

Quarry Development Draws Curiosity

By Kelly E. Hayden-Staggs
Village Administrator

Over the past month the Cliffs of Fontana development, located just off Highway 67 and across from the Village Hall, generated enough curiosity to bring in some new faces inquiring about the project. For all of those curious residents, who simply have not had the time to stop by the Village Hall, call or follow the project from its inception, here are some facts about the quarry project:

- 66 single-family homes
- Price point in the mid-\$500,000 range
- Stabilization of the eroding quarry cliffs
- Deluxe landscaping plan
- TID project to generate approximately \$35 million in increment

PAR Development achieved both the Plan Commission's and Village Board's endorsement for the 66 single-family home development after spend-

ing the last two and a half years in public meetings and hearings.

- January 31, 2005, the former quarry owner, the Audino family, presented the Certified Survey Map (CSM) to the Plan Commission.

- February 7, 2005, the Village Board approved the CSM to divide the property's upper ridge, approximately 10 acres, from the quarry, approximately 24 acres.

- March 1, 2005, PAR Development, the new owners of the quarry, presented their initial concept to the Plan Commission, which included 66 town homes represented by 33 buildings on the quarry portion of the lot.

- July 2, 2007, after countless public meetings and hearings PAR received final approval to develop a 66 single-family unit subdivision.

To paraphrase Charles Dickens ... "A thing constructed can only be loved after it is constructed." Construction needs to get a little ugly and dirty before we can all appreciate the finished product. Next summer the community will see a stabilized, safe and heavily landscaped cliff creating a beautiful view from both the lake and Highway 67.

NOTICE: All delinquent Village of Fontana Utility Bills not paid by November 15, 2007 will be subject to interest and added to the 2007 VOF Property Tax Bills.



Photograph from Highway 67 facing west of the Par Development Cliffs of Fontana subdivision site.



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Summer season was wonderful

President's message ...

By Ron Pollitt
Village President



It is my hope that you had a wonderful summer in Fontana this year. June and July were wonderful weather months and the village never looked better with the parks and boulevards in great shape. The August rains were a surprise, but luckily, we had the new sewage lift station working which handled the load well.

The old lift station probably could not have handled the water volume due to infiltration and we could have had a major spill.

All in all, it was a great summer for the Village. The beach and launch usage and revenues were at high levels all season. I want to thank all the Village full- and part-time employees and committee volunteers who made the summer season a success for all of us.

I also want to thank the Village servants who have resigned, for their years of service to our community. Laurie Larson and Rick Treptow (Park Commission), Joe Haughey (Police & Fire Commission), Larry Austin (Rescue Squad) and Trustee Joe Bidwill will be missed.

We are always looking for interested people to serve on Village committees and boards. If you have an interest, please stop by Village Hall and fill out a Village Committee/Commission Volunteer form. You can also find it on the Village Website at www.villageoffontana.com. This allows us to know where your interests lie. Remember, you do not have to be a full-time resident to serve your municipality. We have many slots for part-time residents that come available.

The Finance Committee is busy holding workshops with department heads to set the 2008 budget. We are working together to keep projected expenditures at a reasonable level to maintain existing services and keep the tax mill rate at an affordable level.

Each department (Administration, Public Works, Police, Fire, Rescue, Public Library) submits their proposed 2008 budget numbers that are reviewed by this committee who recommends changes and sends the final budget recommendation

to the Village Board.

The publication date for the Budget Summary is November 1, 2007 and the public hearing is set for November 19, 2007 at 5:00PM.

Please make plans to enjoy Fontana during the fall as the trees are beginning to turn and the restaurants and resorts are less crowded. It is a great time to live and play in Fontana!

The Cop Shop ...



By Chief Steve Olson
Fontana Police Department

The summer has passed and with it the surge in police calls for service. As of September 15, 2007 we had handled 1,935 calls compared to 1,890 calls at the same time in 2006.

Officers Mark Chalchoff and Derrick Goetsch will be teaching the "COUNTERACT" counter drug abuse program in the grade school starting in January. This program replaces DARE. School is open and we closely monitor the traffic around the school and bus stops. Please drive extra cautiously when students are coming and going from school.

We have seen a big increase in identify theft type crimes and Internet fraud this year. The most common crime is where someone will send you what they want you to believe are valid bank/travelers checks and ask you to cash them at your bank. You then keep a percentage as a reward and send the remaining money somewhere else. In the end, the checks are found to be fake and you end up paying back to the bank the full amount of the money you cashed them for. Please call us if you are approached to do this and if you receive an email to do this, delete it.

