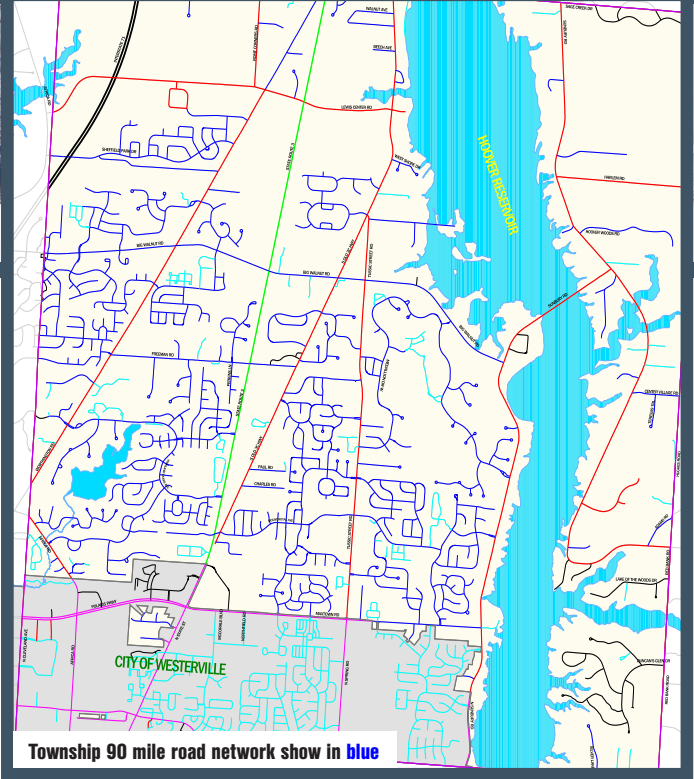


# News & Updates



## From Trustee Dantonio:

### Genoa Taxpayers:

On December 31, 2019, I will be retiring from my part-time job as a Genoa Trustee and my full-time job as the Managing Principal for Multistate Tax Service, LLC to spend more time with my family and travel. Although this will be my last article for Genoa's Newsletter, my wife and I will continue living in Genoa and involved with various zoning applications, tax levies, and other issues.

I want to personally thank Genoa taxpayers for their confidence to elect me as a Trustee. During the past four years, I have appreciated your support and have always listened to and represented the voices of Genoa's taxpayers. As I have repeatedly stated, I am not a career politician and have never used my position for as a stepping-stone to another government position or for my own personal self-interests.

During my tenure as a Trustee, I have always honored my commitments, fully scrutinized Genoa's budget and expenditures, treated Genoa's taxpayers with the courtesy and respect they deserve, and fully explained the basis for my decisions.

On the November, 2019 ballot, Genoa taxpayers will vote on three important issues – elect one Trustee to a four-year term, elect a Fiscal Officer to a four-year term, and a five-year 2.1 mil levy for roads.

Because Genoa's three Trustees are responsible for spending tax revenues, making personnel appointments, reviewing proposed residential and commercial developments, and establishing various policies, it is very important for Genoa taxpayers to fully understand the qualifications and positions of Trustee candidates and how these four issues will impact your long-term future in Genoa.

Balance, public engagement, and open public debate are the keys to good government and the future success of Genoa. If Genoa government does not have good balance and good public debate, then issues are automatically rubber stamped and the actual voices of Genoa's taxpayers are permanently lost.

If anyone has a general or specific topic they would like to discuss with me prior to December 31st, I invite you to contact me at 614.632.5599 or [fdantonio@genoatwp.com](mailto:fdantonio@genoatwp.com).

Sincerely,

*Frank Dantonio*

## Local Issues on the Ballot

As residents head to the polls on Tuesday morning, November 5th, three decisions specific to Genoa Township will be on the ballot.

- The first is a replacement and increase in the **Township Road and Bridge Levy**. Snow plowing, repairing cracks and potholes, repaving, repairing drainage basins and upkeep of ADA ramps along 367 local roads amounting to more than 90 miles (shown in blue on the map above) are examples of the work paid for with revenue produced by the Roads Levy. The Road and Bridge Levy comes before voters every five years.

