

VILLAGE OF FONTANA-ON-GENEVA LAKE

Fall Issue 2014

Village DPW Leaf Collection Underway

The Village of Fontana Public Works Committee is urging property owners to pay close attention to the collection guidelines for leaf and brush collection this fall. The longstanding guidelines that residents are supposed to follow if they want leaves collected at the curbside include separating leaf piles from the brush and making sure the piles are not in the road. Leaf piles that are in the road can cause labor intensive storm sewer and snow plowing problems.

Property owners must rake the leaves no farther than 10 feet from the street, but not out on the pavement. Do not place any leaf or branch piles in the street or they will not be picked up and a municipal citation could be issued.

Any leaves that are not picked up because they are outside the 10-foot area should be raked to within the area for collection the following week. Do not pile the leaves or branches around or even within 4 feet of a mailbox or other post that you do not want damaged.

There must be no metal objects, branches or rocks in, around or under the leaf piles or the leaves will not be picked up. If any of these objects were vacuumed up, it would cause serious damage to the machine.

During fall and spring, the entire village is covered on a weekly basis starting at the northern Village limits, progressing through downtown and Country Club Estates, and finishing along South Lakeshore Drive at the eastern Village limits. Because of the unpredictable nature of the leaf volume, it is impossible to schedule a specific day each week for a particular street or subdivision.

Property owners and residents also may take leaves and yard waste to the Duck Pond Recreation Area collection site Monday through Saturday from 7:00 am to dusk.



Village Planning for Bridge Replacement

Planning and permitting efforts are on track for the construction and opening of a new lakefront bridge by the end of June. The preliminary construction plans for the replacement of the South Lakeshore Drive bridge have been approved by the Board of Trustees, and financing and permitting applications have been filed with the state to accommodate a preliminary construction schedule set to commence this winter.

If planning and approvals remain on schedule, the repaired bridge deck will be removed in January and all traffic will have to follow the posted detour route until after the new bridge is constructed in spring and early summer. Total preliminary construction costs are estimated to be \$1.9 million.

The Abbey Harbor channel to Geneva Lake is scheduled to remain open throughout the construction, with the exception of time periods on the days when the repaired bridge deck is removed and when the new bridge is placed on the foundation. In order to expedite the planning and approval process, the proposed new bridge has been designed to the same height and span specifications as the original bridge. The sidewalk under the bridge from the Country Club Estates Association parking lot to the lakefront is included in the plans; however, the sidewalk on the north side of the channel is not included. The plans also call for sidewalks on both sides on top of the bridge.



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Department Relieves Grant



By Chief Steve Olson

Another summer has passed with the Police Department staff busy handling 2,017 calls for service as of October 1, 2014.

The Department has been awarded a \$1,000 grant to obtain safety equipment from Enbridge, Inc., energy company. We are obtaining new backpack-style medical bags that will allow our officers to carry more medical supplies into incidents hands free.

We had a number of vehicles that were left unlocked and entered during the evening hours in private driveways during the summer. The Police Department wants to remind all residents that they should lock their vehicles if they are parked outside, especially at night.

Police Officer Chris Brunning has joined the Fontana Fire and Rescue Department as a volunteer and is considering becoming an EMT.

A recent traffic stop of a speeding vehicle resulted in the driver being arrested for possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute/sell. Cash was seized and we will be seeking to have it forfeited to the Village and the State School Fund as required by law.

We understand that it is difficult to dispose of old or expired medications and ammunition; however, it is illegal and unsafe to throw them out in the trash or pour them down a drain. You can drop these off at the Police Department and we will make sure they are safely destroyed.

The winter parking rule goes into effect on November 1st. Parking is prohibited on all public streets and parking lots from 2:00 until 6:00 AM to expedite snow plowing operations.

Be sure to visit our website at www.fontanawipolice.com or find us on Facebook for all the latest in police related information regarding Fontana and important links. To contact the Police Department call the general office number at (262) 275-2275; the non-emergency dispatch number at (262) 275-2135; or for an emergency call 911.

