

The Genoa Township NEWSLETTER

"A Nice Place to Live"

January - February 2016

From the Trustees

Communication and Providing Information Is a Priority

A fourth grader asked her mom, "Where did I come from?" The mom, knowing this would eventually be asked, began to explain the birds and bees process in fairly great detail. A half hour later the little girl looked at her mom and said, "No mom, I have a new friend at school – she came from Cleveland – where did I come from?" The mom thought she knew what her daughter wanted and was being totally transparent in providing very in-depth and thorough information, but actually she didn't address the real question being asked. This same challenge faces your Township in making sure that we are transparent and thorough with providing public information, but also that we are providing you with the information and detail that you want. Some of you want the total birds and bees detailed presentation while others are just as satisfied with "Cleveland."

Public information is governed by Ohio's Public Records Law. There are clear legal requirements that the Township must follow in making the "people's information" available. While there is a formal process to request public information, the Township has and will continue to proactively make information available on the Township's programs, issues, finances and meetings. The complete audio recording of each Trustee and Zoning Commission meeting is on the Township website. Printed minutes are also posted for each meeting. The bi-monthly newsletter provides general information on activities and programs, as well as a synopsis of



Firefighters, Santa and Mrs. Claus at McNamara Park for the 2015 Firefighters for Families Food and Toy Drive.

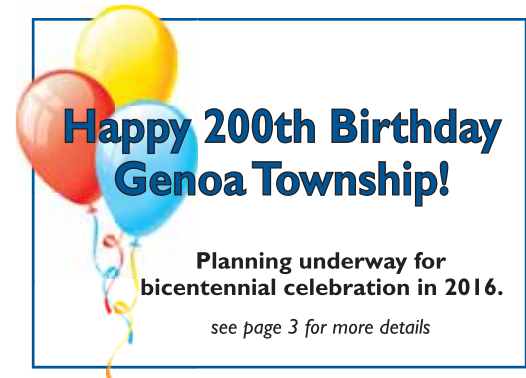
the Township's finances. Facebook and e-mail blasts are used for dispersing more timely, public information and communications. All Township meetings, with very few legally authorized exceptions, are open to the public, and opportunity is provided for public comment or questions. The trustees, staff and fiscal office are also available via phone, email or a personal meeting to answer specific questions or provide information.

As we begin a new year, the trustees will be evaluating our public information delivery system and how to best provide what may be termed "general but usable information" (Cleveland), as well as the nitty-gritty details (birds & bees). We will also be evaluating our communication and community outreach efforts, which will go hand in hand with making sure information at any level of detail is available and accessible in some manner, to

address your interest, questions or concerns.

From the Genoa Township staff and trustees we wish you a "Happy and Healthy 2016" and thank you for being part of Genoa Township.

Karl Gebhardt
Trustee



Bob Mathews receives the 2015 "Service Before Self" award.

Shown with Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club members, Left to right, Paul Kulik, Bob Gibson, Bob Mathews, Jon Cleary, Ed Wandtke.

BOB MATHEWS

2015 Service Before Self Recipient

Bob Mathews, Director of Roads and Buildings and Grounds for Genoa Township was the 2015 recipient of the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club's "Service Before Self" award.

Bob, who has been employed with Genoa Township for 13 ½ years, is responsible for the care and maintenance of an estimated 90 miles of roads in the Township, as well as the maintenance of all parks, bike paths, cemeteries and Township buildings. Under Bob's direction, his crews have set the bar for going above and beyond in keeping our roads safe.

The Township would like to congratulate Bob on receiving this well-deserved award!

Development and Zoning

Joe Shafer
Director

Survey Says...Keep Up the Good Work!

Back in October of 2015, the Board of Trustees authorized Fallon Research & Communications Inc. of Columbus, Ohio to conduct a survey of 300 randomly selected residents of the Township. The purpose of this survey, which was completed in mid-November 2015, was to ask residents about their thoughts and opinions of the Township, particularly in regards to services and land use matters. The information will then be analyzed and considered as part of the Township's Comprehensive Plan Update process. The final results of the survey were presented to the Trustees in early December of 2015. So, what did we learn? Below are some highlights:

- 82% of residents surveyed believe Genoa Township is heading in the right direction
- 78% of residents surveyed believed Delaware County was headed in the right direction while 72% believed that the State of Ohio was headed in the right direction
- 97% of residents surveyed rated the quality of services provided by the Township as either 'Excellent' or 'Good'
- 95% of residents surveyed believed accessibility to commercial services from Genoa Township is 'Very Convenient' or 'Somewhat Convenient'
- 89% of residents surveyed are in favor of expanding the existing trail system
- 81% of residents surveyed rated the Township's managing of planning and growth as either 'Excellent' or 'Good'
- 72% of residents surveyed support well-planned commercial growth
- Residents most often cited schools as the reason that they moved to or have stayed in Genoa Township (20%), followed by: housing stock (15%), proximity to job (11%), and proximity to family (11%)

The entire survey can be viewed on the Township's website, www.genoatwp.com. Should you have any questions about comprehensive planning, zoning, or any other development matters within the Township, or are unable to attend a meeting but would like to voice your opinion, please contact me at jshafer@genoatwp.com or (614)899-0725.

