



The Genoa Township NEWSLETTER

“A Nice Place to Live”

November - December 2016

From the Trustees

Dear Genoa Taxpayer:

As a new Trustee since January 1, 2016, this is my second letter to Genoa taxpayers (residents and businesses) and there are several important topics to share with you:

1. Genoa recently celebrated its 200th anniversary as a township and although the events were dampened by heavy rains, everyone's enthusiasm was very good. Special thanks to the planning and hard work of the Parks Advisory Committee and all volunteers. As a legacy to Genoa's Bicentennial Celebration, a large and long-lasting Genoa Bicentennial Logo was painted on the north side of the McNamara Barn (located at the east entrance of McNamara Park) and is something all Genoa taxpayers can be proud of for a long time into the future.
2. Genoa's first warning siren is now operating and the Trustees are considering installing five additional warning sirens in other areas throughout Genoa to inform taxpayers of severe weather and other emergencies. What are your thoughts? Should Genoa install warning sirens for all Genoa taxpayers? The Trustees anticipate further discussing this topic later this year. Please attend an upcoming Trustees' meeting or provide your thought to Paul Wise (Administrator) or a Trustee.
3. Genoa recently hired two firms to analyze the current conditions of existing buildings and computer systems. Both firms are anticipated to issue their assessment reports sometime later this year and then the Trustees will start the process of discussing the results, recommendations, and alternatives to prepare for the future.
4. Genoa is currently reviewing proposals from ten firms to create a new website that will be easier to use, provide more content, and be interactive. The Trustees anticipate hiring a firm in the near future with the goal of launching the new website in early 2017. If you want to provide suggestions (in terms of design, layout, functions, content, etc.) for the new website or have experience with websites and would like to volunteer, please contact Paul Wise (Administrator) or a Trustee.
5. The Trustees continue to review and revise Genoa's Comprehensive Plan (land use plan) and anticipate the

Revised Comprehensive Plan will be approved sometime later this year. **All taxpayers are encouraged to attend the upcoming public meetings to voice their support, opposition, and/or opinion for future commercial and residential developments in Genoa.**

6. Genoa recently enacted an “electric aggregation” program with Capital Energy Ohio and is in the process of enacting a “gas aggregation” program with Volunteer Energy Services. Both of these aggregation programs automatically enroll all eligible households and businesses and provide a no-cost option to “opt-out” if you do not want to change your current utility provider. For questions related to either aggregation program, please contact Paul Wise (Administrator) or a Trustee.
7. The Genoa Citizens Coalition, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing information and assisting all Genoa taxpayers regardless of the location of their residence or neighborhood, has scheduled their next meeting at 9:00 AM on April 1, 2017 at the Township Hall. Contact Dorothy Driskell, President, at 614.882.1401 for additional information or suggestions for future discussion topics.
9. To improve Genoa's internal and external communications with taxpayers, employees, and other parties, the Trustees created a new part-time administrative position and hired Leslie Strader as a Director of Communications. Leslie's primary responsibilities are to effectively, efficiently, and timely improve two-way communications to and from Genoa taxpayers of Genoa's events, activities, and issues.
10. To provide Genoa taxpayers with more timely information and increase the opportunity for taxpayers to provide input, the Trustees have scheduled public meetings to review the Proposed 2017 Budget and 2018 to 2021 Forecast for each department. Although Police already presented their Proposed Budget and Forecast to the Trustees on October 13th, the remaining public meetings are scheduled for October 27th (Fire and EMS), November 1st (Maintenance, Roads, and Bridges), and December 1st (Administration, Parks, Zoning, and Human Resources). All taxpayers are encouraged to attend the public meetings

to provide input of how your tax dollars are spent. The Trustees anticipate enacting the 2017 Budgets and 2018 to 2021 Forecasts sometime before December 31, 2016 and then will post the approved Budgets and Forecasts on Genoa's website.

As Genoa continues to grow and change, all Genoa taxpayers are encouraged to be active in the governance of Genoa by providing their questions, comments, feedback, compliments, concerns, and criticisms to Genoa by telephone, email, and/or letter. Additionally, the Trustees encourage all Genoa taxpayers to attend and introduce themselves at Trustees' meetings and meetings of our Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Parks Advisory Committee, Financial Advisory and Audit Committee, Investment Committee, and/or Citizens Police Advisory Committee. After all, it's our Township and collectively everyone must provide input to set the course for Genoa's future.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve as a Genoa Trustee for the next three years to effectively manage Genoa's tax revenues and balance the efforts to preserve Genoa's rural heritage with Genoa's continued growth.

