

TRUSTEE REPORT: Networking

Renee Vaughan, Trustee

Networking is about building relationships, connecting with others to solve problems, sharing ideas and resources, exchanging resources, and becoming aware of opportunities. Similar to the business world, networking is essential for local governments too.

For example, strong relationships with Delaware County Auditor George Kaitsa's office led to an agreement for technology support which would be offered at a higher quality and lower cost to the Township. Delaware County Prosecutor Melissa Schiffel's office provides free legal counsel. The County Engineer, Chris Bauserman's office and Regional Planning Commission provide technical mapping services, traffic studies, and review of zoning applications among other services.

Partnership forged through networking maximizes the value of each taxpayer dollar.

The township was awarded \$115,000 from the State Capital Budget to renovate Freeman Park in 2021. This award was made, in large part, due to the connection with former State Representative Carfagna.

The Delaware County Township Association (DCTA), elected officials representing the 18 townships in Delaware County, is a branch of the Ohio Township Association. State law forbids Trustees in the same township to discuss township business outside of public meetings. Therefore, it is helpful to connect with other local leaders to analyze issues peer-to-peer.

I am the Vice-President of the DCTA and a member of the development subcommittee. Our current work is focused on protecting townships by improving annexation laws at the state level.

The work of township Trustees extends far beyond our monthly board meetings. We will continue this important work building relationships with county, regional, and state officials to promote, preserve, educate, and lobby to protect the Township.

Serving the residents of Genoa Township,

Renee

PARK PLANNING AND YOU

2020 was a turning-point year for Genoa Township after voters approved a 3-year levy, beginning in 2021, a revenue stream dedicated solely to parks and trails began. Simultaneously, a decrease in the police and fire levies resulted in no increase to millage.

Residents had expressed their desire for the new levy's funds to support construction of pickleball facilities, renovation and replacement of playgrounds, and park restrooms.

Center Green Park is now home to four fenced pickleball courts. New playground

equipment was installed at Freeman Park. New young children's equipment is expected to be installed at Hilmar Park this spring/summer. Restrooms were added where there had been none at Hilmar Park and Worthington Gardens.

Now that these projects have been installed or set in motion, the Parks Advisory Committee wonders what residents hope to see improved next.

A survey is available at www.GenoaTwp.com/Parks to gather public opinion.

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Don't forget your basket!

10:00 a.m.

Refreshments, games, prizes,
touch-a-truck

11:00 a.m.

Hunt begins
(Ages 1-10)

EGG

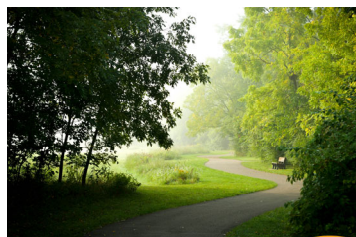
HUNT

GenoaTwp.com/EggHunt

Saturday
April 1
Westerville
Central

Volunteers needed!
Contact LGreco@GenoaTwp.com

PARK PLANNING AND YOU (continued): Successes 2021-2022



1 Capital Improvements 2 Grant Funding 3 Environmental Stewardship 4 Park Comfort and Ease of Use

- Four fenced pickleball courts at Center Green.
- Repaved 2.15 miles of trail.
- Designed a Story Trail at Hilmar Park in partnership with Westerville Public Library.
- Retrofitted existing restrooms with heat for year-round use.
- McNamara shelterhouse roof replaced.
- Ordered young children's play equipment for Hilmar Park.
- Hosted ribbon cutting for new ninja-style playground at Freeman Park, trail replacement. (\$115,000 state grant)
- Relocated historic township hall to McNamara Park for public use following its renovation.
- Received new, state bid, prefabricated restrooms for Hilmar Park and Worthington Gardens.
- Reused asphalt from road resurfacing to construct a new path around Hilmar Park pond.
- Planted 550 seedlings and 61 mature trees.
- Expanded raised bed plots at Worthington Garden.
- Held a catch and release community Fishing Day.
- Hosted volunteer service events tree planting and litter clean-up.
- Hosted paint recycling and Christmas tree chipping.
- Worked with OSU to study Center Green Park stream restoration.
- Opened Gateway Park, transforming a barren stretch of land into a useful stop for trail users.
- Added free public Wi-Fi at Freeman Park in partnership with Westerville Public Library.
- Added ADA accessible surface to young children's playground at Freeman.
- Controlled geese nuisance at Hilmar Park.
- Trail/parking lot separation at Center Green Park.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR PARKS?

Share your opinion at www.GenoaTwp.com/Parks

Fiscal Report

Fund Name	01/01/2022 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 11/30/2022
General	\$3,833,268	\$2,150,021	\$1,482,880	\$4,500,409
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$18,878	\$35,445	\$40,000	\$14,323
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$64,349	\$200,744	\$219,901	\$45,191
Gasoline Tax	\$122,636	\$322,659	\$345,177	\$100,118
Road and Bridge	\$1,138,528	\$3,092,592	\$2,987,050	\$1,244,070
Road & Bridge Capital Projects	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
TIF Fund	\$760,229	\$982,404	\$1,101,626	\$641,007
Cemetery	\$28,018	\$1,628	\$3,741	\$25,905
Police	\$7,605,659	\$4,332,918	\$4,211,163	\$7,727,414
Police Capital Projects	\$201,898	\$249,275	\$259,971	\$191,202
Police Station-Capital Projects	\$165,977	\$826	\$18,250	\$148,553
Enforcement and Education	\$7,357	\$1,523	\$0	\$8,880
Law Enforcement Trust	\$23,034	\$0	\$0	\$23,034
Bond - Police Station	\$326,121	\$842,057	\$856,925	\$311,253
Fire	\$6,313,565	\$5,369,873	\$5,255,451	\$6,427,987
Fire Capital Projects	\$1,726,287	\$56,505	\$0	\$1,782,792
Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and EMS	\$262,915	\$235,859	\$145,556	\$353,219
Self-Ins. Fund-Medical Insurance	\$0	\$1,516,952	\$1,516,704	\$247
Parks	\$156,992	\$692,868	\$565,730	\$284,130
American Rescue Plan Act-ARP	\$1,477,206	\$1,595,701	\$558,496	\$2,514,411
EPA Grant	\$24	\$30,144	\$0	\$30,168
OneOhio Opioid Settlement	\$0	\$4,243	\$0	\$4,243
TOTAL	\$24,332,943	\$21,714,237	\$19,568,621	\$26,478,558

Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar. For additional information on Township finances visit www.OhioCheckbook.com



FIRE/EMS/RESCUE

Chief Joseph Ponzi, 614.568.2040

SPRING FORWARD SAFELY: This is also a good time to **test your smoke alarms and change replaceable batteries, if needed.** **Prevent falls by calling for assistance from a Genoa Township firefighter.**



ZONING & DEVELOPMENT

Joe Shafer, 614.899.0725

Last fall the Genoa Township Board of Trustees directed the Township's Zoning Commission to work with staff, the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission, and attorney Peter Griggs of the firm Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, LLC, to remedy ongoing concerns regarding housing density in new residential developments.

On Tuesday, January 17, 2023, following discussions that occurred over the course of several meetings, the Zoning Commission initiated amendments to the community's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Resolution documents to address these issues.

The drafted revisions, which are subject to change, would

reduce the maximum permitted density in planned residential developments to 1.0 units per net developable acre while providing developers the ability to request a density of up to 2.2 units per net developable acre in certain circumstances and locations. The minimum lot size requirement for properties zoned Suburban Residential would be increased from 20,000 square feet to 30,000 square feet.

The Zoning Commission held public comment periods regarding these changes during meetings held on February 15 and February 27.

For the latest information on these efforts and future meeting dates, visit [GenoaTwp.com/PlanUpdates](https://www.genoatwp.com/PlanUpdates)

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

MAINTENANCE

Bob Mathews, 614.568.2080

Traffic control devices must be uniform to ensure drivers know how to safely operate in any jurisdiction across the state or country. An unwarranted traffic control device cannot legally be enforced by police nor can liability be determined in the event of an accident. Five Township intersections have been identified by the Delaware County Engineer to have unwarranted stop signs that must be removed to conform with state law.

A 30-day notice advising drivers, "Traffic Pattern to Change" was posted on February 10. The unwarranted signs and stop bars will be removed on March 10. A notice will be posted permanently indicating that, "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop". Read more at

[GenoaTwp.com](https://www.GenoaTwp.com)

- Hilmar Drive at Grisham Street*
- Hilmar Drive at Pine Hollow Drive*
- Saint Andrews Drive at Frasier Road
- Somerset Avenue at Gainey and Annandale Courts
- Spring Run Drive and Dunaway Lane*

** Rapid Flashing Beacons with crosswalks to be installed at these intersections.*

"Spring Clean-up" dumpsters arrive April 22-30 at the maintenance facility located beyond the Fire Station at 7049 Big Walnut Road. Make an unlimited amount of trips to dispose of waste daily between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (proof of residency required). Separate materials by type and place into the appropriate dumpster: compost (organic materials such as leaves, branches), scrap metal, and general trash. Hazardous, corrosive, toxic, flammable or reactive materials will not be accepted. Learn more at [GenoaTwp.com/Recycling](https://www.GenoaTwp.com/Recycling)



Genoa Township
Recycling
800-451-1111
Recycling
Open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
for the recycling center
in the township



POLICE

Chief Stephen Gammill, 614.568.2060

Preparing taxes is a chore tempting to put off doing until the April 18th deadline. However, it is wise to complete the task as soon as possible. Criminals will attempt to file fraudulently before you submit and collect a return in your name. Should this happen to you, visit IRS website to report the crime and seek assistance. In most cases, the police department is only able to take a report documenting what occurred.

St. Patrick's days falls on a Friday this year. Make sure to designate a sober driver, call a taxi or ride share program. There is no excuse for drunk driving.

NEWS & INFORMATION

March | April 2023

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

Unwarranted stop signs to be removed | March 10
Traffic pattern to change on Hilmar, Spring Run, St. Andrews, and Somerset. Learn more at www.GenoaTwp.com

Community Garden Opening Day | April 1
Plot rental available GenoaTwp.com/Garden

Egg Hunt | April 1 | 10:00 a.m. | Westerville Central High School
Ages 1-10 hunt simultaneously at 11:00 a.m.
GenoaTwp.com/EggHunt

Easter | April 9
Administration office closed April 10. No delay to Rumpke service.

Caregiver Crash Course by SourcePoint | April 19 | 1:30 p.m.
Course location is Genoa Township Hall (5111 S. Old 3C Highway)

Spring Clean-up | April 22 - April 30 | 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Dumpsters available for general trash, scrap metal, and yard waste.
Proof of residency required. GenoaTwp.com/Recycling

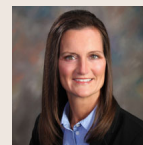
PUBLIC MEETINGS

Board of Trustees | March 2 & April 6 | 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission | March 13 & April 11 | 7:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals | March 21 & April 25 | 7:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS



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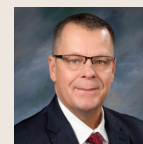
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