



Town Times

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Upcoming Events:

July 4th: Town Offices Closed

July 20th: Residential Tire Recycling Event

August 24th: Mattress Recycling Event

August 24th: Ontario County Public Health Free Rabies Prevention Clinic

September 7th: Residential Tire Recycling Event

September 21st: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

***Please check our website/facebook or ontariocountyrecycles.org for updates!**

From Supervisor Mark Venuti

Hello Town Residents, Business Owners and Friends,

Happy Summer! I hope you enjoyed the Spring's steady awakening of plant and animal life.

Reuse Center. A group of town and city volunteers is working hard on laying the foundation for a comprehensive reuse system that will serve the Geneva area and beyond. A not-for-profit corporation, Geneva Reuse Systems, Inc., has been formed, and an application to be qualified as charitable under federal law is about to be filed; that status will make the organization eligible for grants and tax-deductible donations. Work groups are looking at possible sites for collecting and sorting donated items and retailing them at bargain prices; developing a business plan and fundraising; and communicating with and educating people about reuse. The system will include training people for rewarding jobs, holding regular fix-it clinics, and salvaging reusable materials from buildings scheduled for demolition or renovation. If you're interested in participating, email supervisor@townofgeneva.com.

Website and Email Changes Coming. The Town will be changing its website and email addresses to .gov because .gov, which is reserved for government entities, is more secure. Stay tuned.

Town Clerk Lorrie Naegle is retiring after 23 years with the Town, the last 18 as elected Town Clerk, to spend more time with her family. We thank Lorrie for her years of faithful service and wish her well in her future endeavors.

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Stay Informed!

Email users, give us your email address and we'll include you on periodic messages about important town and area events. Send an email to supervisor@townofgeneva.com to sign up or sign up at <https://townofgeneva.com/contact/index.php>! Your email address will never be shared with others, and you can be removed from the list at any time by hitting the unsubscribe button at the bottom of town messages.

From Supervisor Mark Venuti (cont'd)

We are grateful to town staff and the many volunteers who make our events successful, including Senior Citizen Clean-Out Day, Free Stuff Day, Summer Kick-Off, and work on Town's Bike Park, Community Garden Plots and Box Field; we thank Dennis Ferlito of Bejo Seeds for donating veggie seedlings to Town gardeners.

Solar Panels Coming to the Town Hall. The Town has qualified for a \$175,000.00 grant from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority due to its many high impact green energy actions over the past few years. The grant must be used for another green energy initiative, which will be adding solar panels on Town Hall property that will save over \$8,000.00 per year in energy costs. Installation will likely occur in 2025.

The Towns of Phelps and Geneva are submitting an application for a grant to help fund a sewer line from Gambee Road in the Town of Geneva along Route 14 north into the Town of Phelps, which will make business development along this corridor possible.



On a sizzling summer day, the town parks and recreation committee kicked off summer with a community event behind Town hall. Activities included a thrilling dodgeball game, bike safety checks, delicious hamburgers, and hotdogs from Northside, Westlake Road and White Springs fire departments, and concluded with relaxing yoga session. A big thank you to everyone on the committee that helped and to some of our community partners that participated including Om House of Yoga and Chuck McCadd. Stay on the look out for more events!



Town Summer Kick-off!



Building Department

- Floyd Kofahl, Code Enforcement Officer

The building department continues to be busy, and we are happy to share news of continued growth in the town. Most notably, the currently vacant building at 833 Route 5 And 20 is being restored and will be renovated into a medical facility. This building has been vacant for a long time, and we are looking forward to this revitalization. We are also working on a new affordable housing subdivision that will help the ongoing housing shortage in Ontario County.

A quick reminder: if you are ever questioning whether or not you need a permit, it is always best to call and ask questions. Our email address is codeenforcement1@townofgeneva.com or and the phone number is 315-789-3922 x 303, if you have any questions or concerns you would like to have addressed.

Highway Department

The Highway Department has been busy with road work this year. We paved Kashong Road and Old Lake Road and installed new stone shoulders on both. Sometime in July we will be doing the same to all of Snell Road and Armstrong Road from State Route 14 to County Road 6. That being said, I would like to remind everyone to please SLOW DOWN and be aware of the workers in the work zone. That way we can make sure everyone goes home safely at the end of the day.

The Highway Department helped on Senior Clean Up Day, picking up items from residents for disposal at the transfer station. A big thanks to all my crew for this and all that they do every day for the town folks.

Bernie Peck, Highway Superintendent

Free Composting for all Town Residents!

Did you know that much of what goes into the trash is biodegradable and could be composted locally? You could reduce your waste heading to the landfill (and reduce your costs) if you take advantage of one of the three *free* composting opportunities available to Town residents. Thanks to a grant from USDA, Town residents can bring their food waste to the Town transfer station to deposit in the Growing Cycle totes at no cost or call the Town Hall to schedule free home pickup of compost if transportation or mobility is a concern or for those residents who want to compost in their backyards, free compost bins are available at the Town Hall for all residents who want to use them.

Just call Town Hall at 315-789-3922 to sign up for a bin or a bucket (for backyard or compost pickup) or to learn more about Transfer station drop off hours.

Water & Sewer Department

- From Howard Bailey, Water and Sewer Superintendent

During the summer months the town water and sewer department performs maintenance on its water & sewer system and other facilities in the town. The maintenance includes exercising water mainline valves and hydrants to make sure everything works in case of an emergency. A checklist is made of any issues and repairs will be made as soon as possible.

