

Renewed Oath of Office

Karl R. Gebhardt, Trustee

An opportunity exists to reaffirm and re-commit ourselves to our values at the start of each new year. I'm not talking about new year's "resolutions" that don't last; but rather, things we do or say almost every day. For example, looking a person in the eye and telling them, "Have a good day!" in person, without need to conjure up a yellow, smiling emoji or suggesting getting together with a friend for coffee and actually scheduling the date.

Trustees take an oath after being elected to the office. It is essential to remember and remain committed to the oath. For this reason, I am proposing that, going forward, the Trustees and our staff re-affirm our "Oath of Office" annually at the first meeting in January.

The oath is to, "Support and defend the U.S. Constitution and faithfully execute our duties as a Trustee". The authority and duties of Townships and Township Trustees can be found in Title 5 of the Ohio Revised Code. Trustees are bound by the Constitution, Federal and State law as well as any applicable local regulation. I have read, and believe, that the intent of an oath based on the Constitution and law is to protect the public from a government that might fall victim to political whims and to provide a North Star – the Constitution – as a source of direction.

Fortunately, we have far more positive situations taking place in Genoa Township than problems and confrontations. While there may be the occasional "lead-foot" cutting through our neighborhood, we are generally a law-abiding community.

As your Trustees re-affirm our Oath of Office for 2020, let it reassure that there is a North Star directing Genoa Township.

All the best to you and yours in 2020. And, we really should have coffee sometime.

Seeking Answers: www.GenoaTwp.com

Data is revolutionizing the way organizations understand and better serve their customers. When a resident has a question, their first stop for an answer is usually the Township's website, www.GenoaTwp.com. Like most websites, the number of visits made to a page and the time each user spends there is collected automatically. No personal information such as user names and physical addresses are transferred.

The website was visited more than 65,000 times during the past 12 months. The data behind those visits are put to good use by tailoring messages on social media, in newsletters, and by adjusting the website, placing the most frequently sought out information at the top of navigation menus.

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Public Servant of the Year: Joe Shafer

Genoa Township Development and Zoning Director, Joe Shafer, was named Public Servant of the Year by the Genoa Township Business Association. Joe credits his team for earning the recognition through its hard work. The Department had many accomplishments in 2019. Among them:

- Revised the Comprehensive Plan to establish consistency with the Zoning Resolution.
- Amended the Zoning Resolution to create more robust design and buffering requirements for planned residential neighborhoods.
- Three re-zonings were approved covering approximately 34.5 acres.
- The Zoning Commission processed 10 zoning applications, the most since 2015.
- The Board of Zoning Appeals adjudicated 14 cases, the most since 2015.
- Issued 310 zoning permits, the most since 2017.
- Investigated 49 zoning and/or nuisance complaints.



Citizen's Fire Academy: Now Enrolling

Using the Jaws of Life to tear apart a car, driving a fire truck, and venturing to the top of a ladder truck are just a few of the activities residents experience as part of the Citizen's Fire Academy. The Academy will meet Monday evenings 7:00-9:00pm for 12 weeks from March to June. The program won't make participants firefighters, but it will be educational, fun, and, at times, challenging. Participants must be a minimum of 18 years of age and pass a background check. Apply online:

www.GenoaTwp.com/FireAcademy

Meet Trustee Vaughan

Renee Vaughan was elected Trustee on November 5, 2019 with her four-year term beginning on January 1, 2020. Trustee Vaughan has lived in the Township since 2011. In 2013 she decided to become more involved in the community in response to development concerns. Her involvement grew and she was later appointed to the Fire/Rescue/EMS Advisory Committee as well the Olentangy Orange Booster Board.



"I look forward to serving Genoa Township residents."

Renee earned her bachelor's degree in special education from the University of Cincinnati, a master's degree in the same field with supervisory certificate from the University of Pittsburgh, and principal certification from Slippery Rock University.

In addition to serving the Township, Trustee Vaughan has found gratifying work teaching English GED classes part-time at the Godman Guild to help low-income students earn their high school equivalency.

Trustee Vaughan and her husband, Bob, have three sons. The family enjoys skiing, attending sporting events, and travel.

a driveway within a road right-of-way may require a permit from the entity who owns the adjacent road. For example, properties along Township-owned roads require a "Work in the Right-of-Way" permit from the Department of Maintenance.

"Noise ordinance"



The Township adopted a Noise Resolution in 2007 and Barking Dog Resolution in 2016 prohibiting noise that would disturb a person of ordinary sensibilities from a distance of one-hundred feet or more. Examples of noise resolution violations include car horns, gunfire, audio speakers, yelling, musical instruments, mowers or other equipment with internal combustion engines. Noise resulting from construction, yard work, or trash collection between 7:00a.m. and 9:00p.m. is exempt. Individuals harboring a barking dog can be cited after fifteen consecutive minutes of barking or howling. Police are tasked with enforcing these ordinances. Call non-emergency police dispatch to report any bothersome noise ordinance violations at (740) 833-2800.

