow Lake Street to be open to traffic almost all weekends summer and winter. Do not permit Gordy's exclusive use of the street on weekends.
207. Leave it the way it is... and encourage business owners to maintain or upgrade their facilities (subject to Village architectural approval)
208. Get rid of the street in front of the lakefront all together.
209. LEAVE THE ROAD WHERE IT IS!! Why are you messing with it? Cut your BS spending and fix the stormwater and infrastructure problems. Did we really need a cement bridge at the Duck Pond so bikers could cross it?! Come on!
210. ----- No Comments -----
211. ----- No Comments -----
212. Preserve views of the lakefront. Put parks on the lakefront and parking off the lakefront.
213. Leave it alone - take care of what we have before we undertake any new projects.
214. More walking and leisure by the lakefront where Chuck's, Gordy's, and Reid Park. No traffic so the children will be safe! Road should be behind store not in front.
215. Less people particularly non-resident congestion
216. ----- No Comments -----
217. Kinzie Ave at Reid and N. Lake Shore Dr needs a sign that says "no outlet" "residents only"
218. clean and restful appearance
219. Protection of shore path integrity, maintenance and right of way. Maybe an area for people with dogs - dog park or dog swim? How about a tower with a

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- look out, some form of outdoor ed... butterfly garden? Recycling and "green" opportunities - history museum?
220. Get rid of all boat piers that are commercial
221. I don't know; I would like a community center but really don't want a lot of tourists using it when it should be for Village residents
222. That whatever type of building is decided upon that it be low-key (that it not detract from the lakefront) and that it be a versatile building (one that can change uses as the times change). Also, if its to be a public place that it be open, a building that is locked up for 80-90% of the time doesn't make much sense. The new beach house (for example) is currently only open when it is convenient for the Village.
223. ----- No Comments -----
224. Ain't broke, don't fix it
225. Have more lobster boil-type activities in the park geared toward local residents. Keep the tourist in the Abbey or down in Lake Geneva. If you have lived here your whole life you must not be real excited about continually expanding things and spending so much money in the process. We like our little town. Once you get over populated you can never get that back. Example the cliffs I would rather look at a grown over gravel pit.
226. ----- No Comments -----
227. Quit throwing \$\$ away.
228. Our taxes exceed the purchase price of our cottage - stop spending
229. What would be accomplished by changing the street location? I'm not sure street is necessary - pedestrian access (walking access) is more important to better views and use of lakefront - can't use Lake Street for parking (insufficient). Best thing that could happen to Lakefront would be to open it up for people and not autos - no parking - no driving on lakefront.
230. ----- No Comments -----
231. Preserve the serene lakeview and limit businesses (new) from coming in and turning Fontana into Lake Geneva. I've lived in Elkhorn, Delavan, Lake Geneva, and here and Fontana is by far the best. Keep it quiet and beautiful. Outdoor dining at Chucks would be great!
232. Eliminate Lake Street and turn into green space, bike, skating, and walking path for public. Redesign parking lot to add lost spaces on Lake St. Create shuttle bus and taxi stand at end of 3rd Ave
233. Resident only parking
234. Reroute Lake Street. What's the point of having it when its closed on weekends anyway?
235. ----- No Comments -----
236. ----- No Comments -----
237. ----- No Comments -----
238. More privileges for residents
239. ----- No Comments -----
240. Accommodate the natural beauty - do not ride it! Serve the taxpayers and residents as a whole - NOT the whims and desires of one or two business

