

VILLAGE OF FONTANA-ON-GENEVA LAKE

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Village Budget Public Hearing November 14

The Village of Fontana Finance Committee has been busy meeting with the various department heads during the last several weeks reviewing the preliminary 2012 budget in preparation for the annual public hearing on Monday, November 14, 2011.

Following the work on the preliminary budget, joint meetings of the Village Board and Finance Committee will be held to finalize the proposed budget for publication.

The first joint meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 6:00 pm. If necessary, a second workshop meeting to finalize the budget proposal has been scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

The public hearing to present the proposed budget for final approval will be held at the Fontana Village Hall on Monday, November 14, 2011 beginning at 6:00 pm.

ZOOMA Requires Traffic Detours

Nearly 1,000 women from the ZOOMA Great Lakes Women's Half Marathon & 5K will be running through the streets of the Village of Fontana and out into Linn Township on Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 7:30 to 11:00 am.

The event will start and finish at the Abbey Resort parking lot. Please note that North Lakeshore Drive will be open to local traffic only between 7:30 and 9:00 am, and the westbound lane of South Lakeshore Drive will be closed to traffic from 7:30 to 11:00 am. A detour will be marked for South Lakeshore Drive westbound traffic to be diverted to County Highway B during the event.

The event organizers are still seeking participants and volunteers to assist with the event. Event registration is still open, and the race is seeking volunteers for Friday, October 21, 2011 and Saturday, October 22, 2011. For information, send an email to: info@zoomarun.com. More information also is available at the following website: www.zoomarun.com/greatlakes.



BIG FOOT Contracting & Consulting, Inc., Fontana, completed construction of the new gazebo in Reid Park on Friday, September 30, 2011 and a wedding ceremony was held in the new structure Saturday afternoon, October 1, 2011. The old gazebo was razed by the Department of Public Works crew on October 9, 2009 due to structural safety concerns.



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Village Plan Maps Out Infrastructure Project List

By Craig Workman
Director of Public Works

When his getaway van ran out of fuel, a thief was caught stealing some paintings from the Louvre in Paris. The arresting officer asked how he forgot such a vital part of the plan. "Simple," said the thief, "I had no Monet for Degas to make the Van Gogh."

Believe it or not, this article was not accidentally misplaced from the "Cop Shop" file. It's simply a bad joke attempting to illustrate how planning things out may help you out of some really hot water.

Earlier this year, the Village contracted with Ruckert-Mielke to prepare a Capital Improvement Plan for the Village of Fontana's infrastructure. With assistance from the Public Works Department, this plan will provide guidance for proper management of some of the Village's most important assets. Proper management includes interpretation of current condition assessments, appropriate selection of maintenance techniques, coordination with related projects, accurate budgeting, and effective communication of the plan to the Village staff, officials and residents.

The first step in the process is for the Village to obtain accurate pavement ratings for the nearly 20 miles of street pavement in town. This only includes the public roadways, and does not include roads in any of the private subdivisions. The State of Wisconsin requires all municipalities to rate their pavements and submit the results. This encourages municipalities to properly manage their pavement assets and remain eligible to apply for transportation aids. Accurate pavement ratings are essential for proper budgeting and appropriate selection of maintenance and capital projects.

Next, the other utility projects will be overlaid onto the plan. This includes sanitary sewer, water main, and storm sewer planning projects. This will allow us to adjust and prioritize the timing for reconstructions of streets based on utility cost information.

From there, the most economical pavement maintenance and reconstruction methods can be calculated. Ruckert-Mielke will be preparing several five-year alternatives for the Village to

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The Cop Shop ... Lt. Buchholz Gets New Job

By Chief Steve Olson



Another summer has come and gone, and while we were busy, there were no major crimes that occurred. As of September 25, 2011 we have handled 1,838 calls for assistance this year.

We are having some staffing changes. Lt Brad Buchholz, who first joined the department in 1996 as a part-time officer, has resigned to become the Chief of Police for the Village of Sharon effective October 1, 2011. We wish him well in his new role as the chief.

Our seasonal Community Service Officer Hannah Hooper is returning to college to pursue a degree in law enforcement. We now have a college intern who will be riding with our officers to observe small town law enforcement.

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

Damage done to one of the village golf courses was solved in part with the assistance of a sharp-eyed citizen who saw something that looked suspicious to him. As always we encourage our citizens to call us promptly if they see something that seems suspicious.

You may have noticed a face lift to the Public Safety Building recently. The crumbling 32-year-old sidewalk and east parking lot have been replaced. The remainder of the parking lot is scheduled to be replaced in 2012.

To save tax dollars the Police Department periodically arranges to use Walworth County Huber Dorm prisoners and individuals who have been convicted by our municipal court that need to work off their fines with community service projects such as picking up trash, painting and other projects. This also frees up our Public Works Department employees to accomplish more pressing and specialized projects.

If you have questions about the new concealed firearms law, please visit the Department of Justice website at <http://www.doj.state.wi.us> and type in CCW under the search option. If you still have questions please feel free to call or stop by the Police Department.

Be sure to visit our website at www.fontanawipolice.com or find us on Facebook for all the latest in police related information.

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County Schedules Annual Program

The Walworth County Public Works Department's annual Clean Sweep program for households, farms and businesses will be held Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8, 2011.

Household hazardous waste is the unwanted or unusable portion of a household product that contains caustic, acidic, dangerous, flammable or poisonous materials.

These products can be identified by the warnings on their labels, which include "CAUSTIC," "ACID," "DANGER," "FLAMMABLE," "WARNING," "MERCURY" and "POISON."

