

Village Establishes Memorial Scholarship for President Pollitt

Village President Ronald E. Pollitt, 61, died after suffering a massive heart attack on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 in Fontana.

He was born March 14, 1947 in Kokomo, IN the son of the late Harley and Esther (Carnine) Pollitt.

Pollitt, a retired financial officer, served as a Village Trustee from April 2004 to April 2007, when he resigned his position after being elected Village President. Pollitt decided to not seek reelection in the upcoming 2009 Spring Election. Prior to his retirement from the private sector, Pollitt was a senior vice president at Westinghouse Electric Corporation and the comptroller at Edu Systems in Walworth.

President Pollitt was also serving on the Village Plan Commission and the Board of Review, was the chairman of the Finance Committee and the Protection Committee, and was the Village Board representative on the Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency Board of Directors and the Geneva Lake Use Committee.

He is survived by his wife, Peg (Atherton) Pollitt; four children, Elizabeth and Jennifer Pollitt, Lara (Frank) Rodriguez, and Roger Pollitt; a granddaughter, Victoria Rodriguez; one sister, Margie (Bob) Dickson; and one brother, Bobby (Vicki) Pollitt.

Services were held Friday, February 20, 2009 at Toynton's Funeral Home, and Saturday, February 21, 2009 at the Fontana Community Church.

With the family's blessing, the Ron Pollitt Memorial Scholarship Fund to benefit Big Foot High School FFA students, has been established by the Village at Walworth State Bank in memory of Ron, who was an active member of the 4-H Club and the FFA during his youth. President Pollitt was also the driving force behind the development of the Village's Mill House Pavilion outdoor education facility, located at the South Main Street entrance to the Hildebrand Nature Conservancy.

Donations may be sent to the Walworth State Bank, in care of the Ron Pollitt Memorial Scholarship Fund, Post Office Box 66, Walworth, WI 53184. Donations also can be dropped off or mailed to the Village Hall, Post Office Box 200, Fontana, WI 53125.



THE LATE Ronald E. Pollitt (left) and Interim Village President Arvid "Pete" Petersen are pictured at an open house event held last summer at the Village's Mill House Pavilion. The Village Board approved the appointment of Petersen to complete the unexpired term of President Pollitt following his death on February 17, 2009. Interim President Petersen is running unopposed for the Village President position in the April 7, 2009 Spring Election. Photo courtesy of the Lake Geneva Regional News.

Village Considering Compost Changes

'One Step Up, Two Steps Back'

By Craig Workman, Director of Public Works

Do you know what happens to all the leaves the Village picks up every year? How about the countless truckloads of brush we chip, or haul away? You may be well aware of this, but all of this material is brought to the Village's Compost Site, located at the Duck Pond.

It has been a long-time goal of mine to take the thousands of yards of leaves, brush, and grass clippings that we take in every year and turn it into a profit. Unfortunately, we're inundated with so much material, that we're barely able to keep the site organized. After six years of trying, I still feel like a Bruce Springsteen song, you know - "One Step Up, Two Steps Back"!

In an effort to save taxpayer money, get our compost operations under control, and hopefully

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Cross Connection Inspections Underway

The Village of Fontana Building and Zoning Department will be mailing out postcards with regard to the state required cross-connection inspections and stormwater infiltration inspections. Residents and property owners should call (262) 749-0004 within 10 days of receiving the postcard to schedule an inspection.

The Village is required to develop and implement a comprehensive cross-connection control program to ensure that there is not a risk of contamination of the drinking water supply that could be caused by back-siphonage or back flow. The inspector will assist property owners in identifying actual or potential problems on their property.

A cross-connection inspection consists of an on-site visual inspection of appliances and fixtures that utilize and are connected to a water source. The inspector will look at dishwashers, humidifiers, water softeners, hose bibbs, faucets, washing machines, boilers, icemakers, lawn irrigation, swimming pools and water closets for proper back-flow prevention devices and connections. Following the 10- to 20-minute inspection, property owners will receive a written report which will note any cross-connection hazards and the method for bringing the system into compliance. The state requires commercial and industrial services to be inspected once every two years, and all residential properties to be inspected every 10 years.

Open Book Dates Set on July 23, 25

The Village of Fontana has scheduled the annual Open Book session for two days in July 2009 for this year's assessment process.

