

# VILLAGE OF FONTANA-ON-GENEVA LAKE

Spring Issue 2016



**VILLAGE PRESIDENT** Patrick Kenny cut the ribbon to officially open the new lakefront bridge on May 20, 2016 and then was one of the first to drive over the new bridge in his car (lower right image). The first vehicle over the bridge following the ribbon cutting was the Fontana Fire and Rescue Department ladder truck. Taking part in the ribbon-cutting were (upper image, from left): Utility Department Supervisor Dennis Barr, project engineer Mike Stone of Collins Engineers, Trustee Tom Whowell, Tom Collins of Collins

Engineers, Trustee Stan Livingston, State Representatives Amy Loudenberg and Tyler August, Trustee Rick Pappas, Kenny, DPW Manager Brett McCollum, Village Treasurer Scott Vilona, Trustees Tom McGreevy, Dave Prudden and Arvid Petersen, Public Works Committee member Mark Kennedy (partially obscured), State Senator Steve Nass, Public Works Committee members Todd Reschke and Russ Ceschi, and Village Administrator Dennis Martin.



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## Voters Elect New Village Trustee

Two of the three incumbent Village Board Trustees facing reelection and one newcomer were elected by Village of Fontana voters in the Spring Election April 5, 2016. A total of 738 ballots were cast by Village of Fontana voters in the election.

Trustees Rick Pappas, 506 votes, and David Prudden, 393 votes, were reelected to two-year terms, as was Stanton Livingston, III, who finished third with 325 votes in his first bid for public office. Longtime Trustee George Spadoni finished fourth with 283 votes.

Incumbent Fontana Municipal Court Judge David Jensen, who has been serving as judge since 2008, also was reelected with 520 votes in his unopposed bid for a second four-year term. Jensen was elected to a four-year term in 2012 when he defeated challenger Peter Wilson. Judge Jensen was first elected to a two-year term in 2008 when he defeated Wilson, who was the incumbent at the time. Jensen was unopposed when he was reelected in 2010 for a second two-year term, and the municipal court judge term was increased by the Village Board to four years prior to the 2012 Spring Election.

Trustee Pappas was reelected to his third two-year term after being elected to office for the first time in 2012 and reelected in 2014. Pappas is the chairman of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee and Employee Board of Appeals, and also serves

on the Board of Review and Public Works Committee.

Trustee Prudden was reelected to his second two-year term after being elected to office for the first time in 2014. Prudden is the chairman of the Protection Committee and Plan Commission, and also serves on the CDA Board and the Human Resources Committee.

Trustee Livingston, who also is a captain on the Fontana Fire and Rescue Department, has been appointed to the Park Commission and Public Works Committee.

Spadoni served a total of 15 years as trustee after being elected the first time in April 1997 and reelected in 1999 and 2001. After losing a bid for reelection in April 2003, Spadoni was elected again in April 2007, and was reelected in 2009, 2011 and 2013. He was not reelected in April 2015 when he finished fourth; however, Spadoni was appointed to complete the last year of current Village President Pat Kenny's trustee term, which ended April 19, 2016.

In other contested Walworth County races, Village of Fontana voters cast 311 votes for Dan Necci and 308 votes for Daniel Johnson for the Circuit Court Branch 2 Judge race won by Johnson (16,380 to 13,360 unofficial results according to Walworth County website); and Susan Pruessing received 424 votes and Incumbent Richard Brandl received 153 votes for the County Board Supervisor District 9 race won by Pruessing (1,770 to 971 unofficial results according to county website).



**THE OLD LAKEFRONT BRIDGE** is being dismantled by a Zenith Tech, Inc., employee in the fall of 2015. There is still some landscaping and

fence restoration work and the installation of street lights yet to be completed on the new bridge.

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## The Cop Shop ...

### Software Provides Benefits



**By Chief Steve Olson**

The Village of Fontana Police Department's new records management system is in operation and the anticipated benefits of less paperwork, more time on the road for officers and greater inter agency information sharing have been realized.

The Department recently received through a grant program a prescription medication secure drop-box that has been placed in the lobby at Village Hall. Residents should feel free to drop off old or unneeded prescription medications for destruction. No questions will be asked.

The Village Board has hired Stephanie Klug to be our new Administrative Assistant. She will be splitting her time between the Police Department and the Village Hall.

Our Community Service Officer for the summer will be Kalan Welch who is a college student working towards a degree in Criminal Justice.

With summer fast approaching, a reminder that if you moor your boat at a municipal pier, be sure to watch the time limits that are posted and stay out of the 'No Mooring' areas.

Also after April 15th, parking in all four municipal parking lots and on parts of Reid Street and Third Avenue are all Pay to Park from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, seven days a week. It is free parking if you have a current village resident "F" sticker clearly displayed on the driver's side lower windshield area.

We ask all of our citizens to be vigilant with regard to unlicensed door-to-door sales people selling items or services. If someone comes to your home and wants to sell you something or perform a service (blacktopping, roof repair etc.) ask to see their Village permit. Don't let them claim they have a state permit or left their village permit somewhere else. Tell them to leave and call us immediately. We ask that you also watch out for any elderly neighbors who may fall victim to these con artists.

Please remember that the use of fireworks (anything that flies or explodes) is prohibited in the Village unless you have a Village permit.

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](http://www.fontanawipolice.com) or friend us on Facebook.



**POLICE CHIEF Steve Olson** was one of the first to walk across the new bridge at the May 20, 2016 ribbon cutting event.

## Village Schedules Assessment Dates

The Village has contracted with Accurate Appraisal to conduct a routine maintenance year of the municipality in 2016.

The 2016 Open Book dates have been scheduled for Friday, July 29, 2016 from Noon to 4:00 PM, and Saturday, July 30, 2016 from 9:00 AM to Noon.

The 2016 Board of Review hearing date has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2016 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

Property owners also may contact Accurate Appraisal at any time to discuss their 2016 property assessment via the toll-free number 800-770-3927 or via e-mail at [info@accurateassessor.com](mailto:info@accurateassessor.com).

## Village Hall Open Saturdays for Season

The Fontana Village Hall opened for the summer season for Saturday morning customer service in order for residents and property owners to purchase parking, beach and launch season passes beginning on May 7, 2016, 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 Monday, July 4, 2016 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.

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## Fourth of July Fireworks 2016 Combined Fireworks Campaign



January, 2016

Greetings,

The Geneva Lake West Chamber of Commerce and The Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake seek your assistance in helping us to provide another spectacular lakefront fireworks experience on Monday, July 4, 2016.

As in prior years, the fireworks will be launched from barges anchored just off Fontana Beach and provide a breathtaking show for the community and visitors from miles around. Fontana's fireworks are exalted as the best in the area and are provided entirely by the generosity of contributors like you. As you can imagine, financial support is needed now more than ever. In appreciation, your contribution will be publicly recognized in a press release and highly visible signage on site.

We would like to recognize the exceptionally generous donations of \$1000 or more by our Platinum sponsors in 2015: Abbey Dockominium Association, Adreani Family Foundation, Kikkoman Foods, Inc., The Abbey Resort and Avani Spa, Walworth State Bank and Town Bank.

May we count on your financial support for the fireworks? Thank you in advance for remitting the lower portion of this letter. We truly appreciate every level of support for this patriotic display.

Sincerely,

Sarah Smith  
Fireworks Committee - GLWCC

Dennis Martin  
Administrator - Village of Fontana

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☐ Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to: Geneva Lake West Chamber of Commerce)

☐ Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the following credit card: ☐ MC ☐ Visa ☐ Amex ☐ Discover

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