November & December 2017

News & Updates





🖖 From Trustee Connie M. Goodman

Fall arrived, turning leaves to a splendid array of colors, dropping temperatures, and shorter days. Our family continues a fall tradition of preparing foods for freezing to be enjoyed all winter. My 3-year old granddaughter helped pick and wash apples while her mom and I cooked applesauce to freeze and enjoy all winter. My memories turned to the times my grandmother patiently taught me, and I welcomed the opportunity to create memories for my own family. I encourage each of you to take time to create your own family memories during this busy season.

Genoa Township staff are also turning from summer tasks to fall and winter preparation. Maintenance is checking equipment and monitoring our salt and brine supplies, while wrapping up summer tasks. In addition to regular duties, Police are keeping special watch during football games and other school events. Our Fire/EMT outreach program reminds us to change our smoke alarm batteries as we set our clocks back one hour. All this reminds us how fortunate we are to have full-time staff that are well-trained and dedicated to keeping us safe.

Here are a few more updates:

 Trustees passed a resolution on July 20, 2017, to prohibit the growing, processing, or dispensing of medical marijuana in Genoa township. Comments received at the public meeting held August 21st, as well as via email and telephone, indicate a majority of these residents support this action.

- Police renewed the contract with Westerville City Schools to place a Student Resource Officer in Genoa-located schools.
- Maintenance purchased an Infrared Asphalt Heater that allows crews to patch roads at less cost and for an extended period throughout each year.
- Delaware County United Way donated a Born Learning Trail for Freeman Road Park. This interactive trail will help children learn while having fun!
- Baby changing tables were added to park restrooms.
- Leaf and Yard Waste Drop Off is from November 1st through 30th at 7049 Big Walnut Road.

Genoa Township's new website is live and looks amazing! Special thanks to Leslie Strader, Communications Director, for her herculean efforts to make this happen. Of course, this change likely means a few extra minutes to find where something's been moved. We ask your patience while we finish up a few details and appreciate your feedback on how we can continue to improve our website.

Finally, as 2017 winds down, I want to thank our residents who continue to make Genoa Township a special place. People are who make us what we are!

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Connie M. Goodman Trustee

Fiscal Report								
	01/01/2017	YTD	YTD	Ending Balance				
Fund Name	Fund Balance	Revenue	Expenditures	09/30/2017				
General	\$2,026,091	\$1,710,713	\$1,169,085	\$2,567,719				
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$33,330	\$22,986	\$29,465	\$26,851				
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$169,448	\$155,212	\$191,720	\$132,940				
Gas Tax	\$127,777	\$134,929	\$60,000	\$202,706				
Road and Bridge	\$441,329	\$1,631,732	\$1,224,291	\$848,770				
TIF Fund	\$1,528,501	\$897,386	\$629,801	\$1,796,086				
Big Walnut/Worth Rd Improvements	\$106,563	\$518	\$0	\$107,080				
Cemetery	\$38,269	\$1,970	\$2,363	\$37,876				
Police	\$3,485,036	\$4,444,380	\$2,553,637	\$5,375,779				
Police Capital Projects	\$746,479	\$0	\$54,923	\$691,556				
Enforcement and Education	\$4,925	\$510	\$1,195	\$4,239				
Law Enforcement Trust	\$59,371	\$10,441	\$2,600	\$67,211				
Fire	\$3,867,489	\$5,214,729	\$3,400,050	\$5,682,168				
Fire Capital Projects	\$2,048,167	\$196,000	\$0	\$2,244,167				
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$0	\$1,387				
TOTALS	\$14,684,162	\$14,421,505	\$9,319,131	\$19,786,536				
				* figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar				

Special Assignment

Genoa Township Police are frequently seen patrolling neighborhoods, but the specialized department offers a wide array of services that may be less familiar to residents. "You'll see that specialty assignments coupled with the Patrol Division make up a full-service Police Department," said Lieutenant Rich Lyon. "What we are striving to do is provide a 100%, professional, quality service to the residents of Genoa."

