



May/June 2017

From Trustee Goodman



Spring is the season for new beginnings. All around us we see flowers blooming and grass greening. For me, it is a very special time as one of my new beginnings is the privilege to serve as your newest Trustee. I am honored and humbled to have been selected from such a strong candidate pool and have especially enjoyed meeting many of you at Trustee meetings and other Township events.

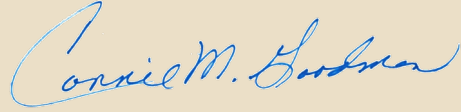
Trustees and staff have been very busy working on your behalf. Here is a brief summary of what's going on in Genoa Township:

- Our website update is on track. Thanks to all who provided feedback for our redesign;
- A complete review of our Zoning Resolution has been commissioned to ensure we are in sync with the 2016 Comprehensive Plan and to keep us compliant with changes in state and federal laws;
- A provider change for our health care plans resulting in better benefits and services at a reduced cost to the Township has been approved and implemented;
- The Township Personnel Policies Manual is currently being reviewed and updated for completeness, clarity, and compliance with applicable laws;
- A recent state audit of the Township's Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund was found to be clean, and the Township had no Public Records violations in 2016;
- Several "no mow" areas have been established and wildflowers will be planted in some of our park areas. We are also planning to reinstate our flower beds at several Township entrances;
- Our Police Department held "Coffee with the Cops" at Kroger on March 11th and a huge number of Genoa's residents stopped by to visit;
- Our Fire/EMS Department is creating a Citizen's Advisory Committee to provide feedback on our Fire/EMS services so their excellent service will continue;
- Our Roads and Bridges staff have been fortunate to start many projects earlier than normal due to a mild winter. They will soon ramp up their activities and we ask everyone to use care when passing workers.

A special "welcome" and "thank you" to all our Township volunteers. These unsung heroes contribute countless hours to making Genoa Township a "Nice Place to Live". More formally, the Trustees have completed 2017 appointments for the Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and several committees. We wish each of you the best as you assume your role.

Where do you live? Did you say Westerville? Galena? Or, Genoa Township? There is often confusion on where we live due to the individual postal zip codes where we receive our mail being different from where we actually reside. There are many benefits to living in a Township including no income taxes and a strong voice in grassroots government. Genoa Township truly is "A Nice Place to Live", so next time someone asks where you live, be a proud resident and without hesitation say, "Genoa Township!"

Finally, do you have a question or concern? I encourage you to contact Township Trustees (trustees@genoatwp.com or 614-895-1126), Administrator or Department Heads when you have a question or concern. We are all here to serve you, our residents.

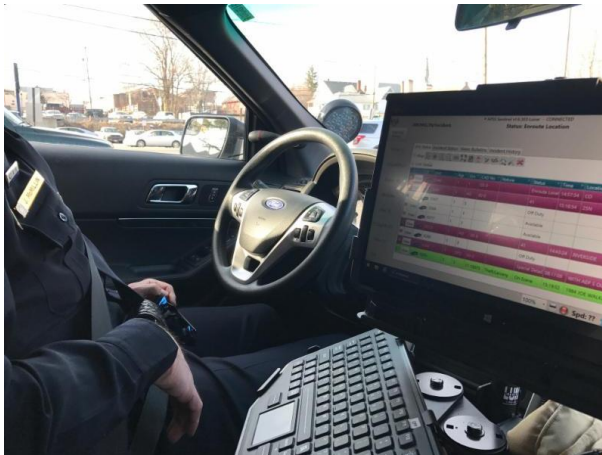


Trustee

Behind the Scenes: Delaware County Emergency Communications



When a Genoa Township resident picks up the phone to dial 911 in an emergency, the call sets off a sequence of events that can save lives. Calls are directed to a centralized office located in the City of Delaware and operated by Delaware County. There, the room is calm despite the high-stakes, stressful nature of the work being done by dispatchers. Dispatchers specialize in responding to fire and EMS emergencies or law enforcement crises. After training for at least 16 weeks before taking calls on their own, dispatchers master the skill of simultaneously listening to radio traffic, monitoring phone calls, reviewing five or more computer screens, and continuously checking on the well-being of emergency responders in the field.



When dispatchers receive a call, the first piece of information they need is a location. No matter what the emergency is, if they have a location they can immediately begin routing an emergency responder. Using both radio and a computer program, the location of an emergency and the details that follow are communicated to the appropriate agency.

