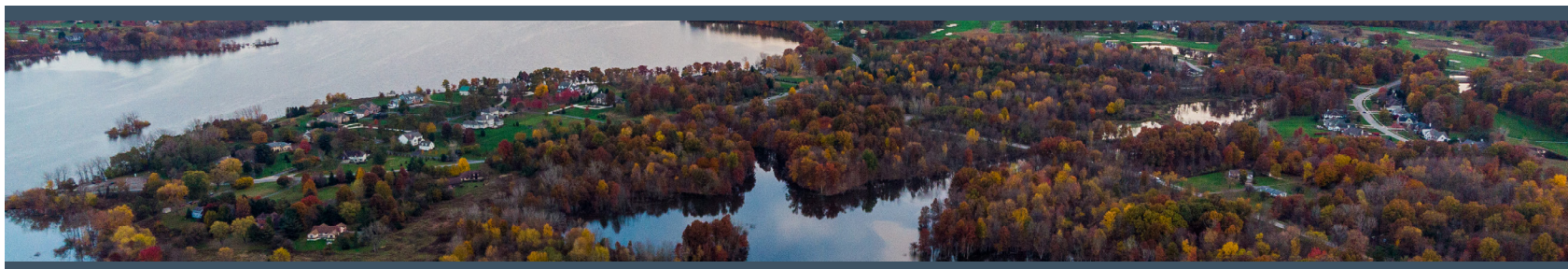


News & Updates



From Trustee Goodman:

Summer is winding down and we look toward shorter days, cooler weather, and football games. Township events include Fishing Day (September 14th) and the Trick or Treat Village (October 26th). November means elections and Genoa Township will have three items on the ballot. The first is the election of one Trustee to a four-year term, second is the election of the Fiscal Officer, and third is a levy for roads and bridges.

The current Roads and Bridges Levy, expiring December 31, 2019, is 1.1 mills. Annually, this equates to \$33.44 for each \$100,000 valuation or \$110.22 for an average Genoa Township home valued at \$320,000. Maintenance of roads is more than just fixing potholes, plowing and salting. It also includes repair of culverts, drainage problems, and unfunded government mandates such as maintaining ADA ramps. Traffic is partially responsible for wear and tear on roads, but so are other influences such as age, initial construction criteria as set by Delaware County, and the weather – both extreme heat or cold have negative effects. Trustees agreed unanimously that 1.1 mills are insufficient to maintain our roads as funds have consistently been diverted from planned projects to pay for unexpected and emergency repairs.

An ad hoc levy committee was formed to research past expenditures, the current state of our roads, future projections and, ultimately, to make a recommendation to the trustees of a levy millage amount. The committee was made up of residents with expertise in road engineering and mathematical projections.

Their recommendation was that 2.7 mills were needed to bring our roads to “good” or “excellent” condition over the next 20 years. After discussion by the Trustees, a compromise was reached and a five-year Roads and Bridges Levy for 2.1 mills was placed on the November 5th ballot. Annually, this equates to \$73.50 for each \$100,000 valuation or \$235.20 for an average Genoa Township home valued at \$320,000.

Other notable happenings in Genoa Township:

- National Night Out was a resounding success, especially the first ever T-Rex race between the Police and Fire Departments!
- Dumpsters for fall leaf drop off will not be available this fall. As alternatives, consider placing bagged leaves at the curb for Rumpke or deliver leaves to an area composter.
- Check out construction of the new police station as you drive along Big Walnut Road. Very soon the building will rise up out of the ground.
- Finally, a reminder to obey posted signs whether in road construction areas or on our trails. Following speed limits and crossing signs along with a bit of patience is critical for everyone's safety.

I hope you enjoy the final days of summer; I know I will. And don't forget to vote on November 5th!