Meet the Officers assigned to specialized units:



Officer Hutchison



Officer Sigman & K9 Officer Ben



Detective Molly Bevins



Officer Joseph Graham

Motorcycle Unit: Officer Hutchinson has been serving Genoa Township for nearly 22 years. He wears badge number one, an honor given to the Officer who has served the most years with Genoa Township Police. Residents are most likely to find Officer Hutchinson, or "Hutch" as his peers call him, enforcing the law on the back of a motorcycle. The smaller size and maneuverability of a motorcycle makes it an important law enforcement tool.

The message Officer Hutchinson wants to relay most to residents is that the Police aren't out to get you, they are there to help ensure the safety of everyone.

K9 Unit: Officer Sigman and K9 Officer Ben are the most popular team at the Police Department. The inseparable duo work and live together and the longest the two have spent apart was a week for a family vacation. Ben, a Belgian Malinois, was acquired to support the Genoa Township Police Department following the retirement of K-9 Gandolf in May of 2016. Officer Sigman describes Ben as energetic and work driven with a desire to please. In the time Ben has been a part of the Department, he has aided the discovery of cocaine, heroin and marijuana as well as the apprehension of criminal suspects.

Officer Sigman's top safety reminder is to prevent theft by closing the garage, locking car doors and never storing garage door openers in a car parked outside the garage.

Detective Bureau: Molly Blevins is one of two Detectives who work for Genoa Township Police Department. While detective work doesn't look quite like it is depicted on television, it does share similarities. Detective Blevins searches crime scenes, conducts interviews, but spends the majority of her time compiling case information at her desk in order for it to be presented in court.

Molly encourages parents to monitor the use of their children's cell phones to help them make better decisions on the internet. She manages her own children's screen time using Kidslox. The application can restrict time spent on the phone, designate which applications and websites can be used, as well as the hours the child can make calls or texts.



Officer Jason Berner

School Resource Officers: At the start of each school day, students at Westerville Central High School and Genoa Middle School are greeted by Officer Jason Berner and Officer Joey Graham. These two officers have become trusted adults in the lives of many students. Whether it's providing directions to a classroom on the first day of school or confiding sensitive information, students know they have a safe person to go to for help.

These two Officers want parents to feel at ease knowing they are there to make school the safest place possible for children.

Emergency Response Key Boxes For Sale:

In a medical or fire emergency, it is necessary for Genoa Township Fire Department personnel to gain immediate entry into homes to provide lifesaving services. To avoid the need for emergency responders to force entry, residents are urged to purchase a locked key box through the Township's designated vendor, Roper Lock Box, LLC.

Genoa Township Fire Department has partnered with Roper Lock Box, LLC to give emergency responders the access they need without the security risks of hiding a key outside. The Roper Over-The-Door Key Box is installed simply without the need for tools. A key to the property is secured inside the box accessible only to emergency responders.

Key boxes must be purchased by residents online from the Roper Lock Box, LLC for \$27.50 plus shipping. When purchasing, take care to enter code: "GENOA" to ensure receipt of a box that is accessible to local emergency responders. After the box arrives, call the Fire Department at 614-568-2040 to arrange for a key to the property to be secured inside.

Why Install a Locked Key Box?

- Caller cannot physically get to the door to allow emergency responders to enter.
- A monitored fire alarm system is activated while the property owner is away.
- The property is inadvertently locked with the keys inside.



November Ballot

Several important issues will appear on the ballot for Genoa Township voters to consider on Tuesday, November 7. Polling locations are open from 6:30a.m. until 7:30p.m.

All Genoa Township voters will be voting on the following:

- Election of two individuals to the Genoa Township Board of Trustees.
- Preservation Park District of Delaware County proposed tax levy renewal and increase.
- State Issue 1 proposes a constitutional amendment to expand the rights of crime victims and require that they be protected as vigorously as the rights of the accused.
- State Issue 2 proposes a requirement that state agencies not pay more for prescription drugs than the federal Department of Veterans Affairs and requires state payment of attorney fees and expenses to specific individuals for defense of the law.

