



Assessor Completing Market Revaluation

The Village of Fontana assessment firm, Accurate Appraisal, LLC is conducting a market revaluation of the entire municipality in 2014. Assessors will be physically visiting the properties for the market revaluation to shoot updated photographs of the properties and to verify the property data that is on file.

Property owners can also discuss their annual assessment with one of the assessors from Accurate Appraisal at the Fontana Village Hall on three more scheduled Fridays in 2014 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. The three Fridays that the assessor will be at the Village Hall are May 16, June 20, and July 25, 2014.

The 2014 Open Book dates have been scheduled later in the year than the traditional dates because of the revaluation project. Open Book has been scheduled for Friday, October 3, 2014, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 9:00 AM to Noon.

Property owners also may contact Accurate Appraisal at any time to discuss their 2014 property assessment via the toll-free number 800-770-3927 or via e-mail at info@accurateassessor.com.

Village Hall Saturday Hours Begin May 3rd

The Fontana Village Hall will be open for Saturday morning customer service in order for residents and property owners to purchase parking, beach and launch season passes beginning on May 3, 2014, from 10:00 AM to noon. The Saturday morning hours will continue through Labor Day weekend.

Fireworks Set for Friday, July 4th

The Village will host the annual Independence Day Fireworks Display on Friday, July 4, 2014 beginning at dusk at the lakefront. The Fourth of July fireworks display is always scheduled on July 4th in the Village of Fontana, no matter what day of the week the holiday falls on.

State Prohibits Deer Feeding, Baiting

In response to complaints the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources received this past winter, the Village was requested to post information regarding the prohibition of feeding deer in the entire southeastern portion of the state.

DNR Warden Juan Gomez announced in February that the state was cracking down on property owners and residents who were illegally feeding and baiting deer. Walworth County and the entire southern portion of the state are in zones where feeding and baiting deer is illegal. Violators face fines between \$343 and \$745 if a citation is issued by the DNR. A map that shows the restricted counties is available on the village website.

Village Conducting Connection Inspections

The Building and Zoning Department will be mailing out postcards with regard to state required cross-connection inspections and stormwater infiltration inspections. Residents and property owners should call (262) 275-9769 within 10 days of receiving a 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.

A cross-connection inspection consists of an on-site visual inspection of appliances and fixtures that use 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 report. The state requires commercial and industrial services to be inspected once every two years, and all residential properties to be inspected every 10 years.



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Village Incumbents Earn Reelection

Two Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake incumbent Board of Trustees members earned reelection, and Police and Fire Commissioner David Prudden earned election to the third trustee position that was up for election in the April 1, 2014 Spring Election.

Incumbent Trustee Cindy Wilson did not seek reelection after completing her second two-year term on the Village Board.

A total of 432 voters turned out in Fontana for the election and reelected Trustees Patrick Kenny, 318 votes, and Rick Pappas, 261 votes, as well as David L. Prudden, 200 votes. Finishing fourth in the race for the three Village Trustees positions was former Village President Tom Howell, 198 votes. Public Works Committee member Todd Reschke finished fifth with 79 votes, and there were 11 write-in votes cast.

In the Big Foot High School referendum seeking authorization to exceed the state levy limits by \$990,000 for the next five years, Fontana voters cast 285 yes votes, and 139 no votes.

The referendum received approval throughout the entire Big Foot Union High School District on a total vote of 1,038 yes, and 702 no.

Village Allows Dogs on Beach in Winter

In an effort to help abate the pollution problem created by the large flocks of geese and seagulls that gather on the municipal beach during the fall, the Village of Fontana encourages visitors and residents to walk their dogs on the beach from October 15 through March 31.

The Village Board amended the Municipal Code several years ago to allow for people to walk dogs on the beach after the summer season has ended.

During the summer season, dogs are allowed at the Duck Pond Recreation Area dog track area. People also are allowed to walk dogs through the other village parks, but not on the beach during the summer.

Dogs owners are reminded that the Village Municipal Code requires them to pick up their pet's waste, and that their dogs remain under their control, whether leashed or unleashed, at all times.

The Cop Shop ...

Department Receives DOT Grant



By Chief Steve Olson

In 2013 the Fontana Police Department officers handled 2,591 calls for service of all types.

The Fontana Police Department was recently awarded a \$4,000 equipment grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to replace and update some aging equipment.

As we have been doing for years, our officers taught the CounterAct drug/alcohol abuse prevention program and Internet safety to the fifth-grade class at Fontana Elementary School this past semester.

While the Fontana Police Department handles a wide variety of calls for service, we have had two unique cases recently. One involved a routine traffic stop that resulted in more than nine pounds of marijuana being seized, along with the vehicle.

The other was a rare daytime burglary being done by out-of-state suspects who have been tied to a number of crimes in Illinois and Wisconsin. The Fontana Police Department through technology, DNA evidence and interviews identified the suspects, recovered property and have filed charges against the suspects.

Would you like an officer to speak and answer questions at your neighborhood or association annual meeting? Please call and we will be happy to arrange for someone to attend.

Please remember that skateboarding on any public street is illegal and unsafe. Skateboarders are allowed on sidewalks, but they must yield the right of way to pedestrians.

To avoid a parking ticket in the lakefront area between April 15th and October 15th be sure you either have a current village permit clearly displayed on the driver's side of the front windshield or use the Pay-to-Park machines conveniently located around the lakefront area. For your convenience the machines accept cash and credit/debit cards. You can also pay by phone should you be away from a machine and need more time.

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 or find us on Facebook.

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