

TRUSTEE REPORT: Plan Revisions

Renee Vaughan, Trustee

In past years, Genoa Township has invested a lot of time and effort developing our Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Resolution to meet the expectations of residents. The Township is currently in the process of revising the density in the Zoning Resolution. When well-planned zoning regulations are in place, it helps preserve property values as well as give communities some control over land use, appearance, and quality of life. Periodically, these plans need to be revised.

In 2015, the Township held public meetings and conducted a community survey to gather residents' vision for Genoa Township. This feedback inspired the revising of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Resolution to reflect the desires of the residents. However, in 2019, the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Resolution were harmonized which generally resulted in changing the Township's maximum density to 2.2 dwellings per net developable acre when conservation standards are used.

Density has been a hot topic in Genoa Township for the past several years. In an attempt to revise density in Genoa Township, the Trustees asked the Zoning Commission to look into possibly having an overlay around the Hoover Reservoir watershed. Since September of 2021, the Zoning Commission has been looking into this possibility. One of the goals is to reduce the density to below 2.2 dwellings per net developable acre.

Currently, the Trustees and Zoning Commission are exploring the idea of changing the density in the Township. However, before a final decision is made, the Trustees are asking for your feedback. What are your thoughts about density in Genoa Township? You may share your comments or ask questions by speaking at a Trustee meeting or by email (Trustees@GenoaTwp.com).

Serving the Residents of Genoa Township,

Renee

TRADITION RETURNS: Egg Hunt Planned

The last time the Township scheduled an egg hunt was March 28, 2020. In a dramatic turn of events, the hunt was canceled due to the Covid-19 statewide stay-home order which began on March 23 and lasted until April 6. Ongoing safety concerns prevented the event from occurring in 2021.

This favorite tradition is tentatively scheduled to return on April 9th. Last minute changes are possible, visit www.GenoaTwp.com/EggHunt for updates.

If all goes as planned, Township children, ages 1-10, will gather at Westerville Central High School beginning at 10:00 a.m. for games, activities, and refreshments. Mr. & Mrs. Bunny will be available for photographs.

The hunt for 15,000 eggs will begin promptly at 11 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to fill eggs, make baskets, and help out the day of the event. Those who are interested should contact Linda at LGreco@GenoaTwp.com or (614) 568-2022.

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RESURFACING PLANS

With the heavy rain fall this past autumn, potholes are in the forecast. Report potholes you find at GenoaTwp.com/Pothole or call 614-568-2080.

Roads in the worst condition will be resurfaced entirely. Each road will remain open while Township crews grind the asphalt surface down and build it back up. At a later time, a one-inch finish layer of asphalt is applied by a separate contractor. This top coat could be completed 4-8 weeks later depending upon contractor availability. Work begins March 14 beginning with repairs to storm drains and sidewalk ramps. Thank you for your patience throughout the lengthy process.

Roads to be resurfaced: Abney Ct, Alberta Pl, Apricot Pl, Baneberry Dr, Bentley Ct, Burbank Ct, Chateau Ln, Chelton Pl, Compton Ct, Early Meadows Dr, Everett Ct, Frost Rd, Highbridge Pl, Hilmar Ct, Lake Club Dr, Maple Hill Dr & Ct, Milford Ave, Pine Wild Dr, Poe Pl, Ruston Ct, Regency Ct, Springwood Pl, Spruce Ln, Totten Springs Dr, Windstar Dr, Worthington Rd (from Lewis Center to Plumb). GenoaTwp.com/Roads



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Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Westerville Central High School

10:00 a.m. - Games & Activities

11:00 a.m. - All ages egg hunt starts

Age groups (1-2, 3-4, 5-7, 8-10) hunt simultaneously in separate areas.

One adult may help each child in the 1 to 2 year old area. Entry to the other areas is restricted to children within that age group.

Don't forget your basket!

Event is tentative!
GenoaTwp.com/Easter
 Check for updates

GENOA NEIGHBORHOODS: Development Gains Approval

Genoa Township is comprised of some of the most vibrant neighborhoods in central Ohio.

There's Westerville Reserve in the south. Constructed during Genoa's housing boom in 2000, residents have become more like family than friends, celebrating holidays and enjoying golf outings together.



Westerville Reserve annual neighborhood get-together.

