

The Genoa Township NEWSLETTER

“A Nice Place to Live”

July - August 2015

From the Trustees

The aroma of mulch throughout the Township is a sure sign that winter is behind us and summer has arrived in Genoa Township!

Driving and biking around the Township, it is evident our residents take pride in their homes and neighborhoods and it's good to have our Township based businesses like Home Depot and Ohio Mulch readily available to supply all the weekend yard warriors with our tools and supplies. I'm sure all of our Township businesses appreciate your support.

It's also great to see so many families out walking and biking on our trails and using the parks. The Friends of Genoa Township helped to kick-off the summer biking season with their first Township Pedal For The Parks in May. A very good turn-out by residents helped raise funds for our parks and trails. We truly appreciate all the hard work of the volunteers and the residents who made this inaugural event a success. Watch for their car show coming up later this summer.

With all of the outdoor activity, it is important to take care driving through our neighborhoods. Our fine police will be out in force watching for speeding, especially in our residential areas. Drive carefully and watch the speed. If you have a problem with speeding in your neighborhood let our police know.

In addition to spreading our own mulch and possibly enjoying a bike ride, your trustees have also been tending to the business of the Township. A few of the issues we have been working on include:

- Your approval of the Police and Fire levies is greatly appreciated and will allow the Township to continue to provide the safety services our residents have come to expect. The burden is on us, your trustees, and each department to make sure your tax dollars are being stretched and services are of top quality.
- The trustees are back in discussions with other Townships and the county on addressing the duplication of EMS services in the Township. We believe the Township can be properly served at a reduced cost to taxpayers through a contractual arrangement between the county EMS and the Township.
- We are evaluating the creation of an electric and natural gas aggregation program for Township residents. One public meeting has been held with the Public Utilities Commission explaining how an aggregation program could work. An issue may be on the November ballot that would authorize the Township to develop a program if we believed it would be a cost benefit to the residents. We intend to have a resident advisory committee to provide us with their input and guidance .
- Completion of the Maxtown Road improvements is getting closer. This will include a wider road and multipurpose sidewalk on the north side. Eventually, a multipurpose sidewalk will extend from the trail at Barrington Estates to Tussic Street. These improvements will greatly enhance the safety of Maxtown and encourage pedestrian use.
- The Township is in the process of evaluating the installation of tornado warning sirens throughout the Township. This idea was brought to us by several residents.
- The trustees just approved a change in the Township health care plan. This change avoided a 17 % increase and resulted in a 7% rate decrease to the Township.
- We hope to soon be hiring a new Zoning and Development Director who, among other duties, will continue working on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and addressing the increasing amount of development in the Township.

These are just a few of the programs and activities we have been addressing in the past several months, in-between sprucing up our own yards. Genoa is a very active community and it's great being a part of it. We appreciate our residents. Thanks for doing your part...you help make Genoa Township a nice place to call home.

Karl R. Gebhardt
Trustee



Trustee Leo Wilhelm holds winning duck!



The Police Department welcomes new full-time officer, Emily Breece. Pictured above: Trustee Leo Wilhelm, Chief Steve Gammill, Officer Emily Breece, Trustee Karl Gebhardt, Trustee Rick Carfagna

Join Us!



MOVIE NIGHT
AT McNAMARA PARK

BIG HERO 6
MPAA Rating PG
July 18 at 9:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Congressman Pat Tiberi

Administrator's Update

Paul Wise
Administrator

Neighborhood Coalition Meetings to Resume

After a brief hiatus, the Genoa Township Neighborhood Coalition meetings are going to resume. This group, formally known as the HOA Roundtable, was formed to bring community leaders together to collaborate and solve common issues. Township resident Dorothy Driskell is the President of the Coalition. Since this is a dynamic group of individuals representing all of Genoa Township home owner associations, it is difficult to keep track of who the current representatives for their associations are. Our list is outdated every few months. In order to notify all the correct individuals in charge, I am asking HOA representatives to send me your contact information so that we can update our lists. I need the name of the HOA, officers' names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. You can email this information to pwise@genoatwp.com.

New Red Light Coming To Plumb & 3

By the time you get this newsletter you may have already noticed activity happening around the intersection of State Route 3 and Plumb Road. Our Township trustees have been collaborating with the Delaware County Engineer and ODOT to improve the safety of this intersection. This site has been the scene of many bad accidents including fatalities. Genoa Township has agreed to partner financially with Berkshire Township, Delaware County and ODOT to add a red light and turning lanes at this intersection. It has taken years of lobbying the state officials for this improvement. We are glad it is finally taking place.



