

News & Updates



From Trustee Goodman:

With this newsletter, we have turned the corner into fall. Gone are summer picnics, baseball games, and lazy days at the pool. Now we welcome football season, the last harvest of our garden crops, and curling up in front of the fireplace with a cup of hot chocolate and a good book. We also look forward to spending time with family and friends during the upcoming holiday season. On Veteran's Day we recognize those who have served our country to preserve our way of life. Thanksgiving is an opportunity to appreciate the abundant resources available to us, and of course, turkey, stuffing, cornbread pudding, pumpkin pie....yum!

As always, there's a lot going on in Genoa Township. Here are a few updates:

- Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th. Genoa Township has two issues on the ballot:
 - A levy to approve funding for a new police station that would provide up to \$7 million dollars to be repaid in a period not to exceed ten years. More information can be found at www.GenoaTwp.com/BondIssue.
 - A referendum on the rezoning of several parcels of land located at 4741 Tussic Street Road. For more information, click the link on the front page of the Township website at www.GenoaTwp.com to review ballot language and records from the April 9th Trustee Special Meeting.

- "Cram-the-Cruiser" is Saturday, November 3rd. Donations can be dropped off at Kroger (7345 Maxtown Road) between 10am and 2pm. This Police Department initiative is a wonderful opportunity to help those facing food insecurity. Last year, thanks to the generosity of many, the cruiser was filled several times over!
- Our Fire/EMS Department is currently accepting donations of non-perishable foods, toys, and gift cards. Collected goods will be distributed to families in our area and through Big Walnut Friends Who Share. Items can be dropped off through the end of December at the Fire Station (7049 Big Walnut Road). Last year over 200 families were assisted.
- Snow season is quickly approaching. Many are saying this could be a year of larger snowfalls; fun at the sledding hill is in our future! Please remember to give plows plenty of room to do their job. Also, basketball hoops should be moved away from the street and whenever possible, vehicles should be moved into driveways for better clearing of snow. The Maintenance Department thanks you for your cooperation!
- Do you have a street tree in front of your house? If so, remember it is your responsibility to ensure it is trimmed so branches do not interfere with passing/parked vehicles and that informational signs are easily visible.

I hope each of you has a pleasant and safe fall season.

Connie M. Goodman

Connie Goodman, Board Chair

Fiscal Report

Fund Name	01/01/2018 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 8/31/2018
General	\$2,288,999	\$1,858,337	\$1,604,974	\$2,542,362
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$27,588	\$23,792	\$29,301	\$22,079
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$154,297	\$139,875	\$258,974	\$35,198
Gasoline Tax	\$159,142	\$122,110	\$81,180	\$200,072
Road and Bridge	\$448,661	\$1,771,080	\$1,341,951	\$877,790
TIF Fund	\$1,240,719	\$980,817	\$612,541	\$1,608,995
Big Walnut/Worth Rd Improvements	\$238	\$1	\$0	\$239
Cemetery	\$37,724	\$2,852	\$6,740	\$33,836
Police	\$4,465,463	\$4,290,423	\$2,221,802	\$6,534,084
Police Capital Projects	\$688,056	\$0	\$91,401	\$596,655
Enforcement and Education	\$4,419	\$851	\$1,100	\$4,170
Law Enforcement Trust	\$67,570	\$4,138	\$2,131	\$69,577
Fire	\$4,502,290	\$5,011,301	\$3,086,416	\$6,427,175
Fire Capital Projects	\$2,244,167	\$0	\$0	\$2,244,167
Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and EMS	\$0	\$23,234	\$0	\$23,234
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$0	\$1,387
Totals	\$16,330,721	\$14,228,810	\$9,338,511	\$21,221,020

*Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar

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



Know Your Neighbor: Ryan Thompson, US Air Force Veteran

A normal week day for Ryan Thompson involves a commute to work and a family dinner at home in Genoa Township; a stark contrast to his life from 1999 to 2009 when he served first as a Security Forces member and, later, a Phoenix Raven in the United States Air Force. Preparing for combat the moment a plane landed, traveling to 22 different countries, and meeting high level government officials were life defining moments suddenly left behind due to a medical retirement.

