

Ice rescue training at Hoover Reservoir

TRUSTEE REPORT

Connie M. Goodman, Trustee

Fall is in the air! It's time to pull out the warmer clothes, extra blankets, and hot cocoa in preparation for colder temperatures. It's also time to prepare for winter by putting away the garden tools and pulling out the shovel and ice melt. Of course, winter is not all work. There's plenty of fun to be had playing in the snow and there's no better place than Jaycox Park. The sledding hill and the cross-county trail provide wonderful opportunities for families to enjoy a snowy day, and our Maintenance Department has been working daily to make sure the park is ready.

For those of you leaving the colder temperatures, whether it's for a short vacation or all the winter months, remember our Home Check program. Genoa Township's police will check on your property while you are away. Simply complete the form online or call our Police Department to sign up.

Soon, our Fire Department will be collecting toys and non-perishable food items for those in need. Each year, Genoa Township residents' generosity is overwhelming and greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the Fire Station. If no one is available, just leave items in the entryway.

Do you ever wonder how you can stay current on what's happening in Genoa Township? We have several methods of communication. Our website (www.GenoaTwp.com), newsletter and Facebook (our main page plus Police and Fire pages) are the primary sources of information. Additionally, we offer a variety of email subscriptions to residents. You can sign up on our website or by calling 614-895-1126. I also want to mention that our current website is undergoing a complete refresh. Our Communications Advisory Committee has reviewed comments and questions regularly received from residents and is diligently working to make things easier to find. We hope to unveil an updated website early next year!

Have a great fall and winter!



THIN ICE: No skating allowed

While playing hockey on a frozen pond may sound picturesque, it is prohibited on Township property. The possibility of falling through the ice into the freezing water is too great a risk for the Township to allow.

Each winter, police respond to calls made out of concern for individuals seen on frozen bodies of water.

The Fire Department trains for ice rescue and maintains a specialized floating "sled", in order to reach victims.

Despite its inherent dangers, on-ice recreation is available nearby at Alum Creek State Park, but before venturing out, review the state's guidelines for use and know that ice is never 100% safe.

PAINTED PLOWS: Students Create Public Art



Public art created by Alcott students will be displayed on four of Genoa Township's snow plows this winter.

The project began in September with an outline sketched onto plow blades by Alcott Elementary School's art teacher, Lee Johnson (pictured). Using colorful paint, 11 classes in grades 3-5, worked in shifts to fill in the designs.

Students can feel proud seeing their large-scale designs roll down neighborhood streets adding fun and color to otherwise dull winter days.

This year's designs feature outer space, kids playing, polka dots, and snow flakes.

When snow begins to accumulate, plow drivers, also known as "Snow Warriors" work around-the-clock always following the same route along high traffic thoroughfares first. Sometimes these main roads require repeated passes to clear, especially if snow continues to accumulate. Afterward, plows move to secondary streets. This means that neighborhood roads are not cleared together. Rather, trucks will not begin clearing low traffic, residential streets until all thoroughfares and secondary roadways are complete. Contractors driving smaller trucks are sometimes hired to plow cul-de-sacs due to the maneuvering required. Doing so also helps plowing reach completion more quickly for all residents.

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SPECIAL RECYCLING PROGRAMS



Dedicated yard waste dumpsters are placed at the maintenance facility for leaves, grass clippings, tree stumps and branches, paper yard bags, and any other organic material that will break down as compost. Plastic trash bags, plastic pots, metal, or other general trash should NOT be placed in the dumpsters. Misuse of the dumpster may result in the program being discontinued by the Township's composting partner.

Never rake leaves into the roadway where it can contribute to flooding.

Holiday lights will be accepted for recycling at Township Hall during normal business hours from November 15-January 13. In partnership with Keep Delaware County Beautiful, burnt-out or otherwise discarded lights will be recycled properly. When lights are misdirected to Rumpke, they become entangled in their specialized sorting equipment causing damage and delays.

Instead of trashing live trees at the curb after the holidays, residents can drop them off to be chipped into mulch for use in Township parks. Any excess will be composted.

To participate, remove decorations from the tree and bring it to the maintenance facility located beyond the Fire Station (7049 Big Walnut Road) on weekdays from January 3-13, 7a.m.-3p.m. Pile trees in the designated area next to the chipper.

PAINTED PLOWS

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Removing cars from streetside parking areas helps the Snow Warriors more quickly cover the Township's 180 lane miles. Also remember to shovel snow to the left side of your driveway (when viewed from the street). Plows are not agile enough to avoid pushing snow back across the driveway otherwise.

The importance of residents' jobs, appointments, and other obligations is acknowledged. Snow Warriors work around-the-clock in order to get residents out of their driveways as quickly as possible.

Thanks, always, to our Snow Warriors who continue to work until all of our roads are plowed.