The Great Duck Race!!

The Center Green Park Festival was cancelled this year due to rain. This was especially disappointing for those who bought a duck for the Great Duck Race that runs through the waterway at Center Green Park.

Although, the festival was cancelled, the duck race was not! With a little help from our fire department, the duck race was held Monday, June 15 at 11:30 am. Trustee Leo Wilhelm was there to help clean out the waterway before the race, and to help pluck the winner from the water.

The winning duck dressed in a nurse's uniform, number 289, was purchased by long-time resident and Township volunteer, Sara Jo Helm. The 50/50 race awarded Sara Jo \$112. Congratulations Sara Jo!!

Thanks to everyone who purchased ducks this year! The other half of the proceeds from the duck race will go to Friends of Genoa for park improvements.

Fiscal Report

Patrick Myers
Fiscal Officer

Fund Name	01/01/2015 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 5/31/2015
General	\$2,806,756.41	\$707,585.18	\$745,526.89	\$2,768,814.70
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$228,614.85	\$13,834.69	\$131,160.00	\$111,289.54
Gasoline Tax	\$26,104.87	\$72,640.11	\$78,588.36	\$20,156.62
Road and Bridge	\$182,102.58	\$786,609.17	\$583,186.11	\$385,525.64
Cemetery	\$40,932.67	\$600.00	\$1,240.30	\$40,292.37
Police	\$2,213,751.90	\$1,652,217.80	\$1,360,179.82	\$2,505,789.88
Fire	\$3,355,447.35	\$1,957,179.28	\$1,895,266.79	\$3,417,359.84
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$222,770.17	\$83,316.85	\$200,432.88	\$105,654.14
Law Enforcement Trust	\$64,098.63	\$-	\$-	\$64,098.63
Enforcement and Education	\$6,308.70	\$230.00	\$-	\$6,538.70
TIF Fund	\$1,133,347.92	\$245,334.59	\$3,716.75	\$1,374,965.76
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,386.69	\$-	\$-	\$1,386.69
Police Capital Projects	\$933,146.49	\$-	\$37,960.75	\$895,185.74
Fire Capital Projects	\$1,572,416.73	\$252,750.00	\$-	\$1,825,166.73
Big Walnut/Worth Rd Improvements	\$104,847.91	\$316.73	\$-	\$105,164.64
	\$12,892,033.87	\$5,772,614.40	\$5,037,258.65	\$13,627,389.62

Maintenance

Bob Mathews
Director of Roads

The Maintenance Department has been very busy with many projects this summer. In addition to the everyday tasks our department oversees, we are currently working on three primary projects.

Road Resurfacing Program

The first project has to do with the 2015 Road Resurfacing Program. We have begun prepping activities for the six Township streets which will be resurfaced. Those streets are Teasel Drive, Hughes Road, Oakmont Place, Lake Valley Drive, Thornwood Drive and Anacala Court. By the time you receive this newsletter, several streets will have already been completed.

Freeman Road Park

Freeman Road Park is nearing completion. Residents, young and old, will be able to enjoy a newly created basketball court and several new playground apparatus additions. We are also pleased to announce our ADA accessible picnic area.

Widening of Maxtown Road

The final project we are concurrently working on is the widening aspect of Maxtown Road. We are looking forward to this enhancement being completed. Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support and patience as we move towards continually improving our community. We apologize for any inconvenience you may have experienced. If you have any questions or concerns regarding maintenance issues, you can contact us at 614-568-2080. Please have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Rumpke 2015 Holiday Schedule



- **Independence Day**
No change.
- **Labor Day**
Moved to Saturday 09/12/15
- **Thanksgiving**
Moved to Saturday 11/28/15
- **Christmas**
Moved to Saturday 12/26/15

Outdoor Fires

With the arrival of warmer weather many of us migrate outdoors and want to utilize outdoor fires for various applications. In order to maintain safety and stay within the requirements set by the Ohio Fire Code (OFC) and other governing agencies, please remember the following:

Outdoor cooking and recreational fires are permitted within Genoa Township provided the following requirements are met:

- The fire materials cannot be larger than 3 feet wide, 3 feet deep, 2 feet high.
- The fuel must be dry seasoned firewood or equivalent.
- Must be attended by an adult at all times.
- Fire may be extinguished at the discretion of the fire department.
- Bonfires, brush fires, and other fires that are larger than 3' x 3' x 2' require prior approval from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Genoa Township Fire Department. Please allow 30 days for the processing of these requests.