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- owners/local members who are responsible for the permanent eye sores:
condos on 67, "beach house", Reid Park restrooms
241. Move bars/restaurants
 242. ----- No Comments -----
 243. Keep it more residential than commercial. We don't want to look like Lake Geneva. We have heard rumors that Lake Geneva Marine is in jeopardy. We would not like to see them go, as they have been an asset to the community. We don't need a community hall, another library, or more shops. Consider residents, not tourists.
 244. ----- No Comments -----
 245. Provide for 2nd marina on west end of lake
 246. keep it as is
 247. Leave most as is
 248. More shops, concerts - restaurants, bicycle rental, cross country ski rental, bicycle and walking path on road south lake shore drive.
 249. Leave as is, repair what is needed only. The idea that moving Lake Street to turn at the gazebo is safer needs some thought. There have not been any accidents as is. The parking lot is actually more dangerous than crossing the road which has good visibility.
 250. I like it the way it is, especially Lake St and the size, shape, and position of the parking lot
 251. As a homeowner in Country Club Estates, it is best for me that the Village enforce tree trimming along the lakefront so the view of the lake is preserved. Height restrictions of trees should be enforced. The village should also enforce height restriction on homes as well. There is remodeling going on in Fontana which does not meet lot restrictions and people's view and property value is being compromised.
 252. Keep it open to the public. Offer non-motorized rentals.
 253. Turn Lake St into a pedestrian walkway only. No vehicle traffic.
 254. Walking space.
 255. Update the area to meet the residents needs and offer continued employment.
 256. ----- No Comments -----
 257. Maintain the beauty of the lake front and not commercialize it!
 258. ----- No Comments -----
 259. Stay the same.
 260. Launch fees should be lowered or 0 for residents as we already support it with taxes.
 261. It would be nice if you installed sprinklers in the park grass. The grass should look better for a park area.
 262. Landscaping and lawn improvement
 263. Leave the Lake Geneva Marine Co. where it is! Gordy's cannot get a "monopoly"!
 264. Leave it alone!
 265. The village must put restrictions on non-residents using the park and beach. The residents have lost the park to non-residents from Harvard, Delevan, etc especially on all holiday weekends. Please do not put more parking - make it

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better for residents that pay the taxes not non-residents that come in for the day and leave. If you decide to build a bldg please hire a great architect - do not approve a bldg that looks like the gray atrocity by Fontana Blvd and gas station (a very low class strip center). The village wasted a great opportunity to build something beautiful instead they approved a low class townhouses and strip center that you have to look at every time you come into town from Walworth. Our future and our kids future is in your hands - thank you.

- 266. ----- No Comments -----
- 267. ----- No Comments -----
- 268. ----- No Comments -----
- 269. ----- No Comments -----
- 270. leave it the same.
- 271. Large log restaurant, Italian and pizza. Keep the Marine Co. what's a lakefront without marina? The marina stays!
- 272. Its fine as is. Improve what you have without destroying or removing what's there.
- 273. ----- No Comments -----
- 274. We are happy with it the way it is. Don't change just for change's sake.
- 275. Resident only parking spots. Weekends in the summer we could not find parking to access our boat or the beach - very frustrating!
- 276. ----- No Comments -----
- 277. Keep it open space to the public - to view and enjoy the lake (view). Be more concerned about zoning or planning board to be more diligent in approval of new structure (homes/condo) going up - the grey townhouses (design) are a disgrace and truly ugly and an embarrassment!
- 278. We like the "lakefront" pretty much "as is," but would like to see the Village of Fontana have one or two more "name brand" stores, restaurants, businesses or retail nature locate here. But keep limited available public parking so we do not turn into another crowd city like Lake Geneva.
- 279. Maintain beautiful trees and sidewalks.
- 280. Keep seagulls from parking and pooping on beach
- 281. Get rid of the beach and park house
- 282. Let people have safe fun. This is supposed to be a resort community.
- 283. Removal of all businesses
- 284. Retain the same businesses that now exist on the lakefront. There are three marinas and it is important that all three remain because of the tremendous number of boats owned by Fontana residents that must be serviced. The several restaurants are also needed.
- 285. Leave it as is.
- 286. The street was just redone in the last 10 years. It being one-way is a safety issue when there is a problem on the boulevard!
- 287. The beach house is so very unattractive. I don't know if it can be improved at this point.
- 288. More dock space for residents not for business owners. Fair share is not equitable of shore stations for residents and amount used by Gordy's, Jerry's, etc.

