

Trustee Report

Connie M. Goodman, Trustee

If you haven't driven by the northwest corner of Big Walnut Road and State Route 3 lately, you will want to do so. Rapid progress is being made on our new police station made possible by the levy approved by voters in November 2018. I had the opportunity to don a hardhat to see the foundation taking shape. Wet weather caused a slight delay, but we are still on schedule for opening by the end of this year.

Construction costs were reduced thanks to the Maintenance Department's efforts to acquire 12,000 cubic yards of free fill dirt and install it themselves. The Maintenance Department will leave the remainder of the work to contractors, while directing its focus on resurfacing roads and fixing potholes. You can report a pothole at www.GenoaTwp.com/Pothole.

Deteriorating roads are receiving remedy thanks to the support of voters passing the Roads and Bridges Levy last November. This levy money is legally restricted for use only on road related maintenance. Maintenance Department staff also care for our parks and trails but do so using a very small amount of money from the General Fund. It is amazing how much they can accomplish with very little funding for our recreational areas.

Other noteworthy updates include:

- The Genoa Township Fire Department will be in neighborhoods flushing hydrants this April. This annual process ensures hydrants are working properly should they be needed.
- Dumpsters for trash and scrap metal will be available near the Maintenance Department (7049 Big Walnut Road) from April 25th through May 3rd for spring cleaning needs. No separate yard waste collection will be available; however, yard waste can be disposed with trash or dropped off directly with a local composter.
- We are always searching for good employees. Current openings are in police, fire, and summer labor. If you know someone who might be interested, have them visit our Human Resources webpage at www.GenoaTwp.com/Jobs.

I look forward to meeting many of you at upcoming community events such as the popular Easter Egg Hunt on March 28 and our newest event, Volunteer Day on April 18. I will be wearing a name tag so I can easily be found. Please take a moment to say hello!

Sincerely,

Connie M. Goodman

Easter Egg Hunt

Township children, ages 1-10, are invited to join in the fun of an egg hunt on Saturday, March 28th at Westerville Central High School. Beginning at 10 a.m. there will be police and fire safety vehicles, Mr. & Mrs. Easter Bunny, refreshments, games and, prizes. The hunt for 15,000 eggs will begin promptly at 11 a.m. for all age groups.

Egg Hunt Rules:

- Four color coded areas will be roped off for children by age: 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 through 7, and 8 through 10.
- One adult may help each child in the 1 to 2 year old area only. Entry to the other areas is restricted to children within that age group.



Volunteers are needed to fill eggs, make baskets, and help out the day of the event with games and activities. Those who are interested should contact Linda Greco, LGreco@GenoaTwp.com or (614) 568-2022.



Census 2020

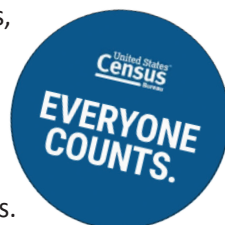
In mid-March, households will begin receiving invitations to participate in the 2020 Census. The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. The United States has counted its population once every 10 years since 1790. During the last census 23,093 people were counted in Genoa Township, a larger population than central Ohio communities of Marysville (22,094), Worthington (13,575), Bexley (13,057), Powell (11,500) and New Albany (7,724).

Responses inform where over \$675 billion is distributed each year to communities nationwide for clinics, schools, roads, and more. Census data gives community leaders vital information to make decisions about building community centers, opening businesses, and planning for the future. Responses are used to redraw legislative districts and determine the number of seats

your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

There are three options for responding: Online, phone, or mail. You will be asked a few simple questions, like age, sex, and the number of people who live in your home on April 1, including children, foster children, live-in baby sitters, relatives, or roommates. The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions and other places, so you will not need to count adult children living on a college campus, military personnel stationed away from home, or family members living in a nursing home facility.

The census will never ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations, or anything related to political parties.