Connie M. Goodman

Fiscal Report

Fund Name	01/01/2019 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 07/31/2019
General	\$2,050,047	\$1,102,828	\$1,290,988	\$1,861,888
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$27,414	\$20,232	\$25,875	\$21,771
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$61,719	\$122,136	\$143,775	\$40,080
Gasoline Tax	\$194,668	\$106,502	\$241,179	\$59,991
Road and Bridge	\$399,155	\$891,915	\$940,019	\$351,051
TIF Fund	\$1,495,317	\$583,979	\$960,125	\$1,119,171
Cemetery	\$33,590	\$4,899	\$3,292	\$35,198
Police	\$5,572,508	\$2,423,661	\$1,901,439	\$6,094,730
Police Capital Projects	\$503,770	\$0	\$91,391	\$412,378
Police Station-Capital Projects	\$0	\$7,024,520	\$0	\$7,024,520
Enforcement and Education	\$4,286	\$1,050	\$0	\$5,336
Law Enforcement Trust	\$69,577	\$561	\$3,065	\$67,073
Bond - Police Station	\$0	\$1,391,262	\$127,254	\$1,264,008
Fire	\$5,049,391	\$2,781,906	\$2,485,742	\$5,345,555
Fire Capital Projects	\$2,346,167	\$0	\$0	\$2,346,167
Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and EMS	\$335,653	\$120,880	\$0	\$456,533
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$0	\$1,387
Self-Ins. Fund-Medical Insurance	\$0	\$956,593	\$928,317	\$28,276
Totals	\$18,144,649	\$17,532,925	\$9,142,460	\$26,535,113

*Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar

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

Crossroad Cautions: Mt. Royal at State Route 3 and Old 3C Highway

Despite its unusual design, accidents seldom occur at the intersection of Mount Royal Avenue, State Route 3, Old 3C Highway, and the Genoa Trail thanks to users who practice caution, slow speeds and follow all the posted signs. But caution is the order of the day.

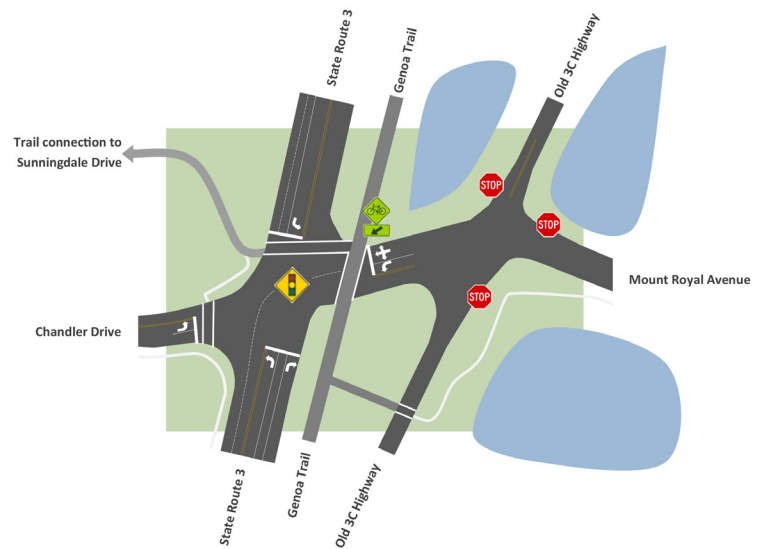
Trail Crossing: Drivers must remain vigilant knowing this is an intersection with, on average, 325 trail users daily in summer months according to a 2018, Delaware General Health District study. Pedestrians and cyclists must press the crosswalk button for the walk signal. Depending on when the button is activated during the traffic cycle, it may take up to a minute or more for the walk signal to illuminate. Trail users must be patient rather than cross without right of way to protect their safety.



For drivers, although right turns from Mt. Royal Avenue onto State Route 3 are allowed while the traffic signal is red, moving a vehicle beyond the white stop marker may prevent bikes and pedestrians from crossing safely in the 20 seconds they are given. Always consider that low bikes or trailers pulling children may not be easily visible and proceed only when certain that the crosswalk is clear and there are no oncoming trail users.

Signs and Signals: There are three stop signs at Mt. Royal and Old 3C Highway. The first vehicle to arrive at the intersection should go first, yielding to traffic from State Route 3 that does not stop. If two cars arrive at the stop signs simultaneously, the car on the right has right of way. If all the turn lanes are full, do not block the intersection; wait at the stop sign until the light changes and creates space for additional cars to move to the light.

Traffic turning right (east) from State Route 3 onto Mt. Royal or turning right (south) from Chandler Court onto State Route 3 must wait for a green light, obeying the posted "No Turn on Red" signs.



Construction: The Delaware County Engineer had considered installing a 'tear drop' style roundabout that would reduce the potential for collision at the intersection. However, after a second left turn lane was added from Mount Royal to State Route 3, the traffic flow improved. Therefore, at this time, no further improvements are planned for the intersection.

