

News & Updates



From Board Chair, Trustee Gebhardt

I had the pleasure of being invited by John Buckles, a good friend, Pastor at Heritage Church, and Genoa Township resident to participate in a Saturday morning conversation with a group of Heritage members. John had organized the conversation to explore how the church and its members could be a "blessing" to the Genoa Township community, instead of just being "part" of the community.

As Trustee, I serve as a conduit for complaints and a person to look to for answers and solutions to difficult problems. On this particular day, not a single negative word was spoken. Ideas were raised and participants eagerly discussed how they, themselves, could make things happen in a positive manner. I left that conversation feeling energized.

The experience reminded me of resident Jay Woodall, who took it upon himself to create the "Bridge Program" that was piloted this school year at Westerville Central High School to help build respect between police officers and youth. I also thought of Craig Telesz and Joe Leonetti who led scouts from Cub Scout Pack 384 to learn the skill of carpentry and use their new found talents to gift Genoa parks with bluebird houses.

Here is something very positive and powerful about neighbors coming together to improve the place where they live. So I'd like challenge the rest of you: As you are

sitting around the patio, pool or picnic table this summer with your neighbors and friends, ask yourselves – What are we to our Genoa Township community? How can I contribute to fulfilling this vision?

I know time is limited: the kids are into everything, work is all consuming, you are worn out, but we have an abundance of talent in this Township and plenty of opportunity to engage in and with our community. Carving out time for service not only enriches the community as a whole, but also the individual as steps are made up Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs towards self-actualization.

I welcome and encourage you to use your talents to bless this place where we are so lucky to live. So, have a positive discussion with someone about what you can do in Genoa Township and we will be there to help support you.

Karl R. Gebhardt



Trustee

Fan Drive

The Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (EMA), in coordination with People In Need (PIN) of Delaware County, is asking for donations of NEW box fans. All fans collected will go to Delaware County residents who cannot afford a fan or air-conditioning. The fan drive runs until September 15 or until cooler weather prevails. Fans may be dropped off at Genoa Township Fire Department at 7049 Big Walnut Road.

For information on the fan drive contact Sandy Mackey by telephone at (740) 833-2183 or by email at sandy@delcoema.org. Post photos of yourself donating a fan to Twitter or Facebook pages @delcoema.

Blood Drive

Genoa Township will be hosting a blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross on Friday, July 7 from 1:00pm-7:00pm at Township Hall (5111 South Old 3C Highway). Donors are asked to schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by visiting redcrossblood.org using sponsor code: GenoaTwpHall. T-shirts, restaurant and Columbus Zoo coupons and a chance to win Zoombezi Bay tickets are added incentives to participate. As always, individuals who are 17 years of age, meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on height), and are in general good health may be eligible to give blood.

Fiscal Report

Fund Name	01/01/2017 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 5/31/2017
General	\$2,026,091	\$860,546	\$644,395	\$2,242,242
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$33,330	\$14,064	\$0	\$47,394
Gasoline Tax	\$127,777	\$73,168	\$0	\$200,945
Road and Bridge	\$441,329	\$774,170	\$714,594	\$500,905
TIF Fund	\$1,528,501	\$523,634	\$181,736	\$1,870,399
Big Walnut/Worth Rd Improvements	\$106,563	\$295	\$0	\$106,858
Cemetery	\$38,269	\$870	\$1,363	\$37,776
Police	\$3,485,036	\$2,244,874	\$1,434,795	\$4,295,115
Police Capital Projects	\$746,479	\$0	\$0	\$746,479
Enforcement and Education	\$4,925	\$255	\$0	\$5,180
Law Enforcement Trust	\$59,371	\$1	\$0	\$59,372
Fire	\$3,867,489	\$2,618,832	\$1,778,703	\$4,707,619
Fire Capital Projects	\$2,048,167	\$0	\$0	\$2,048,167
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$169,448	\$84,841	\$187,850	\$66,439
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$0	\$1,387
TOTAL	\$14,684,162	\$7,195,550	\$4,943,436	\$16,936,275

* figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar



Baffling the Beavers

By Sue Hagan

Marketing and Communications Manager, Preservation Parks of Delaware County



PRESERVATION PARKS
DELAWARE COUNTY

Char-Mar Ridge Park, located at the north end of Genoa Township, has ravines, hills, creeks and a gravel walking path. It also has a pond, and in that pond are several beavers and their lodge.

“We love that the beavers are here at Char-Mar,” said Chris Roshon, natural resources manager for Preservation Parks of Delaware County. “They are a keystone species,” he added, explaining that because beavers dam streams to make ponds, they create habitat for plants and animals that would not ordinarily live in the area.

But their dam-building prowess can also cause problems, which Preservation Parks staff know all too well. The issue at Char-Mar, Roshon said, was that the beavers could hear water flowing. Never mind that the sound was at the south end of the pond and their lodge is at the north: the sound posed a threat. To the beaver population, it represented the possibility that the pond was draining, and that their protected lodge would be exposed to predators.

The beavers’ solution? Swim down to the south end of the pond at night and stop the flow of water. And, Roshon said, that’s what they did. Night after night, the beavers filled the pond’s outflow pipe with mud, sticks and pieces of wood. And day after day, park staff would find the pipe clogged and have to clean it out.

“It was getting ridiculous”, Roshon said. “Ops [operations] was going out constantly to clear that pipe.”

He said surface water drains into the pond, raising its level, and the outflow pipe is the primary way excess water is removed. Without it, water would rise and flow through the emergency spillway, or worse – over the dam.