Perhaps the most well-known of Genoa's neighborhoods is the sprawling Highland Lakes community that fosters relationships through its active Facebook page and a magazine publication.

Outside of subdivisions, homes line rural roads and the winding streets east of Hoover for those who prefer a more natural setting.



Illustration of The Grove planned for on the south-east corner of Worthington and Big Walnut Roads.

On January 24, 2022, the Board of Trustees voted to approve final plans put forth by Romanelli and Hughes Building Company to construct the Township's newest neighborhood at the southeast corner of Big Walnut and Worthington Roads; to be known as The Grove. The new development will consist of 30 single-family dwellings.

The homes will line a looping street surrounded by a ring of open space 50-feet or greater in width on all

sides. The developer plans to retain the existing, dense stand of trees near the intersection and will supplement them with additional plantings and mounds along Big Walnut Road. Construction is anticipated to begin later this year.

To the new neighbors who will be making their home at The Grove, welcome!

We would like to feature your Genoa Township neighborhood.

Share what makes your neighborhood special for the chance to be featured in a future issue by contacting the Communications Director at LStrader@GenoaTwp.com

Fiscal Report

Fund Name	01/01/2021 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 12/31/2021
General	\$3,386,319	\$2,081,045	\$1,634,096	\$3,833,268
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$21,228	\$37,563	\$39,913	\$18,878
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$63,084	\$220,765	\$219,500	\$64,349
Gasoline Tax	\$63,557	\$358,668	\$299,590	\$122,636
Road and Bridge	\$1,292,434	\$3,052,042	\$3,205,948	\$1,138,528
Road & Bridge Capital Projects	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
TIF Fund	\$1,070,800	\$1,038,166	\$1,348,737	\$760,229
Cemetery	\$32,082	\$5,324	\$9,388	\$28,018
Police	\$7,961,391	\$4,344,961	\$4,700,693	\$7,605,659
Police Capital Projects	\$117,968	\$120,000	\$36,070	\$201,898
Police Station-Capital Projects	\$338,123	\$1,149	\$173,295	\$165,977
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$0	\$1,387
Enforcement and Education	\$6,559	\$798	\$0	\$7,357
Law Enforcement Trust	\$44,758	\$0	\$21,724	\$23,034
Bond - Police Station	\$500,178	\$824,019	\$998,076	\$326,121
Fire	\$6,700,776	\$5,264,171	\$5,651,382	\$6,313,565
Fire Capital Projects	\$1,726,287	\$0	\$0	\$1,726,287
Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and EMS	\$415,052	\$234,055	\$386,192	\$262,915
Self-Ins. Fund-Medical Insurance	\$0	\$1,599,535	\$1,599,535	\$0
Parks	\$0	\$676,630	\$519,638	\$156,992
Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$161,459	\$381	\$155,516	\$6,324
American Rescue Plan Act- ARP	\$0	\$1,477,206	\$0	\$1,477,206
EPA Grant	\$0	\$30,024	\$30,000	\$24
Total	\$24,003,442	\$21,366,504	\$21,029,293	\$24,340,653

Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar. For additional information on Township finances visit www.OhioCheckbook.com

ZONING & DEVELOPMENT

Joe Shafer, 614.899.0725

www.GenoaTwp.com/Residential_Improvement

The Residential Improvement Permit Application is the most frequently requested document by residents. It is required before installing a new fence, pergola, swimming pool, shed, or deck to name a few.

This form has always been accepted via a hard copy. While this method of submittal will continue to be offered; a new

electronic version of the form may be preferred by some residents and is now available.

To submit, complete the required fields online and upload supporting documents. Payment is completed simultaneously by credit card.

**GenoaTwp.com/
Residential_Improvement**

MAINTENANCE

Bob Mathews, 614.568.2080


For one day only, drop off up to ten cans of unwanted LATEX paint for recycling during a special collection event to be held in partnership with DKMM Solid Waste District.


SATURDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 a.m.– Noon
McNamara Park


Enter the driveway just east of the Fire Station.
Free with proof of residency. No businesses.


In addition to the new paint recycling event, the usual “Spring Cleaning” dumpsters will be provided April 23-30 at the maintenance facility located just beyond the Fire Station at 7049 Big Walnut Road. Make an unlimited amount of trips to dispose of waste daily between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

 Branches, leaves and other yard waste must be loose or in paper bags. No plastic material should be mixed as yard waste will be composted. Loads with plastic can be rejected by the composting facility and could lead to the cancellation of the service.

