

TRUSTEE REPORT: First Anniversary Connie M. Goodman, Trustee

March 23rd marks the first anniversary of Ohio's stay-home order. Life feels a bit more normal now than in the early days of the pandemic but continuing to remain distant from others is difficult. This challenge resulted in renovations at Township Hall that, I hope, will improve the experience for resident engagement in public meetings now and in the future.

In February of this year, Trustee meetings began streaming live on WebEx with specialized cameras and microphones designed to capture the conversation and to allow public comment. This improvement project was funded by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES).

Capital grant funds from the State of Ohio will enable renovations to Freeman Road Park and the relocation of the former Township Hall from the northeast corner of Tussic and Big Walnut to McNamara Park, making way for a Delaware County intersection improvement project. These grants stretch tax dollars. Thank you to Representative Rick Carfagna for his work on the State budget and also to Genoa Township's staff grant writer Jim Barna.

What else is happening in Genoa Township?

- Spring means gardening and plots are now available for rental at Worthington Road Park. Visit www.GenoaTwp.com/Garden or call 614.568.2080 to rent a plot.
- Road construction and resurfacing will soon begin. Please give road crews plenty of space when passing.
- While the Easter Egg Hunt will not be scheduled this year due to Covid-19; dates are being held, with optimism, for Movie Nights and Fishing Day later in the year.

Until next time, stay safe and healthy. Remember those who have been adversely impacted by the pandemic and help however you can. I hope that I will be seeing you in person soon!

Connie

REFRESHED: New Plans for Old Parks

An unremarkable sliver of barren land connects Northgate Way to Mt. Royal Avenue. By car or bike, thousands of people pass it daily without a second thought.

Plans are being detailed to refresh this small piece of parkland and transform it into a usable area where people can park their bikes to visit nearby businesses or rest before continuing along the Ohio to Erie Trail. For people passing by car, the updated landscape will provide a welcome to the community.

Further north, a new playground, fresh trail surface, and wildflowers are among the features planned to give new life

to Freeman Park with the help of funding from the State of Ohio.

The country's fastest growing sport, pickleball, will make its debut in Genoa Township with the addition of four courts at Center Green Park.

Geese will be deterred from settling at Hilmar Park due to their aggressive nature and the mess they leave along walkways. Never feed the geese to support this initiative.

Availability of the popular raised bed gardens at Worthington Park will double this year. Rental is only \$20 for the season. Visit www.GenoaTwp.com/Garden to reserve a space.



ALLOCATING ASPHALT: Roads Considered for Paving

When asphalt is in high demand each spring, Bob Mathews, the Township's Maintenance Director, faces difficult decisions.

Which roads should be paved and which can be patched, delaying resurfacing for another year? To answer this question Director Mathews completes field inspections, assigning a rating to every road based on the condition of the asphalt. Rutting, cracking and potholes are among the defects that will reduce a road's rating.

The roads with the poorest

quality are targeted for resurfacing. As many roads as can be resurfaced within the annual budget are brought to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Even when beginning in the spring, it may be fall before the road work is complete. The task begins with Township employees who grind existing road surface down three inches and replace it with two inches of asphalt. All the while, use of the roadway remains open for vehicles.

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ALLOCATING ASPHALT:

Roads Considered for Paving (continued)

The final one inch layer may not be applied until months later when contractors with Delaware County Engineer provide the top coat. These county contractors are responsible for projects within a large geographic area and arrive ready to work with only one or two weeks notice, requiring Genoa's Maintenance Department to prepare early and remain patient awaiting their arrival.

Potholes and cracks can be remedied quickly, usually within a week. These areas should be reported to the Maintenance Department via an online reporting form at www.GenoaTwp.com/Pothole or by calling 614-568-2080.