"Trash", "Garbage", "Recycling"



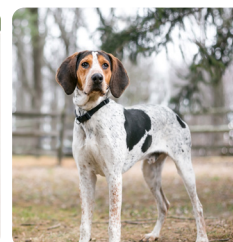
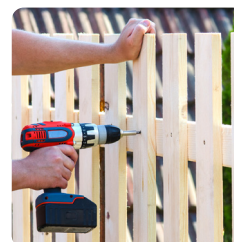
Red recycling bins can be acquired free at the Maintenance garage located at 7049 Big Walnut Road. Larger carts can be rented directly from Rumpke.

In the event of missed collection, notify Rumpke directly by leaving a message at 1-800-828-8171. When missed collections are reported, Rumpke will send a truck back to those addresses the following Monday.

Holidays that impact collection dates during 2020:

- New Years Day: Wednesday, January 1, 2020
Collection to occur Saturday, January 4, 2020
- Memorial Day: Monday, May 25
Collection to occur Saturday, May 30
- Labor Day: Monday, September 7
Collection to occur Saturday, September 12
- Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 26
Collection to occur Saturday, November 28
- Christmas Day: Friday, December 25
Collection to occur Saturday, December 26

Live Christmas trees can be disposed of at the curbside along with regular trash when they've been cut into segments no longer than 5 feet with limbs tied down. Never dispose of Christmas lights in residential recycling bins as they will become entangled in sorting equipment.



Seeking Answers (continued):

The most common terms searched on the Township's website include:

"Fence", "pool", "driveway", "permit"



A permit is required for most construction projects including fences and pools. Before starting a project, contact the Development and Zoning Office at Zoning@GenoaTwp.com or (614)899-0725 to ensure all the necessary permits are acquired. Even when Genoa Township does not require a permit for an activity, a permit from another agency such as Delaware County Code Compliance or a local Home Owners Association may be needed.

Township permit applications are available at the Administration and Zoning Office or at www.GenoaTwp.com/Permits. Each permit application provides step-by-step information on how to apply.

Township permits required for private residential fences and pools cost \$50. Fences within front yards can generally be no taller than 30-inches. All other fences may be up to 8-feet tall.

Without a membership to a country club, many residents use public pools in neighboring communities or build their own backyard pool. Residents who intend to build a pool must abide by all required setbacks. Pools must be fenced by a structure no less than 4-feet tall and secured with a gate and lock.

Driveways do not require a zoning permit; however, they must be setback at least 2-feet from any property line. Work to install



Development & Zoning, Joe Shafer, 614.899.0725

On December 2, 2019 the Genoa Township Board of Trustees concurred with the findings of the Genoa Township Zoning Commission and approved final plans submitted by BrightPath Active Learning LLC to construct an approximately 5,600 square foot daycare facility at 5940 Chandler Court, a vacant lot immediately west of Giammarco's Restaurant. The applicant/owner and Township resident, Eric Wares, hopes to be open by the start of the 2020 school year.

Fire/Rescue/EMS, Chief Honeycutt, 614.568.2040

The Fire Department's regular, five-year (2021-2025) operating levy will be on the ballot in November this year. An informational website will be created to provide details once they have been decided by the Board of Trustees. The operating levy funds all services the Fire Department provides to the public including paramedic care and hospital transport, lifesaving rescue including incidents that occur within Hoover Reservoir and neighborhood ponds, firefighting, haz-mat response, and community education.

When planning community education, seasonal injuries occur more frequently. For example, in the Winter, paramedics encounter residents suffering from heart attacks brought on by shoveling snow. Physical exertion rapidly increases the heart rate and blood pressure while the cold causes blood vessels to constrict. High risk individuals who have heart conditions, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoke, or have a sedentary lifestyle should consult a physician before shoveling.



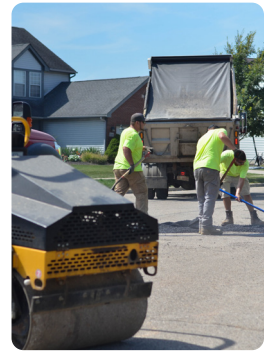
Warm up and stretch before beginning to shovel. Do not shovel immediately after eating. Also refrain from smoking, drinking coffee, or drinking alcohol one hour before or after shoveling; these stimulants may further elevate blood pressure or heart rate.