Fiscal Report

Fund Name	01/01/2022 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 09/30/2022
General	\$3,833,268	\$2,097,781	\$1,220,940	\$4,710,109
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$18,878	\$29,120	\$40,000	\$7,999
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$64,349	\$164,870	\$64,901	\$164,318
Gasoline Tax	\$122,636	\$263,557	\$289,587	\$96,606
Road and Bridge	\$1,138,528	\$3,092,592	\$2,682,909	\$1,548,211
Road & Bridge Capital Projects	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
TIF Fund	\$760,229	\$982,404	\$737,075	\$1,005,558
Cemetery	\$28,018	\$1,628	\$220	\$29,426
Police	\$7,605,659	\$4,328,001	\$3,327,642	\$8,606,018
Police Capital Projects	\$201,898	\$149,275	\$117,664	\$233,509
Police Station-Capital Projects	\$165,977	\$650	\$0	\$166,627
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$1,387	\$0
Enforcement and Education	\$7,357	\$1,313	\$0	\$8,670
Law Enforcement Trust	\$23,034	\$0	\$0	\$23,034
Bond - Police Station	\$326,121	\$841,201	\$120,675	\$1,046,647
Fire	\$6,313,565	\$5,367,210	\$4,313,517	\$7,367,259
Fire Capital Projects	\$1,726,287	\$56,505	\$0	\$1,782,792
Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and EMS	\$262,915	\$184,615	\$58,516	\$389,014
Self-Ins. Fund-Medical Insurance	\$0	\$1,160,409	\$1,160,409	\$0
Parks	\$156,992	\$692,628	\$467,710	\$381,910
Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$6,324	\$0	\$6,324	\$0
American Rescue Plan Act-ARP	\$1,477,206	\$1,592,718	\$557,536	\$2,512,388
EPA Grant	\$24	\$30,108	\$0	\$30,133
OneOhio Opioid Settlement	\$0	\$4,243	\$0	\$4,243
TOTAL	\$24,340,653	\$21,040,828	\$15,167,011	\$30,214,470

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

ZONING & DEVELOPMENT

Joe Shafer, 614.899.0725

There has been an increase in incomplete zoning permit applications filed with the Development and Zoning office. Submittal of an incomplete application often leads to delays in permit issuance or could even result in rejection/denial of the request.

To avoid potential problems, please:

- Research applicable zoning requirements, Delaware County building standards, plat notes, and deed restrictions while developing your proposal
- Obtain applicable approvals from non-Township agencies before applying for a permit (septic impact, easement encroachment, HOA bylaws/covenants)
- Completely fill out the entire application form with as much detail as possible
- Sign and date the application – proof of property owner’s authorization via signature or separate documentation is required
- Provide the required application fee at the time of submittal
- Make sure the site plan shows the entire property, is drawn accurately, and is clearly labeled (dimensions, size, setbacks from all lot lines) – screenshots of aerial images are not preferred
- Provide any other required documents listed on the checklist within the application packet

Contacting staff prior to submission can save time and avoid trouble for all involved so please reach out with questions at 614.899.0725 or Zoning@GenoaTwp.com.



POLICE

Chief Stephen Gammill
614.568.2060

When traveling during the holidays, or any time of year, register for the Home Check program to have officers verify your property is secure.

www.GenoaTwp.com/HomeCheck or call the Police Station at 614-568-2060

DEPARTMENT UPDATES



FILL A VACANT SEAT:

Lend Your Expertise on a Committee

A variety of committees made up of citizens provide valuable insight and guidance to township leaders. Share your thoughts, ideas, and expertise by joining one of these groups focused on topics such as zoning, communication, fire, parks, and police.

Residents may submit a brief application and resume online. Later, all the applications are provided to the Board of Trustees for review. The best suited candidates are then assigned to fill committee vacancies. Those who are selected for appointment begin their new terms on April 1. Typically, each committee meets once a month on a weekday evening.

Complete an application at www.GenoaTwp.com/Appointments and upload your resume no later than January 13, 2023.



FIRE/EMS/RESCUE

Chief Joseph Ponzi
614.568.2040

A new aerial ladder truck is on order with Ohio-based Sutphen Corporation. The vehicle will take nearly two years to be completed and will cost nearly \$1,700,000. The current truck is 15 years old is being replaced as scheduled per the department’s replacement plan. The new apparatus will ensure firefighters can extend the ladder from where it is parked, across a lawn over a burning structure.

While doing your holiday shopping, please consider buying an extra toy, gift card, clothing item (hats, gloves, or socks), or non-perishable food. Donations may be dropped off, unwrapped, at the Fire Station, 7049 Big Walnut Road.

Collected items will be distributed to local families in need in partnership with the Big Walnut Friends Who Share.



MAINTENANCE

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Prefabricated restrooms are expected to be delivered and installed on the prepared sites at Hilmar Park and Worthington Road Park in November. The restrooms will be available for use following installation; however, final concrete work will have to wait until warmer weather in the spring to be completed. All parks will now have restrooms and each will remain open year-round.

New loop walking paths will soon be constructed at Hilmar and Center Green Parks. In an effort to be environmentally and fiscally sustainable, the paths will be created with recycled grindings from this summer’s repaving projects.



NEWS & INFORMATION

November | December 2022

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

Fall Clean-Up | Daily through November | Maintenance facility
Drop-off organic yard waste for composting in designated dumpster

Election Day | November 8 | 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Delaware County Board of Elections: vote.delawarecountyohio.gov

Daylight Savings Ends | November 6 | 2:00 a.m.
Clocks "fall back" one-hour.

Veterans Day | November 11
No delay to Rumpke service. Township Administration office closed.

Thanksgiving Day | November 24
Rumpke service delayed until Saturday, November 26.
Administration Office closed November 24-25.

Christmas Eve & Day | December 24-25
No delay to Rumpke service.
Township administration office closed December 23 and 26.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Board of Trustees | November 3 & December 1 | 6:30 p.m.
Zoning Commission | November 14 & December 12 | 7:00 p.m.
Board of Zoning Appeals | November 15 & December 20 | 7:00 p.m.

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