Frank Dantonio
Trustee

Precinct Information

Genoa Township Precincts

6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. • Tuesday, Nov. 8

Genoa A

Harlem Rd. UMC
5520 Harlem Rd.

Genoa B, C, G, H, J, K, L, P, S

Genoa Baptist Church
7562 Lewis Center Rd.

Genoa D, I, M, N, O, Q

Heritage Christian Church
7413 Maxtown Rd.

Genoa E, R

Genoa Township Community Hall
5111 So. Old 3C Hwy.

Genoa F

Galena United Methodist Church
2777 Sunbury Rd.

For more information, contact the Delaware County Board of Elections at (740) 833-2080.

Genoa Township Communications Director

I want to welcome, Leslie Strader, to the position of Communications Director. This newly created position will oversee and enhance all methods of communications for Genoa Township. Our current population is over 25,000 residents, living in two zip codes, and attending three major school districts along with other smaller schools. It is a tremendous task reporting news and relaying messages to our population. It will be Leslie's job to keep you engaged and informed. Leslie comes to us from the City of Columbus, Parks and Recreation Department and is a graduate of Upper Arlington High School and the Ohio State University. Leslie, her husband Adam and their son, Harrison, have lived in Genoa Township since 2014. Welcome Leslie!

New Trail Connections

Genoa Township Maintenance has broken ground on the Maxtown Trail running from

Spring Run Drive to Sunbury Road. It will be completed before winter. The sidewalk on Maxtown Road from Tussic Street Road to Heritage Christian Church is being constructed by EPCON Communities and will also be completed before winter. Next year at this time, I expect another trail connection will be constructed from Sunbury Road at the plaza on Maxtown, on the east side all the way to Smothers Road. This trail is being built as a multijurisdictional project between the City of Westerville, Delaware County, and the City of Columbus.

Winter Weather Preparations

The snow will soon be falling in Central Ohio. Our road maintenance department is continually striving to provide the best service for our residents and making our roads the safest for your family. You can help our snow plow drivers do a better job this winter by removing objects such as basketball hoops from the road right of way. When you hear that snow is coming, please park your vehicles

in your driveways and not in the road. They also want to be able to plow curb to curb, so it is important to trim your trees back beyond the curb line. This will also save on truck damage to the mirrors and windshields.

Thanksgiving

November is a time to say "Thank You" to all who serve the Township. Genoa Township is blessed to have a wonderful staff of employees who work hard to serve the community. Thank you for your assistance and public service expertise. I also want to thank the hundreds of Township residents who donate their time and talents volunteering with events, holding seats on Boards, commissions, and committees. And finally, I want to thank our Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer. Our three Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer are outstanding representatives for our community. They operate transparently, and are truly stewards of public funds. I am thankful to work for you, and all the residents of Genoa Township!

Development and Zoning

Joe Shafer
Director

Who You Gonna Call?

Subdividing property, building a new structure, paving a driveway, or getting an answer to a construction or development related question can be a challenging endeavor for experienced engineers and contractors let alone a novice. One of the biggest challenges for any individual looking for information in regards to development related matters is simply knowing which entity, department, or individual they need to contact. While the Township's Development and Zoning Office is involved in many of these matters to some degree, there are numerous other departments or agencies that serve as the primary point of contact. Below is a list of some of the most common matters residents may be interested in and the primary department or agency responsible for them. Contact information for these departments and agencies can be found on the Township's website, www.genoatwp.com/contact.

- **Zoning Permits** - Genoa Township Department of Development and Zoning
- **Building Permits and Floodplain Information** – Delaware County Code Compliance
- **Septic Systems** – Delaware County General Health District
- **Sanitary Sewer** – Delaware County Regional Sewer District
- **Ponds and/or Drainage** – Delaware County Soil and Water District
- **Road Construction Projects** (State Roads)

– Ohio Department of Transportation, District 6

- **Road Construction Projects** (County Roads) – Delaware County Engineer Office
- **Working in the Right-of-Way** (Driveways), **Sidewalk Repair, and Road Construction Projects** (Township Roads) – Genoa Township Department of Maintenance, Buildings, and Grounds
- **Subdividing, Splitting, or Consolidating Property** – Delaware County Regional Planning Commission
- **Property Information** – Delaware County Auditor
- **Real Estate, Property, and Deed Records** – Delaware County Recorder
- **Noise Complaints** – Genoa Township Police Department

Don't see your issue listed here or need clarification? Feel free to contact the Development and Zoning Office for assistance at (614)899-0725 or zoning@genoatwp.com.

