

VILLAGE OF FONTANA-ON-GENEVA LAKE

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Emerald Ash Borers Infest Area Trees

An adult emerald ash borer (EAB) beetle was collected June 7, 2012 near a tree that displayed signs of EAB infestation on a private woodlot in Linn Township.

EAB surveyors with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection were notified of the possible infestation by a colleague with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The specimen was sent to federal identifiers and subsequently confirmed as EAB on June 11, 2012.

Also on June 11, the Lake Geneva city forester, working with DNR forest health personnel, submitted photographs of an unhealthy tree located in the downtown area of Lake Geneva. DATCP staff confirmed that the tree is infested with EAB.

The tree-killing emerald ash borer has been discovered so far in 10 Wisconsin counties, including the recent addition of Walworth County. The other counties are Brown, Crawford, Kenosha, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Vernon and Washington.

Walworth County will be quarantined soon. Neighboring counties may be added to the quarantine pending further review. EAB quarantines currently exist in Brown, Crawford, Fond du Lac, Kenosha, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Vernon, Washington and Waukesha counties.

The EAB quarantine affects some businesses that use certain ash products. For the vast majority of people the quarantine means that hardwood firewood, regardless of tree species, cannot leave the quarantine area.

Residents should contact a certified arborist or other tree care professional for help in deter-

mining if their ash tree is at risk and a course of action to undertake if warranted.

Residents can obtain further information about EAB on the Internet at www.emeraldash-borer.wi.gov.

Public Hearing Set August 6 for New Zoning Code, Map

The Village of Fontana Plan Commission and Board of Trustees have been working for the past 12 months on a rewrite project for Chapter 18 (the zoning ordinances) of the Municipal Code in order to update, reorganize and modernize the current zoning code.

The Village has also prepared a draft Zoning Map to implement the updated code. In addition, the Village has prepared revisions to the Chapter 17 Subdivision Regulations to adhere to recent statutory changes.

The proposed new Zoning Ordinance and Map:

- Meets statutory requirements for consistency with the Comprehensive Master Plan;
- Makes fully legal pre-existing nonconforming situations -- in particular nonconforming buildings for homes and businesses;
- Creates new zoning districts to enable expanded employment opportunities at desired locations in the future; and
- Protects Geneva Lake and protects and raises long-term property values throughout the village.

The draft Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Map and Subdivision Regulations are available for review at Village Hall and on the Village website at www.villageoffontana.com.

A public hearing on the draft Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Map and Subdivision Regulations has been scheduled for Monday, August 6, 2012 at 6:00 pm at the Village Hall, 175 Valley View Drive.



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Open Book, Board of Review Dates Set

Following the annual completion of the property assessment maintenance work for 2011 by the Village’s contracted appraisal firm, Accurate Appraisal, LLC, Open Book sessions for the initial 2012 Village Assessment Roll will be held at the Fontana Village Hall on Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21, 2012.

Property owners who have any questions concerning the 2011 valuation of their property, may attend an Open Book session, where they can meet individually with one of the appraisers.

The Open Book sessions will be held on Friday, July 20th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and on Saturday, July 21st from 10:00 am to noon.

Online appointment scheduling is available for the Open Book sessions. If you wish to meet with one of the appraisers, logon to www.accurateassessor.com and click on the "online scheduling" link. Next, choose the open book appointment link. Please follow the directions, as the entire process should take only a few minutes. You will be prompted to enter the Village of Fontana password: VF10.

If you do not have Internet, you may call the Village Hall at (262) 275-6136 to make an appointment.

If you cannot make it to the Open Book sessions and you wish to discuss your assessment, you can call the Accurate Appraisal office at 800-770-3927, or send an email to: question@accurateassessor.com.

If, after the Open Book session, you wish to object to the assessment, contact Village Clerk Dennis Martin to file a "Form of Objection" and to schedule an appointment before the Board of Review. Property owners must file an Intent to File Objection form with the Municipal Clerk at least 48 hours prior to the Board of Review.

The Board of Review will be meeting at the Fontana Village Hall on Thursday, August 9, 2012 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Appearances at the Board of Review are by prior appointment only. The Board of Review functions like a court in that it is required to evaluate evidence based on facts.

New Law Addresses Electronic Recycling

The state electronic waste (e-waste) recycling law, called the E-Cycle Wisconsin Program, took effect January 1, 2010 and established a statewide collection and recycling sys-

tem for certain consumer electronic devices.