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289. ----- No Comments -----
290. Leave it ALONE! We don't want Lake Geneva City. No more commercial development. It serves only the interests of a few and not the community at large. Look to Williams Bay - they seem to have the right vision. Fontana has more development, more infrastructure, more problems, and higher taxes - who needs it?
291. ----- No Comments -----
292. Take down bath house - it is a visual obstruction. Terrible to build anything on lakefront that would obstruct view - should be moved to park area behind Gordy's
293. Spruce up the buildings and keep Lake Geneva Marin in business!!!!
294. Stay the same.
295. More parking for residents only. Saturday and Sunday afternoon in summer is very difficult to park. Have to continue to circle to find a spot.
296. Quit "futzng" with it. Leave existing buildings but discourage any more - discourage more out of state boat launching.
297. I like the lakefront as is and see no need for further changes. Thank you for asking my opinion.
298. see attached**
299. Keep it looking as good as it has.
300. Leave it the way it is. No new buildings please. I think if u-turn the Lake Street south of the gazebo traffic will suck at the intersection with South Shore Drive. I walk along there a lot and cars come flying around that corner. It could be a dangerous street intersection. Road traffic by the gazebo would suck too!
301. Always keep the views of the lakefront and landscape most important to best show beautiful Fontana.
302. We have as owners of Fontana property an extremely valuable lake front as it now exists. Lakefront access marinas adds excellent value to both village and owners. Lets keep this advantage, not enjoyed by other communities.
303. Leave it alone (as is)
304. Build a community center with library etc. on even ground.
305. Keep the street open seven days a week. Do not shorten the street. We must be able to park on Lake Street along the waterfront
306. ----- No Comments -----
307. The lakefront is Fontana's greatest asst. Being on the "lake," thus lake activities need to be foremost. Museums, etc can be anywhere - you cannot launch a boat "anywhere." More public boat parking on the water. Access to the businesses along the lakefront would be profitable to the city if more customers could be realized through boaters. Better signage for boat parking. A boardwalk would be nice.
308. Leave the lakefront as is!
309. ----- No Comments -----
310. Basketball court for young people. Mini-golf course for our families. Ice cream parlor. Coffee shop. Pizza parlor for our teenagers so they don't have to travel to Lake Geneva.

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- 311. ----- No Comments -----
- 312. Keep it from expanding to the point that Fontana loses its small town feel. We need tourists for the tax base, but there is a trade off with that. The community center idea is too costly right now.
- 313. Encourage people to throw their cigarette butts in proper receptacle and not on the sidewalk or street!
- 314. Retain MJ's LG Marine. Paper, LG News, tells us we have 1830 boats in Fontana. We need 2 boat service companies, not one.
- 315. We like the lakefront as is. Please don't fill it up with more commercial
- 316. ----- No Comments -----
- 317. Today is Oct 1, 2008 and I just received this survey today. I am 74 years old and have been coming to Fontana for 74 years. I was 2 weeks old on my first visit. I enjoy the lake front and always use it after noon on the weekends. You can't get a parking place and today I am unable to walk.
- 318. eliminate Lake Street.
- 319. Stop planting trees that obstruct the view and lower or remove the ugly bath house. What in the world were you thinking when you built that unsightly structure?
- 320. To stop the music at Chuck's after 10pm
- 321. Update the structures on the lakefront. Keep existing businesses!
- 322. The lakefront is not as important as the infrastructure of streets in Fontana - sewers need attention, water pipes updated, etc. Residents and tax payers 1st - tourists 2nd.
- 323. Keep it simple. Fontana has a family/community feel to it. Please keep it that way. It does not need to become a mini-Lake Geneva. The population has grown too much. Fontana is a "village" not a "city."
- 324. Since the street is closed on weekends why can't they allow food service and liquor outside?
- 325. Do NOT add more road/paved surfaces. Alternatives to motor boating would be great. Library and community use would be best.
- 326. There is a wait for dry dock @ Gordy's and all slips on lakefront (except Abbey Marina which is cost prohibitive for most). Why would the Village consider taking away access to the lake for so many people?
- 327. ----- No Comments -----
- 328. More stores/restaurants, but ones that aren't national chains!
- 329. ----- No Comments -----
- 330. Keep multiple marine companies. Don't hand Tom at Gordies the ability to charge higher prices. I value the smaller business owners Chuck's and Lake Geneva Marine.
- 331. ----- No Comments -----
- 332. To leave it as it is - we don't need to spend any more money on the lakefront.
- 333. Leave it along. I like its sleepy town feel. I love dining on the quiet side of the lake
- 334. Don't force lake Geneva Marine out of business and create a monopoly for Gordy.
- 335. ----- No Comments -----

