



## Voters Reelect Two Incumbents Board Appoints Trustee

Village of Fontana incumbent Trustee Patrick Kenny and Municipal Court Judge David C. Jensen earned reelection at the Presidential Preference and 2012 Spring Election Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

Also winning election to Trustee positions were Rick Pappas and Derek D'Auria. A total of 516 voters turned out and favored Trustee Kenny with 321 votes in the six-person race for three seats. Pappas received 259 votes to finish second, and D'Auria received 208 votes to finish third. Incumbent Trustee Cindy Wilson finished fourth in her unsuccessful bid for a second two-year term with 201 votes. Scott Vilona finished fifth with 187 votes, and Brandon Marvin finished sixth with 51 votes. There were five write-in votes cast without any names of residents written in the blank.

### **Election Winner Does Not Accept Office**

D'Auria announced April 9, 2012 that he would not be accepting office. D'Auria submitted a letter to Village Clerk Dennis Martin Monday afternoon, April 9, 2012 announcing the decision. The letter states "I regret that I will be unable to serve as trustee, due to personal and professional reasons. My best wishes are with the board and community."

The Village Board appointed Cindy Wilson to complete the two-year term at the annual Organizational Meeting that was held Tuesday, April 17, 2012.

### **Municipal Judge Race**

In the race for a four-year term for Municipal Court Judge, Jensen received 259 votes, and challenger Pete Wilson received 188 votes. There was one write-in vote cast without a name of a resident written in the blank.

Even though he carried the Village of Fontana

by a margin of 312 to 135, Trustee George Spadoni lost his bid for the Walworth County Board Supervisor position for District No. 9 to the incumbent Richard Brandl by a total final count of 768 to 847. There were five write-in votes cast in the District, which covers the Villages of Fontana, Sharon and Walworth, and portions of Walworth and Sharon Townships.

### **Laing Wins School Board Race**

In a race for the Fontana Elementary Joint 8 School District Board of Education Village of Fontana representative, Fontana voters favored Lisa Turner Laing with 255 votes, and Brandon Marvin received 120 votes. Laing won the election with a total of 336 votes in the three jurisdictions, compared to 171 votes for Marvin.

## Village Schedules Assessor Hours, Open Book Dates

One of the village assessor will be at Fontana Village Hall on three more Fridays in 2012, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to meet with local property owners.

Property owners may contact the Village assessment firm, Accurate Appraisal, LLC, via the toll-free number 800-770-3927 or via e-mail at [info@accurateassessor.com](mailto:info@accurateassessor.com), to schedule an appointment for office hours.

The Fridays that the assessor is scheduled to be in Fontana are May 18, June 22, and July 6, 2012.

### **Open Book July 20 and 21, 2012**

The Open Book dates for the 2012 Assessment Roll have been scheduled for Friday, July 20, 2012 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Saturday, July 21, 2012, from 10:00 am to Noon at the Village Hall.

The Board of Review will conduct hearings on Thursday, August 9, 2012 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.



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## State Law Requires Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms

As of February 1, 2011, there are Wisconsin requirements for both smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms to be installed in almost all one- and two-family dwellings, regardless of the age of the building. The new carbon monoxide requirement is for dwellings with fuel burning appliances, fireplaces or attached garages.

Owners and renters both have responsibilities with the new requirements. Owners are responsible for alarm installations and occupants have to maintain the alarms. Owners must repair or replace alarms within five days of written notice from an occupant or an inspector. Authorized inspectors may enter dwellings to inspect alarms when requested by owners or occupants. Tampering with alarms is illegal, dangerous and can cause serious liability concerns. Freezing can damage carbon monoxide alarms.

Alarms must be installed in the basement, and on each floor level. The alarms need not be installed in attics, garages or storage areas.

The alarms may be separate or combination units, powered by batteries, or in the case of new construction, tied into the electrical system of the home with a battery backup. Installation must follow the manufacturer instructions. The manufacturer should be identified on the alarm. Alarms used in Wisconsin must be approved by Underwriters Laboratories.

