

TRUSTEE REPORT: Into the Unknown Karl Gebhardt, Trustee

All who are glad to see 2020 behind us, raise your hand! Me too.

We will carry fond memories of those who succumbed to COVID-19 into 2021 and beyond. We also will take with us a renewed and heightened appreciation for “frontline” workers.

Genoa Township remained productive in 2020 despite the disturbances caused by COVID-19.

- Meetings were publicly live-streamed. Our dependency on technology has necessitated equipment upgrades that are underway.
- The Parks & Trails Master Plan was approved.
- Joseph Ponzi, a 19-year veteran of our fire department, was named chief.
- Voters approved levies for police, fire, and parks.
- The largest road paving project in the history of the Township was completed.
- A new fire engine and a medic were received.
- The new police station opened for business.
- A grant writer was hired to extend tax dollars.
- The Zoning Resolution was updated, modernizing it and bringing it into compliance with state law.
- Delaware County began managing the technology needs of the Township.
- Three-year contracts with the police and fire unions were approved with added measures to help attract and retain talent.

In spite of the circumstances, it was a productive year for the employees working on behalf of Genoa Township residents.

We blindly rang in 2020, not knowing how difficult the year would become. Nor do we know what lies ahead in 2021, but I take comfort knowing the Township and the world has and will continue to find a path forward. I believe 2020 made us smarter, stronger and better.

All the best in 2021.



EXPANDED PLASTIC RECYCLING:

Beginning January 8

Mention recycling and you may spark a spirited conversation among neighbors who feel plastic recycling is too limited.

Beginning on January 8, yogurt and fruit cups, and sour cream and butter tubs will be added to Rumpke’s expanding accepted materials list.



Sour cream, butter, yogurt tubs and cups

Maybe you have always attempted to recycle yogurt and butter containers, but until now, those items were considered “contamination”. Contamination is the industry term for non-recyclable materials deposited in recycling collection programs. These materials must be separated and taken to the landfill, making operations less efficient. In fact, plastic bags and Christmas lights jam conveyer belts halting work and requiring repairs to specialized sorting equipment.

Before Rumpke can accept an item, they must obtain equipment to mechanically separate it from other materials and secure a manufacturer to purchase the commodity long-term.

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OPEN SEASON: Find winter fun at Jaycox Park

Entering its third season, the sledding hill and cross-country skiing path at Jaycox Road Park are still a little-known Genoa Township attraction.

It was a bumpy ride when the sledding hill first opened in 2018. With Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s approval, the hill was built from broken asphalt that otherwise would have been headed to the landfill. Over the summer, maintenance department staff smoothed the hill and established grass cover to

improve the experience for visitors.

The dirt access road that leads from Jaycox Road back to the hill was improved with gravel. At the end of the access road, parking is limited to approximately 10 vehicles.

A temporary sign will be placed at the entrance to help new visitors find this winter attraction. Find the park just east of I-71 on the north side of Jaycox Road.



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EXPANDED PLASTIC RECYCLING

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The number on the bottom of plastic containers indicates the type of plastic it was made from, not whether or not it can be recycled. Instead, residents must be familiar with accepted container shapes. Bottles with a neck smaller than their bases, are accepted (such as milk jugs, water and soda bottles, bleach, shampoo, soap and many household cleaners). Containers for disinfecting wipes do not qualify because they are cylindrical. Likewise, strawberry containers, surgical gloves, cups and utensils are not recyclable locally at the curbside.

With a renewed three-year contract, the rate for Rumpke service will increase to \$16.93 per month beginning in February. Genoa Township negotiates this rate in partnership with neighboring, Orange and Liberty Townships to leverage their combined buying power.

A discount is available for seniors and garage-side collection can be requested by those with physical limitations.



