

January & February 2018

News & Updates



From Trustee Karl R. Gebhardt

Happy New Year! Yes it's 2018, where has the time gone?

In the tradition of a new year, let's reflect back on 2017 in Genoa Township – it was another very good year.

- Electric aggregation resulted in over \$250,000 savings for residents.
- A new basketball court was installed at Center Green Park primarily through neighborhood and business donations.
- The Born Learning Trail at Freeman Park was established in cooperation with Delaware County United Way.
- New road repair equipment was purchased and put to use extending the life of Township roads.
- The new Township website was developed and launched at www.GenoaTwp.com.
- The Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association was formed.
- The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Campaign launch was held at McNamara Park in cooperation with the State Highway Patrol.
- A Social Media Comment Policy was established.
- An EMS billing system was implemented.
- A Fire/Rescue/EMS Advisory Committee was formed.
- Expanded wildflower and no-mow areas were planted in park areas.
- Big Walnut and Worthington Road intersection improvements were completed by Delaware County Engineer.
- Sign improvements made at Township boundaries.
- The Township is operating under budget and remains debt free.

So now for the interesting part – New Year's Resolutions, or in the Township's case, some of the issues and programs to be addressed in 2018:

- Update of the Township Zoning Resolution and Comprehensive Plan.
- Finalize plans for a new Police Station.
- Begin planning for the Road & Bridge levy.
- Increase cooperation with neighboring jurisdictions, especially on issues related to development and infrastructure planning.
- Continue expanding communication efforts and engagement opportunities for residents.
- Increase alternate funding for parks and trails facilities and programs.
- Initiate an evaluation and needs assessment for road improvement and traffic management.

Unlike many of our individual New Year's resolutions, which we make only to have them get derailed a couple weeks later, the Township Trustees, employees, and the many resident volunteers are committed to making sure we will have a positive report for our 2018 accomplishments.

From all of us, to you and your family, all the best in 2018, and thank you for making Genoa Township the place you call home.

Karl R. Gebhardt
Trustee

Fiscal Report

Fund Name	01/01/2017 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 11/30/2017
General	\$2,026,091	\$1,819,124	\$1,410,489	\$2,434,726
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$33,330	\$28,679	\$31,965	\$30,044
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$169,448	\$231,628	\$261,085	\$139,992
Gasoline Tax	\$127,777	\$166,170	\$150,534	\$143,413
Road and Bridge	\$441,329	\$1,633,391	\$1,496,810	\$577,911
TIF Fund	\$1,528,501	\$897,386	\$1,179,368	\$1,246,519
Big Walnut/Worth Rd Improvements	\$106,563	\$738	\$0	\$107,300
Cemetery	\$38,269	\$3,670	\$3,811	\$38,128
Police	\$3,485,036	\$4,456,183	\$3,157,048	\$4,784,171
Police Capital Projects	\$746,479	\$0	\$54,923	\$691,556
Enforcement and Education	\$4,925	\$690	\$1,195	\$4,419
Law Enforcement Trust	\$59,371	\$10,800	\$2,600	\$67,570
Fire	\$3,867,489	\$5,216,350	\$4,234,402	\$4,849,437
Fire Capital Projects	\$2,048,167	\$196,000	\$0	\$2,244,167
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$0	\$1,387
	\$14,684,162	\$14,660,809	\$11,984,231	\$17,360,740*

*Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar

Out of Sight, Never Gone

Each Friday, Genoa Township residents move their recycling and trash to the curbside for collection. By the time residents have returned home from work for the day, the waste is gone and forgotten until the process repeats again the following week.



After waste is hauled away from the curbside, it is far from the end of its journey.

Where Recycling Goes:

Residents of Genoa are recycling nearly 17% of their total waste at the curbside. Rumpke trucks collect this material and transport it to their Material Recovery Facility located near the Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus. At the facility, conveyor belts, spinning discs, magnets, electromagnets and optical scanners sort recyclables by type at more than 60,000 pounds per hour. In the time it takes you to read this article, Rumpke will have processed about 5,000 pounds of recyclables; however, the process stops entirely each time a non-recyclable item jams the equipment causing need for repair. Plastic bags, garden hoses and clothing are among the worst machine clogging materials Rumpke has to troubleshoot as the facility operates.

Once sorted, materials are compacted into large bails and transported to manufacturers as raw material to make new products. Cardboard boxes become new paper products, such as cereal boxes. Glass can become fiberglass insulation. Aluminum cans are made new again in less than 60 days.

Where Trash Goes:

Trash, including unsorted recyclables and yard waste placed at the curbside, is collected by a second Rumpke truck. Each truck can fit materials from a route of approximately 500 households before it is full. Once full, trucks are driven to a transfer station in Columbus to be emptied. Waste is then moved into a larger semi-truck to be hauled the remainder of the way to a landfill located 96 miles away in Wellston, Ohio.

