

### TRUSTEE REPORT: Living History

Renee Vaughan , Trustee

Future generations will read about Covid-19 in history books. We will all remember this year like we remember 9/11 and the 2008 financial crisis. This pandemic will make a mark not only in American history but world history.

In this critical time, many families will feel the effects of this crisis on their physical and financial health. This will be a life lesson for younger generations, as many of them haven't lived through a crisis. For most, this is the first time in their lives that they must focus on needs instead of wants.

It is hard to believe that in a world with so many technological and medical advances there could be a crisis that could alter our daily lives almost overnight. Technology is helping employees work from home, students learn online, and patients use telemedicine. Families and friends are finding creative ways to stay connected virtually by using websites like Zoom.

Many times in life we are faced with challenges and hardships. While these times may be difficult, even painful to endure, they are certainly not without hope. We are already experiencing several positive effects of the coronavirus pandemic. Overall, there is a lot less conflict and more solidarity in the world. For instance, governments all over the world are sharing information with a common goal of developing a vaccine and treatment. In addition to first responders and medical workers gaining respect, many other individuals and businesses have shown their generosity to help those less fortunate by volunteering and/or donating. Furthermore, families are getting a break from the hustle and bustle of normal life. Many can now spend quality time with each other: preparing meals, playing board games, going for walks, and watching movies. Many have also completed projects around the house.

Genoa Township has adjusted during this pandemic in many ways. To name a few, township buildings are closed to the public, all facility rentals have been canceled until the end of May, playgrounds, basketball courts, and park restrooms are closed, and board of trustee's meetings have gone virtual. When this pandemic is resolved, what we have done and how we have handled it will leave Genoa Township residents stronger, more resilient, and community-minded.

Serving the Residents of Genoa Township,

*Renee Vaughan*

### GOOD DEEDS

Firefighter/paramedics are first to come to mind when thinking of the selfless acts being made in Genoa Township to help residents through the pandemic. Police too fall into the category of professionals who put themselves at risk to serve the best interests of the community. Maintenance Department staff also deserve recognition for continuing to build and maintain our essential travel networks. Additionally, maintenance staff have been essential in monitoring the condition and safety of parks given their increased usage. We thank all staff members for their dedication to their professions and the residents of the community.

Residents have put their talents to use to help others through this difficult time. A few of these individuals were nominated for special recognition.

- Sally Buckles for coordinating an effort to provide 140 meals to nurses at local hospitals.
- Dana Vignali for organizing porch dancing, scavenger hunts, and other activities to boost the morale of families in Barrington Estates.
- Cerasi family for surprising neighbors with uplifting chalk messages.
- Many families participated in the Police Department's challenge to post messages of encouragement to first responders.

*The men and women of the police department come to work every day and do their duty. They continually face possible exposure to the virus and worry about bringing it home to their families. Just like everyone else, they deal with childcare issues and financial loss due to spouses who are unable to work. I am proud of each officer and I am honored to serve with them. All have made their badges shine brighter through their service and professionalism.*

*While the battle against the coronavirus may not be over, your Police Department will continue to be there whenever you need us.*

Chief Stephen Gammill, Genoa Township Police



**RESOURCES** | Information and assistance programs available to help in the Covid-19 relief effort

**Mental Health, [helplinedelmor.org](http://helplinedelmor.org)**

Genoa Township Police Department has received an increase in calls for domestic dispute and suicide attempts since the pandemic was declared. Local non-profit, HelpLine, take calls for those in crisis. Their hotline service provides stabilization to persons experiencing a crisis or severe need and provides community resources to reduce or eliminate the need through a 24 hours a day, 7 day a week crisis management and information referral hotline. Hotline staff offers non-judgmental emotional support and problem solving.

**Utilities, [delcower.org](http://delcower.org)**

Del-Co Water customers experiencing financial hardship due to the Covid-19 crisis may submit a request for relief. Qualifying applicants will receive a credit toward their current balance up to \$50 per application, with a limit of one application per month per account. Flexible payment plans based on individual needs are also available for balances above the \$50 credit.

**Delaware County**

After declaring a state of emergency on March 19, Delaware County has continued to provide all of its essential services, and many of its employees are able to work with residents over the phone, online or by appointment, if necessary. For the most up-to-date listing of how each department and office is operating, visit [www.co.delaware.oh.us/covid-19-information](http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/covid-19-information)

The County's Economic Development Department has shifted its operations to focus on supporting existing businesses and connecting them with the help they need right now. Whether seeking assistance with Small Business Administration loan applications, unemployment-insurance applications, or professional business counseling, they are there to help. For more information, call Delaware County Economic Development Director Bob Lamb at 614-306-1020.

**View a complete list of resources at [www.GenoaTwp.com](http://www.GenoaTwp.com).**



**Food Security**

Local food pantries have seen requests for emergency food assistance double and they plan for requests to continue to increase. Families experiencing food insecurity can seek assistance from local organizations: Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Big Walnut Friends Who Share, and People in Need of Delaware County.