www.GenoaTwp.com/Recycling



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Fiscal Report

Fund Name	01/01/2020 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 11/30/2020
General	\$2,949,486	\$1,985,041	\$1,475,970	\$3,458,557
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$27,320	\$31,349	\$40,000	\$18,669
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$71,567	\$192,981	\$139,436	\$125,111
Gasoline Tax	\$144,481	\$316,120	\$322,226	\$138,375
Road and Bridge	\$784,174	\$2,963,668	\$2,259,897	\$1,487,944
TIF Fund	\$1,052,176	\$1,092,714	\$546,869	\$1,598,022
Cemetery	\$30,110	\$2,916	\$1,394	\$31,632
Police	\$6,678,035	\$4,717,427	\$3,717,743	\$7,677,720
Police Capital Projects	\$320,450	\$250,000	\$175,446	\$395,004
Police Station-Capital Projects	\$6,128,108	\$41,242	\$5,655,210	\$514,140
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$0	\$1,387
Enforcement and Education	\$5,676	\$625	\$0	\$6,301
Law Enforcement Trust	\$62,493	\$0	\$0	\$62,493
Bond - Police Station	\$754,803	\$754,038	\$1,008,981	\$499,860
Fire	\$5,750,145	\$5,390,084	\$4,637,061	\$6,503,168
Fire Capital Projects	\$2,346,167	\$0	\$619,879	\$1,726,287
Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and EMS	\$553,668	\$200,776	\$347,186	\$407,258
Self-Ins. Fund-Medical Insurance	\$32,437	\$1,235,629	\$1,267,750	\$316
Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$0	\$1,156,280	\$6,219	\$1,150,061
Total	\$27,692,684	\$20,330,890	\$22,221,267	\$25,802,308

Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar

For additional information on Township finances visit www.OhioCheckbook.com



POLICE

Chief Stephen Gammill, 614.568.2060

You may never have reason to step inside the police station, but it is important for all residents to know the new building offers refuge for anyone in crisis.

Just inside the lobby is a safe room that any person can enter to escape a threat 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. The bullet-proof room automatically locks until an officer can assist in resolving the crisis. These rooms have proven useful in other

central Ohio police stations for victims of domestic violence or those targeted by road rage.

The new building address is 6921 Big Walnut Road, Galena, Ohio 43021. Public parking is available on the west side of the building, a short distance from the main entrance.

Tours are available by appointment. Call 614.568.2060 for scheduling.

SECURITY TIPS



- Vehicle theft and items stolen from vehicles are increasing. Preventing these crimes is as easy as locking vehicle doors and never leaving property inside the car.
- Remove garage door openers, keys, valuables, and professional ID security badges from parked cars which can be used to commit further crimes.
- When vacationing, Genoa Township Police will check on your property. Officers will check windows and doors to ensure there is no sign of forced entry or other suspicious activity. To schedule this service, visit www.GenoaTwp.com/HomeCheck or call 614-568-060



FIRE/RESCUE/EMS

Every family has its traditions and Genoa Township firefighters are no different. In celebration of the arrival of a new fire engine, personnel banded together to physically push it into its garage bay on November 20, 2020 (photo on page 1).

The new engine replaces a 16-year-old model that had become too expensive to maintain. Funds to purchase the vehicle were on-hand, having been saved as a result of thoughtful projections during the development of our vehicle replacement schedule.

The engine was eagerly anticipated as it takes more than a year to build one. The vehicle

was manufactured in Dublin, Ohio at Sutphen Corporation. The engine seats four personnel, carries 750 gallons of water, 30 gallons of fire-suppressing foam and is capable of pumping 1500 gallons of water per minute. A specialized compartment can hold contaminated equipment to reduce exposure to carcinogens.

Now that the engine is in-service, the Fire Department hopes that it will not be needed. Take care to maintain wood burning fireplaces by having chimneys inspected and cleaned. Burn only dry, seasoned firewood and allow ashes to cool completely before disposal.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

EVERGREEN RECYCLING



Live Christmas trees will be given new life with a service provided by the maintenance department. Donated trees will be mulched and put to use in Township parks. Any unused wood chips will be transported to a local composting facility.

To participate, remove all decorations and drop-off trees to a staff member on weekdays, January 4 - 15 between the hours of 7a.m. and 3p.m. at the maintenance department facility located beyond the fire station at 7049 Big Walnut Road (masks required).

Alternatively, Rumpke will collect trees along with household waste at the curbside for disposal at the landfill. Large trees must be cut into 4 foot sections and bundled.

Direct questions to the maintenance department at 614.568.2080.



NEWS & INFORMATION

January / February 2021

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day | January 1

Township administration office closed.

Rumpke collection delayed until Saturday, January 2.

Christmas Tree Chipping | January 4-15

Weekdays, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. at 7049 Big Walnut Road.

Martin Luther King Day | January 18

Township administration office closed. No delay to Rumpke service.

Presidents' Day | February 15

Township administration office closed. No delay to Rumpke service.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Board of Trustees | January 7 & February 4 | 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission | January 11 & February 8 | 7:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals | January 26 & February 23 | 7:00 p.m.

Note: Communications, Fire, Finance, Investment, Parks and Police Advisory Committee meetings not shown.

View the full calendar at www.GenoaTwp.com.

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