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336. I am a current customer of Lake Geneva Marine - it is well run by Mr. Kirbland and is an asset to the Fontana end of the Lake. Its business is mainly residents or locals not day drop ins
337. Less is better! I would favor changing very little including leaving Lake Geneva Marine in its current location.
338. Route boat/trailer traffic thru Pioneer Park (behind the Wharf) back to 3rd St. The park is rarely used and a 16' wide drive would not make much of an impact. This would keep the boat traffic off Lake and Kinzie Streets.
339. Keep Fontana as the unique area it was intended
340. Leave it alone and bring back the "serendipity ice cream shop" that you tore down for no reason. But if this happened, the "other" restaurant "family" would cry about it so it will never be!
341. ----- No Comments -----
342. That Lake Geneva Marine not be pushed out - leaving Gordy's as the only option in Fontana for boaters!
343. We think its fine the way it is.
344. Keep it the way it is, we love Chuck's and Gordy's
345. The single best thing that could happen to the lakefront would be that the village would leave it alone and no look like the fools that Tom's administration looked like. They were laughable! And pissed away a lot of money for their self/interest.
346. More pedestrian friendly paths along lake (like Williams Bay has)
347. ----- No Comments -----
348. Keep it as is and try not to change our beautiful village to look like Chicago lakefront!
349. spend no money
350. Remain quiet, low impact space. Do not create another town of Lake Geneva, west.
351. Leave it alone
352. Keep the street open at all times, including weekends.
353. for Fontana - not everyone else!
354. Move the current public ramp location to the south of Lake Geneva Marine
355. Replace the ugly "modern" beach with architecturally please building suitable to the elegance of Geneva Lake properties
356. More non-motorized water sports - kayaking, windsurfing. It would be nice to have an attractive coffee shop/specialty sandwich deli shop instead of Jerry's Marine
357. Enhanced appealing
358. No increase in businesses. More open space and views of the lake.
359. Keep Lake Geneva Marine Company! It provides a great service for boaters who don't have a slip. We prefer the service over having to maintain our boat ourselves. Do not build more buildings on the lakefront. We love it the way it is.
360. Turn the front of Chuck's and Gordy's into a brick walk way with green space!
361. ----- No Comments -----
362. ----- No Comments -----

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363. Designate certain resident only parking. Ticket motorcycles parked in car spaces on weekends and holidays. Check for boats tied to public piers that do not have Fontana stickers. Let Lake Geneva Marine stay so there's competition on the lakefront.
364. Maintain the present ambience, convenience, traffic flow and pedestrian walks
365. Keep it for residents - not attracting more outside picnickers who neither live here or support local businesses
366. ----- No Comments -----
367. more boat slips for Fontana residents
368. Addition of a restaurant serving breakfast.
369. This is the time to install infrastructure on lake street to support beautification of Lake Street. Install underground watering system and plant beautiful floral plants and the watering system will not access the daily watering system. Make Lake Street look like a beautiful street in Italy with beautiful flowers and plantings.
370. ----- No Comments -----
371. 1. No chain fast food restaurants. 2. Develop a commercial area away from the lakefront along "67." 3. Real estate taxes are getting out of line. Appraisals are not uniform.
372. more village boat slips - outside dining w/ alcohol for restaurants on the lake.
373. Do whatever stormwater and infrastructure problems that need to be done and leave it alone!
374. Continue to keep it clean and pedestrian friendly.
375. Update what exists with understanding importance of preserving the past history of Fontana. By the way, has Chucks considered the upstairs restaurant as a family-friendly eatery serving Italian cuisine? Or soup and salad? We could also use a coffee and pastry shop.
376. Pathways along lakefront
377. Turn the street into a pedestrian walk way/open area
378. Nothing that would cause more tax
379. Additional boat slip rental for property owner in the Village
380. Finish construction that's be going for past several years and let people enjoy it for awhile before digging it up again
381. Rebuild street according to new standards... leave footprint the same. Lake Geneva building is an eyesore - either rebuild into a useful addition to our lakefront... or tear it down!
382. Tear down (or blow up) the monstrosity of a beach house.
383. Small new restaurants, shops (community center not on lake) - don't overbuild and lose view of lake.
384. more shops, stores, restaurants
385. Rebuild Lake Street as a wide walking with no auto traffic except service vehicles. Add more boat slips! Add more parking spaces! Redo marine building for codes and multi use
386. Build our version of the Riviera Docks many drive to the other side of the Lake. Lets keep their \$\$\$ spending in Fontana

