

### TRUSTEE REPORT: Finding Help

Renee Vaughan, Trustee

During my trustee campaign, I committed to open communications by staying connected to residents. Being active in the community for many years prior to taking office, I had numerous opportunities interacting with neighbors discussing their ideas, thoughts, and listening to their concerns.

Soon after being elected trustee, residents reached out concerning geese being aggressive at Hilmar Park. Additionally, with the large geese population at the park on a regular basis, their droppings made it very difficult to walk on the sidewalk along Hilmar Drive.

At the February 2021 trustee meeting, I proposed hiring a company to mitigate the geese population at Hilmar Park. After some discussion and further investigation, the trustees voted to hire a company to mitigate the geese populations at both Hilmar and Center Green Parks.

In February of 2022, it was determined that the program was a success at Hilmar Park, but the program made little impact at Center Green Park. Therefore, the Township continued the program at Hilmar Park.

This is one example of residents reaching out to trustees and township staff to solve an issue. At times, the best solutions have come from residents. The Township welcomes and values constructive feedback to ensure the trustees are on the right path. In order to lead Genoa in the direction the residents desire, leaders need to hear from citizens.

If you have an issue or concern, you can contact the trustees by sending an email to [Trustees@GenoaTwp.com](mailto:Trustees@GenoaTwp.com) or by calling them.

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Serving the Residents of Genoa Township,

Renee

### HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS: Genoa Traditions

If you are wondering when kids Trick-or-Treat this year, you aren't alone. This is the most common question residents ask each fall.

Those who receive this newsletter live in Genoa Township. Although Genoa Township shares a zip code with Westerville and Galena, it is a separate jurisdiction with a separate leadership structure, separate department services, separate finances, and separate community events. Zip codes are used by the post office for sorting mail; not for determining residency.

The date for Trick-or-Treating, known as "Beggars' Night" to some, is always October 31 from 6-8pm in Genoa Township, no matter which day of the week the holiday falls on. This year, all three communities will trick-or-treat on the same night.

To add further confusion, Genoa Township hosts a popular annual community event for families on a weekend preceding Halloween. The event, known as "Trick-or-Treat Village", features games, crafts, a balloon artist, and free food. The Fire Department uses the gathering as an opportunity to promote Fire Prevention Awareness Month with an open (and haunted) house. This year the event will be held on Saturday, October 29 from noon—3p.m. at the Fire Station and adjacent maintenance facility.

Volunteers are still needed to assist with the event; contact [LGreco@GenoaTwp.com](mailto:LGreco@GenoaTwp.com).

We hope to see you there; costumes are encouraged!



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## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Brianna Wilkoff

Brianna Wilkoff of Shellbark Ridge has long held the goal of becoming a published author. So even while she established her career as an Editor/Marketing Manager and raised her young daughter, Brianna never gave up, toiling away in what she calls an “often lonely endeavor” to become an author. She submitted her first book manuscript in 2003, and her dream of being published is finally coming true 19 years later.



*I'll Be There for You* is a young adult novel about a teenage girl struggling to move on after her father's untimely death. It delves into the personal journey of healing old wounds, making new friends, and learning how to build a future with pieces of the past and present. The uplifting story celebrates theatre, '80s rock, and the power of kindness.

The novel, published by Winding Road Stories, will be released October 4 and is available for pre-order now on Amazon.com.

Congratulations, Brianna!



## FISHING DAY



### HILMAR PARK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9 a.m. - Noon

The first 100 children to check-in receive a free fishing pole!

Prizes awarded for biggest and smallest catch of the day.

[www.GenoaTwp.com/FishingDay](http://www.GenoaTwp.com/FishingDay)

## Fiscal Report

Fund Name	01/01/2022 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 07/31/2022
General	\$3,833,268	\$1,130,256	\$928,866	\$4,034,658
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$18,878	\$22,479	\$37,342	\$4,016
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$64,349	\$128,990	\$62,101	\$131,237
Gasoline Tax	\$122,636	\$203,727	\$249,587	\$76,776
Road and Bridge	\$1,138,528	\$1,589,929	\$2,349,381	\$379,076
Road & Bridge Capital Projects	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
TIF Fund	\$760,229	\$549,635	\$619,736	\$690,128
Cemetery	\$28,018	\$1,178	\$220	\$28,976
Police	\$7,605,659	\$2,253,555	\$2,581,111	\$7,278,104
Police Capital Projects	\$201,898	\$149,275	\$103,403	\$247,769
Police Station-Capital Projects	\$165,977	\$504	\$0	\$166,481
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$1,387	\$0
Enforcement and Education	\$7,357	\$371	\$0	\$7,728
Law Enforcement Trust	\$23,034	\$0	\$0	\$23,034
Bond - Police Station	\$326,121	\$432,995	\$116,282	\$642,835
Fire	\$6,313,565	\$2,760,438	\$3,257,113	\$5,816,890
Fire Capital Projects	\$1,726,287	\$0	\$0	\$1,726,287
Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and EMS	\$262,915	\$137,937	\$38,974	\$361,878
Self-Ins. Fund-Medical Insurance	\$0	\$791,316	\$791,316	\$0
Parks	\$156,992	\$358,960	\$339,675	\$176,276
Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$6,324	\$0	\$6,324	\$0
American Rescue Plan Act-ARP	\$1,477,206	\$1,590,491	\$341,433	\$2,726,263
EPA Grant	\$24	\$30,082	\$0	\$30,106
OneOhio Opioid Settlement	\$0	\$4,243	\$0	\$4,243
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,340,653</b>	<b>\$12,136,360</b>	<b>\$11,824,250</b>	<b>\$24,652,763</b>

Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar. For additional information on Township finances visit [www.OhioCheckbook.com](http://www.OhioCheckbook.com)



## MAINTENANCE

Director Bob Mathews, 614.568.2080



Curiously labeled “Genoe”, our community’s first Township Hall will soon be relocated from where it presently sits so precariously close to Big Walnut Road at the northeast corner of Tussic Street Road. The brick building, constructed in 1880, will be lifted using

specialized jacks and moved in one piece. Big Walnut Road will be closed for one week in early October for the delicate work to take place. Short term closures will also impact Old 3C Highway on the day the building is transported via semi-truck to McNamara park. The building will stay on the truck while its foundation is constructed at the park’s eastern end. At a later date, the building will be lowered into place. Visit the Township website or Facebook for detour information as well as photo and video footage documenting the historic move of a historic building.

The building’s existing position close to the roadway has been a safety issue and impediment to future plans for the intersection. For this reason, the Delaware County Engineer’s office contributed to funding the relocation project. The building’s historical significance earned it state funding as well. Genoa Township will contribute to see the structure given new life, purpose, and a safe location. While details are still in planning phase, the relocated building is intended to become a meeting space and repository for local history.

## ZONING & DEVELOPMENT

Director Joe Shafer, 614.899.0725

One of the biggest challenges for any individual looking for information regarding government matters is simply knowing who to call. This is especially true in townships due to the fact, that, unlike cities, the law places authority over many issues with an outside agency. For example, the noise ordinance is enforced by the Police Department, drainage can be reviewed by Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District, property records are best found on file with the Delaware County Recorder.

The Genoa Township website helps address these commonly searched subjects. Visit [www.GenoaTwp.com/ZoningFAQ](http://www.GenoaTwp.com/ZoningFAQ) and [www.GenoaTwp.com/Contact](http://www.GenoaTwp.com/Contact).



### POLICE

Chief Stephen Gammill  
614.568.2060

As The Ohio State Buckeyes begin their season, always designate a sober driver or use a ride share service on gamedays if you enjoy the game with an alcoholic beverage. We are diligent in apprehending impaired drivers, so do right by everyone and drive sober or get pulled over.

Officers will pass out candy and ensure everyone has a safe and fun evening trick-or-treating on October 31st! Drive cautiously to keep our little ghouls and goblins safe.

## DEPARTMENT UPDATES



### FIRE/EMS/RESCUE

Chief Joseph Ponzi  
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October is Fire Prevention Month which serves as an annual reminder to review the following check-list and create a fire escape plan with your family. Envisioning a scenario will prepare your family to calmly manage the situation safely if you are ever faced with a house fire.

#### Fire Safety Check List:

- Verify that windows and doors can open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Designate a meeting place in front of your home where family will gather after escaping during an emergency.
- Make sure everyone knows how to dial 911.

#### Fire Escape Plan:

- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows. Show two exit routes for each room as well as your designated meeting place.
- Practice your home fire drill!

**Submit your fire escape plan at the fire station during Trick-or-Treat Village on October 29th for a chance to win tickets to Rock 'N Jump compliments of the Genoa Township Professional Firefighters Local 4307.**

## NEWS & INFORMATION

September | October 2022

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

**Labor Day** | September 5

Township administration office closed.

Rumpke service delayed until September 10.

**Fishing Day** | September 18 | 9 a.m.-noon | Hilmar Park

Free fishing pole while supplies last.

**Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day** | October 10

Township administration office closed. No delay to Rumpke service.

**Trick-or-Treat Village** | October 29 | Noon-3 p.m. | Fire Station

Crafts, activities, touch-a-truck, haunted house. Come in costume!

**Neighborhood Trick-or-Treating** | October 31 | 6 - 8 p.m.

[www.GenoaTwp.com/TrickorTreat](http://www.GenoaTwp.com/TrickorTreat)

**Fall Clean-Up** | Daily through November | Maintenance facility

Drop-off organic yard waste for composting in designated dumpster

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS

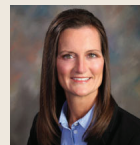
**Board of Trustees** | September 1 & October 6 | 6:30 p.m.

**Zoning Commission** | September 12 & October 11 | 7 p.m.

**Board of Zoning Appeals** | September 27 & October 25 | 7 p.m.

*Note: Communication, Fire, Parks, and Police Advisory Committee meetings not shown. View the full calendar at [www.GenoaTwp.com](http://www.GenoaTwp.com).*

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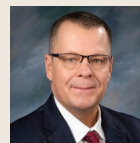


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