

# News & Updates



Dear Genoa Taxpayers:

Below is an update of issues effecting Genoa taxpayers:

- Trustees have received and are reviewing applications for appointments to various Genoa Boards, Commissions, and Advisory Committees. During this review process, Genoa Trustees created a new Communications Advisory Committee and individuals with interest and experience in communications are encouraged to apply online at [www.genoatwp.com/appointments](http://www.genoatwp.com/appointments) by March 31, 2019.
- Genoa's Zoning Commission reviewed the 2016 Comprehensive (Land Use) Plan and recommended several changes to modify criteria for commercial and residential developments - which Genoa Trustees approved.
- Genoa's Zoning Commission also reviewed the 2013 Zoning Resolution and recommended several changes to conform with the Revised Comprehensive (Land Use) Plan and to modify criteria for commercial and residential developments - which Genoa Trustees approved in-part but disagreed with recommendation to reduce housing densities for Planned Residential Developments (PRDs).

- Genoa's labor contracts with two police unions and one fire / ems union expired on December 31, 2018. Pursuant to state law, Genoa and the unions proceeded to an arbitration process called "Fact Finding". At this time, one police union contract has been resolved and two remaining union contracts are unresolved.

Genoa Trustees are elected to represent Genoa's taxpayers and can best serve in this role with regular input from the community it serves. For this reason, all Genoa taxpayers are encouraged to attend Trustees' bi-monthly meetings and provide their input. If you cannot attend a Trustees' meeting, please contact one or more of the Trustees (contact information on Page 4) with your thoughts, comments, and / or opinions.

*Frank*

Frank Dantonio  
Vice-Chairperson

Below are answers to questions received from Genoa taxpayers:

- Genoa's Zoning Commission recommended not to approve Katherine Benalcazar's application to re-zone seven parcels of land from Rural Residential (RR) to Planned Residential Development (PRD) and preliminary development plan to build 64 residential homes near intersection of Tussic Street Road and Oxbow Road. Genoa Trustees disagreed with Zoning Commission's recommendations and approved re-zoning the land and preliminary development plan.
  - On November, 2018 ballot, Genoa voters voted not to approve Trustees' decision to re-zone Benalcazar's property - thereby maintaining land as Rural Residential.
  - In December, 2018, Benalcazar filed lawsuit against Genoa requesting declaratory judgement, permanent injunction, compensatory damages, punitive damages, costs, attorney fees, and other relief in United States Southern Ohio District Court.
  - In January, 2019, Genoa filed answers / responses to Benalcazar's lawsuit and the issue is pending before the Court.
- Genoa voters approved 10 year, \$7,000,000 bond levy on November, 2018 ballot and Design Development Phase to build new police facility at Northwest corner of State Route 3 and Big Walnut Road continues.

Fiscal Report				
Fund Name	01/01/2018 Fund Bal.	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Bal. 12/31/2018
General	\$2,288,999	\$1,913,922	\$2,152,874	\$2,050,047
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$27,588	\$34,776	\$34,950	\$27,414
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$154,297	\$211,513	\$304,092	\$61,719
Gasoline Tax	\$159,142	\$185,347	\$149,821	\$194,668
Road and Bridge	\$448,661	\$1,751,473	\$1,800,978	\$399,155
TIF Fund	\$1,240,719	\$980,817	\$726,219	\$1,495,317
Big Walnut/Worth Rd Improvements	\$238	\$2	\$240	\$0
Cemetery	\$37,724	\$3,152	\$7,286	\$33,590
Police	\$4,465,463	\$4,584,766	\$3,477,722	\$5,572,508
Police Capital Projects	\$688,056	\$0	\$184,286	\$503,770
Enforcement and Education	\$4,419	\$967	\$1,100	\$4,286
Law Enforcement Trust	\$67,570	\$4,138	\$2,131	\$69,577
Fire	\$4,502,290	\$5,358,347	\$4,811,246	\$5,049,391
Fire Capital Projects	\$2,244,167	\$102,000	\$0	\$2,346,167
Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and EMS	\$0	\$335,653	\$0	\$335,653
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$0	\$1,387
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$16,330,721</b>	<b>\$15,466,872</b>	<b>\$13,652,944</b>	<b>\$18,144,649</b>

