

VILLAGE OF FONTANA-ON-GENEVA LAKE

Fall Issue 2009

Village Implements Spending Freeze

On September 8, 2009 the Village Board put a department-wide spending freeze into effect. All existing contracts for road work and maintenance items will continue; however, all other operational and capital purchases have been postponed for the fiscal year.

The Finance Committee initiated the freeze after reviewing the 2009 year-end revenue projections. To date the Village is substantially behind in the predicted *Room Tax, Building Permit, Municipal Court, and Interest* revenues.

The Finance Committee, Village Board and department heads will continue to strategize on how to cut costs and generate additional revenues; however, in these tough economic times, the focus will be on predominantly cutting cost. The group will focus on potential Village services that can be cut from operations and evaluate staffing levels.

The Finance Committee and Village Board will work hard in the next couple of months to determine what is in the best interest for the Village, and to maintain their commitment to the residents to keep our budget, levy, and mill rate in line.

Village Plans Fall Construction Projects

By Craig Workman

Director of Public Works

As a resort community service provider, the Public Works Department makes every effort to minimize the number of disgruntled residents and vacationers during the summer months. In an effort to do so, we have a general policy that minimizes road or utility construction between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Unfortunately, this policy, in conjunction with our Wisconsin climate, only allows for two rather short construction seasons -- one extending a few months before Memorial Day, and the other extending a few months after Labor Day. The following is a brief description of the four projects we plan to begin this fall.

Sauganash Drive Reconstruction Project: This project will involve the reconstruction of Sauganash Drive beginning at Mayflower Drive, and extending south to Shabbona Drive. The project will entail com-

plete roadway reconstruction, storm sewer installation, water main replacement, and sanitary sewer work. The road was closed to through-traffic on September 21, 2009 and is scheduled to be opened again on November 20, 2009. The project will also include ancillary storm sewer and grading improvements on Montaque Drive, Davis Court and Tarrant Drive between Montaque and Davis.

Fontana Boulevard Lighting and Landscaping

Project: This project will involve the installation of a new street lighting system on Fontana Boulevard between Highway 67 and Shabbona Drive. The project will also include the construction of a new sidewalk on the south side of the roadway, several new brick crosswalks, and some landscaping improvements. The project plan includes a detour, which will require eastbound traffic to use Third Avenue and Lake Street. In addition, westbound traffic will be detoured into the eastbound lane of Fontana Boulevard for one of the phases of construction. The project was scheduled to commence on September 21, 2009 and be completed by October 20, 2009.

Stearns Road Reconstruction Project: This project will involve the reconstruction of Stearns Road from Upper Gardens Road to North Lakeshore Drive. The project will entail complete roadway reconstruction. In addition, a storm sewer will be installed on North Lakeshore Drive between Stearns Road and South Lower Gardens Road. The road will be closed to through-traffic during construction, which will take place in October.

Shabbona Storm Sewer Project: This project will involve the installation of a new storm sewer on

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Central Pay Station Trial Period Underway

The Village has installed a centralized parking pay station unit on the southeast corner of Third Avenue and Reid Street for the parking stalls in lieu of erecting individual parking meters.

The pay station is the same unit that is used at the train station in Harvard, IL. It was installed on a trial basis for the parking stalls on Third Avenue and Reid Street. Motorists who do not have the Village of Fontana resident "F" sticker have to pay for parking at the centralized pay station using the individual parking stall numbers that have been painted on the road. A ticket is printed for display in the parked vehicle.



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CDA Planning Lakefront Proposal