Following the June commencement of the annual property assessment field work and maintenance, the Village assessor will hold Open Book for the 2009 Assessment Roll on Thursday, July 23, 2009 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, and on Saturday, July 25, 2009 from 10:00 am to Noon at the Village Hall.

The Board of Review hearings will be scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2009, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

The Village assessment firm, Accurate Appraisal, LLC will have one of its assessors available for office hours at the Fontana Village Hall on three more Fridays in 2009. Office hours will be conducted on Fridays, June 12, July 17 and August 14, 2009, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Appointments are not necessary, but can be made by calling the Fontana Village Hall at (262) 275-6136.

Residents and property owners may contact the Village assessor throughout the year by calling toll-free, 800-770-3927, or by sending an email to info@accurateassessor.com. Assessment information also is available at www.accurateassessor.com.

Compost Changes

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begin producing some higher quality landscape products, the Village Board will be considering some changes to its Leaf & Brush policy at the April 6, 2009 Village Board meeting. The major changes being proposed are described below:

1. Disposal of Yard Waste. Property owners will no longer be permitted in the Compost Facility. Instead, property owners may use the newly created Yard Waste Collection Site, located at the Public Works Garage. The hours of operation for the Yard Waste Collection Site shall be Monday through Friday from 7 am to 3:30 pm, and Saturday from 8 am to noon.

2. Curb-Side Chipping Services. The Village shall continue to provide curb-side chipping services; however, these services will now be provided during the first week of each month from April through October. At the discretion of the Public Works Department, when a brush pile is determined to be too cumbersome to efficiently run through the wood chipper, the pile may be hauled away at a cost of \$50 per load.

3. Leaf Vacuum Services. The Village will continue to provide leaf vacuum services at no charge to property owners. Property owners must deposit leaves no farther than 10 feet from their front street, but not on the pavement itself. Placement of leaves within the roadway is against village ordinance and may be subject to a fine. Leaf piles shall be free of any foreign materials (stones, brush, foreign plant material, grass clippings, etc.) and the presence of such materials will prevent pickup.

4. Contractor Services. With the exception of leaf removal, all contractor services must include the removal of all debris and yard waste generated as a part of their work. The Village will not be responsible for removing any contractor generated material (with the exception of leaves) from the curb. There will be no contractor generated waste allowed at the Village of Fontana Compost Facility, or the Yard Waste Collection Site. Any contractor identified as utilizing the compost area or the Yard Waste Collection Site shall be subject to a \$1,000 fine.

Although I realize these changes may cause somewhat of an inconvenience to some residents and property owners, I ask that you bear with us as we work toward some solutions with our compost situation.

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Notes from Nancy

By Library Director Nancy Krei

I really hope that our long, dreary winter is finally over! The staff of the Public Library is eagerly awaiting the arrival of Spring with its warmer weather, grass turning green and flowers blooming.

Spring is a time for new things. The Library is pleased to announce the addition of a state-of-the-art copy machine that has the ability to make or scan two-sided color copies from size 8.5-by-11 inches to 11-by-17 inches. At this time, we are the only library in the area to offer color copies to the public.

Spring also means that it is time for spring-cleaning. One aspect of spring-cleaning is to eliminate the paper clutter that seems to have accumulated during the fall and winter. The decision to discard newspapers, catalogs and junk mail may be obvious; however, it is not as easy to determine how long to keep items such as old bills, tax papers, or bank statements. If you want to learn about what to do with all that paper, or have questions about how to get started, be sure to come to the Fontana Public Library on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 6:00 pm. Missy Putnam, of Clearing Spaces, LLC and a member of the National Organization of Professional Organizers, will be presenting a workshop on how to keep your household paperwork under control. The library has added new books to their collection on organization, so check them out, if you want to start your spring-cleaning before April 21. In addition, to organizing, the library has many books with to help you "go-green" with your spring-cleaning.

The library has a vital role as a community resource, especially in these tough, economic times. Books, audio books, music CDs, DVDs, and even videos can be checked out free of charge. One way to save money is to borrow materials from the library, rather than to purchase them. The Fontana Public Library is a member of the SHARE Consortium, and has access to the collections of 53 libraries in Dodge, Jefferson, Racine, Walworth, and Washington counties. If we don't own an item, we can borrow it from another library. Our public computers offer free access to the Internet, and the library offers free wireless Internet access.

