

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

Fall 2006 Newsletter Questionnaire

WRITTEN COMMENTS

1. The Village Newsletter is informative and addresses its stated purpose?

- Only one side
- Too many pictures - not enough info
- Its bias
- I feel the Village newsletter is informative, however ... Explaining the great value of TIF seems to have not reached the voters. Perhaps a more simple statement that says TIF dollars are not Village of Fontana's tax dollars, but rather "free" money that comes from the state and county portion of the tax bill ... money that Fontana would otherwise never receive. The newsletter could be more two-sided, explaining both sides of controversial issues. The newsletter should also inform the voters of new ordinances being considered for passage or recently passed. Information as to the content of the ordinance, the reasoning behind the ordinance and who or what is affected by the ordinance should be thoroughly explained.
- Its not objective
- Does not tell us what is really going on
- if its purpose is to advertise Tom Whowell
- What is stated purpose?
- It is one sided and needs to reflect the true pulse of the village. It is a one sided political publication intended to attempt to justify the blundering of the CDA & Village Board ie the beach house.
- OK, one sided
- Too biased
- Not totally impartial!

2. Did you receive adequate information to make an informed decision on the September 12, 2006 referendum?

- Can't because of voting
- No - can't vote anyway
- I think it may have passed if we had received this letter before the vote.
- Information should be published at least a month before referendum.
- Cannot vote in WI.
- There was not enough information regarding the September 12, 2006 referendum. The papers should have carried complete information on the projects of the referendum, including pictures showing the mess of power lines, pictures showing the old cyclone beach fence compared to the new Williams Bay beach fencing, a rendering of what the boat parking lot would look like with the new plan, and a map of the new configuration of Third street and how it helps the Little Foot Park. The breakdown of how the requested money was to be spent on each item was another issue not covered. Many felt that the 1.5 or so million was being spent on a fence. The proposed village ordinance regarding a ban on playground equipment in front yards was a confusing issue to many voters. There was a feeling that this issue was tied to the referendum, and so it was voted down.
- Could have been planned better. Though I don't agree with everything, I do wish the referendum would pass.
- I received the newsletter after September 12th.
- We are summer and fall residence - unfortunately can't vote!
- Can't vote
- No no no! Nothing more after the horrible beach hse + lift station! It blocks view of water & should never have been made horizontal to water to block view!

3. With respect to the projects proposed in the September 12 referendum, do you agree or disagree with:

3A. Burying the Power Lines

- Follow up - placing utility boxes? landscaping?
- Maybe. Sorry I don't know
- I agree with the referendum ... bury the power lines, fix-up the boat trailer parking lot and replace the fences. I prefer black fencing or white. I've not seen a sample of the white.
- Tom Whowell is Bill Turner's puppet.
- never noticed them before

3B. Overhaul, re-landscaping & lighting for the Boat Trailer Parking Lot

- Need lower bids, too expensive!
- What is cost

- Maybe - some
- What's wrong with a row of evergreen to block ugliness of it? No way!
- Totally unnecessary

3C. Replace beach and lakefront fences

- See Williams Bay's fence NO stone pillars
- Look at Williams Bay lakefront fence!
- Not for 1/3 of a million dollars
- Aluminum - looks like wrought iron
- 6 ft high pillars?
- Don't need a fence
- Make a more conservative choice
- with stone structures

3D. My personal preference for a COLOR for the new fencing on the lakefront

- Just chain link fence
- Match bath house
- But! What kind of fencing
- Not sure yet
- White like the piers
- Leave as currently exists
- Why do we need it all! Take it down. It's ugly.
- Whatever blends in so you don't see it.
- Depends upon the materials used. If wood - white. If metal - brown or white.
- Leave alone
- No fence at all
- Make them non-noticeable!
- No chance for you to block more view of water!
- Don't know

4. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being highest), how do you like Highway 67 so far?

- OK - until median at Kinzie & Fontana Blvd
- You try to beautify the road but allow the hideous gray condos?
- The median in front of the Citgo station is terrible a hazard
- Poorly planned traffic hazard
- Highway 67 - not enough right turn right of way for trucks & boat trailers.
- Can't tell - it's always torn up or closed.
- 67 is beautiful. I can't wait to see how it looks when planted.
- Highway 67 just gets a "4". The turn radius from the boulevard, Third or Kinzie onto Hwy 67 going North is too tight. The very nice bike lane looks like a lane of traffic and the change in pavement surfaces and colors is confusing to some drivers. Please, please do not fill up the medians with view blocking grasses and perennials. The planting of select trees would not only look beautiful but would keep Fontana looking like a "tree city" rather than a "prairie city" and would allow for clear safe views of all traffic. It would also be less costly to maintain. This is an expense to the tax payers.
- I withhold my opinion on 67 until finished. Right now I find it an accident waiting to happen. The town homes look like a tennament. The travel agency is beautiful.
- Needs landscaping - not weeds
- Hard to make turns
- Highway 67 is very confusing with the island
- Weed stoplight
- Turn lanes are very confusing
- All this time + money to beautify entrance to gas station + Tom's wife's travel business is awful!
- The CDA needs to be disbanded & the money put to property tax relief instead of Bill Turners pet projects.
- Confusing + pavers are impractical!
- Looks nice ... but concerned if it's going to work well at intersection Citgo etc.

5. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being highest), how do you like the new Beach House?

- Blocks view of lakefront
- Don't think we need such an elaborate building!

- Forest green & white
- I don't use it but I don't like the looks of it.
- 800k??
- Too expensive ugly
- Ugly!
- 2nd fl (obliterated) view of the lake
- Zero
- The beach house is too high.
- Very poor, unattractive design.
- Back side is not attractive.
- The new beach house is the ugliest building I've ever seen.
- The beach house looks great.
- The beach house gets a "4" as well. The stone work is beautiful, but the cost was ridiculous. Yes, the TIF money is "free" money, but the CDA and the Village should be prudent and not frivolous in their spending. It is possible to build something practical, useful and beautiful without spending a fortune. Just look at Williams Bay beach house, or the Water Safety Patrol building. The overall feeling is that the Village chose a modern (not local) architect, not familiar with our lake area. Where is the continuity with our local historic architecture? Why do the new roof line have to match the post office rather than our beautiful historic lake homes?
- Needs landscaping & nice garbages.
- Beach house does not like it belongs in Fontana. Not representative (?) of our village
- Although I am sure the beach house is very functional, I think building it parallel to the lake was a terrible mistake. The beauty of driving past the beach is the view of the lake - the bath house blocks that. The (not legible) house should have (not legible) perpendicular (not legible) or not.
- You blocked the lake view! It should have had as small a profile and foot print as possible. When in doubt, go over and talk to the folks at the Geneva Lake Conservancy about what should be placed near the shoreline!
- Ugly & blocks water front!
- Ugly! Blocks view of lake!
- Too tall
- Have you seen Williams Bay?
- Wish it wasn't so tall - blocks view.
- Belongs in Disneyland - it's ugly
- Mega - overdone look @ Wm's Bay
- to contemporary in style for the rest of the village

6. Please list any potential topics that you would like addressed at future Town Hall Meetings:

- Listen to residents!
- Stop spending money like drunken sailors on leave.
- Rather than enhance the lake view the village seems determined to block it with an over large beach house and stone pillars - enough is enough!
- Maybe repairing some of the roads in country club would be a topic ... instead of all done for the lake front businesses.
- Need for people who pay majority of taxes to be able to vote on these things - it is called taxation without representation (no voting right pertaining to schools) - non resident thaws okay.
- Wow - colored newsletter - pretty impressive. Must be all that money from doubled tax values plus increased mill rates?
- Highway 67 - not enough room to turn right.
- This newsletter does not reflect the facts - it is a voice for those who have a vested interest in spending Fontana's money and a personal agenda that emphasizes financial benefit of the board.
- One of the finest safety improvements the Village could make - Install an overhead light at the intersection of Indian Hills road and Rtf B. This is an extremely dangerous intersection at night when it cannot be seen.
- Nothing I can think of now!
- Please don't use fencing that will block any more of the view of the lake
- Beach house is an (embarrassment) for \$750,000 - Williams Bays beach house is much more class than ours
- Thanks for including us on this survey
- Consider projects that will grow the natural beauty of environment surrounding the lake area and prevent uncontrolled growth and over population of the county. This would raise the tax base.
- Architectural projects should integrate into the surroundings on any future projects!
- The beach house is fine - It's the layout that is wrong - The "open part" of the beach house should run north and south. The beach house itself should run east and west - it now block the view of the lake 0. Big mistake but architect is happy! and that's what counts!