Neighborhood Coalition to Hold Annual Spring Meeting

The Genoa Township Neighborhood Coalition is an organization of local citizens and community leaders who collaborate and solve key community issues. Headed by President Dorothy Driskell, members include representatives from Homeowners' Associations, Condominium Associations, and other Civic Associations within the Township; however, the general public is welcome and encouraged to attend as well. The Coalition's next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th from 9 AM to Noon in the Genoa Township Community Hall located at 5111 South Old 3C Highway. Topics will include:

- County Road Projects Update by Delaware County
- Parks & Conservation by Genoa Township Parks Manager, Ron Keil
- Genoa Township's Bicentennial
- Updates from Genoa Township Department Heads

Fiscal Report

Patrick Myers
Fiscal Officer

Fund Name	01/01/2015 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 11/30/2015
General	\$2,806,756.41	\$1,665,531.43	\$1,807,651.57	\$2,664,636.27
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$228,614.85	\$31,270.68	\$237,940.00	\$21,945.53
Gasoline Tax	\$26,104.87	\$161,332.40	\$167,995.33	\$19,441.94
Road and Bridge	\$182,102.58	\$1,862,880.21	\$1,663,268.01	\$381,714.78
Cemetery	\$40,932.67	\$2,523.50	\$1,473.28	\$41,982.89
Police	\$2,213,751.90	\$3,616,419.26	\$2,978,092.89	\$2,852,078.27
Fire	\$3,355,447.35	\$4,429,936.21	\$3,907,631.08	\$3,877,752.48
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$222,770.17	\$188,645.09	\$285,366.08	\$126,049.18
Law Enforcement Trust	\$64,098.63	\$-	\$2,500.00	\$61,598.63
Enforcement and Education	\$6,308.70	\$624.00	\$3,058.00	\$3,874.70
TIF Fund	\$1,133,347.92	\$430,636.70	\$444,124.46	\$1,119,860.16
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,386.69	\$-	\$-	\$1,386.69
Police Capital Projects	\$933,146.49	\$-	\$121,277.27	\$811,869.22
Fire Capital Projects	\$1,572,416.73	\$252,750.00	\$-	\$1,825,166.73
Big Walnut/Worth Rd Improvements	\$104,847.91	\$817.14	\$-	\$105,665.05
	\$12,892,033.87	\$12,643,366.62	\$11,620,377.97	\$13,915,022.52

Administration

Paul Wise
Administrator

Farewell Trustee Wilhelm

Last January, the Trustees appointed Zoning Commission Chair, Leo Wilhelm, to fill the remainder of Barb Lewis's term in office as trustee. Mr. Wilhelm was kept very busy during the year. He represented the trustees on the Finance and Audit Advisory Board, assisted with the passage of both the Police and Fire Levies, and offered invaluable input in Trustee Zoning Hearings. Leo was always present at Township Movie Nights and special events. Always concerned about the safety and wellbeing of our residents, he initiated the purchase of an outdoor tornado siren, to be placed at the Safety Complex on Big Walnut Road. Genoa Township would like to thank Mr. Wilhelm for his service, and wish him the best of luck with his future endeavors.



Welcome to Our New Trustee

Genoa Township has a new trustee. Lewis Center Road resident Frank Dantonio was elected to office in November and will begin his four year term on January 1st. Mr. Dantonio is a 33 year resident of the Township. Frank graduated from Otterbein College with degrees in Business Administration and Accounting and is the Managing Principal of Multistate Tax Service.



He is a former member of the Big Walnut Board of Education, and currently a member of the Ohio Society of CPAs, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, and the Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce. Frank has been married to his wife Yvette for 38 years. The Dantonios have two adult married children, a son Ross and daughter Katelynn. I would like to welcome Mr. Dantonio and wish him good luck in his term of office.

Genoa to Receive \$294,362 in Grants in 2016

Genoa Township applied for two grants in 2015, and we recently received notification that we were successful. The first grant is from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. It was a Recreational Trails Program grant in the amount of \$48,750.00. This represents a 75% grant. The purpose of this grant is to repave the Genoa Trail from Plumb Road south to Lewis Center Road.

The second grant is from the Ohio Public Works Commission. It is a grant to repave Medallion Drive west from Medallion Drive east to Tussic Street Road. The project will cost \$355,959 and the grant will be for \$245,612.

Knox Box

Winter is here and many of us are traveling to areas that are a bit warmer. While you are gone, what happens if your smoke alarms go off and the Fire Department is summoned either by your monitored system or the neighbors? What if you have a medical emergency and are unable to get to the door? What if your medical alert pendant malfunctions and reports a medical emergency while you are away? These are all common occurrences. When we respond to your residence for a reported emergency, we have to get inside. The Fire Department will force entry to your home in any of these or similar situations which may result in damage. To avoid this possibility, residents may elect to purchase a Knox Box. A Knox Box is a high security key safe that only the fire department can access. On homes with Knox Boxes installed, the fire department can make entry, take care of the emergency, and then re-secure the house.

