

# VILLAGE OF FONTANA-ON-GENEVA LAKE

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## Village Assessor Plans Office Hours, Open Book Dates

Village of Fontana property owners can discuss their 2014 assessment with one of the Village assessors from Accurate Appraisal, LLC at the Fontana Village Hall on four scheduled Fridays between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. The four Fridays that the assessor will be at the Village Hall are February 21, May 16, June 20, and July 25, 2014.

The Village has contracted with Accurate Appraisal to conduct a complete market revaluation of the municipality in 2014. Assessors from Accurate Appraisal will be physically visiting the properties for the 2014 market revaluation to shoot updated photographs of the properties and to verify the property data that is on file.

The 2014 Open Book dates have been scheduled later in the year than the traditional dates because of the market revaluation project. Open Book has been scheduled for Friday, October 3, 2014, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 9:00 AM to Noon.

Property owners also may contact Accurate Appraisal at any time to discuss their 2014 property assessment via the toll-free number 800-770-3927 or via e-mail at [info@accurateassessor.com](mailto:info@accurateassessor.com).

## Village Employees Earn Certification

Village of Fontana Utility Department employees Daniel Gonzalez and Lukas Perepell recently passed the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources water certification tests and are "Grade T" waterworks operators.

According to the DNR water operator licensing program, Grade T License holders are authorized to continue their training under the supervi-



**VILLAGE OF FONTANA** Utility Department employees Daniel Gonzalez (left) and Lukas Perepell recently earned their "Grade T" water certification from the Wisconsin DNR.

sion of a Certified Operator. The Village of Fontana's certified operator is Utility Director Dennis Barr, the Village's longest tenured employee with 33 years of service. Following one year of work experience under the supervision of Barr, Gonzalez and Perepell can be certified as Grade 1 certified operators.

A DNR regional coordinator will evaluate the critique documents to be completed and submitted by Barr with regard to the training experience gained by Gonzalez and Perepell during the next year. If the critique documentation is favorably reviewed by a DNR coordinator, Gonzalez and Perepell will be approved as Grade 1 Operators.

All publically owned water departments must have at least one Grade 1 certified operator to conduct the required daily testing on the water distri-

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## Village Administrator Leaves for New Job

The Village of Fontana lost another longtime employee in December with the resignation of Administrator/Treasurer Kelly Hayden, who is now working for the City of Delavan.

Hayden submitted her resignation letter on October 9, 2013, which states in part: "I have gained so much experience, personal growth, and lasting friendships throughout my tenure here at Fontana, and I look forward to expanding my career path as I have accepted a management position with the City of Delavan."

Hayden was hired to take over the village administrator position following the retirement of Chuck Patten and began working for Fontana on October 1, 2001. Hayden eventually took on the positions of the Community Development Authority director and the Village treasurer in addition to her administrator duties.

Following her departure, Hayden has been contracted by the Village Board to provide consulting services for Interim Fontana Treasurer Scott Vilona. Village Clerk Dennis Martin has also been serving as the Acting Village Manager since Hayden's departure on December 7, 2013.

The Village Board is having a human resources study and recommendation completed and the hiring plan for the administrative team is scheduled to be considered by the end of January.



**Kelly Hayden**

## The Cop Shop . . .

### Winter Parking in Effect



**By Chief Steve Olson**

With winter here, we want to remind everyone not to park on any public road or parking lot from 2:00 am to 6:00 am, seven days a week. This helps the Public Works Department in plowing the snow. Please move any objects in the Village right-of-way (about five feet from the edge of the black-top) such as basketball hoops or reflective poles.

The Police Department's annual "Operation Feed the Need" food drive was a success with hundreds of food items and a generous cash donation were made this year. We want to thank

all the citizens, school children and businesses that contributed so generously.

A donation of toys was also made and those were distributed to needy families in the area. We may change our food drive in 2014 to mid-year when there are less donations coming in to the local food pantries.

As of December 20, 2013 our officers handled 2,522 calls for service of all types. Additionally officers have collectively attended hundreds of hours of training covering such topics as crime scene investigation, critical incident response, legal updates, firearms qualifications and various other specialized or in-service subjects.

As always, we want to remind citizens to promptly report any suspicious activity they see or suspect.

Want to learn more about your police department? You will find helpful links and keep up on law enforcement related topics for Fontana on our website at [www.fontanawipolice.com](http://www.fontanawipolice.com) or become a friend of our Facebook page.

## Certification

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bution system, and on the ground water and iron removal processes. As well as those three topics, the courses completed by Gonzalez and Perepell prior to their recent examination covered waste water treatment, drinking water purification, lime softening, surface water and zeolite softening.

There is further training available for advanced certifications, but the Village is only required to have a Grade 1 Operator to conduct the required daily testing. Grade 1 certification must be renewed every three years and includes the requirement of at least 18 additional training hours for recertification.

Barr stated that after the Grade 1 Operator certification is earned by Gonzalez and Perepell, and if they continue to excel at all the other Utility Department duties, he can plan his retirement with confidence that the village utility system will be left in good hands.

Gonzalez, a 2006 graduate of Delavan-Darien High School who also attended the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, was hired November 6, 2012 to fill an open position in the Utility Department that was created when longtime employee Tom Westphal left the Village for a new job. Perepell, a 2003 graduate of Delavan-Darien High School who also attended the UW-Milwaukee, was hired August 26, 2013 to fill a new position that includes duties in the utility and street departments.

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