

Planning Near Complete on Pavilion

By Ron Pollitt
Village President

We have accomplished several projects that have focused on the beautification of the Village of Fontana recently. It is also important, I believe, for a Village to preserve as much of its history as possible for future generations.



I am pleased to announce that we will be breaking ground soon on the Montague/Douglass Saw/Feed Mill (circa 1839) site across from the Fontana Elementary School. This historic mill location will include the construction of a pavilion that will house historic and educational exhibits that will benefit residents and visitors of all ages.

The Mill House Pavilion will serve as an outdoor “classroom” and park shelter located at the rear entrance to the Village’s Hildebrand Nature Conservancy and walking trail.

The funds to build the pavilion have come from donations to the Park Commission by Par Development, the Community Development Authority, and many business and individual donors. As we near the start of construction, the Park Commission needs additional monetary contributions to complete the landscaping and exhibit areas of the project.

The register of donors will be listed at the site during our opening so your contributions will be publicly appreciated and recognized.

We are also looking for interested individuals to help prepare some of the historic exhibits for display at the pavilion. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at the Village Hall.

Any historical information pertaining to the Village that is suitable for display would also be

greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers, commission members and donors who have helped to make this project become a reality.

See you in our Parks!

Lakefront Zoning Hearing April 28

The Village of Fontana Plan Commission will consider seven proposed amendments to the lakefront zoning ordinance on Monday, April 28, 2008 beginning at 5:30 PM at the Village Hall.

The Village Board directed the Plan Commission to draft the proposed amendments to close existing loopholes in the lakefront zoning ordinance and to address other issues, such as caretaker’s quarters. During the amendment process, the Village Board enacted a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, review and approval of land divisions and subdivision applications and condominium plat applications for lakefront properties.

If approved, the seven sections included in the “Draft A” amendments would simply update the lakefront zoning ordinance -- they would not place any additional limitations on lakefront lots. Also, the proposed amendments would not prevent lakefront property owners from developing a second residence if their parcel meets the density requirements that are in the current code. Only the development of quarters for household employees or caretakers is addressed in the proposed “Draft A” amendments.

The Plan Commission directed the Village staff to contact the owners of lakefront property prior to the public hearing. The seven proposed “Draft A” amendments are as follows:

1: Section 18-89(g), of the municipal code for the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake is hereby created to read as follows: (g) Notwithstanding anything contained in this ordinance to the contrary, the Planned Development District shall not be available as a rezone with any property currently in the RS-1 Zoning District.

2: Section 18-17 and the definition therein for “Lot area” is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows: Lot area means the area of land within the boundaries of the described lot exclusive of public streams or public water bodies or land provided for

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Winter 'Road Rage'

By Craig Workman

Director of Public Works

I often wonder if part of the reason that we enjoy summer so much here in Fontana is because we have to earn it! Needless to say, those of us that stuck around this past winter, truly deserve an Endless Summer.

Unfortunately, the Village's road system was forced to suffer through the winter with the rest of us, and the fact that we ran out of our annual allotment of road salt in mid January didn't help one bit. Fontana residents, who are used to seeing black pavement shortly after any given snow storm, were forced to suffer through snow packed streets for much of the winter due to the short runs in our salt supply. To make matters worse, our only option for road deicing for the remainder of the season was a combination of salt and sand, purchased from Walworth County. Needless to say, the vast majority of the mixture is comprised of sand, which has no deicing qualities, and sticks around long after the snow has melted.

Although some of the sand will be swept up through the efforts of the Public Works Department and a contract with Waste Management, the majority of the sand will make its way onto front yards, roadside swales, and storm sewers, causing numerous additional problems.

In addition to shortages in salt supply, extreme temperature changes and unprecedented winter rain events also have been extremely detrimental to the road system. The result -- potholes. Although the short-term fix involves filling the holes with a cold asphalt mix, the future fix will involve more elaborate measures.