Some examples would be:

- Ceremonial bonfires
- Fires to dispose of brush



Burning without permits may result in fines from the EPA and the fire department.

Cooking and recreational fires must be kept at a safe distance from any building: 15 feet for fires in portable fireplaces (chiminea); 25 feet for uncontained cooking or recreational fires; and 50 feet for other fires in addition to the required permits.

July/August Profile



Captain Brady Johnson was hired with the Genoa Township Fire Department in 2003, promoted to lieutenant in 2009 and captain in 2012. Brady graduated from West Muskingum High School in Zanesville, Ohio where he still resides today with his wife Melissa and two sons Parker and Colvin.

Brady enjoys motorcycle riding and spending time with his family at the pool. Brady has been a firefighter since 1999 and is a third generation firefighter. Brady is a certified firefighter, paramedic, public safety diver, fire safety inspector, and a fire, EMS, CPR instructor. Brady attended Mid-East Career Center and the Ohio Fire Academy for fire and EMS training and graduated from the City of Lancaster Fire Department paramedic program. Brady serves as the 3 unit captain overseeing daily operations, and is the department EMS coordinator working directly with the department medical director on protocol, policy and training. Brady serves as the

program coordinator for the Fire Department's State of Ohio Continuing Education program and American Safety & Health Institute CPR training program.

The summer months are here and we are sure you have noticed that there has been increase in activities all around!



National Night Out Tuesday, August 4th

One great activity we have every year is National Night Out. National Night Out encourages law enforcement and communities to strengthen neighborhoods by getting to know one another to keep communities safe and promote community partnerships. National Night Out is not only a fun night out with your neighbors, the event also sends a message to criminals that you are standing up against them by forming an alliance with your neighbors and police.

Our National Night Out celebration this year will be held on Tuesday August 4th from 5pm – 8pm in McNamara Park! This event is for everyone to come out and meet your neighbors, get to know them and learn about helping prevent crime! We encourage everyone to come out that night; there will be free food, activities for all ages, displays and much more! For more information contact Lt. Ron Thompson at 614-568-2075 or at RThompson@genoatwp.com.

Summer Safety

During these summer months, we also see other activities that are not so fun. Those are criminal activities. Typically, in these warmer months, we see an increase in thefts and burglaries. As a reminder, please lock up your valuables, keep them out of sight while they are in your vehicle, and close your garage door as well as first floor windows. These become easy access for criminals.

Do not forget to call us to be placed on a house check before you go on a trip. You can call our office at 614-568-2060 or fill out the request online at www.genoatwp.com/police.

Always remember, if you see anything suspicious or out of the ordinary, do not hesitate to call us!

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Genoa Township Community Calendar					
July 2015			August 2015		
July 1	Parks Advisory Board	7:00 p.m.	August 4	National Night Out (McNamara Park)	5:00 p.m.
July 3	Independence Day	Offices Closed	August 5	Parks Advisory Board	7:00 p.m.
July 9	Seniors	noon	August 6	Board of Trustees	7:00 p.m.
July 13	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.	August 10	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.
July 15	Health Clinic	1:30- 4:00 p.m.	August 13	Seniors	noon
July 18	Movie Night (McNamara Park) "Big Hero 6"	9:00 p.m.	August 15	Movie Night (McNamara Park) "Maleficent"	8:30 p.m.
July 20	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.	August 19	Health Clinic	1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
July 28	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.	August 25	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.
Unless otherwise noted, or if changes occur after publication, meetings will be held in the Genoa Township Community Hall at 5111 So. Old 3C Hwy. Check at www.genoatwp.com prior to meetings for any updates.			August 29	Car Show (east end/ McNamara Park)	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
			August 31	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.



**MOVIE NIGHT
 AT McNAMARA PARK**

MALEFICENT
 MPAA Rating PG
August 15 at 8:30 p.m.

Bring a blanket, picnic and
 your family & friends!

Sponsored by: Friends of Genoa