### **Smoke Kills More People Than Flames**

Smoke reportedly kills more people in residential fires than the flames. Smoke alarms detect the presence of smoke even before you can see it or smell it, especially when flames might not be visible. There also are alarms for people with visual or auditory disabilities.

Carbon monoxide is a gas created by incomplete burning of fuels. Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless and tasteless, but highly toxic. It can build up over time, with unrecognized symptoms such as headaches, nausea, disorientation, or irritability eventually building to unconsciousness and fatal poisoning. Carbon monoxide alarms warn of the gas before it reaches dangerous levels.

Examples of some carbon monoxide sources are garages, heaters, fireplaces, furnaces, appliances or cooking sources using coal, wood, oil, kerosene, or other fuels. Electric appliances are not carbon monoxide sources.

Alarms must be tested regularly and should

have batteries changed at least annually, or when a low-battery warning sounds. The alarms must not be painted over and should be kept clean. Alarms should be replaced when they reach the end of their life span.

Buildings with more than two residential units also need smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. The installation requirements for those multifamily dwellings are different. Rules for alarms in multifamily dwellings and other public buildings are in the Wisconsin Commercial Building Code, Comm 61-66.

## New Rapid Entry Regulations Take Effect June 1, 2012

Village of Fontana Municipal Code requirements for Rapid Entry Key Boxes that were adopted by the Board of Trustees August 1, 2011 will take effect on June 1, 2012.

The Village Board adopted Ordinance 08-01-11-01, creating rapid entry system requirements, on recommendation of the Fontana Fire Department. The ordinance requires the use of rapid entry lock box devices and associated equipment for all commercial, industrial and residential buildings that have a fire sprinkler system and/or alarm systems with an annunciator panel or dedicated monitoring service.

The ordinance states that the Village recommends the use of rapid entry lock box devices and associated equipment as described above in the following three types of buildings; where building owners elect to provide such rapid entry lock box devices to facilitate access by the fire department, such devices and associated equipment shall be of the type currently in use by the Fire Department:

1. In all commercial and/or industrial buildings.
2. In all multifamily residential structures containing three or more living units that have restricted access through locked doors and have a common corridor for access to the living units or mechanical rooms.
3. In any other building where lack of access may result in loss of life or significant property or environmental damage, based on factors including, but not limited to fire load, occupant load, exposures, building construction, age of building, and storage or use of hazardous materials. Single- and two-family dwellings are exempt from this requirement unless they have a moni-

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## The Cop Shop . . .

Department Has Staff Changes



By Chief Steve Olson

A lot of changes are taking place with our staffing. The Village Board has decided to promote an officer to the rank of sergeant instead of filling the lieutenant position vacancy, so we are working with the Police and Fire Commission on the selection process.

One of our part-time officers, Cathy Tietz, has left and we are in the process of training a replacement officer, Grant Gunyon. We are also at this time screening police officer applicants to go before the PFC for further screening and approval to be placed on the officer eligibility list.

In 2011 the department handled a total of 2,117 calls for service of all types.

A new portable radar/speed warning sign has been obtained through a DOT grant and you will see it placed at various locations around the village to slow traffic down and for traffic surveys. In another grant we have obtained six new radios, with a total value of \$20,000, to enhance our interoperability with other agencies around the county and state should there be a major emergency we are called to help on or that affects Fontana directly.

Would you like an officer to speak at your neighborhood's or association's annual meeting to answer questions or hear any concerns you may have? Please call and we will be happy to arrange for someone to attend.

Please remember that skateboarding on any public street is illegal and unsafe and on the sidewalks skateboards must yield the right of way to pedestrians.