Be mindful not to over exert yourself, take frequent breaks, and watch for the warning signs of a heart attack. They include lightheadedness, dizziness, shortness of breath, or feelings of tightness, pressure, or burning in the chest, arms, neck, or back. When a heart attack is suspected immediately call 911.

Maintenance, Bob Mathews, 614.568.2080

Spring resurfacing planning began following the passage of the Road and Bridge Levy in early November. Based on asphalt condition, the following roadways have been proposed for resurfacing in 2020. Estimates for the work will be collected and Trustees will vote on the expenditure before the list is final.

Please visit www.GenoaTwp.com/Roads for a map and description of area road construction projects.



- Adams Rd.
- Center Village Rd.
- Charles Rd.
- Four Seasons Dr.
- Hoover Woods Rd.
- Jean Ct.
- Kimberly Dr.
- Knoll Dr.
- Morello Pl.
- Parkmoor Dr.
- Paul Rd.
- Pine Hollow Dr.
- Ridge Lake Ct.
- Seckel Ct.
- Seckel Dr.
- Silver Lake Ct.
- Treeline Ct.

The Maintenance Department also oversees parks. Beginning on January 2nd, residents may begin making reservations to hold private functions at the park shelter houses and gazebos. This must be done in-person at the Township Offices, 5111 South Old 3C Highway. Beginning on February 1, community garden plots sales begin at the Maintenance office located at 7049 Big Walnut Road.

Finally, the sledding hill is ready and waiting for the next big snow. It is just east of I-71 on Jaycox Road.

Police, Chief Gammill, 614-568-2060

It was a busy year for the Police Department selling bonds, finalizing building design and breaking ground on your new police station. Many residents have been involved throughout the process and that partnership has been crucial to the project's successful start. Officers are eager to have operations headquartered in the new station by November, 2020.

While building the new station will remain a top priority next year, the Department has several other major goals. The regular, five-year operating levy will be on the ballot in 2020 to continue funding police operations from 2021-2025. The Police Department is solely funded by this operating levy and more information will be provided as the election gets closer.

The collective bargaining agreement with the police officers' union expires at the end of 2020; therefore, regular negotiations will take place to establish a successor contract. Finally, the department will seek re-accreditation with the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation.





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Elected Officials

Fiscal Report

Fund Name	Fund Balance as of 1/1/2019	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 11/30/2019
General	\$2,050,047	\$2,881,585	\$1,922,143	\$3,009,489
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$27,414	\$32,182	\$34,735	\$24,861
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$61,719	\$197,152	\$202,384	\$56,487
Gasoline Tax	\$194,668	\$217,233	\$299,840	\$112,061
Road and Bridge	\$399,155	\$1,749,937	\$1,296,196	\$852,896
TIF Fund	\$1,495,317	\$957,429	\$1,400,502	\$1,052,244
Cemetery	\$33,590	\$6,736	\$8,985	\$31,341
Police	\$5,572,508	\$4,644,878	\$3,226,521	\$6,990,865
Police Capital Projects	\$503,770	\$0	\$108,999	\$394,770
Police Station-Capital Projects	\$0	\$7,061,804	\$992,009	\$6,069,795
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$0	\$1,387
Enforcement and Education	\$4,286	\$1,160	\$0	\$5,446
Law Enforcement Trust	\$69,577	\$561	\$5,965	\$64,173
Bond - Police Station	\$0	\$1,822,714	\$1,069,382	\$753,332
Fire	\$5,049,391	\$5,444,464	\$4,303,533	\$6,190,322
Fire Capital Projects	\$2,346,167	\$0	\$0	\$2,346,167
Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and EMS	\$335,653	\$192,941	\$0	\$528,594
Self-Ins. Fund-Medical Insurance	\$0	\$1,525,077	\$1,480,021	\$45,056
Totals	\$18,144,649	\$26,735,853	\$16,351,215	\$28,529,286

**Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar*

For additional information on Township finances visit www.OhioCheckbook.com

Holidays & Events

- **New Year's Day**
January 1 | Offices closed
January 2 | Rumpke holiday collection
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
January 20 | Offices closed
- **Presidents' Day**
February 17 | Offices closed
- **Seniors Luncheon**
January 9 & February 13 | noon

Public Meetings

- **Board of Trustees**
January 2 & February 6 | 6:30 p.m.
January 16 & February 20 | 8:30 a.m.
- **Parks Advisory**
January 8 & February 5 | 7p.m.
- **Zoning Commission**
January 13 & February 10 | 7 p.m.
- **Communications Advisory**
January 16 & February 20 | 7:30 p.m.
- **Finance Advisory**
January 23 | 7 p.m.
- **Board of Zoning Appeals**
January 28 & February 25 | 7 p.m.
- **Fire Advisory**
February 4 | 7 p.m.



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