Nearby construction of Old 3C Highway continues as utility companies work in advance of the Delaware County Engineer's \$5.5 million investment in adding curbs, drainage, sidewalk (along the east-side of the road) and a light at Hawksbeard. The tree removal north of the Mount Royal intersection was done to create a stormwater detention basin. Trees will be replanted in the area at a later date. The project is being completed in phases; work from Mount Royal to Charles Road is now complete. Construction schedules change frequently, but the next project phase between Charles Road and Hawksbeard is expected to be completed early in 2020. Until then, southbound one-way operation will continue through the construction zone.

A map of all road construction projects the Township has received notice of are maintained online at www.GenoaTwp.com/Roads

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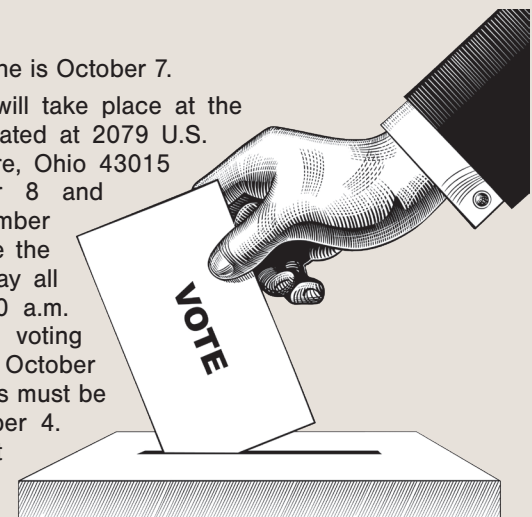
Ballot Summary:

Voters will decide three Genoa-specific issues on their ballots this November:

- **Genoa Township Trustee:** Vote for one person to join the Board of Trustees serving a four-year term.
- **Genoa Township Fiscal Officer:** Vote for one person to serve a four-year term as Fiscal Officer.
- **Genoa Township Roads & Bridges Levy:** A 1.1 mill replacement and a 1 mill increase for a total of 2.1 mills. The estimated property tax revenue produced is estimated to be \$2,270,770 annually over the five-year term. Property owners can expect to pay \$6.125 per month (\$73.50 annually) per \$100,000 valuation should the levy be passed by voters. A property valued by the Delaware County Auditor at \$320,000 can expect to pay \$19.60 per month (\$235.20 annually). Learn more at www.GenoaTwp.com/RoadLevy

Voter registration deadline is October 7.

Early in-person voting will take place at the Early Voting Center located at 2079 U.S. Highway 23 N, Delaware, Ohio 43015 beginning on October 8 and ending at 2 p.m. on November 4, 2019, the day before the election. On election day all polls will be open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Absentee voting by mail also begins on October 8 and ballot submissions must be postmarked by November 4. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is noon on November 2.



DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Police: Car break-ins have been a top concern for residents this year and data shows the frequency of incidents is on the rise. Of the 171 theft calls received so far this year, 38 were for thefts from vehicles; whereas only 37 were reported during all of 2018. Typically, those who find themselves victims of this crime have left car doors unlocked and valuables visible inside. In two cases, vehicles were stolen when keys were discovered. The best way to prevent this crime is to lock car doors, close garage doors, and store keys and other valuables inside the home. Residents are urged to call the police and file a report if a vehicle break-in is suspected, even when nothing of significant value is stolen. Filing a report provides police with valuable information that can aid in finding those responsible for criminal activity.

Genoa Township Police are interested in piloting new technology in partnership with any interested Home Owners Association. Specialized equipment is installed at neighborhood entry points to "fingerprint" vehicles in order to identify suspects entering or leaving the area during times when crimes have been reported. Interested HOA representatives are asked to contact Sergeant Denman at JDenman@GenoaTwp.com.

Fire: After repeated repairs, the Township's 16-year-old fire engine is being retired. A new fire engine is on order from the Sutphen Corporation in Dublin, Ohio. The engine will seat four personnel, carry 750 gallons of water, 30 gallons of fire-suppressing foam and be capable of pumping 1500 gallons of water per minute. In order to reduce personnel exposure to carcinogens, the truck will have specialized compartments to carry equipment that has become contaminated.