Property owners can expect to pay a total of \$6.125 per month (\$73.50 annually) per \$100,000 valuation should the levy pass. The owner of an average Genoa Township home valued by the Delaware County Auditor at \$320,000 can expect to pay an increase of \$9.34 per month over the current rate. Annually \$2,270,770 would be available as a result of the 1.1 mill replacement and the 1 mill increase levy to pay staff and buy equipment, and materials to maintain our local road network.

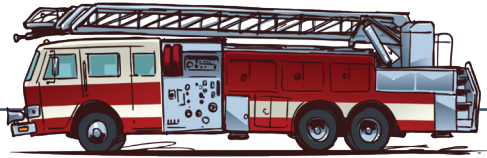
- The selection of one candidate to be named **Genoa Township Trustee** for a term of four years will also be made on the ballot. The two candidates, in alphabetical order, are: Larry King and Renee Vaughan. The winner will fill the seat of current Trustee, Frank Dantonio whose term expires on December 31, 2019.
- The Township's current Fiscal Officer, Patrick Myers, is running unopposed for the position of **Genoa Township Fiscal Officer**.

## Food and Toy Drive

The Genoa Township Fire Department is again accepting donations of non-perishable food, toys and gift cards until December 31 for those less fortunate. Items can be dropped off at the Fire Station at 7049 Big Walnut Road.

Suggested donations include: canned fruits and vegetables, spaghetti sauce, boxed pasta, canned/boxed juices, cereal, socks (adult and kid's sizes), hats, gloves, scarves, new, unwrapped toys, and gift cards.

Donated items are distributed to local families and to Big Walnut Friends Who Share. Last year more than 200 families received assistance as a result of Genoa Township residents' generous donations.



## PARKS GIVING PROGRAM: For the Person Who Has Everything

Formerly known as the Legacy Program, the Genoa Township Parks Giving Program has been reimagined to recognize a loved one, men and women in the military, celebrate a special event such as a birth, graduation, engagement, anniversary, or commemorate a heroic act or accomplishment. The program also helps to support Genoa Township parks that otherwise receive funding only through a small portion of the General Fund.

Trees are available - \$365, benches - \$650, picnic tables - \$1100, and quarter-acre wildflower fields- \$180. The purchase of each item includes a memorialization with a placard. Other gifts such as playground equipment, artwork or plantings may also be accepted on a case-by-case basis depending upon how the item fits into the overall design plan.

To submit a request to purchase, please complete an application online at [www.GenoaTwp.com/ParksGiving](http://www.GenoaTwp.com/ParksGiving). After submission, a staff member will in contact you to finalize details.

## APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 15:

### Resident-Driven Committees Seeking New Members

Nine committees serve a vital link between the Board of Trustees and the Township's residents, providing input into policy and decision making. Not only does the Township benefit from the talents of each participant, but committee members have said that they feel a greater sense of connection with neighbors after becoming involved. Residents from all backgrounds and professions are encouraged to apply for committee appointments; the variety provides a cross section of the community that brings diverse insight and talent.

Advisory Committees include: Audit, Communications, Finance, Fire/Rescue/EMS, Investment, Parks, and Police. Additionally, the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Commission will have vacancies to be filled. Typically, each of these groups meet once a month on a weekday evening.

Visit [www.GenoaTwp.com/Appointments](http://www.GenoaTwp.com/Appointments) and complete a simple online application which includes uploading a resume by January 17, 2020. Trustees will review the applications and new members will be notified in the spring. Those selected for appointment to a committee will begin their terms April 1, 2020.



Residents will consider a Township Road Levy as well as vote for one Township Trustee and a Fiscal Officer. Ballot language is available for review at the Delaware County Board of Elections website, [boardofelections.co.delaware.oh.us](http://boardofelections.co.delaware.oh.us).

The Early Voting Center is now open including weekends (hours vary by day), at 2079 US Route 23 North, Delaware, Ohio 43015. All polls will be open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on election day.

