

VILLAGE OF FONTANA-ON-GENEVA LAKE

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New Voter ID Requirements Begin in 2012

Village of Fontana residents are reminded that they need to plan now to make sure they have an acceptable photo identification card (ID) in order to vote at all elections starting in February 2012.

The Voter Photo ID law was approved by the Wisconsin legislature in June 2011, and most people already have an ID that will be acceptable to vote. In addition to requiring voters to show a photo ID to receive a ballot, the new law contains other statutory changes to the voting process.

Election Day Changes

On Election Day, voters must show one of eight different kinds of photo ID to receive a ballot. Four of the most common types of acceptable photo IDs are a Wisconsin driver's license, a Wisconsin state ID card, a military ID card or a U.S. Passport. These photo IDs are valid even if they've expired after the date of the most recent general election held November 2, 2010.

Four other kinds of photo ID are also acceptable, if they have not expired: A Certificate of Naturalization; a driver's license or state ID card receipt issued by the DMV; an ID issued by a federally recognized Wisconsin Indian tribe; or, a photo ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that meets certain requirements, and is accompanied by proof of enrollment.

The photo ID is not required to include a current address. The stated purpose of requiring a photo ID is to prove your identity, not where you live. Also, the name on the photo ID does not have to match the name on the poll list exactly, so Jim is acceptable for James, Sue for Susan, etc.

Free Voter ID Cards at DMV

If a voter does not have a valid Wisconsin driver's license or state ID card, they can receive a state ID card for no charge from the DMV if they

specifically request a free ID for voting purposes.

Voters Must Sign Poll Book

Another Election Day change initiated by the state legislature is that voters must sign the poll book in order to receive a ballot. Voters should sign the poll book as they would normally sign any other document, such as a check, the back of a credit card, etc. Voters with physical disabilities may be exempt from signing the poll book.

Residents can still register to vote on Election

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Village Board Stays Busy with Rewrite in 2011

The Village of Fontana Board of Trustees had a busy year, with the ongoing project to rewrite Chapters 17 and 18 of the Municipal Code the most prominent and time consuming issue in 2011. Following is a brief review of the significant news developments that took place last year.

January 2011

The year opened with the Village Board adopting a temporary moratorium on rezone, land division, subdivision and condominium plat proposals when the comprehensive rewrite of Chapters 17 and 18 of the Municipal Code commenced in January 2011. The moratorium was recently extended while the project continues, and a public hearing to present the rewritten chapters and the new Village Zoning District Map is being planned for Monday, February 27, 2012.

February 2011

The Pie High Pizza Company and Scotty's Eatery & Spirits opened for business at 441 Mill Street. The Park Commission recommended that a new gazebo be constructed on the base of the old Reid Park gazebo that had to be razed due to structural concerns. The Fontana Garden Club received authorization to move its Memorial Day weekend

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Winter Parking in Effect



By Chief Steve Olson

With winter here we want to remind everyone not to park on any public street or parking lot, seven days a week from 2:00 to 6:00 am.

This helps the Public Works Department in plowing the snow. Also, please move any objects in the Village road right-of-way (about 5 feet from the edge of the blacktop) such as basketball hoops or reflective poles.

Our annual "Operation Feed the Need" food drive has been a success with more than 700 food items and \$800 in cash donated this year. We want thank all the citizens, school children and businesses that contributed so generously. A donation of toys was also made and those have been distributed to needy families in the area.

Do you know a college student from Fontana studying toward a degree in Criminal Justice or Police Science? They may qualify for several scholarships; call our office for more information.

As of December 16, 2011 our officers have handled more than 2,100 calls for service of all types and have collectively attended hundreds of hours of training covering such topics as crime scene investigation, computer crimes, legal updates, firearms qualifications and various other specialized or in-service subjects.

With a grant from the Department of Transportation, we will be getting a radar speed sign that will notify drivers of their speed in the hope it will slow down violators. The sign is portable and will be moved around the village and can produce reports of the speeds and number of vehicles being driven on a particular street.

As always, we want to remind our citizens to promptly report any suspicious activity they see or suspect. You may call the Police Department office at (262) 275-2275, the non-emergency dispatch number at (262) 275-2135, or 911 for emergencies.

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Day, but the requirements have changed. A person must now be a resident of the jurisdiction in which they wish to vote for 28 consecutive days instead of the previous 10-day residency requirement.

Absentee Ballot Voting

The Voter Photo ID Law also dictated changes to absentee voting. During in-person absentee voting at the clerk's office, voters must present a photo ID, just like on Election Day. The period for in-person absentee voting also has been shortened. It now must begin on the third Monday before the election, and end at 5 pm on the Friday before the election.

Photo ID also is required for mail-in absentee voting, and most absentee voters must provide a photocopy of their photo ID card with their absentee ballot application. Registered voters who fax or email the clerk to request an absentee ballot may return a photocopy of their photo ID with their completed ballot.