At the landfill, trash is spread and compacted by heavy vehicles. Each day a different portion of the landfill is opened for trash to be spread out evenly. Six inches of dirt is spread on top of the pile at the end of each day as a means to contain odors, and prevent trash from blowing away.



Christmas Tree Disposal: Live trees that have all decorations and lights removed may be taken to Price Farms Organics for composting at 4838 Warrensburg Road, Delaware, OH 43015. Trees are accepted at no charge. Alternatively, Rumpke will dispose of trees placed at the curb along with trash. If you're selecting this option please ensure trees have been cut into segments no longer than 5' with limbs tied down.

2018 Rates: Genoa, Orange and Liberty Townships collaborated to leverage their combined purchasing power on a competitive bid for trash and recycling services. The three Townships awarded the contract to Rumpke Waste Services, continuing service as usual, at a monthly rate of \$15.39 for the next three years beginning on February 1, 2018. A senior discount is available. Contact Rumpke with questions regarding the program at 1-800-828-8171.



2018 Holidays Collection Schedule

- New Year's Day: Collection delayed until Saturday, January 6
- Memorial Day: Collection delayed until Saturday, June 2
- Independence Day: Collection delayed until Saturday, July 7
- Labor Day: Collection delayed until Saturday, September 8
- Thanksgiving Day: Collection delayed until Saturday, November 24
- Christmas Day: Collection delayed until Saturday, December 29

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Fire:

Residents know they can rely on Genoa Township Fire Department employees to respond quickly when called for help, coming prepared with the skills and equipment needed to manage emergency situations and save lives. Beyond these everyday duties, employees at the fire station take a leadership role in organizing philanthropic projects. With generous support from the Genoa Township community, the following achievements were made in 2017:

- **Operation Gratitude:** Over 365 pounds of Halloween candy was shipped to Operation Gratitude for distribution to deployed service members.
- **Big Walnut Friends Who Share:** Halloween candy that came in past the deadline for shipment to Operation Gratitude was donated to Big Walnut Friends Who Share to lift the spirits of families in need during Christmas.
- **Side by Side:** Fourteen winter coats and winter socks were provided for area children.
- **Thanksgiving:** Meals were provided for six families in need.
- **Christmas:** Christmas dinner, toys, and clothing were provided to local families and charities.

Roper Lock Box:

Due to the overwhelming response from the last newsletter, locked key boxes are now being stocked for sale at the fire station. Call the Fire Department at 614-568-2040 to schedule an appointment to purchase a locked key box and secure house keys inside. Each box costs \$27.95 and can be purchased by check made out to "Genoa Township".

Safety Reminder:

Carbon monoxide detectors should be placed on each level of your home. If the alarm sounds, go outside immediately and call the fire department.



Officer Ryan Miller receiving his *TOP COP* award.

Police:

Police officers acting heroically does not come as a surprise, but the actions of one particular Genoa Township Officer have stood out. Officer Ryan Miller has been credited with taking lifesaving action on four separate occasions.

- Officer Miller was first to arrive after hearing a call regarding a kayaker who had capsized and was in distress at Hoover Reservoir. Each cruiser is equipped with a throw line and Officer Miller was able to use it pull the victim to shore.
- During a well-being check, Officer Miller climbed through a window after realizing the resident was having a medical emergency and called medics.
- Officer Hutchinson and Officer Miller forced entry into a residence where a reported suicide attempt was underway. The two officers found the victim nearly unconscious and were able to provide lifesaving aid.
- Lieutenant Lyon, Officer Graham and Officer Miller were together when they heard a call regarding an unconscious person. Already nearby, they were able to respond more quickly than the medic and use the AED machine stored in the cruiser to resuscitate the individual.

For these acts Officer Miller was awarded four separate lifesaving awards, and in November was named 'Top Cop' by the Delaware County Prosecutor's Office.

Maintenance:

The Maintenance Department has created a new sledding hill located off Jaycox Road near the Sheffield Park subdivision. There is a gravel road and parking lot to access the facility. With a little cooperation from Mother Nature in the form of snow, this season residents will have the opportunity to experience this recreational activity close to home.

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Community Calendar

January & February 2018

January 1	New Year's Day	Offices Closed	February 1	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.
January 3	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.	February 6	Fire/Rescue/EMS Advisory Committee meeting	7pm
January 4	Board of Trustees	7:00 p.m.	February 7	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.
January 6	Rumpke holiday trash pick up		February 8	Seniors	noon
January 8	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.	February 8	Financial Advisory& Audit Committee	6:30 p.m.
January 10	Police Advisory Committee (Fire Department)	7:00 p.m.	February 12	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.
January 11	Seniors	noon	February 15	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Offices Closed	February 19	Presidents' Day	Offices Closed
January 17	Health Clinic	1:30-3:30 p.m.	February 27	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.
January 18	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.			
January 23	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.			

Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held in the Genoa Township Community Hall at 5111 South Old 3C Highway
Visit www.genoatwp.com prior to events for any updates or changes that occur after publication.