

Village Rewrites Zoning, Storm Water Chapters

Following more than 18 months of public meetings, the Plan Commission and Village Board adopted rewritten Chapters 17 and 18 of the Municipal Code and a new Village Zoning Map on September 4, 2012. As part of the project, the Village Board also adopted storm water management regulations in a new Chapter 16 of the Municipal Code.

The Village undertook the rewrite project on the Zoning Ordinance to update, reorganize and modernize the regulations; and the Zoning Map was updated to incorporate the new Zoning Districts. In addition, the Village revised the Chapter 17 Land Subdivision Regulations to adhere to recent statutory changes.

The new Zoning Ordinance and Map:

- * Meets statutory requirements for consistency with the comprehensive plan;
- * Makes fully legal pre-existing nonconforming situations -- particularly 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 new Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Map and Subdivision Regulations and Chapter 16 are available for review at Village Hall and on the Village website at www.villageoffontana.com

DPW Crew Commences Leaf Collection Services

The Public Works Department commenced its fall leaf collection services in early October. During fall and spring, the entire village is cov-

ered 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.

Residents also may take leafs and yard waste to the Duck Pond 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 is too large to chip within 15 minutes. The Village does not handle brush from any lot clearing activities.

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.

The Village Board amended the Municipal Code several years ago to allow for people to walk dogs on the beach after the summer season has ended.

During the summer season, dogs are only

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Village Promotes Sgt. Cates



By Chief Steve Olson

After a thorough selection process, the Police and Fire Commission recommended to the Village Board of Trustees that Officer Jeff Cates be appointed the Fontana Police Department's new Sergeant and he assumed the duties on May 7, 2012.

The Police and Fire Commission also selected Grant Gunion and Lisa Gavahan to fill our part-time officer vacancies. Both of the officers have earned college degrees in Criminal Justice and have completed the law enforcement academy. They began their extensive field training program this spring.

Through a federal program to obtain excess/surplus property, the Police Department took possession of a six-wheel ATV. In cooperation with the Fire and Rescue Departments, the ATV was converted into a multipurpose firefighting and search and rescue vehicle. This acquisition saved a considerable amount of tax dollars and replaced two other aging vehicles in our inventory.

Another summer has passed and as we all know it was a hot one. The Police Department staff has been busy this year handling 2,492 calls for service as of September 23, 2012; however, there were no major crimes reported during this time.

The Department recently obtained a grant to purchase state-of-the-art radios that greatly enhance our ability to communicate with multi-

ple agencies in the event of a critical incident in our area or if we are requested to respond anywhere in the state.

The second phase of Fontana Safety Building repair projects took place this year with a 34-year-old retaining wall, the back parking lot and the training room floor being replaced.

School is back in session and we want to remind all drivers to slow down in the school zone and watch for stopped busses.

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 administrative office call (262) 275-2275, for the non-emergency dispatcher call (262) 275-2135, and for an Emergency call 911.

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allowed at the Duck Pond Recreation Area dog track area. Dog owners are reminded that the Village Municipal Code requires owners to pick up their pet's waste.

Village Hall Not Open on Saturdays Until December

The Village Hall is not be open for customer service on Saturdays until the tax collection season in December. Beginning Saturday, December 22, 2012 Village Hall will again be open from 9:00 am to Noon on Saturdays.

Village Hall is open Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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THE FONTANA FROG on Robert Hutchinson's former miniature golf course property at 543 Valley View Drive has been refurbished by local contractor Stan Fairchild and his business Fairchild Residential. The frog also has received a new paint job.