

Cross-Connection Inspections Protect Drinking Water Supply

The Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake Building and Zoning Department has been contacting residential property owners during the last several months to schedule state required cross-connection inspections.

The Village is required by the State of Wisconsin 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.

To assist property owners with identifying actual or potential cross-connections on their property, the Building and Zoning Department has been contacting property owners to arrange for a time when an inspection can be made of their water system

connections.

A cross-connection inspection is an inspection of a home or business water supply system. The inspection consists of an on-site visual inspection of appliances and fixtures that utilize and are connected to a water source.

The Village building inspector will look at such things as dishwashers, humidifiers, water softeners, hose bibbs, faucets, washing machines, boilers, ice-makers, lawn irrigation systems, swimming pools and water closets for proper back-flow prevention devices and connections.

This inspection generally takes from 10 to 20 minutes. Following the inspection, property owners will receive a written report which will note any cross connection hazards and the method for bringing the system into compliance.

The State of Wisconsin requires commercial and industrial services to be inspected once every two years, and all residential properties to be inspected every 10 years.



Aerial photograph of VOF TID No. 1 road construction projects provided by Cully Pillman.



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President's message

By Ron Pollitt
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Diversity: the art of thinking independently together...Malcolm Forbes

First of all, I want to take this opportunity to thank the voters of Fontana who elected me into this Village President position. I do not take the position lightly and pledge that I will perform the duties to the best of my ability.

I am but one vote on a Village Board of seven, but I will vote with my conscience and strive to be fair and open-minded on all issues.

I do want to publicly acknowledge Tom Whowell for his six years of service to our Village. He put a lot of time and energy into this position, which can seem, at times, to be a thankless job. Tom has agreed to continue to serve on the Library Board and the Board of Review. I'm confident that he will be an asset in these positions and I thank him for his continued service.

For those of you who don't know me, I am relatively new to Fontana only having lived here for 14 years. My family and I have chosen to make Fontana our permanent home and I want to keep this the great village that it is. My background and education is of a financial nature and I take seriously the fiduciary responsibility that I have to all taxpayers. I became involved in local government to help keep taxes down by serving as Chairman of the Finance Committee. I am always looking for ways to keep costs down without sacrificing services.

I want to encourage new ideas from Village citizens and I will promote an open-door policy at the Village Hall. I will be holding office hours on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Please come in and have a cup of coffee with me to express your ideas and suggestions. I am reachable by e-mail or telephone and welcome your comments. I strongly urge you to get involved in our local government, either by serving on a committee, volunteering or running for office. After all, this is a government of the people, for the people, and by the people. I promise that you won't be bored!

I hope that you enjoy the summer season and take time to relax with your families and friends in our wonderful Village by the lake!



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Administrator's report

By Kelly E. Hayden-Staggs
Village Administrator

Things you need to know about Fontana, but didn't realize you should ask...

- **Fireworks** - The Geneva Lake West Chamber of Commerce displays a spectacular fireworks show, which is always on the 4th of July. The barge, from which the display is fired, is always anchored just east of the Fontana Beach.

- **Beach Hours** - The public beach is staffed from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. as long as the weather conditions are favorable, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Lifeguards are on duty, during the peak season, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Picnics are welcome on the beach; however, no glass, alcohol or grilling is allowed.

- **2nd Installment Tax Collection** - All second installment real estate tax payments must be made payable to the Walworth County Treasurer and should be mailed to Post Office Box 1001, Elkhorn, WI 53121.

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• **Mosquito Spraying** - Please don't be alarmed if you see our Public Works crew out after hours fogging the neighborhood. They are spraying for mosquitoes and the process is very safe for humans. Residents are not in danger and do not need to run into the house if they see us coming!!!

• **Summer Watering** - Beautiful green yards are gorgeous, but please remember that every time you turn on your outdoor spigot your utility bill will reflect the usage for water as well as sewer. The Fontana Public Works Committee has reviewed this charge on a number of different occasions and as always insisted that the sewer charge remain. When the community is at max population our wells are working overtime to provide adequate water to the residents and the committee hopes this will help promote water conservation.

• **Trees** - The Village of Fontana does have a tree permit that is necessary to remove any and all trees that have a DBH (Diameter at Breast Height) of 8 inches or greater. Please remember to stop by Building and Zoning to file the necessary paperwork prior to removing any trees.