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387. Current improvement at Park Ave great (sponge flooring). Would like board side walk b/w sand and grass at beach improved drainage at beach (grass area). Improved area where LG Marina is. Their whole operation is an eyesore. They contribute nothing to my enjoyment of the lakefront. Improve lighting along Fontana Blvd like along Rt 67
388. ----- No Comments -----
389. ----- No Comments -----
390. Multi-use (books, coffee, conversation). A lake house for Fontana residents who don't live on the lake. A beautiful - small community center with a big window and fireplace.
391. Community center combined with small coffee shop and newsstand
392. Move boat launching facility south closer to beach where marine building is and re-configure the road
393. Quit building structures that aren't used by residents. Save the lake views and open areas.
394. Include food and shopping - Fontana is "too" simple! Sell land to generate funding and not charge residents
395. Use the area where the boat living business is now for something that would interest all people. Shops, a restaurant, library or combination of all. It is far too valuable of space to be used as it is.
396. ----- No Comments -----
397. Community building to include meeting rooms - library - coffee shop
398. The best thing that could happen to the lake would be to remove the lakefront road and replace with floral gardens and trees.
399. More amenities for lakefront - coffee shop/snack shop, a ice cream shop
400. update the physical appearance. Create more marine for yearly public use i.e. rental or purchase.
401. ----- No Comments -----
402. Design a community center for locals with a marina and coffee shop.
403. Greater access of park area by residents. Consider permits for picnics in Park area by non-residents.
404. ----- No Comments -----
405. Keep things the way they are and improve the building for Lake Geneva Marine. I think it is very important to keep two marinas on the water. Provide outdoor dining for lakefront restaurants.
406. another good restaurant
407. ----- No Comments -----
408. 1. New building where LG Marine Co. is 2. Too much emphasis on boat sales, rental of power boats, pontoons, para-sail, etc. 3. 3 meal/day coffee shop, 90 min pier parking. *Its great to be able to "come by boat"
409. ----- No Comments -----
410. more boat slip options for Fontana residents!
411. Allow outside dining - people should be able to dine and enjoy the million dollar view
412. ----- No Comments -----

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413. Would like to see beach house repainted to more neutral colors that would fit in with natural surroundings rather than having it look like a cape cod building - too stark white in color
414. leave it alone or building a community building
415. ----- No Comments -----
416. Add a new building much like Ravina Pier with use, banq. hall and lots of landscaping. At this time I would redo the parking lot! His area is our single most important area that defines our town!
417. We have enjoyed the many improvements that have been made. The open areas as they are seem a bit tired and in need of refurbishing with new landscaping. Also, maintenance of the lake path is critical and all lakefront residents need to be reminded of this responsibility. Keep up the great work!
418. Elimination of boat and wave runner rentals. This would take many irresponsible boaters off the lake and relieve some of the congestion on the Fontana end of lake. Close public boat launch.
419. Little more adult activities. Better choice of rest (coffee shop on lakefront) italian, pizza, mexican, seafood
420. Keep it clean and congestion free, "not too touristy"
421. larger lakefront and deeper. Coffee shops and restaurant
422. less commercial use more resident usage.
423. keep the noise down after 11pm
424. A series of quaint shops so Fontana has a real town. There's nothing to come to Fontana for except the beach
425. New restaurants in some of the "dead" locations. Change the laws so that restaurants can have outside seating with cocktails.
426. The best thing for RESIDENTS (since we pay the taxes) would to have some relief of all the boat, trailer, food trucks, bar trucks, going up Kinzie. Please consider re-routing the visitors so we can enjoy our town too. Its very unsafe with cyclists going down into oncoming traffic and cars. People are walking down Kinzie and Lake into traffic with kids and dogs. Someday it will happen (accident) and it won't be pretty.
427. Leave it as it is! No more recreation on lakefront. Its way too crowded! Plenty of rental space for events not used above Chuck's and Gordy's already there. Subsidize that! Lake Geneva Marine is unobtrusive and serves a great purpose for residents! Don't use lakefront for more parking or buildings! Use the blocks behind the lakefront!
428. Excursion boats from Fontana Pier. Nice lakefront bar/pub - good food.
429. Beautify and add open space if possible. Consider relocating Marina.
430. ----- No Comments -----
431. ----- No Comments -----
432. ----- No Comments -----
433. Please do not even think of building more buildings in the atrociously ugly style of the beach house and bathrooms and those awful condos and commercial spaces on the other side of Hwy 67. Strive to maintain a small quaint village atmosphere with some class, so Fontana doesn't end up a honky-