There is an exception for absentee voters who live in nursing homes and care facilities, as well as voters who are "indefinitely confined" due to age, physical illness or infirmity, or who are disabled for an indefinite period. Instead of providing a copy of their photo ID, they may have their absentee witness verify their identity.

For specific questions on the new Voter ID law, contact Village Clerk Dennis Martin at the Fontana Village Hall at (262) 275-6137 or send an email to villageclerk@villageoffontana.com. Voters also may visit the Wisconsin Government Accountability's Voter ID website at <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/photo-id> for additional information about the new law.

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plant sale from the Park House to the Porter Court Plaza; and Village administrative staff was directed to work with the Geneva Lake West Chamber of Commerce to coordinate Fourth of July fireworks display fund-raising efforts.

March 2011

A workshop meeting to kickoff the Chapters 17 and 18 rewrite project was held March 5, 2011. The Big Foot Recreation District received authorization to conduct its "Movies on the Beach" program for a second summer season. A fifth amendment to the development plan for the Cliffs of Fontana subdivision was approved to authorize a new ranch model home. Some of the village mooring lease holders who rent the 30 municipal slips objected to a 31 percent increase in the rate for 2011. The Village of Williams Bay informed the Village Board that the Geneva Lake Use Committee was dissolved after being in existence since 1994. Former Village President and Trustee William Turner submitted his resignation

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as the chairman of the CDA after serving at its chairman since its inception in December 2001.

April 2011

Barbara Dorsey was hired as the new Police Department Administrative Assistant to replace the retiring Gail Nichols. The Village Board approved the purchase of two more parking pay stations in 2011 to be installed in the lakefront parking areas with the two initially installed pay stations. The Village Board approved a \$3,000 engineering contract to help address storm water runoff concerns at the Big Foot Country Club. Trustees William Gage, George Spadoni and Tom McGreevy and Village President Arvid Petersen were elected to two-year terms. A second workshop meeting was held April 25, 2011 on the Chapters 17 and 18 rewrite project.

May 2011

Retiring Police Department Administrative Assistant Gail Nichols received a certificate of appreciation for her 21 years of service to the Village. The Village Board adopted a proclamation urging citizens to contribute to the American Red Cross Japan Disaster Relief Fund in response to the devastating earthquake and tsunami of March 11, 2011. John "Jay" Hicks was appointed to fill the CDA Board citizen position vacated by William Turner.

June 2011

The Village Board approved a proposal submitted by Big Foot Construction and Consulting, Inc. to construct a new gazebo in Reid Park. Plan Commission member Mike Poivey submitted his resignation. Residents of Stearns Road urged the Village to address the pot holes and deteriorating surface of Stearns Road, Upper Gardens Road and North Lakeshore Drive. An open house was scheduled for June 24, 2011 at the wastewater treatment facility to show off the recently completed plant improvement project. A third public workshop meeting was held June 27, 2011 on the Chapters 17 and 18 rewrite project.

July 2011

The Village Board approved three redefined voting wards following the 2010 Census. Processing Clerk Karen Dieter submitted her resignation to accept a new job with the City of Whitewater. The Village Board approved the hiring of Matthew Pruessing to fill the open fulltime position in the DPW. FJ Frazier was appointed to the Plan Commission to fill the position vacated by Mike Poivey. The Village Board and CDA approved motions to decline a proposed purchase

agreement submitted by developer Brian Pollard for the 138 Fontana Boulevard site. The Village Board presented Certificates of Appreciation to Geneva Lake Water Safety Patrol Lifeguards Emma Cunningham and Jack Slovick for saving an unconscious man at the beach on July 3, 2011.

August 2011

The Village Board approved an Infrastructure Improvement Planning Contract to incorporate the Paser road condition ratings with the Village water main and utility system plans. The Village Board authorized the purchase of a plaque to dedicate the Fontana beach house to former CDA Chairman, Village President and Trustee William S. Turner, who stepped down from public office in March 2011 after more than 26 years of combined service to the Village. The Village Board approved the plans for the ACBS International Boat Show to be held at the Abbey Resort and Abbey Harbor September 20 to 25, 2011. Water damage to the roof at the Park House resulted in a portion of the ceiling caving in over the back utility room.

September 2011

The Board approved a resolution authorizing specific Village property owners to participate in the 2011 deer bow hunting season to address the rising deer population and related safety issues within the Village. Park Commissioner Daniel Green was killed September 12, 2011 when he was struck by a semi-trailer while working in Elmhurst, IL. The fourth public workshop meeting for the Chapters 17 and 18 rewriting project was held September 26, 2011.

October 2011

Police Lt. Brad Buchholz submitted his resignation in order to accept a new job as the chief of the Sharon Police Department. Mary Green, the wife of the late Daniel Green, was appointed to fill his position on the Park Commission. The Board approved a proposed development agreement with the Big Foot Country Club to address storm water runoff concerns. The Village Board approved the Village of Fontana Pavement Management Program and a proposal to bond for an amount not to exceed \$5 million in 2012 to fund the construction projects.