Water and sewer line easements are kept mowed and free of any fallen trees or debris to keep main accessible in case of an emergency. The department also takes care of mowing and the upkeep of the Town Hall, Kashong Conservation Area, Bike Park, Box field, Water & Sewer Pump Stations, and maintenance garages.

The Kashong water plant upgrades have been on hold for the past few months due to some issues with one of the new pumps. The pump is expected to be reinstalled at the end of June, with hopes of finishing the project sometime this summer and the tank on Kashong Switch Road being painted in early fall.

The town's main sewer pump station upgrade project was awarded with hopes of being started at the beginning of 2025 and completed by the fall.

Deer Impact Survey

- Bob McCarthy

A number of people have contacted the Geneva Town Board with concerns about the quantity of deer in their neighborhoods. In response to these inquiries, the Town Board has formed a committee to investigate the situation. The committee held a meeting with Dr. Curtis who is a professor of Natural Resources at Cornell University.

Dr. Curtis, in conjunction with the Nature Conservancy, has developed a program called Community Based Deer Management (CBDM). Dr. Curtis has been involved with most if not all of the community deer management programs in New York State, and has developed a CBDM program in over 30 localities. He has agreed to be an advisor to the Town of Geneva as it investigates this situation concerning deer populations. The first step in this process was for the committee to develop a survey that would identify the impacts of the deer population and help determine if there is a problem. This survey is attached on the next page. The survey will also be available on the Town website and will be handed out in neighborhoods. Please return the survey to either the Town Hall or complete it online by August 15th. If you have any questions contact the committee chairman, Bob McCarthy, at Robertmccarthy@townofgeneva.com

Thank you for your time in completing this survey.

Deer Impact Survey

Town of Geneva Residents:

We want to know what you think about the impacts, if any, the deer population is having in the Town of Geneva. This is a survey developed by the Town of Geneva Deer Committee, a group of citizens appointed by the Town to gather information about the deer situation. Your responses will be helpful in determining if there is a deer problem in the Town, and if so, what the next steps might be.

How concerned are you about:	Not Concerned	Very Concerned			
A. Deer-auto accidents?	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
B. Deer damage to gardens/landscaping?	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
C. Deer damage to agricultural crops?	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
D. Lyme disease?	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

How do you feel about deer in the town of Geneva? (check one)

- I enjoy the presence of deer AND don't worry about problems they may cause
- I enjoy the presence of deer BUT worry about problems they may cause
- I do NOT enjoy the presence of deer and regard them as a nuisance
- I have no feelings about the presence of deer in the Town of Geneva

In order to understand the impact by location please provide your street address:
(all responses will be kept confidential)

Additional Comments:

Please return your completed survey to the Town Hall by August 15th. Email any questions to: RobertMcCarthy@townofgeneva.com

Here are some links that might be of interest:

- <https://dec.ny.gov/nature/wildlife-health/do-not-feed-wildlife>
- <https://historicgeneva.org/recreation/deer/>
- <https://ontariocountyny.gov/863/Lyme-Disease>

Online version
available
via QR Code:



Another Free Stuff Day Success!

By Jennifer Grant

On June 2nd, many Town residents got rid of things they didn't want, or picked up items they could use at the Town's Free Stuff Day (FSD). The Town's Sustainability Committee initiated FSD in 2021, and we've been holding the event every spring and fall since. FSD gets unwanted items out of residents' houses and garages and into the hands of people who can use them, instead of ending up in the landfill eventually. In addition, the Town often runs a Fix-it Clinic and Senior Cleanout in conjunction with FSD. Although it is difficult to quantify the amount of material FSD diverts from the landfill, the lawn at the Town Transfer Station is typically 2/3 full of donated items. At the end of the event, we've had to put a very small amount of leftover items into recycling or trash. Previously we donated leftover useful items to a local charity, but lately we've simple moved those items to the front of the lawn and they are taken within a day or two. Keep an eye out for the fall FSD date, and meanwhile start cleaning out the garage!

FSD is powered by volunteers, 19 this spring! Volunteers enjoy comradery, hard work, a free lunch and early shopping opportunities. If you'd like to help in the fall, please email jengrant5316@gmail.com



Residents waiting to pick things up at Free Stuff Day.



Some of the available items at Free Stuff Day. Courtesy of Julie Coleman.

Pizza Boxes: Recyclable?

From Ontario County Recycles:

We know there is confusion about whether pizza boxes are recyclable or not. The good news is YES they can be recycled even if there is a bit of grease residue. Here are the details:

Every year in the U.S. about 3 billion pizzas are enjoyed. That's a lot of sauce, cheese, dough, and... cardboard! According to the American Forest & Paper Association, pizza boxes are made of high-quality corrugated paper, which can be recycled at least seven times (AF&PA).



Before putting a pizza box in the recycling bin, remove any wax paper and the little plastic “table,” scrape the box of any remaining crust or cheese, and recycle that valuable cardboard. A bit of greasy residue is acceptable. If you are ever unsure if the amount of leftover cheese and grease stuck on the pizza box makes it recyclable or not, the next best thing you can do is split the box in two, and only recycle the top half of the box.

Remember this: Pizza boxes can be recycled, pizza cannot.

Adapted from Recycle Right New York resources.

New: Town of Geneva e-Notifications!

Sign up now to receive a notification for specific page updates. You pick and choose what pages you would like to receive updates about. You can receive notifications via email and/or text message. We suggest everyone sign up for Alert updates.

Visit <https://www.townofgeneva.com/enotify/index.php> to sign up now.

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