2021 roads identified for resurfacing:

- Ainsley Drive
- Bay Forest Drive
- Beech Ave.
- Bedford Court
- Cliff Road
- Copthorne Drive
- Dunaway Lane
- Fraiser Road
- Garrett Court
- Gerwig Court
- Hickory Ave.
- Jaycox Road
- Lakeview Drive
- Oak Shadow Drive
- Ridgewood Ave.
- Sawgrass Way
- Spring Run Drive (north of Meadow Glen)
- St. George Ave
- Walnut Ave.
- Wheelwright Drive

Soliciting bids to refine the budget and a vote by the Board of Trustees is required before the list will be considered final.

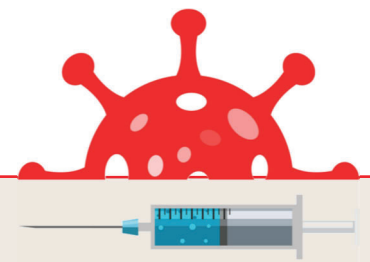
Delaware County Engineer's department

prioritizes its projects for roads under their control within the Township. These include South Old 3c Highway, Tussic Street, Sunbury Road, Redbank Road, Harlem Road, Lewis Center Road, Rome Corners Road, Worthington Road (south of Lewis Center Road), and Africa Road.

The Road Improvement Guide, recently released by the Delaware County Engineer lists the following projects within Genoa Township:

- Worthington Road will be widened to 5-lanes through the Africa Road intersection (2 northbound, 2 southbound plus left turn lanes). Reconstruction of Worthington Road will extend north to Highland Lakes Avenue, tapering from 5 to 3 lanes about 600 feet north of Africa Road. Hills will be leveled to improve sight distance and safety. Additionally, a new right turn lane will be added for traffic on Africa Road. The project will involve a 6 month closure to southbound traffic on Worthington Road beginning this spring (northbound maintained) followed by short-term closures of Africa Road.
- A new single-lane modern roundabout is slated for construction in 2022 at the intersection of Worthington and Lewis Center Roads. The project will require a full closure for up to 2 months.

As the Township receives notification of other road projects, each is added to an interactive map www.GenoaTwp.com/Roads



VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

Find vaccine providers in Ohio and information on how each is managing their scheduling and appointments. It is important to call or visit the website of a provider in advance to verify eligibility and make arrangements to be vaccinated.

The phased approach started with the most vulnerable. Gradually, more eligible Ohioans will be included. When a new age group begins, vaccinations may not be complete for the previous age group. It will take a number of weeks to distribute all of the vaccine given the limited doses available. Someone in the first age group, for example, will still be able to be vaccinated once the next group begins.

vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov

Fiscal Report

Fund Name	01/01/2021 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 1/31/2021
General	\$3,386,319	\$26,943	\$119,869	\$3,293,393
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$21,228	\$2,510	\$0	\$23,738
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$63,084	\$15,734	\$0	\$78,818
Gasoline Tax	\$63,557	\$27,846	\$34,590	\$56,813
Road and Bridge	\$1,292,434	\$945	\$91,808	\$1,201,572
Road & Bridge Capital Projects	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
TIF Fund	\$1,070,800	\$0	\$0	\$1,070,800
Cemetery	\$32,082	\$0	\$0	\$32,082
Police	\$7,961,391	\$3,489	\$407,384	\$7,557,496
Police Capital Projects	\$117,968	\$0	\$4,677	\$113,291
Police Station-Capital Projects	\$338,123	\$261	\$0	\$338,384
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$0	\$1,387
Enforcement and Education	\$6,559	\$60	\$0	\$6,619
Law Enforcement Trust	\$44,758	\$0	\$0	\$44,758
Bond - Police Station	\$500,178	\$386	\$0	\$500,564
Fire	\$6,700,776	\$6,721	\$413,952	\$6,293,545
Fire Capital Projects	\$1,726,287	\$0	\$0	\$1,726,287
Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and EMS	\$415,052	\$21,108	\$5,536	\$430,624
Self-Ins. Fund-Medical Insurance	\$0	\$96,362	\$94,157	\$2,204
Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$161,459	\$110	\$19,511	\$142,057
Total	\$24,003,442	\$202,475	\$1,191,484	\$23,014,433

Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar. For additional information on Township finances visit www.OhioCheckbook.com



Approximately 21 acres of land located at the southeast corner of Big Walnut and Worthington Roads was authorized for re-zoning by the Board of Trustees on December 28, 2020. The re-zoning was requested by the property owner and will allow for the development of a neighborhood consisting of 30 single-family dwellings. The yet to be named

plan will be surrounded by green-space and accessed from the site's Big Walnut Road frontage. The existing residence, as well as two of the three existing accessory buildings on the property, will remain. Final design and engineering approvals will still have to be obtained before construction can commence.



POLICE

Chief Stephen Gammill, 614.568.2060

Calls have flooded the Police Department from residents alarmed after receiving letters indicating unemployment claims have been made in their names. For some, they found out about the claim after receiving a letter with an account password to Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS). For others, they realized a criminal had successfully received unemployment funds in the previous year with the receipt of a 1099-G tax form listing the income.

This crime is so wide-spread that even Governor Dewine announced he had been personally affected.

To keep officers on the road where they can quickly respond to emergencies, the Police Department requests residents report suspected fraud directly to

ODJFS via their website at unemploymenthelp.ohio.gov

Notifying your employer of the claim made in your name is another useful step toward resolution.

The Ohio Department of Taxation website advises not to include unemployment benefits you did not apply for as income on your federal and state tax returns. Call 1-800-282-1780 with questions regarding filing your Ohio return.

Tax fraud is a concern every year. For the crime to work, criminals must file fraudulently before their victims file for themselves. They will make many attempts knowing that only a portion of their attempts will be successful. While there have been advancements in detection and prevention of tax fraud set forth by the IRS, filing as soon as possible is an effective preventive measure.

MAINTENANCE

Bob Mathews, 614.568.2080

The Spring Clean-Up Dumpster service will take place May 1—8. Yard waste and general trash will be accepted for disposal in the temporary dumpsters at the Genoa Township Maintenance Facility located just beyond the Fire Station at 7049 Big Walnut Road. Residents may make an unlimited amount of trips to drop off material between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Proof of residency is required.



Branches, leaves and other yard waste must be loose or in paper bags. No plastic material should be mixed as yard waste will be composted. Loads with plastic can be rejected by the composting facility and could lead to the cancellation of the service.



Items that will not be accepted include appliances, wire fencing, tires, batteries, paint, oil, computers, monitors and any material that is corrosive, toxic, flammable or reactive.



A mixture of recycling including paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, tubs and jugs, glass jars, and aluminum cans are provided by DKMM Solid Waste District and are available year round at the Genoa Township Maintenance Facility.



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Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS IS MARCH 14

Maintaining alarms that are mounted to high ceilings can pose a risk of falling. In an effort to prevent injury, residents may call Genoa Township Fire Department (**614.568.2040**) to schedule firefighter assistance with this important chore.

NEWS & INFORMATION

March | April 2021

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

Daylight Savings Time | March 14 | 2:00 a.m.
Set clocks ahead one hour before going to sleep on March 13.

Community Garden Opening Day | April 1
Plot rental available www.GenoaTwp.com/Garden

Easter | April 4
Township administration office closed April 5.
No delay to Rumpke service.

Spring Clean-Up | May 1– May 8 | 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Dumpsters available for general trash and yard waste.
Proof of residency required. Read more on page 3.

Private Event Rentals | Township rentals remain closed.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Board of Trustees | March 4 & April 1 | 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission | March 8 & April 12 | 7:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals | March 30 & April 27 | 7:00 p.m.

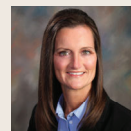
Note: Communications, Fire, Finance, Investment, Parks, and Police Advisory Committee meetings not shown.

View the full calendar at www.GenoaTwp.com.



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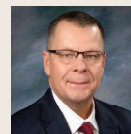
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