At the end of the day, all I can do is ask for your patience and understanding as we transition into summer. I am also happy to report that salt will soon be available for your summertime margarita -- after all, you deserve it!

Note From the Water Department

After dealing with a record number of frozen pipes this winter, it's a good time to remind you to turn your water off (if you are able to) before you leave for the winter. Broken water pipes can lead to costly repairs that drive insurance rates up for the entire community. It would also benefit you to make sure the Village has an emergency contact phone number for you while you're gone. Thanks.

Residents Can Register for 'Code Red'

The Village of Fontana is part of the Walworth County "Code Red" system. If an emergency were to happen, the system is set up to contact residents in delineated areas with a recorded message and specific instructions. For more information or to register a cellular or Internet-based telephone number, visit the Village website at: www.villageoffontana.com/FireDepartment.htm.

PSC Recommends Water Rate Increase

By Kelly E. Hayden-Staggs

Village Administrator

On **Friday, April 18, 2008 at 9:00 am** the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) will hold a hearing on the pending Village of Fontana water rate increase, here at the **Village Hall**. The PSC is an independent state agency that oversees more than 1,100 Wisconsin public utilities that provide electricity, heat, water and telecommunication services.

In October of 2007, the Village of Fontana filed a petition requesting that the PSC review our water rates. In mid-March the Village received the proposed water rates and rules, and it quickly became evident that our aging infrastructure is becoming more and more expensive to maintain and replace. The PSC is currently recommending that we increase the standard quarterly service charge from \$18.05 to \$24.00 and increase our per 1,000 gallon charge from \$3.01 to \$4.22. In addition to these changes, they are also recommending that the per 1,000 gallon charge no longer be tiered. This means that no matter how much water is consumed the user is paying \$4.22 per 1,000 gallons. In the past, there was a volume discount offered for all consumption over 50,000 gallons and then an additional discount for all usage over 350,000 gallons. The removal of the multi-level discount is to assist in promoting water conservation.

So what does all of this really mean? The average water and sewer bill will go up approximately 15 percent. Please reference the chart below for some examples:

Quarterly Consumption	Current Water Charge	Current Water and Sewer Bill	Proposed Water Charge	Proposed Water and Sewer Bill	Percentage Increase
5000	\$33.10	\$78.12	\$45.10	\$90.12	15.36%
13000	\$57.18	\$143.72	\$78.86	\$165.40	15.08%
20000	\$78.25	\$201.12	\$108.40	\$231.27	14.99%
35000	\$123.40	\$324.12	\$171.70	\$372.42	14.90%
99000	\$313.10	\$845.98	\$441.78	\$974.66	15.21%

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Park Commission Developing Disc Golf Course

A community event to help clean up the new fairways on a nine-hole Disc Golf Course at the Duck Pond Recreation Area has been scheduled by



the Village of Fontana Park Commission for Saturday, April 12, 2008 beginning at 10:00 AM.

As well as clearing brush and leaves and mowing the grass in the areas being converted into the temporary nine-hole disc golf course, Park Commission members and the course developer, Wally Bullard, will be demonstrating the sport which utilizes Frisbees for golf balls and hanging “baskets” for golf holes.

The Park Commission decided at meetings this past winter to have a nine-hole course laid out in areas currently not used at the Duck Pond -- there will be no impact on existing playing fields or park features.

If the nine-hole course is well received, the Park Commission members felt that sponsorship funding could be pursued to expand the course to 18 holes and/or to switch to permanent baskets for the individual holes.

Signage also could be incorporated at the “tees” for each hole.

The Park Commission members decided that there should be no charge for people to play on the initial course; however, players will have to bring their own discs.

Discs featuring the Village of Fontana Park Commission logo will be sold with the FontanaWear at the Village Hall.

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private or public streets as defined herein or land provided in a condominium plat for primary access to condominium units or common elements.

3: Section 18-79(c)2. is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows: [Measurement of lot areas.] For the purpose of this Ordinance, lot area shall be defined pursuant to Sec. 18-17 herein.

