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Upcoming Events:

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April 26th: Mission Zero

May 3rd: Tire Collection Event

May 16th: Paper Shredding Event

May 17th: Mattress Collection Event

June 1st: Summer Kickoff Event

June 6th: Electronic Waste Collection Event

***Please check website and/or facebook for updates!**

From Supervisor Mark Venuti

Hello Town Residents, Business Owners and Friends,

Happy Spring! I hope you are enjoying the milder weather and getting outside for the fresh air. The birds are singing and our part of the Earth is getting ready for a new season of growth.

Reuse. Work continues on establishing a comprehensive reuse center in Geneva that will serve as a template for expanding reuse through the county. The county Planning & Environmental Quality Committee and Ways & Means Committee approved the town's request for funding to support hiring an executive director to lead Reuse Systems, Inc., and the Board of Supervisors followed suit. A hiring committee will be working on finding the right person to fill this important position. Reuse Systems, Inc. also received approval from VISTA/AmeriCorps to fund a year-long position with the organization that will begin in August. This person will work with the executive director being hired and together they will work with the board of directors and other volunteers to secure funding and a location for a center. More good news: Hobart & William Smith Colleges has agreed to donate an office for the team! Stay tuned for updates. If you're interested in participating, email supervisor@townofgenevany.gov.

County Plans for Sustainability. Ontario County will update its Solid Waste Management Plan this year, and the Department of Sustainability and Solid Waste Management will update its strategic plan as well. The goal of these connected plans is to identify and support initiatives that will assist residents and businesses in reducing waste so we are in a better place when the county landfill closes in 2029.

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New! Secure Document Destruction

There is a container at the town hall where residents can deposit documents they want shredded. It is secure; documents placed in the bin cannot be retrieved. There is a limit of one box per household per month. This is a free service sponsored by Ontario County.

From Supervisor Mark Venuti (cont'd)

Recycling and Disposal Station. Coming Soon. New location for town and city residents! With support from a grant the town received from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, a station similar to the one the town operates at 32 White Springs Road is coming to 41 Doran Avenue in the City of Geneva. This station will be open Thursdays and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., we hope in the next month or so. It will be open to town and city residents who have purchased a trash punch-card and a recycling sticker for their car. The 52-punch card, which costs \$75.00, will allow residents to dispose of two 30-gallon bags of trash per punch, and the recycling sticker, which costs \$20.00, will allow unlimited residential recycling for the balance of the year. In addition to bagged trash and standard recycling items (paper, cardboard, aluminum and tin cans, clean glass jars and bottles, and plastic containers #1-7), the station will accept food waste and yard waste (grass, shrub clippings and tree branches no greater than 6-feet long and 6 inches in diameter). Something new for city residents, and a new location and day for town residents. Check the town and city websites for more information in the coming weeks.

Solar Field at Town Hall. The Town qualified through the state's Clean Energy Community program for a grant administered by the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority to support a clean energy project, and you should soon see workers from GreenSpark Solar, that won the bid for the project, installing solar panels in the coming months just north of the town hall. This installation will save the Town at least \$10,000.00 per year in electricity costs for at least the next 25 years (more as the cost of electricity rises).

Upcoming Events – Volunteers Needed!

Mattresses and box springs will be collected at 32 White Springs Road on May 17 from 8-noon – we're looking for volunteers who can help hoist a mattress into a truck.

Free Stuff Day is June 1 from 10-2 (rain date June 8) – we're looking for volunteers for this one, too! We will, on a limited basis, assist senior citizens who need help removing items that can be offered at Free Stuff Day. We will be doing this the week of May 26. People should contact Supervisor Venuti if they are interested in exploring this help.

☀️🎉 Town of Geneva's Kickoff to Summer! 🎉☀️

Get ready to embrace the sunshine and celebrate the start of summer at Geneva Town's Kickoff to Summer event!