\*Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar

For additional information on Township finances visit [www.OhioCheckbook.com](http://www.OhioCheckbook.com)

## Easter Fun!

HIP HOP HURRAY!  
JOIN US FOR AN  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**



**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**  
Westerville Central High School  
Ages 1-10  
10:00 a.m. Food and activities begin  
11:00 a.m. All ages hunt simultaneously in four separate groups

**Don't forget your basket!**

Township children, ages 1-10, are invited to join in the fun of Easter Egg Hunt festivities on Saturday, April 13th beginning at 10:00 a.m. There will be police and fire safety vehicles, Mr. & Mrs. Easter Bunny, refreshments, games and activities, prizes, and a hunt for 15,000 eggs.

### Egg Hunt Rules:

- The egg hunt will begin at 11:00 a.m. sharp for all age groups.
- Four color coded areas will be roped off for children by age: 1-2, 3-4, 5-7 and 8-10.
- The egg hunt is for children. Adults may help children in the 1-2 year old area only. All other areas should have only children of that age group in them.

Volunteers are needed to fill eggs, make baskets, and help the day of the event with games and activities. Those who are interested should contact Linda Greco, Director of Human Resources/Community Relations at [LGreco@GenoaTwp.com](mailto:LGreco@GenoaTwp.com) or (614) 568-2022.

## Development:



- As the temperature increases in late winter and early spring, so does the number of zoning permit applications received by the Township. To be sure approvals are in place to begin improvement projects on schedule, submit applications at least a month ahead of the desired start date. While staff strives to process permit applications within a week of submission, the Township's Zoning Resolution provides up to 30-days to render a decision. Furthermore, a zoning permit is often only the first step in the approval process. Many projects will also require permits from other agencies. Attention to detail when applying for a permit is also key to receiving it quickly. Most permit issuance delays are caused by avoidable problems, such as not researching requirements, an incomplete application, and/or unclear plan drawings.
- On January 7 the Board of Trustees approved revisions to the Genoa Township Comprehensive Plan as well as amendments to the Township's Zoning Resolution. Changes primarily focused on harmonizing the two documents with one another as they pertain to density regulations and improving design standards for planned residential neighborhoods.
- On January 28 the Board of Trustees denied a re-zoning request for an 18-unit condominium development project known as Grace's Place. The project would have been located on the east side of South Old 3C Highway, immediately north of Orchard Lakes.

## Report a Pothole:

Identify roads in need of repair by submitting the location of potholes via an online reporting form at [www.GenoaTwp.com/Pothole](http://www.GenoaTwp.com/Pothole) or by phone at 614-568-2080 during normal business hours. Please note that potholes located along state and county roads should be reported directly to the appropriate entity as listed below:



- Ohio Department of Transportation:  
[www.dot.state.oh.us/DamageReport](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/DamageReport), State Route 3
- Delaware County, 740-833-2400, South Old 3C Highway, Tussic Street, Sunbury, Red Bank, Harlem, Lewis Center, Rome Corners, Worthington (south of Lewis Center Road), and Africa Roads.

## Spring Clean-up:

To help with waste generated during home spring cleaning, the Township will provide disposal for general trash, yard waste, and scrap metal daily from April 23 through May 5, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. outside of the Maintenance facility located at 7049 Big Walnut Road.

### Guidelines:

- General Trash (including yard waste): Please no tires, batteries, paint, oil, computers, monitors or TVs and any other material that is corrosive, toxic, flammable, or reactive.
- Metals: Materials not accepted includes wire fencing, appliances.

## Community Garden:

Registration is ongoing for garden plots. Learn more about gardening at Worthington Road Park at: [www.GenoaTwp.com/Garden](http://www.GenoaTwp.com/Garden)

## We Are Here for You:

Naturally, firefighting is what the Genoa Township Fire Department is most well-known for, but staff are prepared to respond to every foreseeable emergency. Each of the disciplines practiced by Genoa Township firefighters has been documented in a two-minute video which can be found online at [www.GenoaTwp.com/YouTube](http://www.GenoaTwp.com/YouTube). View the video to see Genoa Township firefighters in action as they perform ice rescue, vehicle extrication, ladder climbing, paramedic care, and more. Over 5,500 hours of training is conducted each year to ensure that should you ever need to call 911 on your worst day, the team responding will be at their best: this is a commitment the Genoa Township Fire Department makes to residents.