**Fiscal Report**

Fund Name	01/01/2020 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 3/31/2020
General	\$2,949,486	\$875,265	\$490,809	\$3,333,942
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$27,320	\$8,551	\$0	\$35,871
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$71,567	\$52,410	\$3,000	\$120,977
Gasoline Tax	\$144,481	\$90,080	\$46,630	\$187,932
Road and Bridge	\$784,174	\$1,464,214	\$458,713	\$1,789,675
TIF Fund	\$1,052,176	\$476,190	\$6,907	\$1,521,459
Cemetery	\$30,110	\$800	\$974	\$29,936
Police	\$6,678,035	\$2,153,138	\$1,056,019	\$7,775,154
Police Capital Projects	\$320,450	\$0	\$4,481	\$315,969
Police Station-Capital Projects	\$6,128,108	\$21,866	\$979,774	\$5,170,200
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$0	\$1,387
Enforcement and Education	\$5,676	\$255	\$0	\$5,931
Law Enforcement Trust	\$62,493	\$0	\$0	\$62,493
Bond - Police Station	\$754,803	\$383,001	\$0	\$1,137,805
Fire	\$5,750,145	\$2,492,370	\$1,307,204	\$6,935,310
Fire Capital Projects	\$2,346,167		\$22,297	\$2,323,870
Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and EMS	\$553,668	\$52,449	\$314,885	\$291,232
Self-Ins. Fund-Medical Insurance	\$32,437	\$275,625	\$308,062	\$0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$27,692,684</b>	<b>\$8,346,215</b>	<b>\$4,999,755</b>	<b>\$31,039,144</b>

*\*Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar*

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



## FIRE/RESCUE/EMS, Chief Honeycutt, 614.568.2040

As this is being written, we are still in the early weeks of the Covid-19 crisis. We practice social distancing, shelter at home, and the schools are empty until at least May 1. The Fire Department has experienced an increase in Covid-19 transport requests within the early weeks. The national shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) is being experienced here locally while collaborations with partner agencies are being utilized in an attempt to restock.

April graphs predict Genoa Township could experience up to 25 cases per day by May. Cases may not reach these levels if residents follow the Ohio Department of Health orders and take precautions.

If you or someone in your home is feeling ill, check the CDC website at [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) to see how to protect yourself and how to treat symptoms at home. The website's health checker helps determine if symptoms are likely due to Covid-19. After checking the website, call your healthcare provider to discuss symptoms. In order to be tested your healthcare provider must assess you and order the test. Genoa Township firefighter/paramedics cannot test patients for coronavirus nor can they order the test.

The best preventive measures are to wash your hands often, don't touch your face, and practice social distancing.

For true medical emergencies call 911. Be prepared to answer questions to determine the extent of your illness and to evaluate how much protective gear the firefighter/paramedics will need to put on prior to arrival.

## Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



When in public, wear a cloth face covering over your nose and mouth.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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## POLICE, Chief Gammill, 614.568.2060



Rapid progress is being made by crews constructing the new police station. Photograph taken on April 14, 2020 (credit Bret Watson).

## MAINTENANCE, Bob Mathews, 614.568.2080

Closing playgrounds and removing basketball hoops was unsettling for the department. Meanwhile, the Park Advisory Committee was putting the finishing touches on its thoughtful, new Parks and Trails Master Plan. The stay-at-home order illustrated the value local parks and trails provide residents who sought the open space for physical activity and mental health benefits. Public feedback on the draft plan was solicited in April and the final version will be brought to trustees for adoption later this spring. Some of the exciting ideas in plan include a water playscape and land acquisition for additional parks. Although dedicated funding is not currently available for these projects, a plan is a necessary first step in demonstrating to funders the vision and commitment to parks. Access the plan in the 'Documents' tab of the Parks Department webpage.



Unfortunately, Movie Night at McNamara Park in June has been canceled. If we are able to safely host a gathering in July and August, look forward to a night out at the park to see *Toy Story 4* on July 11 and *A Beautiful Day* on August 8.

## NEWS & INFORMATION

May / June 2020

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Given uncertainty surrounding the ability to safely gather, most spring events have been canceled. Please visit [www.GenoaTwp.com](http://www.GenoaTwp.com) to confirm whether meetings will be canceled, postponed, or held virtually online.

#### HOLIDAYS

**Memorial Day** | May 25

Rumpke trash and recycling collection will be delayed until Saturday, May 30. Township administration office closed.

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Board of Trustees Meeting** | May 7 & June 4 | 6:30 p.m.

First Thursday of every month with additional meetings scheduled as needed.

**Zoning Commission** | May 11 & June 8 | 7:00 p.m.

**Board of Zoning Appeals** | May 26 & June 23 | 7:00 p.m.

*Note: Audit, Communications, Fire, Finance, Investment, and Police Advisory Committee meetings not shown. View the full calendar at [www.GenoaTwp.com](http://www.GenoaTwp.com).*



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