

News & Updates



From Board Vice Chair, Trustee Dantonio

Dear Genoa Taxpayers:

Below are several important topics to be aware of:

- **Medical Marijuana** - The Ohio Legislature enacted HB No. 523 permitting:
 - Physicians to prescribe medical marijuana to treat 23 different types of medical conditions (from Alzheimer's and multiple sclerosis to Parkinson's and ulcerative colitis); and
 - Local governments to regulate the growing, processing, and / or selling of medical marijuana.

Trustees are scheduling meetings asking the public if Genoa should permit or prohibit the growing, processing, and / or selling of medical marijuana. The first meeting was August 21, 2017 and additional public meetings are anticipated. Please look at Genoa's website for time, date, and location of future meeting(s) or send your opinions to: trustees@genoatwp.com.

- **Gas Aggregation** - Genoa's contract with Volunteer Energy for natural gas expires September 30, 2017 and Genoa is obtaining new bids for 2017 / 2018. Although most Genoa residents will automatically be enrolled in the new gas aggregation plan, residents may elect to "opt-out" of the gas aggregation plan by contacting Genoa or the selected natural gas supplier.
- **Township Elections** - For the upcoming November 7, 2017 elections, there are currently six candidates for two Genoa Trustee positions to serve terms from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021 and no Genoa tax levies are on the ballot.
- **Zoning** - Cardinal Self-Storage filed two lawsuits against Genoa for denying a request to exceed the 65,000 square foot limitation for building sizes. Genoa lost the first lawsuit in Delaware County Court of Common Pleas and has appealed the decision. The second lawsuit is pending in the United States Southern District Court and will not be decided until sometime in 2018.

The Zoning Commission is currently:

- Revising Genoa's Zoning Resolution to comply with Genoa's 2016 Comprehensive (Land Use) Plan previously enacted December, 2016.

• Considering two re-zoning requests:

1. ± 75 acres at Southeast corner of State Route 3 and Lewis Center Road re-zoning from rural residential (RR) with 0.5 housing unit / acre to planned residential development (PRD) with 1.439 housing unit / net acre (known as Vinmar Investment Ltd. - Vinmar Phases 4, 5, and 6).
2. ± 19 acres at Southwest corner of Worthington Road and Big Walnut Road re-zoning from rural residential (RR) with 0.5 housing unit / acre and planned community facility (PCF) to planned residential development with 1.57 housing unit / net acre. (known as Hawks Nest Premier Living, LLC - Hawks Nest at Highland Lakes).

Contact the Zoning Department or Genoa's website for additional information, times, dates, and location of future Zoning Commission meetings and the opportunity to provide input.

- **Waste Hauling** - After obtaining competitive bids, Genoa renewed a three year contract with Rumpke to provide the same level of township-wide trash and recycling services and offers a 10% discount for individuals 62 years old and older.
- **EMS Billing** - Although Genoa is now billing insurance companies for emergency medical services, residents of Genoa are not individually billed for any Genoa EMS services. If a resident receives a bill for Genoa EMS, please immediately contact Fire Chief Gary Honeycutt at 614-568-2040.

As always, I encourage all Genoa taxpayers to actively participate in Genoa's future by directly contacting the Trustees or by attending the Trustees' bi-monthly meetings at 6:30 PM on the first and third Thursdays of each month at Genoa's Community Hall to share your opinions because it is important for Trustees to listen and follow your voices.

Frank L. Dantonio
Trustee and Vice Chairperson

Fiscal Report

Fund Name	01/01/2017 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 07/31/2017
General	\$2,026,091	\$925,672	\$868,915	\$2,082,847
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$33,330	\$20,215	\$23,945	\$29,600
Gasoline Tax	\$127,777	\$103,697	\$22,000	\$209,474
Road and Bridge	\$441,329	\$776,371	\$1,035,158	\$182,543
TIF Fund	\$1,528,501	\$523,634	\$629,801	\$1,422,334
Big Walnut/Worth Rd Improvements	\$106,563	\$396	\$0	\$106,959
Cemetery	\$38,269	\$1,370	\$2,363	\$37,276
Police	\$3,485,036	\$2,270,651	\$1,978,956	\$3,776,731
Police Capital Projects	\$746,479	\$0	\$0	\$746,479
Enforcement and Education	\$4,925	\$280	\$1,195	\$4,009
Law Enforcement Trust	\$59,371	\$10,441	\$0	\$69,811
Fire	\$3,867,489	\$2,619,974	\$2,473,775	\$4,013,689
Fire Capital Projects	\$2,048,167	\$0	\$0	\$2,048,167
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$169,448	\$120,242	\$187,850	\$101,840
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$0	\$1,387
TOTAL	\$14,684,161.72	\$7,372,942.15	\$7,223,958.95	\$14,833,144.92

* figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar

Harvest Time: Community Garden Thriving at Worthington Road Park

Master gardeners and hobbyists work alongside one another weeding, planting, and trimming at the Genoa Township Community Garden at Worthington Road Park. The reward for their hard work is a harvest of tomatoes, garlic, zucchini, strawberries, herbs and more.