**Gary Honeycutt**  
Fire Chief



**Q: Every time I see our firefighters shopping at Kroger, they are always in groups of 3 or 4 and they come to shop in the fire truck. Why?** Harrison P. (age 5)

**A:** Great question, Harrison! When you see us at Kroger with a fire truck, we are on duty and need to be ready to roll at a moment's notice. In our job, every second counts. We travel with the equipment and people we need to be prepared for anything. If we get a call while we are shopping, we drop everything (including our groceries) to get to the emergency as quickly as possible.

The reason why you see us shopping at Kroger is because we are like a family. We live together at the station for a full 24-hour day, once every three days. We eat our meals together and we have rooms to sleep at the station. We buy our own food, prepare our meals, and eat together just like your family at home.

Next time you see us at Kroger, please stop to say "hi".

**Q: Why do other nearby fire departments respond to emergencies within Genoa Township?**

**A:** We maintain 9 Fire/EMS personnel on duty 24/7; however, to fight a fire in a 2,000 square foot home it is recommended that we have 15 firefighters on the scene. This would be very costly, so in central Ohio we rely on mutual aid from our surrounding agencies. Basically, we help each other. This way, we can maintain our high quality of service to the community at the least cost possible.

**Q: There's been a lot on the news about Liberty Township's cross-trained EMS/firefighters and Delaware County EMS. Are there any implications for Genoa Township?**

**A:** No. Our Genoa Township Trustee's recently unanimously passed a resolution pledging support for our cross-trained Fire/EMS model.

**Submit a question to [LStrader@GenoaTwp.com](mailto:LStrader@GenoaTwp.com).** Your question may be featured in a future Township publication.



Watch the corresponding video for this article and subscribe to our channel on YouTube at [www.GenoaTwp.com/YouTube](http://www.GenoaTwp.com/YouTube).

## SAFETY TIPS

- Smoke alarms save lives. Teach children what they sound like and what to do when they hear one beeping.
- Close before you doze! By simply closing the bedroom door at night, you can save lives in case of a fire.
- Get out, stay out . . . leave everything behind.
- Teach all family members to Stop, Drop, and Roll if their clothes should catch on fire.



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Six short surveys will be launched throughout 2019, each focusing a different topic. The second of these surveys asks residents to share their opinions about community events. Take the survey online at:

[www.GenoaTwp.com/Resident\\_Survey\\_2](http://www.GenoaTwp.com/Resident_Survey_2)

The anonymous results will be shared with the Genoa Township Board of Trustees to help guide their work.

**Community Calendar**

**March & April 2019**

March 6	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.	April 1	Community Garden Opening Day	
March 11	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.	April 2	Fire Advisory Committee (Fire Department)	7:00 p.m.
March 12	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.	April 3	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.
March 13	Police Advisory Committee (Fire Department)	7:00 p.m.	April 4	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.
March 14	Seniors	noon	April 6	Cram the Cruiser	10:00a.m.- 2:00p.m.
March 16	Coffee with a Cop (Kroger)	10a.m.-noon	April 8	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.
March 21	Board of Trustees	10:00 a.m.	April 11	Seniors	noon
March 21	Women's Self-Defense (registration required)	6:30 p.m.	April 13	Easter Egg Hunt (Westerville Central High School)	10:00 a.m.
March 22	Blood Drive	1:00 p.m.-6:00p.m.	April 18	Board of Trustees	8:30 a.m.
March 26	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.	April 22	Easter Monday	Offices Closed
<p><small>Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held in the Genoa Township Community Hall at 5111 South Old 3C Highway. Visit <a href="http://www.genoatwp.com">www.genoatwp.com</a> prior to events for any updates or changes that occur after publication.</small></p>			April 23-May 5	Spring Clean-up (7049 Big Walnut Road)	
			April 23	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.