



Village Schedules Assessor Hours

Open Book Set July 26, 27

Village of Fontana property owners can discuss their annual assessment with one of the Village assessors from Accurate Appraisal, LLC at the Fontana Village Hall on three more scheduled Fridays in 2013 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. The three Fridays that the assessor will be at the Village Hall are May 17, June 21, and July 12, 2013.

The 2013 Village of Fontana Open Book dates have been scheduled for Friday, July 26, 2013 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Saturday, July 27, 2013 from 10 AM to Noon.

Property owners also may contact Accurate Appraisal at any time to discuss their 2013 property assessment via the toll-free number 800-770-3927 or via e-mail at info@accurateassessor.com.

Village DPW Begins Spring Leaf Collection

The Village of Fontana Public Works Department will commence with its spring leaf collection services in April. During spring and fall, 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 must rake the leaves no farther than 10 feet from the street, but not on the pavement. 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. The leaf service does not include the collection of grass clippings.

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

The DPW crew takes out the chipper for its monthly sweep of the village the first full week of each month. No tree material that is larger than 6 inches in diameter will be accepted for chipping, and piles that contain non-recyclable materials will not be handled. All materials to be chipped must be stacked with the butt ends facing the street. A fee of \$2.50 per minute will be charged after the first 15 minutes of each month, or for any pile that it too large to chip within 15 minutes. The Village does not handle brush from any lot clearing activities.

Village Conducting Connection Inspections

The Building and Zoning Department will be mailing out postcards with regard to state required cross-connection inspections and stormwater infiltration inspections. Residents and property owners should call (262) 275-9769 within 10 days of receiving a postcard to schedule an inspection.

The Village is required to develop and implement a comprehensive cross-connection control program to ensure that there is not a risk of contamination of the drinking water supply that could be caused by back-siphonage or back flow.

A cross-connection inspection consists of an on-site visual inspection of appliances and fixtures that use and are connected to a water source. The inspector will look at dishwashers, humidifiers, water softeners, hose bibbs, faucets, washing machines, boilers, icemakers, lawn irrigation, swimming pools and water closets for proper back-flow prevention devices and connections. Following the 10- to 20-minute inspection, property owners will receive a report which will note any cross-connection hazards and the method for bringing the system into compliance. The state requires commercial and industrial services to be inspected once every two years, and all residential properties to be inspected every 10 years.



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Village Incumbents Earn Reelection

A total of 349 voters turned out in the Village Fontana for the Spring Election Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

Although there were no challengers for the three Village Trustee and the Village President positions that were up for election, there were two referendum questions on the ballot for the Big Foot Union High School District and for the Gateway Technical College District.

The Village of Fontana incumbents who were reelected to two-year terms were President Arvid Petersen, who received 258 votes, and Trustee Bill Gage, 256 votes, Trustee Thomas McGreevy, 254 votes, and Trustee George Spadoni, 217 votes.

Voters in Fontana cast 194 "Yes" votes on the Big Foot Union High School referendum question that sought authorization to exceed the state levy limit, and 146 "No" votes; however, the referendum failed to earn approval throughout the district by a total of 16 votes.

According to the Walworth County website, the referendum received a total of 880 "No" votes and 864 "Yes" votes prior to the final canvass being completed by Walworth County.

There were 6 outstanding Absentee Ballots in the Village of Walworth and 2 in the Town of Linn that could still be counted in the final canvass scheduled to be completed on April 8, 2013 if the ballots are received by mail in the Village of Walworth and the Town of Linn by Friday, April 6, 2013 and they were postmarked on or prior to April 2, 2013.

Gateway Referendum

Voters in the Village of Fontana cast 188 "No" votes on the Gateway Technical College referendum question that sought approval to borrow \$49 million, and 146 "Yes" votes.

Overall, the Gateway referendum question failed to earn approval by a total of 12,081 votes that were cast in Walworth, Racine and Kenosha counties, according to the unofficial results from the three county websites. There were a total of 35,928 "No" votes cast in the three counties, and 23,847 "Yes" votes prior to the official county canvasses being completed on April 15, 2013.

Walworth County voters cast a total of 9,258 "No" votes on the Gateway referendum, and 6,466 "Yes" votes; Racine County voters cast 17,097 "No" votes and 9,323 "Yes" votes; and Kenosha County voters cast 9,573 "No" votes and 8,058 "Yes" votes.

The Cop Shop ...

Grant Funds Equipment Purchase



By Chief Steve Olson

The Fontana Police Department handled a total of 2,855 calls for service of all types in 2012.

The Department recently used a \$4,000 equipment grant from the DOT to replace some aging equipment.

Our officers once again taught the CounterAct drug and alcohol abuse prevention program to the 35 fifth-grade students during the past semester at Fontana Elementary School.

Internet and phone scams continue to be a growing crime even here in Fontana. Residents should never give out personal information over the phone or on the computer unless they are 100 percent sure of who they are dealing with and that they really need your confidential information. Don't be fooled by the authentic looking checks coming in the mail asking you to cash them and return a portion. Please take the time to check with us, we can quickly verify if they are fake -- which they always are. If you cash these checks you are legally liable to the bank for the funds when it is discovered they are fraudulent.

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. Skateboarding on sidewalks is permitted but they must yield the right of way to pedestrians.

To avoid a parking ticket in the lakefront area be sure you either have a current village permit clearly displayed on the driver's side of the front windshield or use the Pay to Park machines conveniently located around the lakefront area. For your convenience the machines take cash and credit/debit cards. You can also pay by phone 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. The non-emergency number at the Police Department is (262) 272-2275. For emergencies, call 911.

For all the latest in law enforcement related information concerning Fontana visit our website at www.fontanawipolice.com or find us on Facebook.

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