If your credit card is lost or stolen and used illegally contact us promptly to save your credit rating.

Officer Goetsch, who has been with the department since 2006 as a part-time officer, is our newest full-time officer. This keeps us at our current level of six full-time officers and two part-time officers.

Winter parking rules go into effect from November 1 until April 1. There is no parking on any Village street or parking lot from 2:00 until 6:00 AM to allow the Public Works crew to plow the roads.

Halloween trick-or-treating will be held on October 31, 2007 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM.

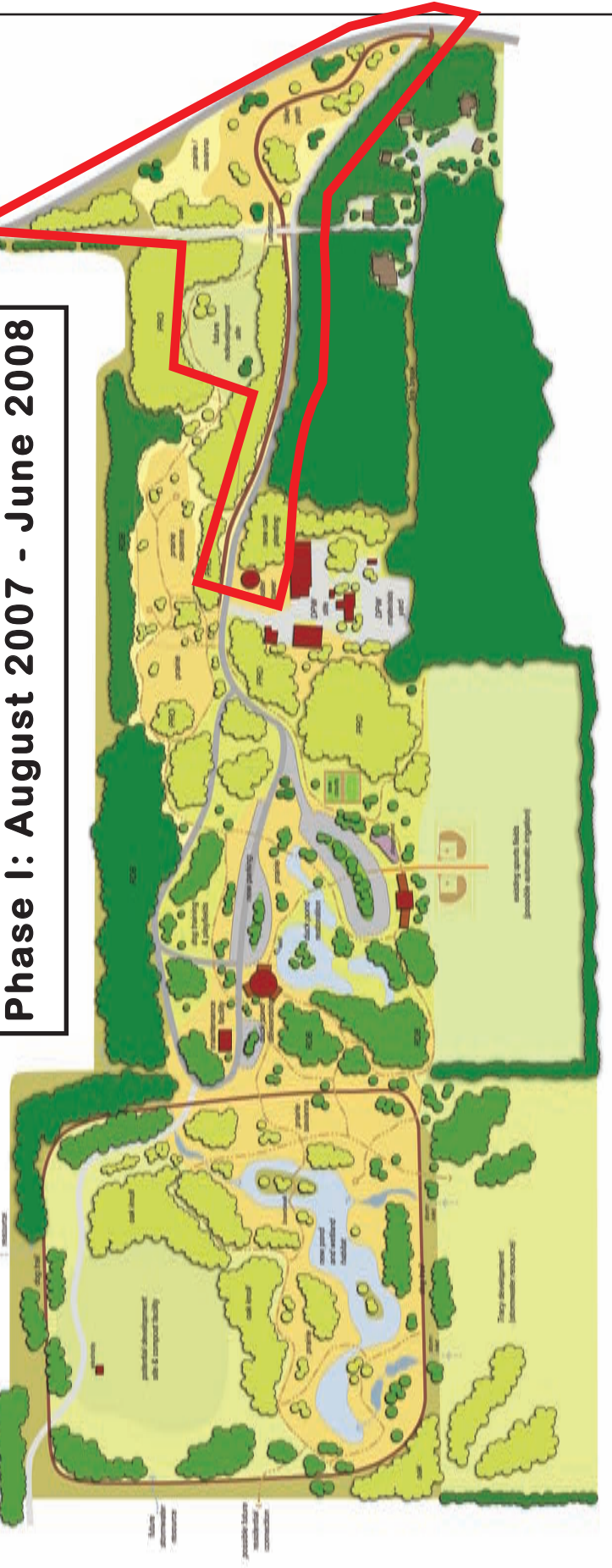
Be sure to visit our Website at www.fontanawipolice.com for all the latest law enforcement items of interest and informative links.

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ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION PROJECT

Duck Pond Recreation Area
Phase I: August 2007 - June 2008



Grassland Restoration, New Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail, Underpass Construction & Wild Duck Road Improvements

RUEKERT+MIELKE | TERRY GUEN DESIGN ASSOCIATES | SAVANNA LANDSCAPING | NORTHWIND PERENNIAL FARM

Duck Pond - Past, Present & Future

Among other things, the Duck Pond Recreation Area began life as a treatment site for the Village's waste water. The treated water filled the large basins on the property and as a result created a fantastic water fowl habitat. Over the years, the Village water treatment needs have changed, but our beloved name for the area still remains - Duck Pond.

During the last 12 months, a master plan for the Duck Pond property has been developed which aims to bring back the wetland habitat once there, and also to restore the prairie, savannah and woodlands once

dominant in this region.