Genoa Township Police or Fire personnel are alerted to the emergency via radio broadcast and a running queue of all emergencies is tracked on vehicle computers. With GPS on each police vehicle, the dispatcher can alert police to which officer is closest to the emergency in order to reduce response time. When language barriers exist, dispatchers add a third person to the call to translate. For more serious emergencies, dispatchers communicate with adjacent communities to gain additional support.

It is reassuring to take a look behind the scenes to see how seamless the operation is between caller, dispatcher and emergency responder. Although they oftentimes go unrecognized, dispatchers are the heart and lifeline to callers and emergency responders.

Numbers to Remember:

- 911 for emergencies
- 740-833-2800 for non-emergency calls to dispatch for law enforcement or 740-368-1911 for fire/EMS
- 614-568-2060 to reach the Genoa Township Police Department front office during normal business hours for records requests and general questions. After normal business hours, calls to this number are automatically routed to dispatchers at Delaware County Emergency Communications.
- 614-568-2040 to reach the Genoa Township Fire Department for questions, records requests and general questions.

Tips:

- When calling 911, be ready to provide your location, a description of what is happening, and any details that will help responders such as description of people (gender, race, clothing, activity), vehicles (color, plate numbers, bumper stickers, dents).
- When unsure whether a situation constitutes an emergency, err on the side of caution and call. Dispatchers will determine the level of emergency and the appropriate response.
- Report health conditions in advance of an emergency for the Special Needs Registry in order for responders to be able to provide the best care.
- If a call is placed to 911 accidentally or an emergency resolves while the phone is ringing, finish the call; otherwise, dispatchers will call back and, if the call was made from a landline, an officer will be dispatched.
- Don't be confused when the dispatcher answers by saying, "You've reached Delaware County." Dispatchers take calls from throughout the county and route the details to emergency responders in the appropriate region.

DELCO ALERTS

Delaware County has implemented a new mass notification system for informing the public of emergency situations, called DELCO ALERTS. The old system, known as CodeRED, was phased out on March 11th.



The new system is being used to notify the public of local emergencies such as gas leaks, hazardous material spills, missing persons, police activity, as well as severe weather alerts. All users must register for this new service even if they received CodeRED notifications in the past.

Based on user preference, the system will call, text, and/or email residents, businesses, and schools in the event of a local emergency. Severe weather alerts will only be sent via text and email to ensure warnings are received with enough time for users to take shelter. Telephone calls take longer to deploy and are not responsive enough for large, swiftly moving storms.

Questions regarding the new alert system can be directed to Delaware County Emergency Management at (740) 833-2180.

CONGRATULATIONS

Each year dedicated residents apply to join Township boards, commissions, and committees contributing time and expertise to important community issues. The Board of Trustees recently selected applicants to fill open positions and it is with sincere appreciation that the following new or reappointed members are welcomed to their positions:

Citizen's Police Advisory Committee : Belinda Reed, Charles Moore, James Randas, Lisa Turner, Richard Caster, Sara Walsh, Steven Ciacchi

Finance & Audit Committee: Frances Arnett, Bill Bird, Dave Engleson, Justin Gower, Richard Mueller, Stephen Havens

Fire/EMT Advisory Committee: Deb Lindblom, Donald Harper, Gregg Arnett, James Kresge, Jill Carfagna, Jodie Streeter, John McHale, Mike Wallace, Steven Rike, Steve Heselden, Thomas Grille

Board of Zoning Appeals: Mark Harmon, David Buhn

Zoning Commission: Jill Rudler, David Leff, Tara Paciorek, Sandra Faulkner

Parks Advisory Committee: Katie Coakley, Mark Wigginton, Phillip A. Johnson, Tyson Cline

Join the Fun!

The poster for "Outdoor Movie Night" at McNamara Park features a dark blue background with white stars. At the top, the word "outdoor" is written in a yellow cursive font, followed by "MOVIE NIGHT" in large, bold, yellow capital letters, and "McNamara Park" in a smaller white font below it. Three movie posters are displayed in a row: "Storks" on the left, "Moana" in the center, and "Sing" on the right. Below each poster is its corresponding date: "June 17", "July 15", and "August 19". At the bottom of the poster, it says "Movies start at dusk (approximately 8:00pm)".