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In the past 5 years, the Delaware County Engineer has invested over \$23 million dollars in improving county roads in and around Genoa Township. Further investment is planned for the following roads and intersections:

Africa Road & Worthington Road

The project will include widening of Worthington Road to 5-lanes through

the 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, and includes leveling the existing hills to improve sight distance and safety. Additionally, a new right turn lane will be added for traffic on Africa Road. Preparations have already begun near the project site with work scheduled to begin later this year.

Africa Road from Jaycox to Plumb

Minor widening for paved shoulders on Africa Road from Jaycox to Cheshire Road. Also, new turn lanes on Africa Road at Lewis Center (east) and at Plumb Road. There will be no lane closures for this project which is scheduled to begin in May and conclude in July.

Lewis Center & Worthington Road & Rome Corners Road Intersection

Warning signs and flashing (Cross Traffic Does Not Stop) signs were installed in 2019. The Engineer's Office is continuing to monitor the intersection for safety and traffic flow as plans for a roundabout to be constructed in 2022 develop.

Old 3C Highway

Continued work on improvements to Old 3C resume this spring from Charles Road to Hawksbeard. The road will be widened and finished with curbs, gutters, stormsewers, and sidewalk on the east side of the road. A new traffic signal will be installed at the Hawksbeard entrance to Genoa Middle School. Expect one-way closures to begin again this spring.

Neighborhood Road Resurfacing

Genoa Township Maintenance Department will seek approval from the Board of Trustees to resurface the following roads in partnership with Delaware County contractors this spring: Adams Road, Center Village Road, Charles Road, Four Seasons Drive, Highland Lakes Avenue, Hoover Woods Road, Jean Court, Kimberly Drive, Knoll Drive, Morello Place, Parkmoor Drive, Paul Road, Pine Hollow Drive, Ridge Lake Court, Seckel Court and Seckel Drive, Silver Lake Court, Treeline Court.

Dates for repaving have not yet been determined. Residents living along an impacted roadway will receive a notice on their door with project details in advance of the project beginning.



Fiscal Report

Fund Name	01/01/2020 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 1/31/2020
General	\$2,949,486	\$42,535	\$200,337	\$2,791,684
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$27,320	\$2,563	\$0	\$29,883
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$71,567	\$17,192	\$0	\$88,759
Gasoline Tax	\$144,481	\$29,812	\$34,590	\$139,704
Road and Bridge	\$784,174	\$270	\$149,521	\$634,922
TIF Fund	\$1,052,176	\$0	\$0	\$1,052,176
Cemetery	\$30,110	\$300	\$0	\$30,410
Police	\$6,678,035	\$1,691	\$412,537	\$6,267,190
Police Capital Projects	\$320,450	\$0	\$0	\$320,450
Police Station-Capital Projects	\$6,128,108	\$8,094	\$60,743	\$6,075,459
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$0	\$1,387
Enforcement and Education	\$5,676	\$75	\$0	\$5,751
Law Enforcement Trust	\$62,493	\$0	\$0	\$62,493
Bond - Police Station	\$754,803	\$1,007	\$0	\$755,810
Fire	\$5,750,145	\$7,346	\$518,752	\$5,238,739
Fire Capital Projects	\$2,346,167	\$0	\$0	\$2,346,167
Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and EMS	\$553,668	\$23,225	\$26,376	\$550,518
Self-Ins. Fund-Medical Insurance	\$32,437	\$106,760	\$139,197	\$0
Totals	\$27,692,684	\$240,871	\$1,542,051	\$26,391,504

**Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar*

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



Police, Chief Gammill, 614.568.2060

During March, Genoa Township Police typically see a rise in tax fraud reported by victims who were late to file. For tax fraud to work for criminals, they 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 the Internal Revenue Service has made advances in detection and prevention of tax fraud, filing as soon as possible is an effective preventative measure.

St. Patrick's Day is March 17th and while happy celebrations are encouraged, we have zero tolerance for drunk driving. Keep in mind that if you're feeling "buzzed", you should never sit down behind the wheel of a car; buzzed driving is drunk driving. Genoa Township police will be extra vigilant to stop and arrest impaired drivers with a goal to save lives. Drinking and driving is never worth the possible outcome: taking lives and destroying families.