Happening at **Geneva Town Hall (3750 County Road 6)** on **June 1st from 11 AM to 1 PM!**

Join in on this 2nd annual celebration of community and connection! Bring your family, invite your friends, and join us for a day of fun, laughter, and summer spirit. ☀️🌳🍉

📅 Mark your calendar & don't miss out! See you on June 1st!



🗨 Interested in Hosting a Booth?

If your organization would like to participate and connect with the community, we'd love to have you! Contact Amy - buildingdeptclerk@townofgeneva.ny.gov to reserve your spot.

GENEVA SUMMER KICKOFF

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PLAY AND LEARN! OUTDOORS ACTIVITIES!

Bike Park demo, 12:00pm yoga class, box lacrosse, Bike Safety Check! Food for purchase courtesy of the Town of Geneva Fire Departments. Come check out our community organizations.

FREE! ALL ARE WELCOME

Details:

- 📅 Sunday, June 1st
- 🕒 11:00am-1:00pm
- 📍 Geneva Town Hall, 3750 County Road 6

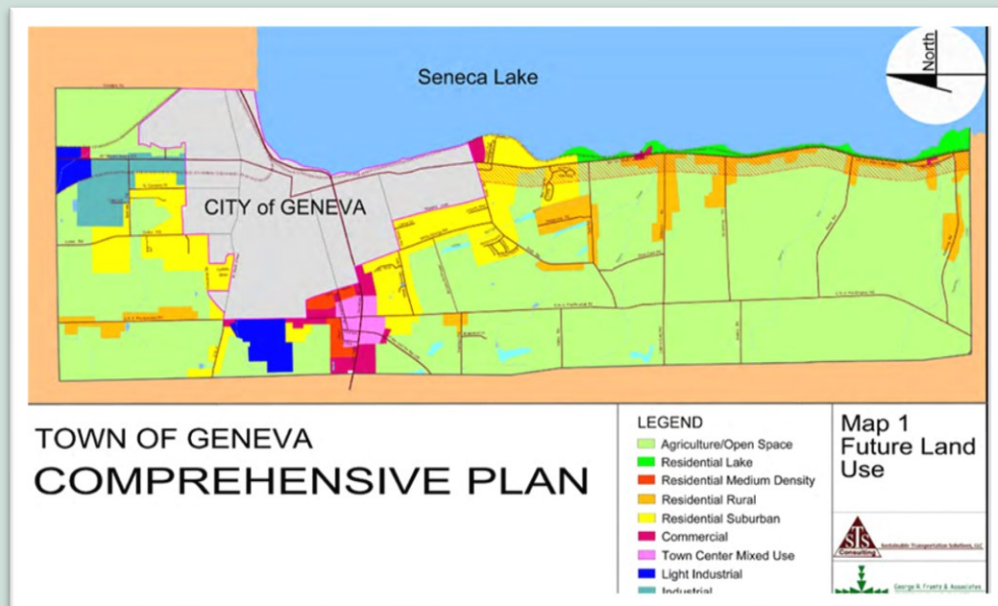
📞 315-789-3922
✉️ buildingdeptclerk@townofgeneva.com

Questions?

Logos: North Side Fire Co, White Springs Fire Rescue, West Lake Road Fire Dept, Town of Geneva

Comprehensive Plan Update

By Mitch Wilber



The Comprehensive Plan Update Committee met on March 10 with the consulting team of Emma Falkenstein and Tracy Verrier from the MRB Group. The committee members are Mark Venuti, Bob McCarthy, Kim Aliperti, and Mitch Wilber from the Town Council; Planning Board and ZBA chairmen Eric Reuscher and John Wilson, Code Enforcement Officer Floyd Kofahl, County Planning Board rep Steve High, and Tom Bonacci, Robb Flowers, Ken Harris, and Susan Pliner as members from the public. Town resident Carole Higgins also attended.

The group provided MRB with perspectives on the Town's strengths, challenges, and opportunities. Those thoughts led to a consensus on the areas of the existing plan to focus on for updating. Among the key concerns were housing availability and affordability, sustaining agricultural operations, and stormwater infrastructure. In the spirit of being comprehensive, many other policy areas from economic development to collaborations with other regional partners will shape the proposed draft update.