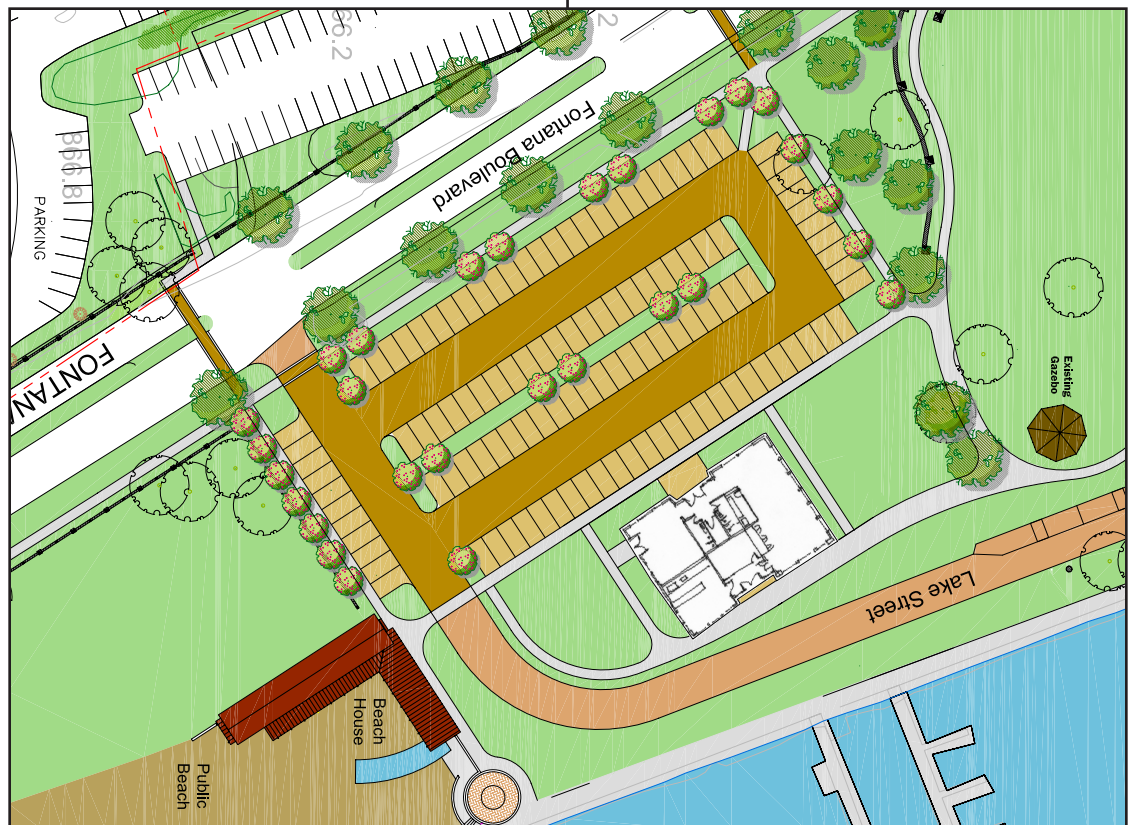
After receiving direction from the Board of Trustees and a Blue Ribbon Committee established to provide an initial recommendation, the Community Development Authority is moving forward with preliminary planning for a lakefront building proposal. If the planning process goes according to schedule, a proposal will be finalized and presented for a referendum vote in the Spring 2010 Election.

The current proposal includes the construction of a new one-story lakefront building to replace the

Boulevard. The route of the street will not be altered; however, the plan will include the installation of storm water management and pedestrian safety features along the street and at the entrance to the beach house. The plan to renovate the beach parking lot actually produces more green space in Reid Park, but does not reduce the total number of available parking stalls.

The Lakefront Building, Parking Lot and Lake Street Reconstruction Proposal will be finalized by the CDA before it is recommended to the Village Board for ratification and scheduled for a referendum vote.

CDA projects currently underway include the Fontana Boulevard Lighting and Landscaping



THE CONCEPTUAL LAKEFRONT building project site plan is depicted above in a PDI/Graef graphic.

current building, the reconstruction of Lake Street in its current route, and the renovation of the beach parking lot.

A subcommittee of the CDA is currently working to select a project architect and draft the proposed plan for the new building. If approved, the new multi-use building will be constructed on the same footprint of the current building and will include space for the current marina business, other potential retail and equipment rental operations, and rooms for community programs and special events.

The proposal also calls for the reconstruction of Lake Street from Third Avenue to Fontana

Project, the Joint Pedestrian Path Project with the Village of Walworth, and the Shabbona Path Project.

The CDA also recently purchased the business and lot located on the northeast corner of Highway 67 and Fontana Boulevard. The CDA Board will be soliciting developers to work with on a development project similar to the Mill Street Condominium/Commercial development.

The projects approved by the CDA and Village Board for commencement in 2009 are all budgeted and there is enough current increment value in the TIF District to finance these projects without any impact on real estate taxes.

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The Cop Shop ...

CounterAct Program at School

By Chief Steve Olson



Police Officers Mark Chalchoff and Derrick Goetsch again will be teaching the "COUNTERACT" counter drug abuse program in the grade school.

School is open and we monitor the traffic around the school and bus stops very closely. Please drive extra cautiously when students are coming and going from school. Remember seatbelt use is mandatory.

We have received a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for \$4,000 to replace a decade-old VHS camera system in one of our squads with a state-of-the-art digital system.

To date we have handled 1,564 calls for service compared with 1,776 calls during the same time frame last year. A call for service is any incident (including but not limited to) traffic violations, emergency calls, non emergency calls, crime investigations and ordinance violations.

We have seen a 20 percent decrease in reported crimes and a slight decrease in motor vehicle accidents this year.

A new pay-to-park system where drivers pay at a machine and receive a receipt to park in a designated stall is being tested by the Village in part of the downtown area. The system reduces the cost of maintaining and enforcing the aging parking meters.

Winter parking rules are in effect from November 1 until April 1. There is no parking on any Village street or in any parking lot from 2:00 am until 6:00 am to allow the Public Works Department to plow snow unhindered.

Remember, if you see something suspicious please call us promptly so we can check it out. Thanks to one observant citizen who observed youths throwing stones at a building and called us, the youths were apprehended and they were linked to a number of other incidents around the village.