Call Marshal Skeel at 614- 568-2040 for assistance in obtaining one of these security devices. The cost of the Knox Boxes starts at \$159.00.



Fire Hydrants

Do you have a hydrant in front of your home? If you do, you can assist the Fire Department by clearing the snow from around the hydrant when you are shoveling your walk. If you would like us to clear the hydrant, give us a call at 614-568-2040 when you notice the hydrant is inaccessible, and we will be happy to come out and clear it.

Citizens Fire Academy (CFA)

Sign up for the Genoa Township Citizens Fire Academy. The Academy runs two hours, once a week, for a 12 week period from March – June of each year. You will learn and take part in multiple fire department disciplines. This is a participative academy for all adults. You will pull hoses, crawl in smoke, mitigate a Haz Mat incident, learn CPR, drive a

fire truck, and much, much more. The purpose of the Citizens Fire Academy is to inform and educate, through practical participation, the responsibilities and operations of the Fire Department. Citizens will discover how the Fire Department prepares for and responds to emergencies, as well as learn how to survive in emergencies. While it is not intended to turn citizens into firefighters, it will be educational, fun, and at times challenging.

Upon completion of the program, participants are encouraged to share their knowledge of how their Fire Department operates. The academy will foster a better understanding of the department's duties, responsibilities, and capabilities in serving the community.

Participants must be a minimum of 18 years of age and pass a background check. There is no charge for this course.

For more information and course applications go to <http://www.genoatwp.com/fire/academy>.

Fire Extinguisher Course

Fire Marshal Craig Skeel will be hosting a fire extinguisher class on April 23, 2015 at 9:00 am at the Fire Station. He will be going over the proper type and use of extinguishers. This is a participative class, as you will be putting out a fire with an extinguisher. Call Marshal Skeel at 614-568-2040 to register. This course is limited to 15 attendees over the age of 12. If you are under 18 a parental release will be required.

Portable Space Heaters

Portable space heaters should be plugged directly into an outlet (not into an extension cord) and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn, like: bedding, paper, walls, and even people. (Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)



Test your smoke alarms and make sure they are working. (You need smoke alarms on every level of the home, inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)

Test your carbon monoxide alarms and make sure they are working. (Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area.)

All of us at the Fire Department wish you a very happy new year!

Welcoming Our Two Newest Additions to the Police Department

In the last few months, we added two new people to our team that we would like to introduce. We would like to welcome Officer Kathleen Antalocy and Kristy Duffie.



Kathleen is our newest patrol officer. Kathleen is enjoying her time here in Genoa Township. She is truly enjoying patrolling the streets and getting to meet all the great residents. Kathleen is a graduate of Youngstown State University and comes to us by way of Ohio Health Protective Services. Before that she was with the Mahoning County Sheriff's Office. When she is not here at work she enjoys time with her husband and their 2 year old son.



Kristy is our new front office person. She handles a wide variety of tasks from: answering the phones, processing reports and records requests, to handling all the other important tasks that make this place run. Before coming to the police department, Kristy graduated from The Ohio State University and worked at the 5th/3rd bank at Northgate plaza for 16 years. Kristy, her husband and two children are Genoa Township Residents, as well as avid die hard Browns fans!

Please make sure you say hello to our 2 great new team members.

GENOA TOWNSHIP BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Genoa Township will be planning its bicentennial celebration in 2016. We would like to hear from businesses and residents who would be interested in helping with the planning of this once-in-a-lifetime event celebrating the Township's 200th birthday!

Long-time residents with historical knowledge, businesses interested in sponsorship or service, HOAs, service groups, or if you're just interested in being involved in the bicentennial preparations, please contact Linda Greco lgreco@genoatwp.com or phone 614-568-2022.

We hope to hear from you!

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Genoa Township Community Calendar

January 2016

February 2016

January 1	New Year's Day Office	Closed	February 3	Parks Advisory Board	7:00 p.m.
January 2	Rumpke holiday trash pick up		February 4	Board of Trustees	7:00 p.m.
January 5 & 6	Aggregation Plan	7:00 p.m.	February 8	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.
January 6	Parks Advisory Board	7:00 p.m.	February 11	Seniors	noon
January 7	Board of Trustees Reorganization	7:00 p.m.	February 15	Presidents' Day	Offices Closed
January 11	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.	February 17	Health Clinic	1:30-4:00 p.m.
January 14	Seniors	noon	February 18	Board of Trustees	7:00 p.m.
January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Offices Closed	February 23	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.
January 19	Investment Committee	8:00 a.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.		
January 20	Health Clinic	1:30-4:00 p.m.			
January 21	Financial & Audit Committee	6:00 p.m.			
January 21	Board of Trustees	7:00 p.m.			
January 26	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.			

Rumpke 2016 Holiday Schedule



New Year's Day
 Moved to Saturday 01/02/16

Memorial Day
 Moved to Saturday 06/04/16

Labor Day
 Moved to Saturday 09/12/16

Thanksgiving
 Moved to Saturday 11/26/16

Christmas
 Moved to Saturday 12/31/16