Only electronics sold to Wisconsin households, K-12 public schools and Milwaukee Parental Choice Program schools are part of the E-Cycle Wisconsin Program.

The legislation is based on a "Product Stewardship" approach which requires manufacturers of certain consumer electronics to assume financial responsibility for the collection and recycling of e-waste items.

Wisconsin law had already required businesses, government offices, private schools, colleges and universities to recycle their electronics or manage them as hazardous waste.

The electronic items listed below were banned from disposal in Wisconsin landfills or incinerators on September 1, 2010. The bans apply to household residents, businesses, institutions, municipal governments, etc.

- Consumer computers
- Computer peripherals
- Televisions and other video display devices
- Fax machines
- DVD, VCR and other video players
- Consumer printers
- Phones with video displays (cell phones)

Walworth County is no longer sponsoring its annual Computer Round-Up Program since the new legislation shifts the e-waste recycling burden from local units of government to manufacturers. Following is a list of Walworth County locations where residents can take their electronic waste.

- Cartridge World, 1741 E. Geneva Street, Delavan; (262) 728-8570; www.cartridgeworld.com or www.gazlo.com/ink.
- Goodwill, 1402 E. Geneva Street, Delavan; (262) 728-5668; www.amazinggoodwill.com.
- Staples, 2141 E. Geneva Street, Delavan; (262) 728-2629; www.staples.com.
- DP Electronic Recycling, 540 E. Centralia Street, Elkhorn; (262) 723-2550; www.dpecycle.com.
- Southern Lakes Recycle, 220 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn; (262) 723-5022.
- Best Buy, 700 N. Edwards Boulevard, Lake Geneva; 888-237-8289; www.bestbuy.com.
- Electronic Recycling, W9390 Highway 59, Whitewater; (262) 472-0446.

Annual Pig Roast Sept. 1

The fourth annual Village of Fontana Park Commission fund-raising pig roast and children’s event will be held in Reid Park on Saturday, September 1, 2012.

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Big Foot Lions Plan Lobster Boil

The Big Foot Lion's Club will host its 29th annual Lobster Boil and Steak Fry in Reid Park on Saturday, July 28, 2012.

The event starts at noon with lunch fare being served (hamburgers and hot dogs, chips and soda).

Live music will be featured throughout the day with "Al's Blues Faction" performing from noon until 3:00 pm; "Mr. Myers" band playing from 4:00 until 7:00 pm, and the "Eddie Butts" band playing from 7:00 until 11:30 pm. The local School of Rock Band and Big Foot High School Band will play at breaks and between shows.

There also will be a children's area set up by Life of the Party with fun things for the kids.

The Lions Club beer tent will be serving Miller products and wine coolers. Serving time for dinner is from 2:00 to 9:00 pm. A drive-through service will be available at the Park House on Third Avenue from 2:00 until 8:00 pm.

Last year, the club sold more than 2,400 dinners. Advanced tickets are available at Sentry Foods in Walworth, Chuck's Lakeshore Inn in Fontana, or from any Big Foot Lion member. Ticket prices are \$32 in advance for lobster, and \$20 for steak; or can be purchased at the door for \$34 for lobster and \$22 for steak.

The Lobster Boil was started in 1983 at the old Red Eye restaurant in Linton, and later moved to Walworth, and then to Reid Park.

The Big Foot Lions Club service organization serves Linn Township and the villages of Walworth and Fontana with about 45 current members.

All of the proceeds raised at the club's fundraisers goes back to the public through contributions.

Some of the Big Foot Lions Club recent contributions include a \$30,000 commitment to the Village of Fontana Park Commission for its new pirate ship in the Little Foot Playground at Reid Park; a \$30,000 commitment to Big Foot High School for the new scoreboard at the main football field; a \$30,000 commitment for playground equipment at Toynton Park in Walworth; a new pavilion across the street from Reek School in Linn Township; life preservers for the fire and rescue boat in Fontana; area rescue squads; the Big Foot Recreation District; and baseball, softball, Legion baseball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, Big Foot Wolves football, 4H youth programs, and scholarships.



Pay Stations Offer Phone Options

The Village of Fontana Parking Pay Stations for the Third Avenue, Reid Street and lakefront parking lots numbered stalls now feature "Pay by Phone" options.

Motorists who do not have resident "F" stickers for free parking can add time for their parking stall online or via a mobile application at www.parkmobile.com.

The option also is available by calling 1-877-727-5003, then entering the parking zone number listed on the sign by the pay stations, and then entering the individual parking stall number painted on the pavement.

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