The illustrative plan above provides a guide to the future of the Duck Pond area. Much of the 100-plus acre site is planned to consist of native landscape restoration areas. In addition to the native areas, and the recreation fields which currently exist, the plan includes nature paths, dog walking trails and training areas, bike trails and tennis courts. A full size plan for the Duck Pond Recreation Area Master plan currently is on display at the Village Hall.

MASTER PLAN LEGEND: RDB: Retain Disturbed Forest Buffer; PRO: Preserve & Restore Oak Stand

Duck Pond Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Underway

By Joseph A. McHugh
CDA Executive Director

When asked for the secret of how to live a long life, our 33rd President, Harry S. Truman, responded, "Take a two-mile walk every morning before breakfast."

Walking is by far the number one form of human transportation in the world today. People of all ages and backgrounds can do it and it makes up at least some portion of every trip we make on a daily basis. Unfortunately, in our automobile dependent society, the walking portion of most of our trips is now limited to that short segment from the house to the garage. The recognized cause for this phenomenon is that walking as a transportation choice has historically received very little attention in the planning, design and development of our communities. Here in Fontana that is no longer the case.

One common objective in each of the recent CDA projects was the establishment of a comprehensive network of pedestrian and bicycle routes. Specifically, the goal has been to ensure that destination points like Reid Park, the municipal beach, the lakefront, Fontana Elementary School, the Village Center, and the Duck Pond Recreation Area were all linked together via a combination of bicycle routes, sidewalks, pedestrian paths and trails.

The CDA's opening project included a new sidewalk from State Highway 67 all the way to the Fontana Elementary School along the south side of

Main Street. That following year, as part of the State Highway 67 improvement project, a pedestrian trail was built that runs the entire length of the highway corridor from Dewey Avenue to Wild Duck Road. With the current reconstruction of Wild Duck Road now well underway, one of the last remaining links, needed from the highway to the Duck Pond Recreation Area, will be added before the snow flies this winter.

To ensure the safety of pedestrians who will be using the future path, it was designed to be physically separated from the roadway. By opting not to go with a simple bike lane divided from the active traffic lanes by nothing more than a painted white line, dangerous interactions with the heavy trucks and equipment that also use the road will be avoided. At the intersection of Wild Duck and Dade, the path travels through an underpass for safety reasons as well.

The incorporation of the underpass at the intersection was also integral to the goal of keeping the incline of the path as gentle as possible and thus ensuring accessibility for all users.

With another crucial connection about to be finished, a person will soon be able to walk the entire distance from the Public Beach to the Duck Pond Soccer Fields without ever having to set foot on a road outside of a crosswalk. Fontana's goal of becoming a "walkable" community is now within walking distance.

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This illustration is an artist's rendering of the view from Highway 67 of the pedestrian underpass being constructed at the intersection of Wild Duck Road and Dade Road.

Notes From Nancy

By Nancy Krei

Fontana Public Library Director

Fall is finally here! I have always enjoyed the fall season for all the things associated with it -- the changing colors and football games. What a great time to visit the Fontana Public Library.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new library card which includes a key ring card and features the library sign. This card can be used to borrow materials from Fontana and the other 44 libraries in the SHARE system Walworth, Racine, Dodge, Jefferson and Washington counties. We will still accept your older card, but we encourage you to stop into the library to update your information and trade-in the old card.

Our Toddler Time program will once again be held on Thursdays at 10:30 AM. Toddler Time is geared to children ages 18 months to 3-years-old, and provides the opportunity for children to listen to stories read by "Grandma Carol" Lobdell.

Scrap-booking has become a popular hobby. If you have always wanted to learn more about scrap-booking, and would like to start a project, or if you are at a more advanced level and want new ideas, our scrap-booking workshops are for you. Creative Memories consultants Dawn Sammons and Tammy Brooks will be available at the library on Saturdays, October 20 and November 10, 2007 from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. The library has also planned special holiday workshops for children on Tuesdays, November 13 and 27, 2007.

Fall also is an ideal time to work on craft projects, organize the garage or add additional storage areas to your home. The library has a vast collection of books of craft projects and how-to manuals.

Brad Thor, a best-selling author, was at Gordy's Boat House on August 25, 2007 to sign and sell copies of his latest book, *The First Commandment*. Brad has local ties to the Fontana area, and Fontana and Geneva Lake locations are featured prominently in the plot of *The First Commandment*. The Library Board and staff would like to express thanks and appreciation to Tom and Geri Whowell who arranged for Brad's appearance, made sure that we had books to sell, and promoted the event. We would also thank Rallee Chupich and the Gordy's staff for all their assistance before and during the signing. Copies of *The First Commandment* are available for sale at the Fontana Public Library, and Brad has generously agreed to personalize them upon request.