Resident George Neil has been gardening here for the past five years. In that time, he has become a friend and mentor to newer gardeners, helping them care for their plants when they cannot make it out on schedule. Happy childhood memories watching family grow crops is what first inspired George to get started. Of the 80 residents who participate in the community garden, many say that their yards at home are not large enough to accommodate a vegetable garden, or they prefer to keep their landscape manicured. Others enjoy the comradery of gardening alongside of neighbors.

The community garden offers tilled plots of varying sizes, handicap accessible raised beds, free tools to borrow and access to water. A chorus chirping nearby is made up of blue birds and purple martins, attracted by bird houses, many of which were crafted by local scouts. The birds are friends to the gardeners, helping to control bug populations.

“Setting aside land for gardening is one of the ways Genoa is keeping its rural character alive,” said Ron Keil, Parks Manager. “For the first time since the garden was opened eight years ago, we have rented every available plot which is an exciting milestone.”



Watch the corresponding video to this article by searching for the Genoa Township channel on YouTube and subscribe to see more.



Erin Barr, 17, rising senior at Olentangy Orange HS, organized a service event to improve the shed at the community garden as part of a leadership and 4H project. Look for a poster about the project in the junior fair building at the Delaware County Fair this September.

GENOA TOWNSHIP

FISHING DAY

Hilmar Park Saturday, September 9 9a.m.-1p.m.

Bring your own pole, bait provided. Free food, fun and prizes for the biggest catch.

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September 16-23

There will be two opportunities to win a set of four tickets to the Delaware County Fair on the Genoa Township Facebook page. For a chance to win, visit and ‘like’ the Genoa Township Facebook page at Facebook.com/GenoaTwp and respond to our post when prompted. A winner will be chosen at random from all eligible entries on September 6 and 13.



National Fire Prevention Week: Residents Reminded to Plan Escape Route

Consider this scenario: It's 2 o'clock in the morning. You and your family are asleep when you are awakened by the sound of a smoke alarm and the smell of smoke. What do you do?

From the time the smoke alarm sounds there may be as little as one to two minutes to escape in a typical home fire, and that's why home escape planning is critical. So critical, in fact, that the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) has made, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" the theme of Fire Prevention Week which takes place October 8-14.

A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) that is a safe distance from the home.

When fire planning, consider each of the following steps:

- Draw a map of the home with all members of the household present, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice a home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in the home, practicing different paths out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case an adult is unable to help.
- Ensure home address is clearly marked for the fire department to find.
- While practicing, close doors while exiting to help slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Remind family members that once they have made it outside to safety, stay outside and never be tempted to go back inside a burning building.

Every Second Counts:
Plan 2 Ways Out!™
Fire Prevention Week | Oct. 8-14, 2017

How fast does fire move? Very fast. You could have less than 2 minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.

7 steps to practicing your escape plan

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<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0e0e0;"> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; font-weight: bold;">5</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Push the test button to sound the smoke alarm.</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0e0e0;"> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; font-weight: bold;">6</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Practice your drill with everyone in the home.</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0e0e0;"> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; font-weight: bold;">7</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Get outside to your meeting place.</p> </div>	

For more information about escape planning, visit:
www.usfa.fema.gov and www.firepreventionweek.org.

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This popular event features games, prizes, balloon art, a straw maze, and more. Genoa Fire Fighters will provide hands-on activities and demonstrations throughout the day in recognition of National Fire Prevention Week, and the Police Department will be serving hot dogs and treats.

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.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

12NOON-3PM

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Looking Forward: November Ballot

Visit the Delaware County Board of Elections website at www.delawareboe.org to find assigned polling locations and a full list of issues appearing on the ballot.

The Development and Zoning Department reminds residents that signs are not permitted within right-of-ways or on Township property, including along the Genoa Trail. Temporary signs are generally permitted on private property with the owner's permission.

Annual Leaf and Yard Waste Drop Off

November 1 – November 30, 2017
7049 Big Walnut Rd., Galena, Ohio

Two dumpsters will be available for self-service; one will be designated for leaves only and the other for general yard waste (tree branches, shrubbery, etc.). No plastic bags, please.

Collected material will be composted.



Community Calendar

September & October 2017

September 4	Labor Day	Offices Closed	October 4	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.
September 6	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.	October 5	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.
September 7	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.	October 9	Columbus Day	Offices Closed
September 9	Fishing Day (Hilmar Park)	9:00 a.m.	October 12	Seniors	noon
September 9	Rumpke holiday trash pick up		October 16	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.
September 11	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.	October 19	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.
September 14	Seniors	noon	October 24	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.
September 20	Health Clinic	1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	October 28	Trick-or-Treat Village & Fire Safety Open House (Safety Complex)	noon-3:00 p.m.
September 21	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.	October 31	Beggars' Night	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
September 26	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.			

Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held in the Genoa Township Community Hall at 5111 So. Old 3C Hwy.
 Visit www.genoatwp.com prior to events for any updates or changes that occur after publication.