4: Section 18-79(e)1. is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows: Location. Any land area claimed in addition to the actual described residential lot for credit toward meeting the density factor requirement shall be directly contiguous to such lot or part of the contiguous ownership processed for development approval as a planned development, or other “group” type development. The surface area of a public water body may not be included in the area of computation for such credit. For purposes of this section, contiguous may encompass lands lying on the opposite side of stream channels, or water bodies subject to acceptability under the criteria hereinafter set forth and provided that the village board shall determine that the intent of the contiguous requirement is satisfied in a given situation. In no case shall “contiguous” include lands lying on the opposite side of a public right-of-way.

5: Section 18-80(c)10. is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows: Quarters for household employees or caretakers, provided that such quarters shall be occupied only by individuals employed by the property owner full time on the premises for household maintenance or caretaker duties and the families of said employees, and provided that the quarters comply with the density regulation set forth in this Section 18-79. Said quarters shall be no larger than 50 percent of the square footage of the primary residential structure on the property or 1,500 square feet, whichever is smaller.

6: Section 18-79(c)5.d. is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows: The lot is of record at the Walworth County Register of Deeds Office prior to the effective date of this ordinance, and said lot had no primary or accessory structure located on it in the prior 10 years.

7: Section 18-17 is hereby repealed and recreated to include a definition for “lot width,” as follows: Lot width shall be measured and shall be maintained along the entire length of a line establishing the average depth of a lot from the minimum front set-back to the minimum rear off-set. The line establishing the average depth of the lot shall be a line extending from the mid point of the street frontage to the rear of the lot and dissecting the lot into two equal halves.

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VOF Calendar

April 1, 2008 - Spring Election & VOF Third Avenue Project Referendum - Polls Open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

April 2, 2008 - CDA Board Meets at 6:00 PM

April 7, 2008 - Village Board Meets at 6:00 PM

April 10, 2008 - Toddler Time Program at the Fontana Public Library at 10:30 AM

April 12, 2008 - Park Commission Disc Golf Course Cleanup Event & Demonstration at the Duck Pond Recreation Area at 10:00 AM

April 16, 2008 - Park Commission Meets at 6:00 PM

April 17, 2008 - Toddler Time Program at the Fontana Public Library at 10:30 AM

April 18, 2008 - Telephonic Hearing on PSC Water Rate Increase at Village Hall at 9:00 AM

April 24, 2008 - Toddler Time Program at the Fontana Public Library at 10:30 AM

April 28, 2008 - Plan Commission Meets at 5:30 PM

May 5, 2008 - Village Board Meets at 6:00 PM

May 7, 2008 - CDA Board Meets at 6:00 PM

May 17, 2008 - Fontana Community Church Pancake Breakfast from 7:00 AM to noon

May 21, 2008 - Park Commission Meets at 6:00 PM

May 24 and 25, 2008 - Fontana Garden Club Plant Sale at the Park House at 9:00 AM

May 26, 2008 - Village of Fontana Memorial Day Parade at 11:00 AM

May 27, 2008 - Plan Commission Meets at 5:30 PM

June 2, 2008 - Village Board Meets at 6:00 PM

June 4, 2008 - CDA Board Meets at 6:00 PM

June 18, 2008 - Park Commission Meets at 6:00 PM

June 24, 2008 - Summer Reading Program at the Fontana Public Library at 9:30 AM

June 30, 2008 - Plan Commission Meets at 5:30 PM

July 4, 2008 - Village of Fontana Fourth of July Fireworks Display at Dusk at Fontana Lakefront

July 7, 2008 - Village Board Meets at 6:00 PM

July 9, 2008 - CDA Board Meets at 6:00 PM

*“Check Out” the
quarterly update from
Fontana Public
Library Director
Nancy Krei on the
Village Website at:
[www.villageof-
fontana.com/library](http://www.villageof-fontana.com/library).*

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