

VILLAGE OF FONTANA-ON-GENEVA LAKE

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Village Attorney Working on Snow Plowing Easements

Fontana Village Board President Pat Kenny welcomed a large audience to a Town Hall meeting held Saturday, May 30, 2015. The meeting was scheduled by the Board of Trustees to provide an update on the staff research to address Village snow plowing service concerns related to the state statutes.

Village Attorney Dale Thorpe presented a background on the DPW longtime practice of plowing private subdivision streets and driveways, and the Village Board direction provided last fall to have him research solutions to continue to provide the services while addressing the state statute, liability and insurance issues.

At the subsequent June 1, 2015 Village Board meeting, Attorney Thorpe was authorized to commence work on his proposal for the Village Board to enter into Public Purpose Easement agreements with the property owner associations that will authorize the Village DPW to plow the privately owned streets and driveways, and guarantee insurance for accidents and other liability situations.

Thorpe informed the Village Board that there is no precedent for the Public Purpose Easement proposal; however, it will bridge the gap between the village's longtime practice of plowing the private streets and driveways and the state statutes that govern municipal snow plowing services.

The agreements will have to describe the roads and driveways to be plowed, and some of the associations already have legal descriptions and plats recorded and others have nothing. Thorpe stated that ultimately the Village will have to make some payment to the associations to finalize the authorization of the easement agreements, and he suggested a nominal rate of \$10. There is no cost proposed to the associations to continue the snow plow services or for the



FONTANA VILLAGE PRESIDENT Pat Kenny (center), who is also a member of the Big Foot Lions Club, received assistance with his beer tent duties at the annual Lobster Boil and Steak Fry in Reid Park Saturday, July 25, 2015 by Town of Linn Chairman Jim Weiss (left) and Village of Walworth President Todd Watters. The Lions Club served 2,600 lobster and steak dinners at the 32nd annual event, which is a record year according to Lion Andy Pearce, the event chairman.

Village attorney to draft the easement agreements. Once drafted he will present the agreements to the Village Board for review prior to them being presented to the individual associations.

The Village currently provides snow plowing services for 12 of the homeowner associations, and any new requests will have to be considered on a case-by-case basis as the village DPW may not have equipment to access and plow some of the private roads and driveways.

President Kenny thanked the audience members for attending the meeting and stated that more Town Hall meetings will be scheduled in the future when issues or proposals come up.



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The Cop Shop . . .

Free Parking With F Stickers

By Chief Steve Olson



From 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM seven days a week, the parking in all municipal parking lots and parts of Reid and Third Streets are Pay to Park. It is free parking if you have a current village sticker clearly displayed in 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 that they left the 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.

Allysann Sandner has been hired as our summer Community Service Officer. She performs parking enforcement duties and other tasks that free up our sworn officers so they can concentrate on patrol and investigations.

Recently, Sergeant Jeff Cates attended the FBI's Regional Command School and Officer Chris Brunning attended the Wisconsin Department of Justice Crime Scene Evidence Technician School. Barbara Dorsey, our Administrative Assistant, attended the Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals Training Conference.

A vehicle seized by our department that was transporting a large quantity of marijuana was turned over to the Village by the courts and will be sold with the proceeds going to the general fund.

Interested in having an officer speak or answer questions at your next neighborhood association meeting or block party? Please call our office and we will be happy to have someone attend.

We have handled 1,423 calls for service since January. As always, we want to encourage our citizens to promptly report any suspicious activity they see or suspect. There is an anonymous method of reporting suspicious/criminal activity, please visit our website for more information. Rewards are available.

For all the latest in law enforcement related information concerning Fontana, visit our web-

site at www.fontanawipolice.com or find us on Facebook.

New Bridge Construction Commences in October

The Village of Fontana Board of Trustees approved a motion at its monthly meeting held Monday, June 1, 2015 to accept the \$1,711,960 bid submitted by Zenith Tech, Inc. for the South Lakeshore Drive Bridge Construction Contract. The construction commencement date is scheduled for October 5, 2015.

Construction scheduling concerns led the Village of Fontana staff and engineering consultants to recommend a delay until October for the commencement of the bridge replacement project. When preparing to put the approved construction plans out for the bidding process, it was determined by the project engineers that the initial July 4, 2015 deadline goal would be unattainable, especially if there were any delays for weather or for the construction process and cement curing requirements.

The updated bridge construction schedule is as follows:

* Construction Commencement: October 5, 2015 (**Note:** The emergency replacement deck will be removed and the bridge will be closed to motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic until the May 13, 2016 completion date).

* Geneva Lake Channel closure: October 5 to 9, 2015 (**Note:** Following this initial five-day period, the Geneva Lake Channel from the Abbey Harbor will be open for boaters on weekend days throughout the rest of the 2015 season; however, the channel will be closed for some weekday time periods when the construction activities will prohibit the safe passage of boats at the "slow no-wake speed," and at times during the final stages of mounting the new bridge deck. In the spring there may be some channel closures to set the girders, if they are not already set during the winter months. The staging of the construction activities and the scheduling of opening and closing times for the channel will be coordinated throughout the construction period by the project engineers and contractor with the employees of the Abbey Harbor Association and village staff.).

* Substantial Completion Date: May 13, 2016.

The repaired bridge currently 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

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Annual Pig Roast Sept. 5

The seventh 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, September 5, 2015. The planning duties and event operations for the pig roast were taken over three 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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Drive.

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

Village Staff Filling Slips on New Pier for 2016 Season

Village staff has commenced the process of filling 20 boat slip spaces on a new 200-foot village pier being installed for the 2016 season. The current holders of Village mooring leases for the 24-foot slips on the current piers are being contacted first to determine their interest in leasing one of the new 26-foot slip spaces.

Staff will then contact the current holders of leases for the Village's 27 buoys, which will be reduced to 7 total buoys in 2016 and then to none in 2017. The current plan calls for replacing 20 of the 27 buoys in 2016, and the 7 remaining buoys in 2017 when four additional slips will be added to one of the Village's current piers and three slips to the other. Following contact with the current pier slip and buoys holders, staff will fill the rest of the new slips and any vacated slips with people on the Boat Slip Waiting List.

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Pat Kenny (left) has reinstituted the annual Presidents Breakfast Meeting with the presidents of the Village of Fontana homeowner's associations. Current Trustee Tom Whowell (standing), who initiated the Presidents Breakfast when he was serving as the Village President, welcomed the meeting participants to the Cobalt Lounge at Gordy's Boathouse on June 13, 2015.

SAMS GARDEN and a park bench donated by the Fontana Garden Club have been relocated to a new parking lot area behind the Public Library on Second Avenue. Installing the bench are DPW Crew members Joe Special (left) and Kevin Kohley. The new parking lot was developed to make way for the Shodeen Construction Company's townhome development on Second/Third Avenues.



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