Movies showing in the park is a sure sign that summer has arrived. Mark your calendar and join us at McNamara Park for the fun. The movies and popcorn are free; just bring your family, chairs, blankets and bug spray. Each movie starts at dusk (approximately 8:00pm) on June 17, July 15 and August 19. Groups are welcome to gather early to picnic and enjoy park amenities like the playground and trails. Additionally, Genoa Township firefighters will host a pre-movie activity for the kids.

Construction Notes:

- **Hilmar Drive**: Noncompliant handicap ramps have been replaced in preparation for resurfacing by Delaware County later this summer.

• **Freeman Road:** Preparation work for resurfacing begins in June. Traffic will be maintained but occasional, brief delays may be possible.

• **Charles Road and Sugar Maple Drive:** Roadside storm sewer installation projects are expected to be completed by the end of June (weather permitting).

• **Medallion Drive West:** Noncompliant handicap ramps will be replaced beginning in May in preparation for resurfacing.

• **Sidewalk Maintenance Program, Zones 4 & 5:** Residents who had deficient sidewalks identified in December of 2016, pursuant to Resolution 1006015, received letters notifying them of the need for repair. During the months of June and July, sidewalks will be repaired for those residents who elected to have the work completed by the Township contractor.

• **Northgate Plaza:** Demolition work has begun, signaling the next phase of the Kroger expansion and renovation project. The expansion is anticipated to be completed and opened in November 2017. The remainder of the renovation work is expected to be completed by June 2018.

Gathering Spaces

Graduation is just around the corner for many Genoa students. For families planning a celebration for their graduate, Genoa Township parks might be the perfect location to consider for these special occasions. Reservations can be made beginning at the first of each new year, and dates fill quickly.

In order to reserve a shelter or the Township Hall, it is recommended that you first call the Administrative Office at 614-895-1126 to verify that your preferred date, time and location are available. Once you've found an available date, proof of residency in the form of a utility bill or driver's license is required to complete your reservation in addition to a completed reservation form (available online) and payment in-full.



Freeman Road, \$25



Center Green, \$25



Hilmar, \$25



McNamara, \$30



Township Hall,
\$100 fee and
\$100 security deposit

Community Calendar

May & June 2017

May 3	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00pm	June 1	Board of Trustees	6:30pm
May 4	Board of Trustees	6:30pm	June 3	Rumpke Holiday Trash Pickup	All Day
May 11	Seniors	Noon	June 7	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00pm
May 8	Zoning Commission	7:00pm	June 8	Seniors	Noon
May 17	Health Clinic	1:30-4:00pm	June 12	Zoning Commission	7:00pm
May 18	Board of Trustees	6:30pm	June 15	Board of Trustees	6:30pm
May 23	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00pm	June 17	Movie Night - McNamara Park "Storks"	Dusk
May 29	Memorial Day	Offices Closed	June 21	Health Clinic	1:30-4:00pm
<p>Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held in the Genoa Township Community Hall at 5111 So. Old 3C Hwy. Check at www.genoatwp.com, prior to meetings, for any updates or changes that occur after publication.</p>			June 27	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00pm

Fiscal Report

Fund Name	01/01/2017 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 3/31/2017
General	\$2,026,091	\$812,682	\$460,442	\$2,378,310
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$33,330	\$7,858	\$0	\$41,189
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$169,448	\$50,084	\$132,850	\$86,682
Gasoline Tax	\$127,777	\$44,130	\$0	\$171,907
Road and Bridge	\$441,329	\$774,029	\$423,552	\$791,806
TIF Fund	\$1,528,501	\$523,634	\$132,230	\$1,919,906
Big Walnut/Worth Rd Improvements	\$106,563	\$134	\$0	\$106,696
Cemetery	\$38,269	\$870	\$414	\$38,725
Police	\$3,485,036	\$2,227,098	\$915,972	\$4,796,163
Police Capital Projects	\$746,479	\$0	\$0	\$746,479
Enforcement and Education	\$4,925	\$255	\$0	\$5,180
Law Enforcement Trust	\$59,371	\$0	\$0	\$59,371
Fire	\$3,867,489	\$2,613,608	\$1,116,791	\$5,364,306
Fire Capital Projects	\$2,048,167	\$0	\$0	\$2,048,167
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$0	\$1,387
TOTAL	\$14,884,182	\$7,854,381	\$3,187,250	\$18,551,273

* figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar

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