**ELECTION DAY IS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH.**



# DEPARTMENT UPDATES



## Fire/EMS/Rescue:

In early November furnaces begin switching on to maintain comfortable temperatures. For this reason, it is an important Fire Department duty to remind residents to install carbon monoxide alarms. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless, and tasteless gas present whenever

fuel is burned, and it can be lethal without proper ventilation. Home appliances, such as furnaces, water heaters, fireplaces, charcoal grills, and wood burning stoves are common sources of elevated carbon monoxide levels. Exhaust from automobiles and gas-powered yard equipment also contain carbon monoxide and can enter a home if an engine is left running in an attached garage.

## Installing Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms

1. Install carbon monoxide alarm on every level of the home, especially around sleeping areas. Test alarms every month.
2. Have both CO alarms and smoke detectors and know the unique sound of each alarm.
3. Always follow alarm manufacture's recommendations.

## Preventing Carbon Monoxide Leaks

1. Vehicles should exit the garage immediately after being started. Do not leave the engine running even if the garage door is open.
2. Generators and grills should be used outside the home, away from windows and doors.
3. Avoid using ovens or stovetops to heat the home.
4. Check dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace vents to make sure they are clear of snow and other debris.

## What to Do in a Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Emergency

1. If the CO alarm sounds, quickly move outside to breathe fresh air.
2. Once safely outside, call 911 and remain outside until emergency personnel have tested the air to ensure it is safe to re-enter.

(Source: National Fire Protection Association)



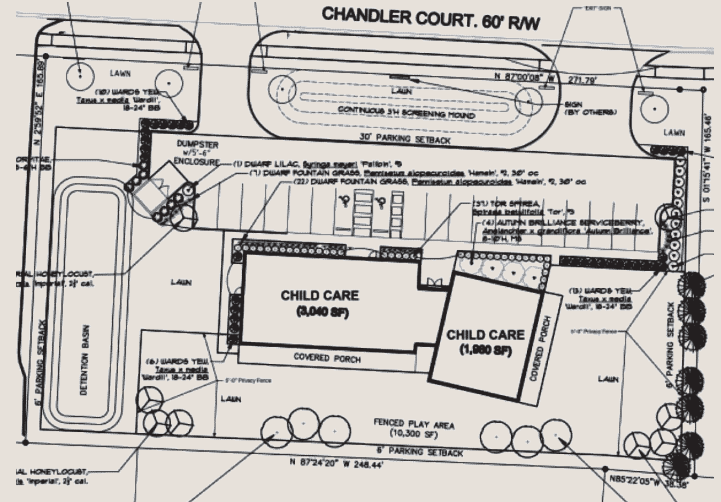
## Police:

As these newsletters make their way to Township homes, construction of the new Police Station is reaching a milestone with an official groundbreaking ceremony on October 31st. Bids to construct the building were received from seven companies. The approved bid (high quality, low cost) was submitted

by Gutknecht Construction and selected by the Board of Trustees. Now that construction has begun, expect more traffic near the project site at Big Walnut Road and State Route 3. Construction is expected to take 12 months; so, the Genoa Township Police Department looks forward to hosting a public ribbon cutting ceremony this time next year so residents can tour the building they made possible.

Meanwhile, all the services of the Police Department will continue as usual. One service that is particularly useful during the holiday travel season is the Home Check program. Upon request, officers patrol registered addresses while performing regular duties. Requests can be made online at [www.GenoaTwp.com/HomeCheck](http://www.GenoaTwp.com/HomeCheck) or by calling 614-568-2060. Be prepared to provide important information such as: dates of travel, the name and description of any individual or contractor with permission to be on the property, whether any lights will be left on timers, etc

## Zoning:



A re-zoning request allowing for the potential construction of a new day care center by BrightPath Learning LLC at 5940 Chandler Court was approved. This site would become home to the business's first standalone location, supplementing their existing operation in the American Baptist Church on East Schrock Road. Construction will not begin until a final development plan has been approved by Township officials.