In addition to the engine, Trustees have authorized replacing a 20-year-old EMS medic with a new vehicle to be built by Penn Car/Braun Corporation of Van Wert, Ohio. The vehicle will be constructed on a Ford F-550 chassis with 6.7-liter diesel engine. The medic will be outfitted with a "power loading" cot system to more safely load patients. The new vehicles will take up to 18 months to be manufactured.

Maintenance: The Township's commercial composting partner is no longer accepting loads generated from public collection events such as the 2018 "Fall Clean-Up" due to the volume of trash that was disposed of in the dumpsters labeled for organic yard waste only. Therefore, there will be no yard waste collection dumpsters available this fall. As an alternative, residents can drop off yard waste at area composters directly or Rumpke will dispose of materials placed at the curb with regular trash in the landfill.

Development: Scenic, well-maintained roadsides are part of the image that comes to mind when thinking of the Genoa Township landscape. However, temporary, illegal signs placed along high traffic and pedestrian corridors detract from the beauty of Genoa Township. While a single sign placed at an intersection advertising a local garage sale, good cause, or a fun family event may seem harmless, they attract others to advertise there as well. In a matter of days a solitary sign can turn into a group of signs, littering the roadside with plastic and cardboard. Signs impermissibly placed in right-of-ways and along trails are not only unsightly but also interfere with maintenance and can be a safety hazard. Furthermore, signs generally cannot be regulated based on speech or content. That means the Township cannot simply remove the signs deemed "bad" and leave behind those thought of as a community benefit. Residents are asked to keep placement of temporary signs on one's own property or on private property of others (with permission). For more information about temporary signs, including setback, size, and height limitations, please contact the Development and Zoning office at zoning@genoatwp.com or 614.899.0725.



This popular event features games, prizes, balloon art, a straw maze, and recognition of National Fire Prevention Week with additional activities at the Fire Station. Hot dogs and treats will be served by the Genoa Township Police Department.

Volunteers are a welcome and much needed part of Township events. From making raffle baskets and decorating to operating games and activities, there are many opportunities to support the Township and its children by creating a day to remember. To volunteer or receive additional information, call or email Director of Human Resources/Community Relations Linda Greco at 614.568. 2022 or LGreco@GenoaTwp.com.



Hilmar Park • 6533 Hilmar Dr | Westerville, OH

The first 100 who register online will receive a free fishing rod. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest and smallest catch of the day.

Learn more at www.GenoaTwp.com/FishingDay

FALL EVENTS

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Five short surveys have been launched throughout 2019, each focusing on a different topic. The fifth of these surveys asks residents to share their preferences on Township communication methods.

www.GenoaTwp.com/Resident_Survey_5

The anonymous results will be shared with the Genoa Township Board of Trustees to help guide their work. A sixth and final survey will be launched with the November/December newsletter.

Community Calendar

September & October 2019

September 2	Labor Day	Offices Closed	October 1	Fire Advisory Committee (Fire Department)	7:00 p.m.
September 4	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.	October 2	National coffee with a Cop Day (Kroger)	9:00 a.m. – noon
September 5	Audit Advisory Committee	5:30 p.m.	October 2	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.
September 5	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.	October 3	Audit Advisory Committee	5:30 p.m.
September 7	Rumpke holiday trash pick up		October 3	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.
September 9	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.	October 10	Seniors	noon
September 11	Police Advisory Committee (Fire Department)	7:00 p.m.	October 14	Columbus Day	Offices Closed
September 12	Seniors (McNamara Park)	noon	October 15	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.
September 13	Blood Drive	noon – 6:00 p.m.	October 16	Parks Advisory Committee (McNamara Park)	6:00p.m.
September 14	Fishing Day (Hilmar Park)	8:00 a.m. – noon	October 17	Board of Trustees	8:30 a.m.
September 18	Parks Advisory Committee (Center Green Park)	6:00p.m.	October 17	Comm. Adv. Committee	7:30 p.m.
September 19	Board of Trustees	8:30 a.m.	October 22	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.
September 19	Comm. Adv. Committee	7:30 p.m.	October 26	Trick-or-Treat Village & Fire Safety Open House (Safety Complex)	noon-3:00 p.m.
September 24	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.	October 31	Beggars' Night	6:00 p.m.-8:00pm

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.