

VILLAGE OF FONTANA-ON-GENEVA LAKE

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Village Repairs Lakefront Bridge for Summer

The South Lakeshore Drive bridge at the Abbey Harbor was reopened for automobile traffic and pedestrians on Thursday evening, July 3, 2014 following an emergency repair project completed by Scherrer Construction Company, Inc., Burlington, under the direction of Collins Engineers, Inc., Milwaukee. The channel under the bridge was also opened for boaters coming in and out of the Abbey Harbor.

The bridge is not open for truck or trailer traffic, so it is still being detoured south on Highway 67 to County Highway B, to Indian Hills Road and back to South Lakeshore Drive.

Collins Engineers and the Wisconsin DOT ruled June 26, 2014 that the bridge was unsafe for motor vehicle traffic and should be immediately closed



pending a repair or replacement project.

The repair project was constructed by Scherrer in about four days, with some staging work commencing on Sunday, June 29,

2014.

Pedestrians are able to walk over the repaired bridge, but the sidewalks under the bridge will not be opened until a replacement project is completed in the fall.

Big Foot Lions Plan Lobster Boil

The Big Foot Lions Club will host its 31st annual Lobster Boil and Steak Fry in Reid Park on Saturday, July 26, 2014.

The event starts at noon with lunch fare being served (hamburgers and hot dogs, chips and soda) and live music and a children's area will be featured throughout the day.

The Lions Club tent will be serving beer and wine coolers.

Serving time for dinner is from 2:00 to 9:00 pm. A drive-through service will be available at the Park House on Third Avenue from 2:00 until 8:00 pm.

Advanced tickets are available at Sentry Foods in Walworth, Chuck's Lakeshore Inn in Fontana, or from any Big Foot Lion member.

The Lobster Boil was started in 1983 at the old Red Eye restaurant in Linton, and later moved to Walworth, and then to Reid Park.

The Big Foot Lions Club service organization serves Linn Township and the villages of Walworth and Fontana with about 45 current members. All of the proceeds raised at the club's fundraisers go back to the public through contributions.

Annual Pig Roast Aug. 30

The sixth annual Dan Green's Touch A Life, Heal A Heart, Inc./Fontana Park Commission fund-raising pig roast event will be held in Reid Park on Saturday, August 30, 2014.

The planning duties and event operations for the pig roast were taken over two years ago by Dan Green's Touch A Life nonprofit organization, which was established in memory of former Park Commissioner Daniel Green.



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Free Parking With F Stickers

By Chief Steve Olson



With summer here, we want to remind everyone that all municipal parking lots and parts of Reid Street and Third Avenue are all Pay to Park stalls from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, seven days a week.

There is no charge to park as long as you have a current Village "F" (parking) sticker clearly displayed on the driver's side lower windshield area. The village parking stickers may also be used to moor your boat at a municipal pier, just be sure to watch the posted time limits.

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 tries to sell you something or perform a service (blacktopping, roof repair, etc.) ask to see their required village permit. Do not let them claim they have a state permit or left their village permit somewhere else. Tell them to leave and call us immediately.

We also ask that you watch out for your elderly neighbors who may fall victim to fraudulent solicitations.

Please remember that the possession and use of fireworks is prohibited in the village unless you have a village permit.

The department has received a \$1,000 grant from Enbridge Inc. to upgrade safety equipment.

FPD officers will soon be wearing body cameras that will document the activity of the officers, and those around them, when they are handling certain calls for service. If needed, these videos can be produced in court as evidence.

Marissa Salas is serving as our Community Service Officer this summer. She will be attending the police academy in the spring of 2015 in order to become a certified police officer.

Congratulations to Officers Derrick Goetsch and Lisa Gavahan who attended numerous classes on their own time and passed all the required tests to become certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). Their enhanced skills will benefit the village when it comes to treating the injured and the ill.

Our officers have handled 943 calls for service to date in 2014. We want to encourage our citizens to promptly report any suspicious activity they witness 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.

2014 Open Book, Board of Review Dates Set for October

Following a market revaluation of the entire municipality, which is currently underway by the village's contracted appraisal firm, Accurate Appraisal, LLC, Open Book sessions for the initial 2014 Village Assessment Roll will be held at the Fontana Village Hall on Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4, 2014.

Property owners who have any questions concerning the 2014 valuation of their property, may attend an Open Book session, where they can meet individually with one of the appraisers.

The Open Book sessions will be held on Friday, October 3rd from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and on Saturday, October 4th from 9:00 am to noon.

Online appointment scheduling is available for the Open Book sessions. If you wish to meet with one of the appraisers, logon to www.accurateassessor.com and click on the "online scheduling" link. Next, choose the open book appointment link. Please follow the directions, as the entire process should take only a few minutes. You will be prompted to enter the Village of Fontana password: VF10.

If you do not have Internet, you may call the Village Hall at (262) 275-6136 to make an appointment.

If you cannot make it to the Open Book sessions and you wish to discuss your assessment, you can call the Accurate Appraisal office at 800-770-3927, or send an email to: question@accurateassessor.com.

If, after the Open Book session, you wish to object to the assessment, contact Village Clerk Theresa Linneman to file a "Form of Objection" and to schedule an appointment before the Board of Review.

Property owners must file an Intent to File Objection form with the Municipal Clerk at least 48 hours prior to the Board of Review.

The Board of Review will be meeting at the Fontana Village Hall on Thursday, October 23, 2014 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Appearances at the Board of Review are by prior appointment only. The Board of Review functions like a court in that it is required to evaluate evidence based on facts.

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