A proposal to expand Genoa Baptist Church, located at the southwest corner of State Route 3 and Lewis Center Road was approved. The 56,431 square foot expansion includes construction of a new sanctuary with classrooms and offices that will, together, double the size of the existing facility. Other improvements include relocation of the soccer field, additional parking spaces, signage on Lewis Center Road, and revisions to the site's landscaping and lighting to minimize impacts on neighboring properties. No road improvements were required by Delaware County or the Ohio Department of Transportation; however, future road improvements in this area would likely be made should the Village of Galena approve the unrelated development proposed on the site of the Blackhawk Golf Course.

## Maintenance:

As usual, staff members are prepared to clear snow from roads this winter. Brine is applied in advance of storms. As snow accumulates, main arteries are plowed and salted first, followed by secondary streets, then cul-de-sacs.

Residents are asked to remove cars from roadways to allow for curb-to-curb snow clearing. As residents shovel their properties, snow should be piled to the left side of the driveway (when looking at the home from the street). Otherwise plows will be unable to avoid pushing the mounded snow back across the end of the driveway. Drivers are on-call and may have been up all night clearing the roads; please show them your appreciation with a cheering wave and a smile!

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## Community Calendar

### November & December 2019

Nov. 2	Cram the Cruiser	10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.	Dec. 3	Fire Advisory Committee (Fire Department)	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 5	Election	6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Dec. 4	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 6	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.	Dec. 5	Audit Advisory Committee	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Audit Advisory Committee	5:30 p.m.		Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 11	Veterans Day	Offices Closed	Dec. 9	Special Trustee Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 12	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.		Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 13	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.	Dec. 11	Special Trustee meeting	6:30p.m.
	Police Advisory Committee (Fire Department)	7:00 p.m.	Dec. 12	Seniors	noon
Nov. 14	Seniors	noon	Dec. 17	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.
	Financial Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.	Dec. 19	Board of Trustees	8:30 a.m.
Nov. 21	Comm. Advisory Committee	7:30p.m.		Comm. Advisory Committee	7:30p.m.
Nov. 26	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.	Dec. 24 & 25	Christmas Holidays	Offices Closed
Nov. 28 & 29	Thanksgiving Holidays	Offices Closed	Dec. 27	Blood Drive	1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Nov. 30	<b>Rumpke holiday trash pick up</b>		<b>Dec. 28</b>	<b>Rumpke holiday pick up</b>	

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

## Fiscal Report

Fund Name	Fund Balance as of 1/1/2019	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 9/30/2019
General	\$2,050,047	\$1,875,822	\$1,690,109	\$2,235,760
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$27,414	\$26,425	\$34,485	\$19,353
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$61,719	\$159,198	\$151,043	\$69,874
Gasoline Tax	\$194,668	\$152,328	\$299,154	\$47,842
Road and Bridge	\$399,155	\$1,691,869	\$1,131,344	\$959,680
TIF Fund	\$1,495,317	\$957,429	\$979,496	\$1,473,250
Cemetery	\$33,590	\$5,564	\$7,492	\$31,663
Police	\$5,572,508	\$4,382,018	\$2,613,845	\$7,340,680
Police Capital Projects	\$503,770	\$0	\$100,599	\$403,170
Police Station-Capital Projects	\$0	\$7,041,062	\$18,062	\$7,023,000
Enforcement and Education	\$4,286	\$1,066	\$0	\$5,352
Law Enforcement Trust	\$69,577	\$561	\$5,965	\$64,173
Bond - Police Station	\$0	\$1,814,588	\$131,896	\$1,682,693
Fire	\$5,049,391	\$5,106,635	\$3,415,400	\$6,740,626
Fire Capital Projects	\$2,346,167	\$0	\$0	\$2,346,167
Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and EMS	\$335,653	\$156,873	\$0	\$492,526
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$0	\$1,387
Self-Ins. Fund-Medical Insurance	\$0	\$1,234,092	\$1,227,470	\$6,622
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$18,144,649</b>	<b>\$24,605,530</b>	<b>\$11,806,361</b>	<b>\$30,943,818</b>

For additional information on Township finances visit [www.OhioCheckbook.com](http://www.OhioCheckbook.com)

\*Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar