

### TRUSTEE REPORT: In Thanks

Karl Gebhardt, Former Trustee

I've often said there are three experiences everyone should have: owning a business, working retail, and serving in public office. Doing so will change you and your perspective on people. Having completed all three life tasks, I am moving on with sincere gratitude.

For the past twelve years I have served as Township Trustee, and I am thankful to the residents of our community for that opportunity.

We have wonderful parks, trails, events, and housing that have made for a sought-after community. Families locate here because it suits the needs of young people and seniors alike. Houses are on the market for hours, not weeks or months. As we enhance the township, care must always be taken to maintain the character that attracted people initially.

Communities like Genoa Township are not created by accident. There is a talented group whose professional expertise is operating local government. Whether they are adapting to change or innovating it, I thank the leaders of Genoa Township for their vision, dedication, and integrity. This list of people is topped by Administrator Paul Wise, the department heads, fellow trustees, and Fiscal Officer Pat Myers.

The individuals serving on the front lines of day-to-day township business are equally as vital in their contributions. You see them in the bright red fire engine, the black and white cruiser, or operating construction equipment. Even the people you may never see such as the staff monitoring development, answering the phones, and planning holiday events deserve the utmost respect for their work.

I feel a kinship with all these staff as well as the many volunteers who serve on advisory committees and work during events; each cares deeply for Genoa Township, just as I do.

Sincerely,



### ALCOTT COLLABORATION



Using a snow plow as a canvas, Alcott students added a splash of color to this otherwise dreary winter. In partnership with the school's art teacher, Lee Johnson, students worked together to create four unique blade designs.

The designs include a collection of flowers, an aquarium scene (pictured in-progress above), a take on Van Gogh's "The Starry Night", and snowflakes surrounding the phrase, "Let It Snow."

While the plows are in use on a snow day, we hope to see students outside enjoying the Township's sledding hill at Jaycox Park (find the park on Jaycox Road, just east of SR71).

More good news for Alcott students came in the way of a new sidewalk filling a gap in the frequently traveled route to and from school along Grisham Street.

### SAVE THESE DATES: 2022 Rumpke Schedule

Recycling and trash chores every Friday become so routine that holiday delays can easily slip one's mind. Mark your calendar now for 2022 holidays that will affect Rumpke collection dates.

- **Memorial Day:** Service on Saturday, June 4
- **Independence Day:** Service on Saturday, July 9
- **Labor Day:** Service on Saturday, September 10
- **Thanksgiving Day:** Service on Saturday, November 26

As a general rule, the only time Rumpke delays service is when a company recognized holiday falls on a weekday. Christmas and New Years fall on a weekend in 2022 and therefore will not move the normal Friday collection date.

Every Rumpke collection date is posted to the Township's online calendar, listed on the township recycling web page, and a reminder is emailed to those who have opted-in to receive our emails.



Visit [www.GenoaTwp.com](http://www.GenoaTwp.com) to access these helpful reminders.



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## MEET YOUR NEW TRUSTEE:

Mark Antonetz

Moving from an appointed role on the Genoa Township Zoning Commission to the elected position of Trustee, Mark Antonetz has a busy year ahead.

His four-year term on the Board of Trustees begins this January while he continues his full-time work as a professional engineer and vice president of Sands Decker.

Trustee Antonetz welcomes messages from the public by email at [MAntonetz@GenoaTwp.com](mailto:MAntonetz@GenoaTwp.com) or 614.568.2025.



I was raised by my parents to serve the community where I live and being a Trustee is just another way I can do that for Genoa Township.



## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR:

Scherer Family

Genoa Township residents of the Highland Lakes neighborhood, Mike and Megan

Scherer turned their personal experience of

young adult cancer and infertility into a charity to help others in similar situations.

Their newly launched nonprofit, Worth the Wait, provides grants to young adult cancer patients for fertility preservation prior to cancer treatment and infertility treatments, adoption and surrogacy post treatment. "We want all young adult cancer survivors to have the privilege of parenthood. Most insurance companies don't provide coverage and Worth the Wait fills this unmet need," said Mike, a testicular cancer survivor. They awarded their first grant in November to an Ohio couple adopting a baby girl.

Learn more at [www.WorththeWaitCharity.com](http://www.WorththeWaitCharity.com).