To avoid a parking ticket in the downtown area be sure you either have a current village resident permit clearly displayed on the driver's side of the front windshield or that you pay into the pay-to-park machines that are conveniently located around the lakefront area. For your convenience the machines take cash and credit/debit cards. We also hope to have system in place to pay by telephone should you be away from a machine and need more time.

As always we want to encourage our citizens to promptly report any suspicious activity they see or suspect. For all the latest in law enforcement related information concerning Fontana visit our website at [www.fontanawipolice.com](http://www.fontanawipolice.com), or find us on Facebook.

## Annual Pancake Breakfast July 7

Residents and visitors should make their calendars now for the Fontana Rescue Squad/EMS annual pancake breakfast fund-raising event on Saturday, July 7, 2012 from 7:00 to 10:30 am at St. Benedict Church.

The Blood Center of Wisconsin will also be on site taking blood donations. Letters with full details and times will be mailed out around the end of May, and there will be promotional advertisements placed in the local newspapers.

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tored alarm system or sprinkler system.

The key box must be installed in an accessible location approved by the Fire Department. The key box shall be mounted not less than five feet, or more than seven feet, above ground level immediately to the street side address of the structure.

The key box must contain keys for locked points of ingress and egress whether on the interior or exterior of such buildings; any locked mechanical equipment rooms; any locked electrical rooms; any locked elevator controls; any alarm control room or panel; and any other areas as required by the Fire Department.

Any person who violates any part of the ordinance shall upon conviction forfeit not less than \$200 along with prosecution costs and state mandated costs/surcharges to the extent allowed by law.

For more information, contact the Village of Fontana Fire Department at (262) 275-2131.

## Call 911 for Lake Emergencies

The warm weather is here and the piers are in so that means lake sports are not far behind. The Fontana Rescue Squad and EMS want the time you spend at the lake this year to be fun and safe. Unfortunately accidents and medical emergencies happen.

As with any land based emergency, a call placed to 911 will start the process of getting emergency responders quickly to your location on Geneva Lake. The lake is divided into 4

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response jurisdictions for the Village of Fontana, the City of Lake Geneva, Linn Township, and the Village of Williams Bay.

The four municipalities provide emergency services to the lake 24 hours a day throughout the year. Emergency responders from these municipalities work together to provide help with fires, medical emergencies and water rescues.

With more than 5,400 acres of water surface and a length of approximately 9 miles, responses on Geneva Lake can be a challenge when the 911 system is not used for calling in an emergency. Calls to different numbers can lead to delays as other witnesses then call 911 and try to relay information. Current computer-aided dispatch systems have the ability to locate callers cell phones by GPS. This can be relayed to emergency responders who can program this information into GPS units to find the location of an emergency, which is especially helpful at night.

The Fontana Rescue Squad and EMS members hope you have a safe and fun time enjoying lake activities this year.

## Library Observes National Event

**By Nancy Krei**

Fontana Public Library Director

Spring is a perfect time of the year to visit the Fontana Public Library to get you in the

mood for planting your flowers and gardens. The library offers a wide variety of books on growing flowers and vegetables in our climate, on garden enhancements, and landscaping.

The Fontana Public Library celebrated National Library Week April 9 through 14 with the theme, "You belong @ your Library!" This is so true. At the Fontana Public Library, we want you to feel welcome! Libraries are no longer the place where absolute quiet is demanded. Our public computers are heavily used, and there often seems to be a real sense of community among those users. The library also offers wireless Internet access that will work with your laptop as well as your e-reader devices.

### **Library Has Access to e-books**

It is nearly impossible to go a day without hearing an advertisement for an e-reader. Whether it is a Barnes and Noble Nook, an Amazon Kindle, an i-Pad, Sony Reader, or some other brand, these devices are everywhere. If you are thinking about getting one of these devices, are curious about which one is right for you, or if you have just purchased a device and want to know how to use it, then the library is the place to go to get answers. We now have a Nook Color, a Kindlefire, and a first-generation i-Pad that you can view and use in the library.