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- tonk haven like Lake Geneva. Wms Bay did a beautiful job on their beach house. All signage in ENGLISH only please.
434. ----- No Comments -----
435. ----- No Comments -----
436. Move the launch ramp. Have 3rd Ave be two way all the way to the lake and take commercial and boat traffic off of Kinzie - a residential street - and a promise broken by the City.
437. Close Lake Street permanently (move it behind the businesses). Plants in the median are too high, it will cause an accident sometime.
438. Make the space to better serve residents. This would include additional space for lakefront restaurant, park, and recreation
439. Move the Abbey Harbor entrance back to the north side of the beach as originally planned.
440. better year round community use
441. Build a community center for Fontana residents to use. No more commercial utilization that doesn't benefit the residents
442. I really like the idea of a community center - it could be multi-use; seniors, youth events, private rental (that could generate a lot of revenue), school functions, etc. If not - whatever keeps that "lake charm" and doesn't benefit just one group.
443. 1. Outdoor dining 2. Limited outdoor liquor sales 3. Additional non-whowel businesses 4. Food cars/stands during summer 5. The grass in Reid Park is awful
444. Coffee - breakfast shop by the water - access by boat. Bathing suit shot etc - towels, shoes, etc.
445. to keep the road where it is.
446. no parking meters!
447. more unique lakefront businesses - ice cream shop and boutique
448. Have some portion of parking for residents only. Expand options for terrace restaurants with outdoor dining and liquor service. Allow outdoor smoking while banning indoor smoking.
449. Rebuild the lakefront buildings into a public plaza w/ adequate parking (with some resident only parking)
450. For the most part leave it as is. Please don't make it a t-shirt and fudge shop area.
451. ----- No Comments -----
452. Build a "theme" (nautical) shopping area with also water rentals to give people a reason to stay around that area and spend money which would be good for the village and local businesses.
453. redirect boat and truck traffic up 3rd and keep it off residential streets.
454. additional landscaping
455. Community building with marina on lower level.
456. Preserve small town character and maintain lakefront views and access. I like the idea of community center (but it doesn't need to be on lakefront property). Maintain green space.