November 2011

The fifth public workshop meeting for the Chapters 17 and 18 rewriting project was held November 1, 2011. The Fontana Corner Market gas station went out of business and a new carry-out beer and fermented malt beverage license was approved for the new owners of the Fontana Mart gas station at 286 Valley View Drive. The Village Board approved the purchase of a plaque

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VOF Calendar

Jan. 1 & 2, 2012 - Village Hall and Public Library closed for New Year's Holiday Weekend
Jan. 3, 2012 - Deadline for Filing Nomination Papers for 2012 Spring Election
Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2012 - Village Hall open for customer service from 9:00 am to Noon
Jan. 9, 2012 - Plan Commission meets at 5:30 pm
Jan. 9, 2012 - Village Board meets at 6:00 pm
Jan. 10, 2012 - Fontana-Walworth WPCC Board meets at 7:30 pm
Jan. 11, 2012 - GLLEA Board meets at 10:00 am
Jan. 11, 2012 - CDA Board meets at 6:00 pm
Jan. 12, 2012 - Fontana Municipal Court at 5:00 pm
Jan. 16, 2012 - Protection Committee meets at 5:45 pm
Jan. 18, 2012 - Library Board meets at 10:00 am
Jan. 18, 2012 - Plan Commission staff meets at 1:00 pm
Jan. 18, 2012 - Park Commission meets at 6:00 pm
Jan. 25, 2012 - Lakefront and Harbor Committee meets at 4:30 pm
Jan. 26, 2012 - Fontana Municipal Court at 5:00 pm
Jan. 30, 2012 - Plan Commission meets at 5:30 pm
Feb. 1, 2012 - CDA meets at 6:00 pm
Feb. 6, 2012 - Village Board meets at 6:00 pm
Feb. 8, 2012 - GLLEA Board meets at 10:00 am
Feb. 9, 2012 - Fontana Municipal Court at 5:00 pm
Feb. 14, 2012 - Fontana-Walworth WPCC Board meets at 7:30 pm
Feb. 15, 2012 - Library Board meets at 10:00 am
Feb. 15, 2012 - Plan Commission staff meets at 1:00 pm
Feb. 15, 2012 - Public Test of Electronic Voting Equipment for Spring Primary at 2:00 pm
Feb. 15, 2012 - Park Commission meets at 6:00 pm
Feb. 16, 2012 - Read & Romp at Library at 10:00 am
Feb. 20, 2012 - Protection Committee meets at 5:45 pm
Feb. 21, 2012 - Spring Primary Election (if necessary), 7:00 am to 8:00 pm
Feb. 23, 2012 - Read & Romp at Library at 10:00 am
Feb. 23, 2012 - Fontana Municipal Court at 5:00 pm
Feb. 27, 2012 - Plan Commission meets at 5:30 pm
March 1, 2012 - Read & Romp at Library at 10:00 am
March 5, 2012 - Village Board meets at 6:00 pm
March 7, 2012 - CDA meets at 6:00 pm
March 8, 2012 - Read & Romp at Library at 10:00 am
March 8, 2012 - Fontana Municipal Court at 5:00 pm

March 13, 2012 - Fontana-Walworth WPCC Board meets at 7:30 pm
March 14, 2012 - GLLEA Board meets at 10:00 am
March 14, 2012 - Plan Commission staff meets at 1:00 pm
March 15, 2012 - Read & Romp at Library at 10:00 am
March 19, 2012 - Protection Committee meets at 5:45 pm
March 21, 2012 - Library Board meets at 10:00 am
March 21, 2012 - Park Commission meets at 6:00 pm
March 22, 2012 - Read & Romp at Library at 10:00 am
March 22, 2012 - Fontana Municipal Court at 5:00 pm
March 26, 2012 - Plan Commission meets at 5:30 pm
March 28, 2012 - Public Test of Electronic Voting Equipment for Spring Election at 2:00 pm

The 2012 Spring
Primary Election
will be held
Tuesday, February
21, 2012 (if neces-
sary).

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to recognize the donation made to the Village of Fontana by Kikkoman Foods for the new Reid Park Gazebo. The Village Board approved a motion to accept credit from Prairie Tree Landscape, Inc. to purchase and plant eight Autumn Blaze Maples trees to replace the initially planted trees in the Porter Court Plaza. The sixth public workshop meeting for the Chapters 17 and 18 rewriting project was held November 28, 2011.

December 2011

Scotty's Eatery & Spirits went out of business leaving only the Pie High Pizza Company in the building at 441 Mill Street. The inaugural Fontana Lakefront Triathlon event was approved for Sunday, September 9, 2012, and the Multisport Event Management Partners, LLC Fontana triathlon was approved for Sunday, June 3, 2012. The Board approved a two-month extension on the temporary moratorium so the comprehensive rewrite of Chapters 17 and 18 of the Municipal Code can be completed. The Village Board approved a Park House repair/renovation project as recommended by the Park Commission. The Village Board approved resolutions authorizing borrowing not to exceed \$4,140,000 to fund 2012 sewer and water system and street improvement construction projects.

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