As a member of the Lakeshores Library System, the Fontana library is part of the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium, which allows anyone with a library card from any library in the Lakeshores System to have free access to over one million downloadable electronic books, audios and videos that can be

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viewed on your computer or your e-reader. The library staff will be happy to assist you in setting up an account.

On Tuesday, April 10, the library observed National Library Worker's Day. The Fontana Library is very fortunate to have such a caring, public orientated and dedicated staff, which includes Jodie Porep, Norma Gowlett, Susan Gilkes and Kathy Bikowski. Stop in and say hello and ask them about e-books.

April is also National Poetry Month. The library will once again be sponsoring poetry contests for children in third grade through high school, and for adults. Since the theme for the 2012 Summer Reading Program is "Dream Big, Read," the library's poetry contest will involve a dream theme. Information and an entry form will be available at the library. In honor of National Poetry month, the library will also have book sale featuring literature and poetry books.

The Village of Fontana has received the honor of being named a "Bird City Wisconsin." In the spirit of the inaugural International Migratory Bird Day observance on Friday, April 27, 2012, at 10:00 am at the Fontana Elementary School, the library currently has on display some bird carvings by Jack Hayes. Throughout April, the library will have books about birds on display, a bird-themed Read and Romp story time on April 26, as well the opportunity to do a special craft the week of April 23 through 27. Additional activities are being planned, so please contact the library for additional information.

### Story Wagon Schedule

It is never too early to be thinking about summer. As part of the Summer Reading program, the Fontana Library, in conjunction with the Lakeshores Library System will be offering four Story Wagon performances. Mark your calendars now for Magician Scott Obermann on Tuesday, June 26, 2012; popular Humorist and Naturalist David Stokes on Tuesday, July 10, 2012; Musician/Singer Mr. Billy on Tuesday, July 17, 2012; and "The Bubble Man" Karl Debelak on Tuesday, July 24, 2012. The Story Wagon programs will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Village Hall meeting room, and are open to all ages.

The Fontana Public Library is here for you. Call the library at (262) 275-5107, or visit our website [link](http://www.villageoffontana.com/library) at [www.villageoffontana.com/library](http://www.villageoffontana.com/library) for library news, announcements and activities.

## Fontana Municipal Court Report

By David Jensen

Fontana Municipal Court Judge

I would like to recap what the Fontana Municipal Court did in 2011. While total cases remained fairly constant with previous years at about 700, gross court revenue was up by about 15.5 percent over 2010.

The increase is due in part to the issuance of citations with more expensive penalties such as charges for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and drug related offenses. This tells me that people are still drinking and driving and using and possessing marijuana and drug paraphernalia in the Village of Fontana.

The actual numbers are gross income of \$99,084, of which Walworth County takes \$7,047 and the state gets \$24,965. This leaves \$67,072 for the village. These figures are a by-product of what the municipal court does; although I do not, nor ever have considered municipal court to be a money maker. Court is first and foremost about justice for all parties involved.

Court is conducted the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 5:00 pm at the Village Hall. Except for juvenile cases, court is open to the public and I invite anyone to visit and observe. I will even stay and answer any questions you might have when we are done.

## Garbage, Recyclables Pick Up Mondays

Monday is the weekly pick-up day for garbage and recyclable materials in the village. Residents must have their garbage and recyclable materials to the street by 6:00 am, but no earlier than the evening before pick-up. If Monday falls on a holiday, pick-up will be delayed by one day.

Garbage should be in containers that are 20 to 35 gallons in size and made of metal or similar sturdy containers. No container should weigh more than 60 pounds when loaded. Containers must be removed from the street the same day after pick-up. If you have questions or have a large item to pick up, call Keizer and Sons at (262) 728-4317. Do not place yard waste with your regular garbage or recyclable materials.

All recyclable materials should be combined and placed in blue or clear plastic bags. If you have questions or need more information, contact John's Recycling, toll-free at 888-473-4701.

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