## Fiscal Report

Fund Name	01/01/2021 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 11/30/2021
General	\$3,386,319	\$2,048,035	\$1,446,208	\$3,988,146
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$21,228	\$34,924	\$32,413	\$23,739
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$63,084	\$204,511	\$219,500	\$48,095
Gasoline Tax	\$63,557	\$327,612	\$299,590	\$91,580
Road and Bridge	\$1,292,434	\$3,051,442	\$3,066,026	\$1,277,851
Road & Bridge Capital Projects	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
TIF Fund	\$1,070,800	\$1,038,166	\$1,298,959	\$810,007
Cemetery	\$32,082	\$4,171	\$4,694	\$31,558
Police	\$7,961,391	\$4,296,322	\$4,279,743	\$7,977,970
Police Capital Projects	\$117,968	\$120,000	\$36,070	\$201,898
Police Station-Capital Projects	\$338,123	\$1,012	\$173,295	\$165,839
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$0	\$1,387
Enforcement and Education	\$6,559	\$773	\$0	\$7,332
Law Enforcement Trust	\$44,758	\$0	\$21,724	\$23,034
Bond - Police Station	\$500,178	\$823,749	\$998,076	\$325,851
Fire	\$6,700,776	\$5,264,105	\$5,153,818	\$6,811,063
Fire Capital Projects	\$1,726,287	\$0	\$0	\$1,726,287
Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and EMS	\$415,052	\$205,998	\$377,197	\$243,853
Self-Ins. Fund-Medical Insurance	\$0	\$1,350,918	\$1,350,918	\$0
Parks	\$0	\$676,265	\$484,831	\$191,434
Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$161,459	\$381	\$155,516	\$6,324
American Rescue Plan Act-ARP	\$0	\$1,475,981	\$0	\$1,475,981
EPA Grant	\$0	\$30,024	\$30,000	\$24
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,003,442</b>	<b>\$20,954,390</b>	<b>\$19,428,577</b>	<b>\$25,529,255</b>

Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar. For additional information on Township finances visit [www.OhioCheckbook.com](http://www.OhioCheckbook.com)





## FIRE/EMS/RESCUE

Chief Joseph Ponzi

Normally, it is residents calling on firefighters for help. This winter, we request residents help keep hydrants clear of snow when winter storms hit. Shoveling just three feet of space around your nearest hydrant will help keep emergency response times to a minimum.



Consider participating in two hands-on programs:

- 1) The popular Citizens' Fire Academy is making its return. Get to know your neighbors and firefighters while you extinguish a fire, complete an obstacle course in wearing a hazmat suit, and use the jaws of life to tear apart a car. The Academy meets weekly March 7 through May 16. Register online at [www.GenoaTwp.com/FireAcademy](http://www.GenoaTwp.com/FireAcademy)
- 2) CPR certification courses are offered free upon request for residents. Full certification takes approximately 3 hours and "hands only" takes just 15 minutes. Call to schedule your training at 614.568.2040.



## POLICE

Chief Stephen Gammill

Cold weather often creates situations for criminals to take advantage. Remember that warming up your vehicle unattended invites theft. Longer periods of darkness in the winter also presents cover for crimes to occur. Remember to leave porch lights on as a simple deterrent.

The Citizen Police Academy is now accepting applications. The class meets once a week for ten weeks and gives insight into the inner workings of the Police Department. Many great friendships have resulted from this program and we look forward to getting to know a new group of residents. More information and applications will be available online at [www.GenoaTwp.com/PoliceAcademy](http://www.GenoaTwp.com/PoliceAcademy)

## DEPARTMENT UPDATES



## ZONING & DEVELOPMENT

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The Genoa Township Zoning Commission is considering regulatory changes. These new rules would seek to add and strengthen development provisions to better protect and enhance the character of Hoover Reservoir and its watershed. Learn more about the initiative online at [www.GenoaTwp.com/Hoover](http://www.GenoaTwp.com/Hoover)

Attend the Zoning Commission's continued public hearing on this matter or submit comments in writing prior to February 14.

Meeting: February 14, 2022  
7:00 p.m.  
Genoa Township Hall

E-Mail: [Zoning@GenoaTwp.com](mailto:Zoning@GenoaTwp.com)

Mail: Genoa Township Hall  
5111 South Old 3C Highway

## MAINTENANCE

Bob Mathews  
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Give the tree that lit up your holidays the proper send-off. Instead of dragging it out to the curb for Rumpke to dump in a landfill, deliver it to the maintenance facility (7049 Big Walnut Road). Trees will be given new life as mulch for township parks.

Community garden plots at Worthington Road Park go on sale February 1 at [www.GenoaTwp.com/Garden](http://www.GenoaTwp.com/Garden). Rates range from \$20-\$80 depending upon the size of the plot.





## NEWS & INFORMATION

January | February 2022

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

**New Years Day** | January 1

No delay to Rumpke service. Administration office closed December 31.

**MLK Day** | January 17

No delay to Rumpke service. Administration office closed.

**Committee Applications Due** | January 14

Complete the simple application at  
[www.GenoaTwp.com/Appointments](http://www.GenoaTwp.com/Appointments)

**Presidents' Day** | February 21

Township administration office closed. No delay to Rumpke service.

**Jaycox Park Sledding Hill**

Open whenever weather allows.

Located just east of SR71 on Jaycox Road.

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Board of Trustees** | January 6 & February 3 | 6:30 p.m.

**Zoning Commission** | January 10 & February 14 | 7:00 p.m.

**Board of Zoning Appeals** | January 25 & February 22 | 7:00 p.m.

View the full calendar at [www.GenoaTwp.com](http://www.GenoaTwp.com).



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