The library also is offering some other suggestions for Holiday gifts, including copies of *Lake Geneva: Life at the Water's Edge*, signed by Michael

Keefe, and *Shawneeawkee: Friendly Fontana*, edition 2.0, signed by Arthur (Bruce) Jensen. The library receives a donation for each book sold.

DPW Offers Services

Leaf Vacuum Service

Dates of Service: Approximately October 15 to December 7. Note: Dates may vary depending on leaf volume and snow accumulation.

Schedule: The entire Village will be covered on a weekly basis starting at the northern village limits, progressing through downtown and Country Club Estates, finishing along South Lake Shore Drive at the eastern village limits. Due to the unpredictability in leaf volume, it is impossible to schedule a specific day each week for a particular street or subdivision.

Basic Rules: Property owners must deposit leaves no farther than 5 feet from the street, but NOT on the pavement itself. Leaf piles that are placed in the roadway are subject to a fine. Any leaves that are not picked up because they are outside the 5-foot area should be raked to within the 5-foot area for pickup the following week. This service DOES NOT include the removal of grass clippings. Please make sure that leaf piles are free of any rocks or twigs.

Curb-Side Chipping

Schedule: Chipping will be conducted during the LAST FULL WEEK of each month, with the exception of December, January and February, when chipping services will only be conducted as necessary.

Basic Rules: The Village does not handle brush from ANY lot clearing activities; no tree material larger than 6 inches in diameter will be accepted for chipping; piles that contain non-recyclable material WILL NOT be handled; all materials to be chipped must be stacked with the butt-ends facing the street; a fee of \$2.50/minute will be incurred after the first 15 minutes of each month, or for any pile that is too large to chip.

Compost Information

The Village has a limited supply of world class compost that can be purchased for \$10/cubic yard. A \$50 charge will be added to any deliveries. This material is great for gardens, top dressing of landscape beds, or grass seeding. In addition, we are working on ways to sell compost by the bag which will be extremely beneficial for flower pot plantings.

Contractor Services

Please note that all contractor services (tree trimming or removal, lawn mowing, etc. shall be responsible for removing all cut debris and yard waste generated as a part of their service. Material may be taken to the Village compost area for free.

"For further information on the library's programs and events, contact (262) 275-5107, or stop into the library and 'check us out'!"

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VOF Calendar

Village Hall will be closed for holidays from November 23 to 25, 2007, on December 24 and 25, 2007, and on December 31 and January 1.

October 1 - Village Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
October 2 - Village Board/Finance Committee Budget Meeting, 5:00 pm
October 3 - CDA Meeting, 6:00 pm
October 4 - Toddler Time, Fontana Public Library, 10:30 am
October 11 - Toddler Time, Fontana Public Library, 10:30 am
October 17 - Park Commission Meeting, 6:00 pm
October 18 - Toddler Time, Fontana Public Library, 10:30 am
October 25 - Village Board/Finance Committee Budget Meeting, 5:00 pm
October 29 - Plan Commission Meeting, 5:30 pm
October 31 - Village of Fontana Trick-or-Treat Hours, 3:00 to 7:00 pm
November 1 - Toddler Time, Fontana Public Library, 10:30 am
November 5 - Village Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
November 7 - CDA Meeting, 6:00 pm
November 8 - Toddler Time, Fontana Public Library, 10:30 am

November 15 - Toddler Time, Fontana Public Library, 10:30 am
November 19 - 2008 Budget Hearing, 5:00 pm
November 21 - Park Commission Meeting, 6:00 pm
November 23 to 25 - Village Hall Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
November 26 - Plan Commission Meeting, 5:30 pm
November 29 - Toddler Time, Fontana Public Library, 10:30 am
December 1 - First Day for Candidates to Circulate Nomination Papers for Spring Election
December 3 - Village Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
December 5 - CDA Meeting, 6:00 pm
December 6 - Toddler Time, Fontana Public Library, 10:30 am
December 17 - Plan Commission Meeting, 6:00 pm
December 19 - Park Commission Meeting, 6:00 pm
December 24 & 25 - Village Hall Closed for Christmas Holiday
December 31 - Village Hall Closed for New Year's Eve
January 1 - Village Hall Closed for New Year Day

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