For detailed information on statewide issues, please visit the Ohio Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.oh.us

Depending upon home address, some voters will also vote on the following:

- Big Walnut Local School District bond issue and tax levy for those residents living within the district boundaries.
- Election of members of the Board of Education for those living within the Big Walnut Local, Olentangy Local and Westerville School Districts.
- Election of Educational Service Center Delaware/Union Sub-District governing board member for those residents living within the Big Walnut Local and Olentangy School Districts.

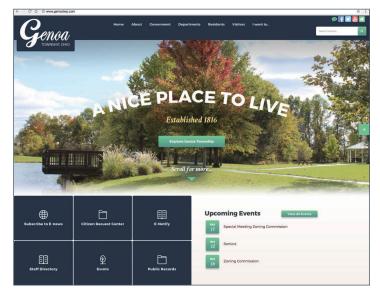
Visit the Delaware County Board of Elections website at www.delawareboe.org to find assigned polling locations and the most recently updated list of issues appearing on the



Seasonal Reminders:

Annual Leaf and Yard Waste Drop Off November 4 – December 3, 2017 7049 Big Walnut Rd., Galena, OH

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. Collected materials are composted and plastic will not biodegrade.



Township Website Refreshed

Genoa Township has unveiled its new online look. A redesigned website launched in September at www.GenoaTwp.com.

Staff conducted surveys and held focus groups with residents to ensure the new site would provide the functionality the community wanted. A common theme emerged during the comment period regarding a desire to have a site that is responsive to all screen sizes including mobile devices.

Visitors to the site will experience a fresh new look including vivid photos taken at community events throughout the past year and improved navigation with links to the most popular content on the homepage. One click takes users to an event calendar, e-newsletter sign-up form, citizen request center, staff directory, and frequently requested public records such as meeting minutes and audio. Content on pages feature more than just text descriptions; video and interactive maps have been integrated into the design. E-notify is a new feature on the site that allows users to register to receive an email or text message whenever a change has been made to the website in an area of interest.

Staff will continuously monitor the site to understand what content is most important to visitors. Using that information, changes will be made to help visitors easily access the content they are most interested in viewing.

Snow Removal

Roadways are pre-treated with brine solution prior to forecasted snow events. Major arteries are plowed first and will continually be plowed during falling snow, followed by residential streets, and finally, cul-de-sacs and dead end roads.

While preparing for winter, make sure mailbox posts are sturdy and in good condition. Snow thrown from a passing plow is capable of toppling deteriorating mailboxes in the right of way. Also keep in mind that plows are unable to stop quickly and a plow driver's visibility can be diminished in adverse weather conditions. For these reasons, always give plenty of space to plows while driving and never allow children to play near the street when plows are clearing snow. Finall, please remove cars parked along the street to allow plows through.

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Community Calendar

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Nov. 1 Nov. 2 Nov. 4 - Dec. 3 Nov. 7 Nov. 9 Nov. 10 Nov. 13	Parks Advisory Committee Board of Trustees Leaf drop off (Safety Complex) Election Seniors Veterans Day Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 a.m 7:30 p.m. Noon Offices Closed 7:00 p.m.	Dec. 6 Dec. 7 Dec. 11 Dec. 14 Dec. 19 Dec. 21	Parks Advisory Committee Board of Trustees Zoning Commission Seniors Board of Zoning Appeals Board of Trustees Christmas	7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Noon 7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Offices Closed
Nov. 9 Nov. 10 Nov. 13 Nov. 15 Nov. 16 Nov. 23 & 24 Nov. 25	Seniors Veterans Day Zoning Commission Health Clinic Board of Trustees Thanksgiving Rumpke Holiday Recycling au	Noon Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Offices Closed of Trash Collection	Dec. 19	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Offices Closed 1:00 p.m7:00 p.m.
Nov. 28	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.