We are very proud of our extensive magazine collection which includes magazines on just about any subject-foreign affairs, gardening, birds, or dogs, cats and horses. The library's programs such as Toddler Time are also free.

The Fontana Public Library is your library. To request materials or to obtain other information, please contact us at (262) 275-5107. Stop in and "check us out!"

The Cop Shop ...

Officer Tietz Joins Department



After a thorough testing and screening process, the Police and Fire Commission placed Catherine Tietz on the officer eligibility list and in February the Village Board approved hiring her as a part-time officer. She holds an Associate's Degree in Police Science and is currently working on her Bachelor's Degree. Tietz graduated from the police academy in 2001 and is an Army veteran who served in Iraq.

In 2008 the Department handled a total of 2,377 calls for service compared with 2,522 calls in 2007. We saw decreases in property crimes (theft, etc.) and crimes against persons (assault, etc.). A call for service is any incident where a police officer takes action such as, but not limited to, emergencies, issuing traffic or municipal citations, criminal arrests/investigations and non-emergencies such as ordinance violations.

Would you like an officer to speak at your neighborhood's or association's annual meeting to answer questions or hear any concerns you may have? Please call and we will be more than happy to arrange for someone to attend.

You will be seeing a blue and white colored NEV (neighborhood electric vehicle) around the village this summer. The Police Department obtained this vehicle in near perfect condition through a DOD program. The vehicle will be used by our community service officer and regular officers along with other village employees. The vehicle's electric motor will save on gasoline costs, has no exhaust emissions and has a significantly reduced noise level.

Police everywhere are anticipating or already seeing increases in economic fraud type crimes as a result of the serious downturn in our national economy. Please be wary of any "deals" regarding your mortgage, selling jewelry, checks sent to you promising "your share of the stimulus package" or other unsolicited inquiries. Before you act please make some independent inquiries and please feel free to call upon us, we have contacts and resources that may keep you from becoming a victim of these con artists.

With the coming of spring please pay extra attention while driving for bicyclists and pedestrians and as always we want to encourage our citizens to promptly report any suspicious activity they see or suspect.

For all the latest in law enforcement related information concerning Fontana visit our website at www.fontanawipolice.com.

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VOF Calendar

The Village Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2009 at the Duck Pond Recreation Area.

April 1, 2009 - CDA Board meets at 6:00 pm
April 6, 2009 - Village Board/Plan Commission Comprehensive Master Plan Update meeting at 5:00 pm
April 6, 2009 - Village Board meets at 6:00 pm
April 7, 2009 - Spring Election, Polls open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm
April 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2009 - Toddler Time Program at the Public Library at 10:00 am
April 11, 2009 - Village Easter Egg Hunt at the Duck Pond Recreation Area at 10:00 am
April 15, 2009 - Village parking meters enforcement commencement date
April 15, 2009 - Library Board meets at 10:00 am
April 15, 2009 - Park Commission meets at 6:00 pm
April 25, 2009 - Public Works Committee meets at 8:00 am
April 27, 2009 - Plan Commission meets at 5:30 pm
May 1, 2009 - Walworth County Computer Round-Up Program at DPW garage, Elkhorn

May 4, 2009 - Village Board/Plan Commission Comprehensive Master Plan Update meeting at 5:00 pm
May 4, 2009 - Village Board meets at 6:00 pm
May 6, 2009 - CDA Board meets at 6:00 pm
May 20, 2009 - Library Board meets at 10:00 am
May 20, 2009 - Park Commission meets at 6:00 pm
May 23 & 24, 2009 - Fontana Garden Club Garden Fair at the Park House and Pioneer Park
May 25, 2009 - Village Hall and Public Library closed for Memorial Day Holiday
May 26, 2009 - Plan Commission meets at 5:30 pm
June 1, 2009 - Staff Meeting on Updated Draft of Comprehensive Master Plan at 5:00 pm
June 1, 2009 - Village Board meets at 6:00 pm
June 3, 2009 - CDA Board meets at 6:00 pm
June 17, 2009 - Library Board meets at 10:00 am
June 17, 2009 - Park Commission meets at 6:00 pm
June 29, 2009 - Plan Commission meets at 5:30 pm
July 4, 2009 - Village of Fontana Fireworks Display at dusk

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