Public Library Has New Carpeting

Fall colors, football, and the Fontana Public Library. How are they related? Fall is great time of year to visit the Fontana Public Library! We offer travel books that will guide you on your

journey to view the fall colors in Wisconsin, as well as throughout the United States and Canada. Whether you are cheering for the Packers, Bears or your favorite college team, the library has a large collection of books on football, team histories, and biographies of legendary coaches.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding when the library was closed September 6 through 14, 2014 to install new carpeting in the front section. It was a huge project that never would have been accomplished without the efforts of the Library staff, Streets Director Ron Adams and the Public Works crew. The Library staff had to box up the DVD collection, and the entire children's collection, and then unpack the materials and reshell them after the carpeting was installed.

Special thanks and appreciation goes Youth Services Librarian Jodie Porep for her role in coordinating the project, and for all of her hard work and efforts before, during, and on-going after the project. I also wanted to thank and recognize (in alphabetical order) the other Library staff members Kathy Bikowski, Jenny Breneisen, Susan Gilkes, and Norma Gowlett for all their hard work and extra hours worked. It took a great deal of hard work, effort, and dedication on the part of those individuals in order for to complete the project on time and to get the library opened on September 15. We are still tweaking things a bit, but materials are available to check-out. One thing we learned from this experience is that materials go into the boxes very quickly, but take much longer to come out of the boxes and go back on the shelves.

The "muscle" portion of the project was handled by Adams and the DPW crew. They deserve high praise indeed, for the tremendous job that they did to move the computer desks, furniture, the DVD wooden shelving units, and the wooden and metal shelving in the children's section. After the carpeting was installed, the crew had to move everything back and re-assemble the shelving unit. This was accomplished in record time. Although a thank you doesn't seem to be adequate, it is truly "heartfelt" especially to Ron Adams and to his DPW crew!

Is your favorite author coming out with out with a new book this fall? Not sure of the title, or when it will be released, but you know you want to be on the list to read it when it comes out? You can now enroll in the Favorite Authors Club. This new service allows you to select your favorites from among a list of 67 of the most popular adult fiction authors.

Once enrolled, you will be automatically

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THE FONTANA Police Department conducted its annual Feed the Need food drive earlier this fall than in past years when it was notified by the local emergency food pantry that the growing demand for food assistance has placed a greater demand on the donated supplies. Some of the items donated by local residents, students, businesses and civic organizations filled the top of a large banquet table and the back of a truck.

Snow Plowing Statute Prompts Village Review

The Village of Fontana Board of Trustees has taken steps recently to bring the Village into compliance with the state law on the subject of snow plowing of private streets and driveways.

At a recent meeting the Village Board decided that any property owners association receiving this service must first sign an agreement, indemnify the Village against liability and pay a reasonable administrative fee for the service. This temporary measure is intended to comply with the state statutes and get the entire Village through the upcoming snow season.

The Village Board is planning to continue to study the issue so that a more permanent plan for snow removal can be discussed and considered following a Town Hall meeting in June 2015. The goal of the Board is to make sure that the Village is in compliance with the state statutes and that tax funds are being spent appropriately.

Library

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placed on the Holds List for the author's latest book. It is very easy to enroll in person for this service at the library.

If you prefer to enroll on your own, you can go to the SHARE catalog site: <https://ent.share-libraries.info> and log in with your library card number and your pin number. Contact the library if you don't know your pin number. When you click on "MY ACCOUNT" you will see various tabs that include your information, checkouts, etc. There is now a tab for Favorite Authors. Clicking on that tab brings up a list of authors.

Make your selections and submit. There is no limit to the authors that you can choose - just one or all 67. It is not a problem if you read an author that is not on the list; you can still place holds on future titles as you have done in the past. The library staff is always willing to assist you in any way.

Now that the weather is turning cooler, and it is getting darker earlier, it is a perfect time to watch DVDs. The library's DVD collection has expanded considerably. We are especially proud of our television series collection which includes programs being shown on BBC, HBO, Showtime and other networks. If your favorite show is now in season three, and you need to catch up on the previous seasons, they are not always available through your cable company, or for free; however, they would be available to check out from the library. Even if the Fontana Library doesn't own a particular title, we can always get it for you from another library. Suggestions for titles that the library should purchase are always welcome.

The Fontana Public Library is here for you. Contact us at (262) 275-5107, or stop in and "check-us-out!"

Village Allows Dog Walking on Beach

In an effort to help abate the pollution problem created by the large flocks of geese and seagulls that gather on the beach during the fall, the Village of Fontana encourages residents to walk their dogs on the municipal beach from October 15 through March 31.

Dog owners are reminded that the Village Municipal Code requires owners to pick up their pet's waste.

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