Fire/Rescue/EMS, Chief Honeycutt, 614.568.2040

2019 was the busiest year on record exceeding 2,000 calls for service. In a growing community more calls to 911 are expected; however, the following prevention programs are offered to reduce risk of fire and injury:

- "File of Life" is a refrigerator magnet that holds a list of medical history, allergies, medications, emergency contacts to be kept on the refrigerator where paramedics know to look for information in an emergency. Obtain a "File of Life" free at the Fire Department or Township Administration Office.
- To prevent falls and ensure smoke detectors are working properly, Genoa Fire Department will change smoke alarm batteries. Schedule an appointment by calling 614-568-2040.
- The Fire Marshal is available to visit homes to check for proper placement of smoke alarms, combustible liquid storage, extension cord use, candle hazards, trip hazards, basement storage issues and more to prevent fire and injury.



Development & Zoning, Joe Shafer, 614.899.0725

In the Development and Zoning department, the first sign of spring is an uptick in questions and applications pertaining to decks, sheds, pools, and fences; all of which require permits. Zoning permits may take up to 30 days to be reviewed and issued. If a building permit is also required from Delaware County, the lead time prior to construction may be even longer. To keep your project from being a late bloomer, be sure to plan ahead and get your applications in as soon as possible. Questions about zoning requirements and the permitting process may be directed to Zoning@GenoaTwp.com or (614)899-0725.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Holidays & Events

- **Reminder to "Spring forward"**
March 8 | 2 a.m.
- **Master Gardener Tips & Tricks**
March 11 | 7 p.m.
- **Easter Egg Hunt**
March 28 | 10 a.m. activities
11 a.m. hunt begins
- **Day after Easter**
April 13 | Offices closed
- **Volunteer Service Day**
April 18 | 8:30 a.m.
- **Seniors Luncheon**
March 12 & April 9 | noon
- **Spring Clean-Up Dumpsters Available**
April 25-May 3

Public Meetings

- **Board of Trustees**
March 4 & April 1 | 7 p.m.
- **Parks Advisory**
March 4 & April 1 | 7 p.m.
- **Zoning Commission**
March 9 & April 14 | 7 p.m.
- **Police Advisory**
March 11 | 7 p.m.
- **Communications Advisory**
March 19 & April 16 | 7:30 p.m.
- **Board of Zoning Appeals**
March 24 & April 28 | 7 p.m.
- **Fire/Rescue/EMS Advisory**
April 7 | 7 p.m.
- **Finance Advisory**
April 9 | 7 p.m.
- **Audit Advisory**
April 9 | 5:30 p.m.

Visit www.GenoaTwp.com prior to events to verify location information, updates, or cancellations that may occur after publication.

Spring Break Plans?

Register for a Home Check while you're out of town to have an officer patrol past your residence as an added security measure. Visit www.GenoaTwp.com/HomeCheck or call 614-568-2060.



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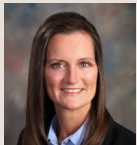
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Board of Trustees Meeting | March 5 & April 2 | 6:30p.m. | Township Hall

Trustee meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month with additional meetings scheduled as needed. Public comments welcome. Each meeting is recorded and posted for public access on the Township website.

Master Gardener Tips & Tricks | Wednesday, March 11 | 7p.m. | Township Hall

Improve garden productivity with the help of an OSU Extension Master Gardener who will address garden preparation, insect and weed management. Register online at www.GenoaTwp.com/Garden

Easter Egg Hunt | Saturday, March 28 | Westerville Central High School

Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. with the hunt starting promptly at 11:00 a.m. Don't be late! More information inside.

Volunteer Service Day | Saturday, April 18 | McNamara Park

In celebration of Earth Day or just for fun, join with neighbors to contribute to making Township parks look their best. Drop in anytime between 8:30 a.m. - noon. Register online at www.GenoaTwp.com/Volunteer.

Elected Officials