Northgate Plaza/Kroger Expansion Update

The construction of the new 7,323 square foot outbuilding in the Northgate Plaza parking lot is now well under way. Construction of this building, as well as the relocation of the tenants currently occupying space where Kroger will be expanding into, must be completed before Kroger can fully commence work on their 19,886 square foot expansion. The target date for completion of the outbuilding is early

2017. It is expected that Kroger will start work around that time or soon thereafter.

Save the Date – Genoa Township Citizen's Coalition

The Genoa Township Citizen's Coalition will be holding their next meeting on Saturday, April 1st at 9 AM at the Genoa Township Hall. Tentative topics of discussion include road projects, an overview of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), and an update from one of the Township's Trustees.

Maintenance

Bob Mathews
Director of Roads and B&G

It's time to prepare your yards for the coming winter season! Tuesday, November 1, 2016 marks the start date of the Township month-long "Annual Leaf and Yard Waste Drop Off" at the Safety Service Complex (7049 Big Walnut Road). We'll have two containers set up until November 30th for your self-serve convenience: one specifically for leaves only and another for general yard waste (tree branches, shrubbery, etc.) This organic waste will be going to a compost facility, so please keep it free of trash and plastic bags. The 30 gallon brown paper bags you can purchase at local Do-It-Yourself stores and grocery stores which are typically used for grass clippings are fine to use for your leaves and yard waste. Please contact us at 614-568-2080 if you have any questions.

The Maintenance Department occasionally has clean fill dirt for township residents. Please contact us for availability at 614-568-2080.

Food and Toy Drive

It is that time of year again. The Genoa Township Fire Department is accepting donations of non-perishable foods, toys, and gift cards through the end of December for those less fortunate. Items can be dropped off at 7049 Big Walnut Rd. Galena, Ohio 43021.

Collected goods will be distributed to local families in our area and with Big Walnut Friends Who Share. With your generosity, over 200 families were assisted last year from Thanksgiving through the end of the year.

Have You Planned for your Emergency?

Virtually every day we plan for something. Sometimes it's as simple as what route we will use to get to work; sometimes it is as complex as a vacation to Italy. We plan our meals, we plan our schedules, we plan our actions; but how many of us plan our emergencies?

One component of planning our emergency that is frequently overlooked is how emergency responders will get inside our homes. Frequently, we rationalize that if our house is on fire, they will just break down the door, but this is not always the best solution. Here are some examples:

1. You are injured or entrapped and are able to contact emergency responders, but cannot get to the door.
2. Your monitored fire alarm system activated while you are in Florida.
3. Your two year old child locks you out of your house.
4. You, as an older adult, fall and just needs help back to your feet.



Genoa Township Fire Department has partnered with the Roper Lock Box Company to develop an economical solution to give emergency responders the access they need without the security risks of 'hiding' a key outside. The Roper Over-The-Door Key Box requires no tools for installation as it just slides over the top of the door, a key to your door is secured inside the box, and the emergency responders have the key to open the box to help mitigate your emergency.

For under \$40 this lock box can be purchased from <http://roperlock.com/lok-box-over-the-door-key-style-lock-box-with-ace-lock-362.html>. When ordering you must enter the Key Code of GENOA to make sure you get the right box. After the box arrives, contact Fire

Marshal Craig Skeel at 614-568-2040 to arrange to get your key locked securely inside the box. At the same time, if you're interested, you can get some other great tips for Planning Your Emergency.

Social media and e-mail alerts

One of our primary goals at the Genoa Township Police Department is to communicate important information to our residents relating to their safety in a timely manner. We believe we have a responsibility to keep all of you as informed as possible on police-related matters as well as items of community interest. We want you to get to know us better and we look forward to learning about you and your safety concerns.

Our department has an e-mail list with about 1,400 subscribers that we use for crime alerts and other information. This list is primarily for updates on crimes in the Township but also has information on events that may impact traffic or be of general interest. We also like to include examples of some of the good work our officers do to serve you. We have received positive feedback on this from many community members. If you would like to be added to our email list, contact Det. Mike Riehle at mriehle@genoatwp.com.