Clean Sweep program services are available free-of-charge to household residents.

The Collection Location will be at the Walworth County Public Works Department, W4097 County Highway NN, Elkhorn.

Before bringing a product to Clean Sweep, residents should make every effort to use it up, or give it to someone who will use it.

The waste products must be kept separate and in their original containers. Products should be packed carefully and not transported in the passenger compartment of a vehicle.

For more information, contact the Walworth County Public Works Department Solid Waste Division at (262) 741-3367, or via email at jcline@co.walworth.wi.us.

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

Shore Path Reminder

The Village Lakefront and Harbor Committee and Building and Zoning Department would like to remind lakefront property owners and homeowner associations that all materials for piers and moorings must be stored during the off-

season in locations that do not block the public Geneva Lake shore path.

State Extends

Deadline for Piers

The deadline for property owners to register grandfather-eligible piers with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and to secure exempt status for registration of the grandfathered piers and wharves has been extended to April 1, 2012. For more information, visit: <http://www.wra.org> and <http://dnr.wi.gov/waterways/recreation/piers.html>.

Village Hall Not Open on Saturdays Until January

The Village Hall will not be open for customer service on Saturdays until the tax collection season in January 2012. Beginning Saturday, January 7, 2012 Village Hall will again be open from 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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consider, each alternative based on a different funding level. Pavement improvement projects will include everything from crack-filling to complete road reconstructions.

Upon completion of the alternatives assessment, a written Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan will be presented to the Village Board for final approval. The plan will include mapping, an inventory of existing streets, and projected street conditions based on the funding alternatives presented.

Although the report may not help us remember to fuel up the car before we knock off a bank, it will help us gain clear understanding of the current condition of the Village's infrastructure assets, and provide up-front forecasts of alternative funding strategies to guide us through difficult budgeting decisions.

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mation regarding Fontana and important links. You may also 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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- Oct. 3, 2011** - Village Board meets at 6:00 pm
- Oct. 6, 13 & 20, 2011** - Read and Romp Program at Public Library at 10:30 am
- Oct. 6, 2011** - Finance Committee budget meeting at 6:00 pm
- Oct. 7 & 8, 2011** - Walworth County Clean Sweep Program
- Oct. 12, 2011** - GLLEA Board meeting at 10:00 am
- Oct. 13, 2011** - Fontana Municipal Court Date at 5:00 pm
- Oct. 13, 2011** - Finance Committee/Village Board budget meeting at 6:00 pm
- Oct. 17, 2011** - Protection Committee meets at 5:45 pm
- Oct. 17, 2011** - Finance Committee/Village Board budget meeting (if necessary) at 6:00 pm
- Oct. 18, 2011** - Reek School District Special Referendum at Linn Town Hall, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm
- Oct. 19, 2011** - Library Board meets at 10:00 am
- Oct. 19, 2011** - Plan Commission staff meeting at 1:00 pm
- Oct. 19, 2011** - Park Commission meets at 6:00 pm
- Oct. 22, 2011** - Public Works Committee meets at 8:00 am
- Oct. 22, 2011** - ZOOMA Great Lakes Half Marathon & 5K Event
- Oct. 26, 2011** - Lakefront and Harbor Committee meets at 4:30 pm
- Oct. 27, 2011** - Fontana Municipal Court Date at 5:00 pm
- Oct. 31, 2011** - Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours from 4:00 to 7:00 pm
- Nov. 1, 2010** - Rescheduled Plan Commission Monthly meeting at 5:30 pm
- Nov. 2, 2011** - CDA meets at 6:00 pm

- Nov. 3, 10 & 17, 2011** - Read and Romp Program at Public Library at 10:30 am
- Nov. 7, 2011** - Village Board meets at 6:15 pm
- Nov. 8, 2011** - Fontana-Walworth WPCC Board meets at 7:30 pm
- Nov. 9, 2011** - GLLEA Board meeting at 10:00 am
- Nov. 10 & 24, 2011** - Fontana Municipal Court Dates at 5:00 pm
- Nov. 14, 2011** - 2011 Budget Hearing at 6:00 pm
- Nov. 16, 2011** - Library Board meets at 10:00 am
- Nov. 16, 2011** - Plan Commission staff meeting at 1:00 pm
- Nov. 16, 2011** - Park Commission meets at 6:00 pm
- Nov. 21, 2011** - Protection Committee meets at 5:45 pm
- Nov. 24 & 25, 2011** - Village Hall & Public Library Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov. 28, 2011** - Plan Commission meets at 5:30 pm
- Dec. 1 & 8, 2011** - Read and Romp Program at Public Library at 10:30 am
- Dec. 5, 2011** - Village Board meets at 6:00 pm
- Dec. 7, 2011** - CDA meets at 6:00 pm
- Dec. 8, 2011** - Fontana Municipal Court Date at 5:00 pm
- Dec. 13, 2011** - Fontana-Walworth WPCC Board meets at 7:30 pm
- Dec. 14, 2011** - GLLEA Board meeting at 10:00 am
- Dec. 14, 2011** - Plan Commission staff meeting at 1:00 pm
- Dec. 19, 2011** - Protection Committee meets at 5:45 pm
- Dec. 21, 2011** - Library Board meets at 10:00 am
- Dec. 21, 2011** - Park Commission meets at 6:00 pm
- Dec. 23 to 26, 2011** - Village Hall and Public Library Closed for Christmas Holiday
- Dec. 30 & 31, 2011** - Village Hall and Public Library Closed for New Year's Eve Holiday

A special referendum is being held in the Reek School District on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at the Linn Town Hall, Zenda.

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