• **Lakefront Water Parking** - As tempting as it may be to park boats overnight on the municipal piers, it is not allowed. Those choosing to violate this ordinance may find their boats locked up and a citation waiting. The Village does have a number of 2-hour parking spaces located on the municipal piers, and we ask that you please adhere to the time limit to allow others access to the lakefront.

• **Garbage and Recycling** - The community-wide collection day is Monday. In the event a holiday falls on a Monday, the collection day is Tuesday. The Village offers a streamline recycling program, which means that all of your recyclables are allowed to be co-mingled. It is important to keep your garbage and recycling separate and if there is any trace of garbage in your recycling the haulers will leave it behind for the garbage man to collect. Clear or blue bags are encouraged to allow for greater visibility of what is being collected. In addition, please remember to empty all unconsumed liquids out of containers prior to throwing them away or recycling. The remaining liquids add weight to the collection, which ends up costing every resident more money.

• **Parking Meters and Stickers** - Parking meters are enforced from April 15 through October 15. Residents may purchase parking stickers from the Village Hall in lieu of paying for the meters. It is

crucial to remember to affix your sticker to the driver's side lower windshield. If the sticker is not displayed and the meter is not paid you are subject to receive a parking citation.

• **The Mystery Turn Lane off of Highway 67** - For the last couple of years Par Development has been before the Plan Commission, the CDA, and the Village Board gaining approvals for a new single-family development in the old quarry located across the street from the Village Hall. The development's construction phase will soon begin so please be prepared to see the quarry cleared of all vegetation and a new heavily landscaped subdivision underway.

• **Save the Dates ... Local Summer Fundraisers**

• The Abbey Resort's "A Midsummer Night's Gala," benefitting the Children Oncology Services, Inc., at the Abbey Resort, Saturday, July 7, 2007.

• Geneva Lake Conservancy "Mai Tai No Tai," at the Lake Geneva Country Club, Saturday, July 14, 2007.

• Big Foot Lions Club Lobster Boil and Steak Fry at Reid Park, Saturday, July 28, 2007.

• Fontana Community Church 53rd Annual Country Fair, Saturday, July 28, 2007.

CDA Director's Report

By Joseph A. McHugh
CDA Executive Director

On May 7, 2007, the Village Board unanimously approved having a referendum on the ballot Sept. 11, 2007 regarding the replacement of the fence surrounding the municipal beach. If the voters approve the referendum, the village will replace the currently existing cyclone fence with a new wrought iron fence. The project is the next step in the series of redevelopment projects originally proposed in the 2001 Redevelopment Plan for the Village Center, and is to be financed by the Tax Increment District.

The current plan calls for the complete replacement of the cyclone fence; starting at the lake's edge in front of the new Beach House, running along South Lakeshore Drive across the northern portion of the Village beach, over the Abbey Channel and along the southern portion of the Village beach, and ending at the intersection of Harvard Avenue at the first

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entrance to Glenwood Springs.

In preparation for the referendum, representatives of the Park Commission, the Lakefront and Harbor Committee, the Community Development Authority and the Village Board are already well underway in the process of deciding the final details. Beginning in December 2006, dozens of fence manufacturers, suppliers and contractors were contacted and interviewed. Based on references from other municipalities, the Village selected to work with J-N-L Wrought Iron, Inc., a highly recommended wrought iron fabrication shop out of Fort Atkinson. One of the strongest recommendations for J-N-L's work came from the City of Lake Geneva officials, who offered that J-N-L did a fantastic job and that they are very happy with the results. Anyone wishing to see an example of J-N-L's work need only visit Lake Geneva and walk the lakefront.

Understanding the importance of not cluttering up Fontana's lakefront with an overly ornate and

elaborate fence, the Village directed J-N-L to emulate the simple traditional style of the fence already in existence across the street on the Abbey property, with the direction that it be shortened in order to prevent obstruction of lake views.

In addition to working with J-N-L, the Village has also involved the CDA's planning firm, Planning & Design Institute, as well as the Village's engineering firm, Ruekert-Mielke, to prepare cost estimates along with conceptual plans showing the proposed layout of the fence.

To ensure that residents are able to see what the project will look like when finished, the CDA is preparing a fact-sheet that will be mailed to residents prior to the Sept. 11, 2007 election, and is also planning a sample installation of a small section of the fence to showcase the ultimate design.

If the voters approve the project, the fence will be manufactured during the winter and installed in the spring of 2008.

For those wishing to be updated on future meetings regarding the fence project, please send an e-mail to cdadirector@villageoffontana.com.

Have a Great Summer!

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