Social media is another communication tool we like to use and have a Facebook page that has a large following. This gives us the ability to put out information quickly and to a broad base of the community. There are many people who may not want to receive e-mails but who use social media, and this is a good way to reach them. It also gives people a chance to "weigh in" on issues important to them. Recently, we were able to put information on criminal activity in the area to alert residents and update them as events transpired. We also post information on lost or found pets to try to reunite owners with their pets.

We try to use a more human approach to our messages so we can show you that your officers are just like you; they struggle with the day to day issues, worry about their kids and pets, laugh and cry, and don't have all the answers. But when an officer reports to duty - they set all that aside, go out to protect you, and are prepared to give their life to save yours.

We also heard everyone loud and clear that the number one complaint in the Township is speeding in the neighborhoods, and we are focusing on that every day. Please contact us with any specific problems in your neighborhood and we will conduct enforcement. You can also do your part by watching your speed and keeping an eye out for children playing.

Fiscal Report

Patrick Myers
Fiscal Officer

Fund Name	01/01/2016 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 09/30/2016
General	\$2,551,017.94	\$1,610,200.90	\$1,889,737.96	\$2,271,480.88
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$24,313.32	\$25,939.71	\$25,000.00	\$25,253.03
Gasoline Tax	\$32,850.22	\$131,653.78	\$121,963.10	\$42,540.90
Road and Bridge	\$286,097.01	\$1,585,245.67	\$1,126,430.50	\$744,912.18
Cemetery	\$41,982.89	\$2,923.50	\$2,071.40	\$42,834.99
Police	\$2,539,502.72	\$4,203,902.64	\$2,585,686.57	\$4,157,718.79
Fire	\$3,454,458.38	\$4,915,453.66	\$3,355,558.93	\$5,014,353.11
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$140,361.32	\$158,916.99	\$180,000.00	\$119,278.31
Law Enforcement Trust	\$61,598.63	\$22.28	\$249.99	\$61,370.92
Enforcement and Education	\$3,909.70	\$865.00	\$-	\$4,774.70
TIF Fund	\$1,119,860.16	\$594,557.45	\$58,659.77	\$1,655,757.84
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,386.69	\$-	\$-	\$1,386.69
Police Capital Projects	\$811,869.22	\$-	\$27,471.40	\$784,397.82
Fire Capital Projects	\$1,825,166.73	\$-	\$-	\$1,825,166.73
Big Walnut/Worth Rd Improvements	\$105,763.96	\$575.52	\$-	\$106,339.48
	\$13,000,138.89	\$13,230,257.10	\$9,372,829.62	\$16,857,566.37

VOTE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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Genoa Township Community Calendar

November 2016			December 2016		
November 3	Board of Trustees	7:00 p.m.	December 1	Board of Trustees	7:00 p.m.
November 8	Election	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	December 7	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.
November 9	Citizens' Police Advisory Board (Fire Department)	7:00 p.m.	December 8	Seniors	noon
November 10	Seniors	noon	December 12	State Representative Ruhl (Administration Office)	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
November 11	Veterans Day	Offices Closed	December 12	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.
November 14	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.	December 20	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.
November 16	Health Clinic	1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	December 21	Health Clinic	1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
November 16	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.	Dec. 23 & 26	Christmas	Offices Closed
Nov. 24 & 25	Thanksgiving	Offices Closed	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.		
November 26	Rumpke holiday trash pick up				
November 28	Special Trustee Meeting (Comp Plan)	7:00 p.m.			
November 29	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.			

General Election Ballot Issues

The General Election is Tuesday, November 8th. Polling locations are open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. All Genoa Township voters will be voting on these two tax levies:

1. Delaware-Morrow Mental Health & Recovery Services Board -1 mill Renewal
2. Delaware County 9-1-1 System - .45 mill Renewal and an Increase of .18 mills for total of .63 mills

If you reside in the Big Walnut School District, in addition to the two issues above, you will be asked to vote on:

A proposed Bond Issue for the purpose of constructing school facilities; renovating, improving and constructing additions to school facilities; furnishing and equipping the same; improving the sites thereof; and acquiring land and interests in land. 8.3 mills.

If you reside in the Westerville City School District, in addition to the two issues above, you will be asked to vote on:

#59 Proposed Tax Levy (Substitute) – 7.13 mills

The General Election Ballot will also contain the numerous candidates running for political offices. Please refer to the Delaware County Board of Elections website at www.delawareboe.org, or call them at 740-833-2080 for more information.