Be sure to visit our website at www.fontanawipolice.com for all the latest law enforcement items of interest and informative links.

Village Updating Comprehensive Plan

The Village of Fontana Plan Commission and Board of Trustees are updating the Comprehensive Master Plan; a document that is intended to guide the growth, development, and preservation in the Village during the next 20 years.

A draft of the updated plan is available on the Village website at www.villageoffontana.com. The

plan adoption process includes a public hearing on Monday, November 9, 2009 at 5:00 pm.

Village Hall Closed Saturday Mornings

The Fontana Village Hall will not be open on Saturday mornings until Saturday, December 5, 2009.

Beginning on December 5, 2009, the Village Hall again will be open for customer service on Saturdays from 8:00 AM until noon. The Village Hall is open weekdays, excluding holidays, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Pig in the Park Event Raises \$8,000

Thanks to the hard work of the planning committee and event volunteers, and the generous support of the local business community, the Village of Fontana Park Commission raised a net profit of \$8,000 at its second annual Pig in the Park event in Reid Park Saturday, September 5, 2009.

Proceeds from the event are being used to pay the Village's General Fund back for the new equipment at Little Foot Playground, which includes a new pirate ship.

Local civic organizations, businesses and business owners who supported the event with donations include the Abbey Harbor House, the Abbey Resort, BBQ King Charcoal, Big Foot Lions Club, Chuck's Lakeshore Inn, the Fontana Corner Market (BP Gas Station), the Geneva Inn, Georgie B's Restaurant, Gordy's Boat House, Great Lakes Naval Band, Lowes, Novaks Deli, Pearce's, Sentry Foods, St. Benedict Catholic Church, Therese Gulbransen-American Printing Company, Walworth Landings, Walworth State Bank, and WDB Entertainment.

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Shabbona Drive beginning at Partridge Court and extending south approximately 500 feet. The storm sewer will then run up the hill (through the woods) to the intersection of Sauganash Drive, Hillcrest Drive and Arrowhead Drive. Flaggers will be present to direct traffic during construction along the roadway portion of the job, which is expected to take place in October.

Although there is a lot on our plate for this fall, rest assured that the Public Works Department is eager for the challenges that lie ahead, and will do everything in our power to minimize the short-term inconvenience these projects may create.

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*The Park Commission
has scheduled a
volunteer bulb
planting event at the
Porter Court Plaza
Saturday, October 17,
2009.*

VOF Calendar

Oct. 3, 2009 - Geneva Lake Environmental Agency Classic Car Rally
Oct. 5, 2009 - Village Board meets at 6:00 pm
Oct. 8, 2009 - Congressman Paul Ryan's Mobile Office Visit at 9:00 am
Oct. 8 & 15, 2009 - Finance Committee 2010 Budget meetings at 5:00 pm
Oct. 9, 2009 - Park Commission Outdoor Education Event at Mill House Pavilion at 1:00 pm
Oct. 17, 2009 - Park Commission Bulb Planting Event at Porter Court Plaza at 10:00 am
Oct. 19, 2009 - Village Board/Finance Committee 2010 Budget Meeting at 5:00 pm
Oct. 21, 2009 - Library Board meets at 10:00 am
Oct. 21, 2009 - Park Commission meets at 6:00 pm
Oct. 26, 2009 - Plan Commission meets at 5:30 pm
Oct. 28, 2009 - CDA Board meets at 6:00 pm
Oct. 31, 2009 - VOF Trick-or-Treat Hours from 3:00 to 7:00 pm
Nov. 2, 2009 - Village Board meets at 6:00 pm
Nov. 9, 2009 - VOF Master Plan Update Public Hearing at 5:00 pm

Nov. 11, 2009 - Veterans Day
Nov. 16, 2009 - 2010 Budget Public Hearing at 5:00 pm
Nov. 18, 2009 - Library Board meets at 10:00 am
Nov. 18, 2009 - Park Commission meets at 6:00 pm
Nov. 26 & 27, 2009 - Village Hall & Library Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 30, 2009 - Plan Commission meets at 5:30 pm
Dec. 1, 2009 - First Day for Candidates to Circulate Nomination Papers for Spring Election
Dec. 2, 2009 - CDA meets at 6:00 pm
Dec. 5, 2009 - Village Hall Open for Customer Service from 8:00 am to Noon
Dec. 7, 2009 - Village Board meets at 6:00 pm
Dec. 16, 2009 - Library Board meets at 10:00 am
Dec. 16, 2009 - Park Commission meets at 6:00 pm
Dec. 24 to 26 - Village Hall & Library Closed for Christmas Holiday
Dec. 28, 2009 - Last Day for Incumbents Not Seeking Reelection to File Noncandidacy Notice
Dec. 28, 2009 - Plan Commission meets at 5:30 pm
Dec. 30, 2009 - CDA Board meets at 6:00 pm
Dec. 31, 2009 - Village Hall Closed for New Year's Eve Holiday - Except from 8:00 am to Noon for Tax Collection Only

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