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- 457. Don't lose fact that the tax base of those who are 3/4 year residents deserve credit for our money. You know it is unfair that we buy parking permits and the day commuters get the parking. Fortunately you're not brain surgeons. However, you know how poorly we are cheated. We don't even get a break on fishing license. Wake up! Smell the coffee!
- 458. A well planned world class, improved lakefront w/ emphasis on pedestrians. Not a free picnic grove for anyone who happens to show up first! Fewer cars and more short term visitors (2 hrs or less)
- 459. Turn Lake St and reconfigure beach parking lot.
- 460. Turn Lake St into a pedestrian walkway/green space with trees and a coffee shop. Allow outdoor seating for either Gordy's boat house or other outdoor café.
- 461. Nice coffee shop, reading rooms or library or community center. Resident only parking - many times lot completely filled with cars from Illinois - no room for residents who are here full-time.
- 462. Create a pedestrian area in front of the restaurants. Don't allow motor traffic. Build a community building - library on the lakefront!
- 463. ----- No Comments -----
- 464. Another restaurant and more hourly boat parking. We have a beautiful spot on the water and the marine use doesn't help the community. It would be great if more boaters could use docks and have another restaurant option.
- 465. Allowing outside vending on Lake St on weekends. More music concerts in gazebo.
- 466. Keep in character of old Fontana with its architectural heritage.
- 467. Improve drainage on beach - clean weeps out of lake beach area - make Lake Geneva Marin a resident marina - adding another pier for residents add video cameras to overlook piers and beach. Too many non-residents parking at pier's with no sticker. Cameras would help harbor master check this more quickly.
- 468. more public docks. More retail added to the waterfront.
- 469. Have good breakfast restaurant but a casual one. Also an ice cream shop would be an improvement.
- 470. Don't become another congested city of Lake Geneva. We moved to Fontana to get away from the hustle and bustle!
- 471. More benches to sit and enjoy the lake - maybe residents only small area for parking and relaxing.
- 472. ----- No Comments -----
- 473. No enlargement of buildings
- 474. ----- No Comments -----
- 475. ----- No Comments -----
- 476. ----- No Comments -----
- 477. ----- No Comments -----
- 478. Turn Lake Street so that automobile traffic from lakefront businesses is not routed right along entrance to the public beach.
- 479. Keep it accessible and inviting to both residents and tourists.
- 480. Emphasize pedestrian traffic, get traffic away from water's edge.
- 481. Get rid of outdated bldgs

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- 482. ----- No Comments -----
- 483. new community center.
- 484. Leave it be -beautiful as is!
- 485. Improve boat launch and relocate trailer parking to immediately in front of the launch ramp, similar to Williams Bay launch facility. Regardless of where the trailer parking ends up, the most important issue is enlarging the ramp and the street space in front of it. Increase number of slips/piers to help waiting list.
- 486. resident parking
- 487. Move my house there and no new taxes.
- 488. leave it alone
- 489. Keeping it simple and uncluttered. No new businesses!
- 490. Do not want to see a Riviera like facility with crappy merchants/merchandise/etc. Need to keep the street open all the way down to the public beach area. Change all the plantings in the center median - huge hazard. Utilize the ball field - great park.

- 491. Do not reconfigure the current road design. Increase green space. We CANNOT AFFORD THIS PROJECT.
- 492. Reduce boat rental and waverunner - make access available from lake to existing restaurants and future retail. Easier to access beach
- 493. More landscaping with ornamental grasses all around and evergreen trees to hide the bar side of the restaurant and the Lake Geneva Marine Building.
- 494. Make it more pedestrian friendly.
- 495. More shops - more tax revenue.
- 496. Make the most of a natural resource by keeping its natural state.
- 497. ----- No Comments -----
- 498. Add more piers with boat slips
- 499. Leave it alone - stop destroying its character. All new is "cookie cutter" approach. By the time you get through it will look even more like every "planned" town.
- 500. Keep it the same. They only current non-essential lakefront business is the new boat sales operation. We are not thrilled with the current rental operations but they are traditional and help define Fontana. It is absolutely essential that we keep both marine companies on the lake. If we remove one, we must remove the other.
- 501. Better resident access to lakefront. A walking path through the Abbey to the lakefront from Rt 67.
- 502. Keep this area available to residents - both year-round and seasonal. No condos, no marina. These give impression of restricted access. Do not overbuild
- 503. Better sand for beach area. Sand is dusty.
- 504. Eliminate Lake Geneva Marine and increase Reid Park
- 505. ----- No Comments -----
- 506. Fix Reid Park - add more equipment to the park for younger children and older children. Expand the play area into the grassy area. More benches are needed. More family activities should be planned at the park.

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- 507. Litter control i.e. cigarette butt receptacles
- 508. outdoor dining
- 509. Keep it simple and beautiful. Don't jazz up this beautiful area.
- 510. Rebuild or refurbish building w/ Lake Geneva Marine Co and Keep Lake Geneva Marine Co and add coffee house/sandwich/ice cream shop to building
- 511. Quit blowing money!
- 512. It would become more people friendly - with no cars allowed to park and it become a total pedestrian walk.
- 513. ----- No Comments -----
- 514. ----- No Comments -----
- 515. Please do not put more retail space on the lakefront. A community center with quality exercise room would be great!