 Items that will not be accepted include appliances, wire fencing, tires, batteries, paint, oil, computers, monitors and any material that is corrosive, toxic, flammable or reactive.

Scrap metal separated from general trash into the designated dumpster will be recycled.

 A mixture of recycling including paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, tubs and jugs, glass jars, and aluminum cans are provided by DKMM Solid Waste District and are available year round at the Genoa Township Maintenance Facility.

 A permanent drop box is available at the Police Station to properly dispose unused medication. Proper disposal prevents accidental poisoning, misuse, and overdose.



DEPARTMENT UPDATES



POLICE

Chief Stephen Gammill, 614.568.2060

With springtime knocking at our door, remember these important safety notes. As weather warms, residents often report scams involving yard cleanup, tree trimming, and roof inspections. Phone scams attempt to entice you to purchase gift cards to “pay for services”.

Another phone scam will claim that you must pay to avoid a “tax warrant”. The IRS does not call to solicit your personal information or notify you of a problem with your filing. They certainly do not take gift cards as payment either. If you think the IRS may have truly tried to contact you, then end the call, find a trustworthy phone number and call them back yourself. Remember, scammers will sound official but they are just playing on fear.

To reiterate:

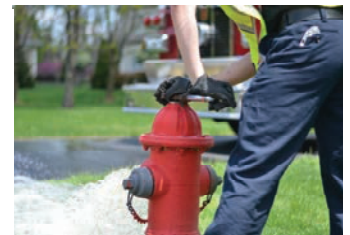
- Don't pay for services with gift cards over the phone.
- Don't give personal information over the phone.
- The IRS recommends filing early to help prevent fraud.
- Warrants are not handled over the phone, or paid over the phone
- If it seems too good to be true, you know the rest.



FIRE/EMS/RESCUE

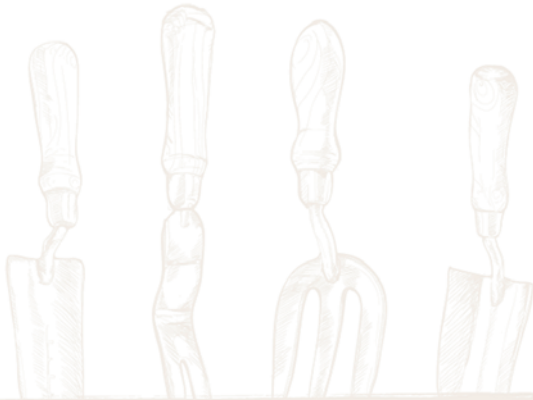
Chief Joseph Ponzi, 614.568.2040

Firefighters will begin checking fire hydrants in the Township at the end of April. It takes 4-6 weeks to assess each of the Township's 1200 hydrants.



The process can stir up sediment in the water supply line and residents may notice a brief change in water clarity. Discoloration goes away on its own within 12 hours or you can speed up the process by running the tap a while.

Updates on where flushing will occur will be posted to the Fire Department's Facebook page **Facebook.com/GenoaTwpFire**



NEWS & INFORMATION

March | April 2022

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

Daylight Savings | March 13 | 2:00 a.m.
Set clocks ahead one hour before going to sleep on March 12.

Community Garden Opening Day | April 1
Plot rental available www.GenoaTwp.com/Garden

Latex Paint Recycling | April 2 | 8:00 a.m.– Noon | McNamara Park
Read more on Page 3.

Egg Hunt | April 9 | 10:00 a.m. | Westerville Central High School
The tradition returns! All ages hunt simultaneously at 11:00 a.m.

Easter | April 17
Township administration office closed April 18.
No delay to Rumpke service.

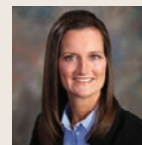
Spring Clean-Up | April 23 - April 30 | 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Dumpsters available for general trash, scrap metal and yard waste.
Proof of residency required.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Board of Trustees | March 3 & April 7 | 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission | March 14 & April 11 | 7:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals | March 22 & April 26 | 7:00 p.m.



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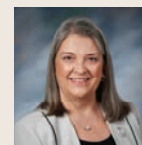


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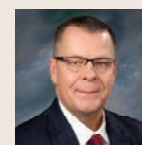


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