Transitioning into a new career proved to be difficult. "I wasn't prepared to come out of the military," Ryan recalled. "It took me a long time to be able to provide again for my family and that has stuck with me. It is my driving force." After a 15 month long job search, Ryan received an offer from the State of Ohio. "That was all God.. Ironically, he became employed helping veterans break through those barriers," said Ryan's wife Brenna. "It was a meaningful job that he could relate with 100%." Ryan has since moved on from that position, but remains deeply involved in veterans affairs.

Veterans Day holds special significance in the Thompson household as the couple's children learn more about Ryan's time in the military and pay tribute to the many men and women who have served. Ryan's advice is to memorialize the veterans in your family by sharing their stories and to thank a veteran when the opportunity arises.

Taking Ryan's advice, Genoa Township extends its thanks to all veterans and especially those serving on its own staff:

Police

- Chief Gammill- Army
- Sergeant Shane Fry- Marines
- Peter Marlin- Marines
- Spencer Allen - Marines
- Seth Howard-Army

Fire

- Deputy Chief, Joseph Ponzi – Marines
- Anthony Hahn – Army
- Daniel Lundy – Marines
- Kevin Hicks – Air Force

GENERAL ELECTION: November 6

Ballot language is available for review at the Delaware County Board of Elections website, boardofelections.co.delaware.oh.us.

Expect to see a full ballot with two issues local to Genoa Township, statewide Issue 1, as well as races for numerous national, state, and county elected officials.

The early voting center is now open including weekends (hours vary by day), at 2079 US Route 23 North, Delaware, Ohio 43015.



Maintenance: Seasonal Chores

Throughout November and into the first weekend of December, the Township will have yard waste dumpsters placed at the Maintenance Facility. Residents are welcomed to dispose of leaves, branches, grass clippings and other organic materials there. No plastic pots, bags or other trash is allowed as the dumpsters will be taken to a composting facility.

When forecasters begin to predict snow, the Maintenance Department will apply brine to the roadways in advance of the storm. As snow begins to accumulate, main arterials roadways will be plowed and salted first, followed by secondary streets, and lastly, cul-de-sacs.

Tips from a plow driver:

- When shoveling, move snow to the left side of the driveway when looking at the house from the street to prevent the plow from pushing the mounded snow back across the driveway.
- Move parked cars off the streets to allow for clearing from curb to curb.
- Keep sump pumps working properly by sprinkling rock salt at the curb opening to prevent ice from blocking draining water.
- Drivers are on-call and may have been up all night clearing the roads. Show appreciation with a wave and a smile!



Police: Bond Levy

Nearly 40 years ago, walls were added to a park picnic shelter to create the Genoa Township police station. Still in use today, the resulting facility does not accommodate the specialized needs of a modern-day Police Department nor does it meet today's standards for building design. Staff, equipment, and records have grown alongside the community the department serves and no longer effectively fit within the existing space. A 2016 Facility Assessment cited a variety of deficiencies in the facility including:

- i. Male and female officers take turns sharing a single locker room
- ii. Roof and plumbing leaks have led to mold and pest infestations
- iii. No insulation
- iv. No fire suppression system
- v. Security deficiencies
- vi. Emissions from adjacent Fire Station garage permeate the Police Station as do odors from inadequate evidence storage
- vii. No showers are available for decontaminating when officers come in contact with hazardous or unknown substances
- viii. ADA accessibility standards are not being met
- ix. Not built to "essential facilities" Ohio Building Code standards. Essential facilities are buildings that are intended to remain operational in the event of extreme environmental loading from flood, wind, snow, and earthquakes.