This spring, Preservation Parks borrowed a solution used by park districts and municipalities all over the country. It goes by various names, but the “beaver baffle” now installed at Char-Mar is an additional pipe that extends below the pond’s surface. Water moves into the pipe from under the surface, eliminating that “flowing water” sound that attracts the beavers.

“So far, it’s working” said Roshon. “The beavers can’t hear the running water where it’s leaving the pond.” He added that it’s nice that all can coexist happily. The pond is kept at a safe level, the beavers’ lodge is secure, and the operations staff have removed a task from their daily checklist.

The beavers’ nighttime activities are not easily visible, but other wildlife that make the pond their home are usually in view, said Sue Hagan, the park district’s marketing and communications manager.

“A wildlife blind at the southeast edge of the park lets visitors climb the stairs to pond level. Turtles are almost always basking on logs, and wood ducks and other aquatic birds are often present,” she said. Bird feeders near the blind attract a wide variety of resident and migrating birds as well, she added.

Char-Mar Ridge, located at 7741 Lewis Center Road, is one of nine parks in the Preservation Parks system, Hagan said, adding that the Genoa Trail runs through part of the park. Information on parks and programs is available at www.preservationparks.com.



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

Mosquito Monitoring



Delaware General Health District monitors the mosquito population. A trap is installed at Township Hall Park and mosquitos are studied for signs of West Nile virus. If mosquitos or humans carrying the virus are detected, the Health District will take action using larvacide and fogging to control the mosquito population. Residents are asked to prevent mosquitoes from breeding by emptying containers that hold water. Drain and refill bird baths, wading pools and rain barrels every 3-4 days. Call to report an area with abundant mosquitos at 740-368-1700 . To get up-to-date information of trap locations, fogging, and mosquito counts visit www.delawarehealth.org.



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.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES



Fire:

Youth suicides and suicide attempts are on the rise. Suicides are devastating to all involved; family, friends, school, community, and to the public safety responders.

Genoa Township statistics regarding youth suicide and attempts reveal that:

- All but one suicide and suicide attempt over the last five years, has taken place during the school year
- The peak times are the last year of middle school and the last year of high school
- The peak months are October, May (end of school year) and December (holiday season)
- Has involved children as young as ten years old

Please be aware of the heightened times of the year and be extra diligent, talking to children and taking even what may seem like trivial issues seriously.

Specific things to look out for include:

- Online searches relating to methods of suicide
- Acting recklessly
- Withdrawing from activities
- Isolating from family and friends
- Sleeping too much or too little
- Visiting or calling people to say goodbye
- Giving away prized possessions
- Aggression
- Alcohol and drug usage

Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline for assistance at 1-800-273-8255.

Stay Safe,
Gary Honeycutt
Fire Chief

Police:

National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 1, Police Departments around the country will be hosting celebrations to build police-community partnerships and camaraderie in an effort to make neighborhoods safe, more caring places to live. Join Genoa Township Police for National Night Out at McNamara Park from 5:00-8:00pm. There will be food, activities and opportunity to meet and greet Township officers.

Alumni Association

The Genoa Township Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association has officially formed. Anyone who has completed the Genoa Township Citizens' Police Academy is eligible to join the Association. The founding members formed the organization as a means of offering ongoing support and appreciation to officers who protect and serve the community.

Annual dues are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for two family members from the same household. For this inaugural year, dues paid will not only cover the remainder of 2017, but all of 2018. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 17 at 7pm at Township Hall (5111 South Old 3C Highway).

To join the Genoa Township Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association or for more information, contact the Executive Board via email at GTCPAAA@gmail.com.

Maintenance:

The Delaware County Engineer has provided a description of road construction projects taking place in and around Genoa that has been posted to the Township website. While the abundance of projects are a nuisance to drivers at the present time, the investment being made in southeast Delaware County will ease congestion and improve safety once complete. Please use patience and caution when following detours. Questions and comments regarding road construction projects can be directed to the Delaware County Engineer at 740-833-2400.

A few additional projects taking place that will not impact traffic flow include restriping Maxtown Road, resurfacing Hilmar Drive and Medallion Drive West (beginning sometime after July 17th at a date to be determined), and drainage projects on Sugar Maple and Kimberly Court.

Finally, residents are reminded to keep obstructions out of the road, including cul-de-sacs. Oftentimes, sporting equipment such as basketball hoops and soccer goals create safety and liability concerns and therefore are not permitted in Township right-of-way per state law (ORC 5571.14).



Tuesday, August 1 🛡️ 5:00-8:00pm 🛡️ McNamara Park 🛡️ Food, Games, Activities

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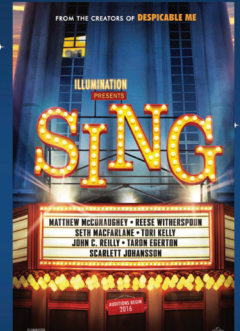


July 15

outdoor **MOVIE NIGHT**

McNamara Park

Movies start at dusk (approximately 8:00pm)



August 19

Community Calendar

July & August 2017

July 4	Independence Day	Offices Closed	August 1	National Night Out (McNamara Park)	5:00 p.m.
July 5	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.	August 2	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.
July 6	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.	August 3	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.
July 7	Blood Drive	1:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.	August 10	Seniors	noon
July 8	Rumpke holiday trash pick-up	7:00 a.m.	August 14	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.
July 10	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.	August 16	Health Clinic	1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
July 13	Seniors	noon	August 17	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.
July 15	Movie Night- "Moana" (McNamara Park)	9:00 p.m.	August 19	Movie Night- "Sing" (McNamara Park)	8:30 p.m.
July 19	Health Clinic	1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	August 22	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.
July 20	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.			
July 25	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.**