

# Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake Newsletter

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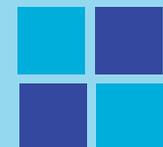
## *Pictures Are Worth A Thousand Words ...*

*"Do it, do it right, do it until it's done."*

*- Ara Parseghian*



**MOTORISTS ARE URGED** to drive with extreme caution during the three major construction projects currently underway in the Village of Fontana. In this Newsletter, we want to share some photographs with you that depict the progress being made by the three construction crews.



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# “The Wastelands” -- Reid Park Main Lift Station

The Park is open ... but there's a bit more to do - Goal Date: August 15



## Above & Beyond...

With the three major construction projects underway in the village, the annual influx of seasonal visitors and their normal work duties to deal with, Department of Public Works Director Craig Workman and the Water Department and Street Department crew members deserve recognition for a job well done. Where would we be without their management and troubleshooting skills? Way to go guys!



**Craig Workman**

## From the Cop Shop... Part-time Officers Join Staff

By Chief Steven Olson

After several months of testing, interviews and background checks, the Police and Fire Commission selected three individuals as part-time officers: Derrick Goestch, James Bushey and Michael Hammetter. All three are currently in field training working along side our regular officers.

Regrettably we lost full-time Officer Beau Douglas as of June 12, 2006. Beau decided to join the Rock County Sheriff's Department because of the greater opportunities the larger department affords. We all wish him well in his new duties.

Brandon Smith, a 2006 graduate of Big Foot High School, has been hired as the summer Community Service Officer. Brandon will be attending college in the fall pursuing a degree in criminal justice.

With summer upon us and the road construction projects around the Village, there is the inevitable increase in traffic and pedestrians. Please allow yourself more time to get around in the village and watch for bicyclists and children.

The FPD has received word from the Department of Homeland Security that it has been awarded a free \$9,000 search camera that can be used to look into hard-to-see areas during search warrants and for search/rescue operations. The FPD actively pursues various programs and grants in an effort to reduce our operational costs.

The department is seeking a retired crime scene specialist who could occasionally help up us on an on-call, voluntary basis. If you have had extensive training and experience in the processing of evidence, we would like to talk to you. For more information, please call Chief Olson.

As of June 7, 2006 the FPD has had 1,012 calls for service compared with 883 calls for the same time last year, which is a 14.5 percent increase. A call for service is any recorded event where police activity took place and can range from investigating crimes to traffic stops or any other police activity.

Be sure to visit our website at [www.fontanawipolice.com](http://www.fontanawipolice.com) for all the latest in police related information regarding Fontana and important links.

## Notes From Nancy: Library Offers Summer Programs

By Library Director Nancy Krei

In the midst of this construction, the Fontana Public Library is open and ready to meet your information needs. We are located in the lower level of the Village Hall. The library's entrance and parking is on Second Avenue - accessible from Douglas Street. Due to the reconfiguration of the Village Hall parking lot, and the construction of a sidewalk between the Village Hall and the library, the library's exterior and landscaping are works in progress. So please ignore the dust and dirt and come inside. There you will find a vast collection of library materials including best-sellers, DVDs, videocassettes, audio books, magazines and newspapers. The library has computers for access to the Internet and is also the only public library in the county to offer wireless Internet access.

"Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales" is the 2006 Summer Reading Program theme. To encourage reading, the library is offering a reading program for children between the ages of 5-11, and "Creature Feature" - a reading program for children ages 12 and older. Everyone is invited to the library on Thursday, July 6, when personnel from Lakeland Animal Shelter will be on hand with various animals to promote "Adoption Awareness Day." During the months of June, July and August, the library will also be accepting nonperishable pet food items, as well as other items from the Animal Shelter's "Wish List" to be donated to the shelter.

The Library is also offering entertaining programs for all ages through the Summer Storywagon performances. The series sponsored by the Fontana library and the Lakeshore Library System is in its 21st year. All performances will be on

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Village Hall meeting room.

The series begins on June 27, with Chris Fascione. Chris uses a unique combination of storytelling, acting, mime, and a dash of juggling to act out colorful characters and lead his audience into the wonderful world of books. On July 11, Ken Lonquist will be taking audiences on a safari through his original and humorous songs. Mary Tooley's Art in a Suitcase will present "There's a Tiger in my House" on July 18. The series concludes on July 25, with Mama Baer, a singer/storyteller. Complete details about the Storywagon performers and the library's Summer Reading programs are available at the circulation desk.

Are you traveling out of the area this summer? The library has a wide-variety of travel guides for the United States and other countries. We also have a nice selection of books about Wisconsin and Illinois travel destinations. Do you need a new recipe to liven up a meal? The library has added many new cookbooks to its collection. These cookbooks are written by such authors as Rachael Ray, Paula Deen, Alton Brown, and others who have cooking shows on the Food Network. If you want to "catch construction fever" and renovate your home, the library has a variety of books that will give help you with those projects.

The Fontana Public Library is here for you this summer. We are open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; from 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday; and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. The library's telephone number is (262) 275-5107. Please stop in and "Check us out."

# CDA: Quick Burial Set for Overhead Utilities

By Joseph McHugh  
CDA Executive Director

*"Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away."*

Antoine de Saint-Exupery  
(French Writer - 1900-1944)

Anyone who has been lucky enough to spend some time in our little village during the past several months has seen first hand the exciting additions already underway. The State Highway 67 Improvement Project is nearing completion of Stage 1. The new Beach House is really starting to take shape. The Main Lift Pump Station is nearing completion. And the new Reid Park Restroom and Pavilion is scheduled to begin construction by the time this newsletter goes to print.

Information, updates and photographs for each of these projects can be viewed on the Village's website: [www.villageoffontana.com](http://www.villageoffontana.com).

As these long awaited additions are completed this summer, the next step is to actually take something away. More specifically, the



**UTILITY LINES** will be buried as part of the construction projects.

Village and the Community Development Authority are working to completely abandon and remove the tangle of overhead utility wires that crisscross the Village Center. The burial of utilities east of STH 67 is the third phase of an underground conversion project that has already been completed on both Main and Mill Streets, and is currently underway on STH 67 itself.

If you have not already

noticed, or if, like me, you have just simply become so used to them that you are not even aware that they are still there, the Village is practically roofed by a spider's web of utility wires. The power company, the phone company, and even the cable company have installed overhead utilities during the years to provide the residents of Fontana with their services. Next fall, the plan

is to give those lines the quick burial they deserve.

One of the primary benefits of "undergrounding" (as it's called in the business) is enhanced visual appearance. But beyond that, it eliminates the need for constant tree pruning, improves safety and reliability of utility services, and increases property values. It will also allow the village to replace the efficient, yet arguably unattractive, street lighting currently located on the utility poles which are to be removed.

For now, the village will have to spend one more summer living under the shadow of utility cables. But with the hot summer sun fast upon us, a few shadows might not be all that bad.

Have a great summer. As always, the CDA wishes to thank all of the dedicated employees, committee members, citizens and residents for their tireless commitment to Fontana's future.



**TIMBER TRUSSES** were installed on the new beach house on June 7, 2006.

# “Pebble” Beach -- (Partially) Open for Business

The Fontana Beach is open ... but not completely - Goal Date: July 15



# A Road Not Taken -- Highway 67 Construction Continues

Highway is open ... but needs a few more details - Goal Date: November 10