For these reasons, voters are being asked to consider a .8 mil property tax bond levy on the November 6, 2018 ballot for the construction of a new facility. Before making this request of residents, the Township explored the alternative of renovating the existing building, but found it impractical for the following reasons:

- i. The current Police Station is not located in a highly visible location which makes it more difficult to conduct business. Relocating to Township owned land at the northwest corner of State Route 3 and Big Walnut Road would create a welcoming, open, visible community hub where people can find the help they need.
- ii. The current Police Station is limited on its south end by the Fire Station and the north end by the Maintenance Department, limiting the size of the renovated building.
- iii. Renovating would displace the staff working in the building, incurring additional costs for temporary housing of the Police Department. Additionally, construction and staging areas would disturb operations at the adjoining Maintenance and Fire Departments.

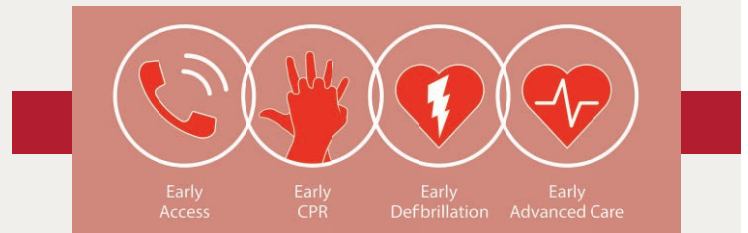
For more information visit www.GenoaTwp.com/BondIssue



Fire/Rescue/EMS: Chain of Survival

On July 21st, 911 operators received a call after a resident witnessed a jogger collapse. Another resident was passing by and immediately began to help by administering CPR after seeing that the patient did not have a pulse.

Genoa Township paramedics arrived and continued treatment, defibrillating multiple times during transport to the Hospital. By the time the ambulance arrived at the emergency room, the patient had regained a pulse and was breathing on his own. After a quintuple bypass and a week to recuperate, the patient was able to reconnect with the paramedics who saved his life.



This incident is a perfect example of the "chain of survival" working to save a life:

- Activation of Emergency Response - This was a witnessed cardiac arrest, with notification to 911 within seconds. 911 operators at DELCOMM processed the call in 39 seconds.
- Immediate CPR – Witnesses estimated from the time the patient collapsed until citizen CPR was being performed was no greater than 40 seconds.
- EMS – The Fire Department's response or "turnout" time was 55 seconds. The travel time was 2 minutes and 29 seconds. Total from time of call to on scene was 4 minutes and 3 seconds.
- Early Defibrillation – Paramedics delivered the first shock 2 minutes and 20 seconds after arriving on scene and a second shock 5 minutes later.

The resident who initially began CPR had learned the skill several years prior at a class offered by Genoa Township Fire Department, but never thought he would have to put it to use. This event reminds us how important it is for everyone to know how to perform hands only CPR. Contact the fire station at 614-568-2040 to attend a CPR class, which are offered free to individuals and groups.

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Community Calendar

November & December 2018

Nov. 1 - Dec. 2			Dec. 4		
Fall clean-up: Yard Waste Drop Off (Safety Complex)			Fire Advisory Committee		
Nov. 1	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.	Dec. 5	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 3	Cram the cruiser (Kroger)	10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	Dec. 6	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	General Election	6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Dec. 10	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.	Dec. 13	Seniors	Noon
Nov. 8	Flu Shot Clinic	11:00 a.m.		Audit Advisory Committee	6:30 p.m.
	Seniors	Noon	Dec. 18	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.
	Audit Advisory Committee	6:30 p.m.	Dec. 20	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.
	Finance Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.	Dec. 24 & 25	Christmas	Offices Closed
Nov. 12	Veterans Day	Offices Closed	Dec. 27	Red Cross Blood Drive	1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Nov. 13	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.	Dec. 29	Rumpke holiday pick up	
Nov. 14	Police Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m. (Fire Department)	TBD	SNOW DAY!	Sledding available at Jaycox Park (Jaycox Rd & Sheffield Park Dr)
Nov. 15	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.			
Nov. 21	Health Clinic	1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.			
Nov. 22 & 23	Thanksgiving	Offices Closed			
Nov. 24	Rumpke holiday trash pick up				
Nov. 27	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.