The committee will next analyze information from existing conditions that MRB will compile in an Economic Base Report assessing the Town's demographic, housing, economic, and real estate data. It will be interesting to see what has changed, and what has not, from the conditions described in the 2015 Plan. The committee will identify key stakeholders for focus groups and develop additional communication strategies for resident engagement that will include a public workshop. Ideally the project will finish by late summer.

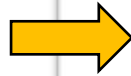
Required by law, a town's Comprehensive Plan is an essential and critical element in shaping a community's future. The committee's work will benefit from citizen input. Be looking for the public workshop details and consider attending.

Highway Department

- From Bernie Peck, Highway Superintendent

With Spring in the air, I just want to remind folks that if you have plow damage on the edge of the road, the highway crew will be around to repair it as soon as we know winter is done.

Here are also some driving tips to help make our highway workers safer as they try to do their jobs. Please slow down and move over. That's all for now.



Building Department

- From Floyd Kofahl, Code Enforcement Officer

The Town of Geneva Building Department has hired an assistant Building Inspector. His name is Kyle Bunce. He has been training for the last 6 months and will be certified at the end of April.

We would also like to remind everyone to call and verify if you need a permit for any work you are planning to do this summer. Sheds, decks and other minor construction still require a building permit. The main reason for getting a building permit is to ensure that the work was done appropriately and that you get a Certificate of Compliance. This helps to cover you under your homeowner's insurance if anyone gets hurt. If you are looking to finish your basement or do any renovations, make sure you get a permit.

We actually had to do an inspection after a fire severely damaged a house. Unfortunately, they did not get a permit for the breezeway addition and the wood burning fireplace that was installed. This was determined to be the cause of the fire and when the insurance company called to check on permits, none had been issued. The damage was estimated at \$279,000 and the insurance company paid \$.00 due to there not being a permit or inspections. So, a building permit can really help to ensure your safety and, God forbid, your insurance coverage.

Please feel free to call us with any questions or concerns. We can be reached at 315-789-3922, ext. 303. Ask for Floyd.

Community Corner

Slow Down and Move Over

Day in and day out, our roadway workers are putting their lives on the line in order to maintain and upgrade the roads you drive

**JUST LIKE FOR POLICE,
PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND
MOVE OVER - IT'S THE LAW.**



As soon as you see lights, vests or reflectors, check traffic around you, **SLOW DOWN** and **MOVE OVER** if safe to do so.

Highway workers are not there to inconvenience you, they are trying to do their job!



Your local highway crew is an integral part of your community. They are responsible for keeping roads clear, repairing damage, managing traffic, and ensuring that essential transportation routes remain accessible for everyone, from daily commuters to emergency responders.

They are someone's son, daughter, mother, father, brother, or sister! Don't be the reason they don't get home.



Department of Transportation
Local Technical Assistance Program



Assessor's Office

- Vincent Fischer

Taxable status was March 1st for all exemptions. The Tentative Roll will be processed May 1, 2025, with the Final Roll to be filed on July 1, 2025

Greivance Day is scheduled for May 27th, 2025, from 4:00-8:00 pm at the Town Hall. This is where residents can meet with the Board of Assessment Review to discuss property values.



Bike Park and Box Field Now Open!

Both the bike park and box field are now open and ready to be used. Please check the website to find information on both and to sign up to use the box field.

Water & Sewer Department

- From Howard Bailey, Water and Sewer Superintendent

The water and sewer department has been busy over the last few months replacing the water meters in the West Lake Road area of the town. We are approaching the halfway mark of replacing all the water meters in the town, with hopes of completing this project in the next few years. The guys have also been busy doing some of the winter clean up in preparation of the upcoming mowing season.