- Progress takes time .. but you are doing a great job. Fontana never looked better with flowers, new parks, pretty new buildings ... keep it going! Bravo
- Fireworks cost
- Move marathon, trig; etc to Duck Pond
- Security of beach house
- In comparison to Williams Bay, why do we have so many more personnel in almost all areas? There's lack of communication regarding tree cutting.
- Why are the gallons listed on water bills so even?
- I think the CDA is not fiscally responsible - they should spend as though it is their money and not taxpayers.
- Repair & resurface of street in country club and other areas of Fontana. It seems all our tax dollars are spent on the lakefront.
- The abominable architecture Fontana has adopted (Brian Pollard's town homes). More transparency with regards to how all this construction is being paid for. What is our debt level now compared to before Tom Whowell was elected?
- Proxies for voting referendums should be available to voters at least a month before vote.
- Why do we want to turn Fontana into another Lake Geneva town with traffic lights & businesses (whose only interest in the community is to make a profit for themselves)
- We are lucky to have such qualified people working for us.
- You are doing a great job!
- Hold the line on taxes - please.
- Any high cost project that affects the taxpayer especially those on limited income.
- Burying power lines throughout the Village! Get rid of the overhead wires.
- You are doing a great job in upgrading our beautiful Village.
- Voting on aesthetics of future improvement projects (to prevent more inappropriately scaled structures [height] being built)!
- You narrowed sec ave at 67. Your in intersection looking for cars. The approach to sec from south is to narrow. Because of the middle section (accident coming).
- Destroying trees on public land. Selling public to private developers destroys greenspace for future Font. residents. Make the Fontana frog on Highway 67 a historical landmark. Make mini-golf course a public park.
- Perhaps review some ponds under bridges in the Hildebrand area to hold trout.
- Our family appreciates the long hours you put in to make our village work.
- I hope that any future projects of the CDA and the Village of Fontana take into consideration these comments. I know that these comments reflect the opinions of many residents, not just a few.
- Does not fit in well with surrounding area. Why so tall? What happened to quaint - like Williams Bay. Where is the landscaping?
- The Village should tell all the people saying "this is the first I've heard of it" (regarding projects) that the time & money have been going since 2000. Where have they been?
- Slow down on projects.
- Apparently no thought - and definitely no traffic direction was given to village roads used for traffic flow. Intersection of Dewey & Main - an accident waiting to happen. Ecology wise - does
- I am a senior citizen & my taxes are high. All the work you are proposing will certainly reflect higher taxes which I am not in favor of. What you've done so far has been inconvenient but is nice I have to say.
- Egregious launch fees & policies for village residents too expensive - 24 hour excitation - there should be to an investigation of Pres. Whowells price gouging on gasoline ie \$1.50 to \$2.00 or more above gas stations. This is outrageous & gives our village a black eye.
- Keep improvements coming - don't wait 50 yrs - corner = Fontana Blvd. & Rtf 67 - very poor design type
- We are known as the "Newport of the West." Let's try to look and feel like it!
- How can second home taxpayers have influence
- Think long & hard before replacing MJ's. Do we need Gage Marine in Fontana? They've got L.G. W.B.
- Giving Chief Olson a yearly contract & placing it on a referendum ASAP
- New construction zoning & new home construction.
- We're not full-time residents - yet (we hope 2-3 years) but wanted to respond to your survey. We love Fontana and respect how you manage it. Our key concerns are: *keep green space and an open view near the lake. Don't pave over the lakefront no matter how "efficient" it might make traffic flow. *Retaining the "feel" of the Village. "Progress" is great ... but the pace and lifestyle Fontana offers is unique. That's what attracts people. Thanks for asking! P.S. Would it really kill anyone if you allowed a glass of wine out on the patio at Novaks or Gordy's?
- Why residents don't have a club/meeting room viewing the lake for non-summer use (off-season pleasure)
- No matter how much it cost - way more than Wm's Bay! I would pay more if beach house could be torn down it is an eyesore + blocks view of water! Disgusting so far!
- If the housing project south of Citgo on Hwy 67 was motivated by the CDA's desire for more money, everyone involved should be removed from office. It is visual pollution and an embarrassment to Fontana, especially at the villages front

door. As is case with beach house & Reid Park.

- Please do not do fence as planned, look at Williams Bay, also their beach house. You need to stop and rethink moving road - bad idea architecture needs to be changed, current is terrible
- Beach house too wide & too tall! Blocks view of lake too much. Have talked to many people (not legible) agree (not legible) family. Was all that really necessary?
- How an ugly development like the "housing project" along Hwy 67 was ever approved. How future development can be done more openly & with better taste!
- Please explain in next newsletter why there is a turn lane into nowhere - is that proposed housing?
- Lack of imagination, taste and final input is missing on CDA projects to date.
- Beach house blocks too much of the lake view. The plans should have been with the open part on trees. Shore street and bath house where old bath house sat -- too modern arct. look also
- We must be more diligent - before we approve any & all projects - (Ex: Fairwyn townhouses) awful - cheap! Nothing good about them! Soon to be Fontana's hello.
- Could we decorate the beach house for Christmas?
- I really like the new lights, they will look very festive for the holidays.
- Needs winter landscaping.
- This is not Beverly Hills.
- The vision for the future of our village by current policymakers is directly in opposition to many of our residents. If the eyesore on 67 and the inappropriateness of the beachhouse are an indication of where we are headed - then god help us. Let's keep Fontana the small charming village where the quality of life is as important as development. Wms. Bay has the right perspective.

Comments written in margins:

- How did those plain Jane barracks style apartments get Fontana-keep-the-village-look is approved?
- Great job everyone!
- Level the beach house and lift station now!
- Stop Tom before he ruins our entire. Stop Tom from taking over all waterfront & getting rid of all competition! Lift station fills the whole park. It was out of the way before!
- This is a very nice gesture!
- Where's the lake?