Here are a few facts regarding water conservation and what you can do to help conserve water on your part:

- Over the past 40 years, the world population has doubled while its water use has quadrupled.
- Installing new water conservation toilets can save the average family 25 gallons a year.
- New energy saving washers and dishwashers can save significantly on water and electricity consumption.
- Installing a low flow showerhead can save up to 15 gallons of water during an average shower.

Reducing your water consumption not only saves our resources but also reduces your cost for water and sewer disposal!

The Town of Geneva, in collaboration with the EPA, has done sampling for the U.S. EPA's Fifth Unregulated Containment Monitoring Rule (UCMR5). We are proud to say that all contaminants were well below the acceptable levels. If you are interested in getting a copy of these test results, contact Howard Bailey at 315-789-6727. For other testing results you can go to the Town of Geneva's website and view the water quality report. Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide you and your family with quality drinking water this year.

Town Clerk's Office

We are now able to issue hunting and fishing licenses. You can stop into the office or you can also apply online at <https://dec.ny.gov/regulatory/permits-licenses/sporting-and-use/sporting/decals>

2025 SPECIAL COLLECTION EVENTS SCHEDULE

 Household Hazardous Waste	Apr 26 Sep 20
 Electronic Waste	Jun 6 Oct 11
 Tires	May 3 Jul 19 Sep 6
 Paper Shredding	Apr 25 May 16 Jun 14 Oct 3
 Mattress	May 17 Aug 23
 Rigid Plastic	Sep 13
 Freon Appliances	Oct 4
 Pumpkin	Nov 1 Nov 8

*For Details on Preregistration, visit:
OntarioCountyRecycles.org



Ontario County Recycles 2025 Schedule

Next Up!



The County is sponsoring a **Household Hazardous Waste** collection event at the Flint landfill and recycling center on April 26; registration required; go to ontariocountyrecycles.org for information on how to register and what is and is not accepted at this event. Free to county residents.

Notes from Ontario County:

1. Online registration will be available for all events. Links for online registration and a contact number will be provided once the registration period opens. Please note that registration for many of our events fills quickly.
2. All of our events are open to Ontario County residents only and all residentially generated material will be accepted at no charge again this year.
3. There are programs for free and convenient collection of [paint, stains, and primers](#) and [electronic waste](#) through drop-off locations located throughout the county and open year round. We are still accepting these materials at their dedicated collection events, but there is no need to wait. Click the links above (or visit ontariocountyrecycles.org) for more information and a list of drop off locations.
4. NEW 2025: Freon Containing Appliance Recycling Event- we will be accepting residential small appliances that contain freon including refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers. Registration will be limited for this pilot event.
5. We will also be holding another Rigid Plastics Recycling Event again this year. Rigid plastics are large, bulky materials that cannot be recycled with your household recycling. They include five gallon buckets, outdoor furniture, playsets, laundry baskets, storage totes, toys, baby gear, food storage containers, trash cans, and similar materials. All materials must be CLEAN. Materials cannot contain debris, excessive dirt, or any chemical residues. Larger items should be disassembled so that they can be handled appropriately.

MISSION ZERO

ZERO CARBON

ZERO WASTE

ZERO PESTICIDES

Saturday, April 26, 2025

10am - 2pm

UPCOMING!

Photo Credit: Jan Regan

Creating new pathways for living in harmony with the Earth

Earth Friendly Vendors

Composter give-away while supplies last

Shade Tree sapling give-away

Fix it & Sewing Clinic - bring your small items for repair

*Solar Energy

*EV bikes, cars, and trucks

*Face painting, poster-making, coloring, and seed activities

*ReUse it, Don't Toss It

*Heat Pumps & Insulation

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday, April 26th 10 am - 2 pm

Geneva Recreation Complex, 666 S Exchange St

Contact Us

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Geneva, NY 14456
315-789-3922
townofgeneva.com



Want to help?

The town will be doing a Fix-It Clinic at the Mission Zero event on April 26th. Let the supervisor know if you're handy and can help; save your broken lamp, chair or coat with a tear and bring it down for a repair.