



Genoa Township News

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Resolution for Livingston Wireless

By Paulette A. Skolarus

Genoa Charter Township passed a resolution on January 16, 2007 with a goal of providing Livingston County with wireless internet service. This resolution was approved at the request of our County Board of Commissioners.

In short, the resolution states that wireless service will enhance Livingston County's ability to attract and retain high-tech and nanotechnology corporations. *Livingston Wireless* would blanket the entire county with wireless internet service and provide free high speed internet access to every resident, business, and visitor in the county. This technology will support a growing mobile workforce and elevate the technical knowledge of its current and future workforce.

Livingston Wireless will not use public tax dollars or grant monies to subsidize the creation of the network and does not in any way create government control of private business.

While this creation is in its infancy and we do not see implementation happening within the next year, we have taken the initial step in moving our Township/County into the 21st century. This would certainly solve the issue of providing high speed internet service to many of our homeowners living in the more rural areas of our township.

From the Desk of the Supervisor...

I am available –

Ever wonder what we are working on at the township hall? Maybe you have questions about proposed developments, the Latson Interchange, or just need information in general. I am available to meet with you individually, take your calls, e-mail, or make a presentation to your homeowners association, trade organization, scout troop, school or other civic organization. I will pick the topic(s) or you can let me know what types of information would be most useful to your particular group. Please feel free to call me at the township hall Ph (810) 227-5225 or e-mail me at gary@genoa.org. I will schedule a time that works for you or your group.

We are listening and learning –

Our popular spring yard waste drop off at the township hall is just around the corner. The specific dates are April 21, 2007 and May 19, 2007. Last fall we experimented with a new disposal/drop off method which was frankly an abysmal failure. You will be happy to know that we have reverted to the old method of bringing in trucks and loading yard waste directly into the recycle trucks. We listened and paid attention to the results of our transgression and learned our lesson. Thank you for your patience.

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From the Treasurer's Office...

2006 Summer & Winter Taxes

All Genoa Township property owners were mailed a 2006 Summer & Winter Tax Bill. The 2006 Summer Taxes were due 9-14-06. If you are unsure if your Summer bill has been paid please contact the Genoa Township Treasurer's Office at 810-227-5225 or check our website at www.genoa.org.

Your Summer Tax bill, plus penalty, is still payable to Genoa Township until 2-28-07. If you need to pay a delinquent summer bill, please contact our office for a current amount due.

2006 Winter Taxes are payable, without penalty thru 2-28-07. Tax payments can be made at the Township Office by cash or check, Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00, or by mail to 2911 Dorr Rd., Brighton, MI 48116. If paying by mail please allow extra time for delivery, postmarks are not accepted.

For your convenience there is a drop box located by the front door for after hours payments.

You also now have the option to pay your taxes with a credit card. Credit card payments can only be made online at www.genoa.org or by calling 1-800-272-9829. Official Payments Corporation is providing this service for the Township. They will charge an additional convenience fee of approximately 3% for their service. Credit card payments cannot be made at the Township.

From the Manager's Office...

Genoa Charter Township has recently installed a drive up drop box at the Township Hall. The drop box is under video surveillance and is emptied daily. Receipts are mailed for all tax payments deposited in the drop box. This convenience allows you to conduct your Township business during or after normal office hours without leaving your vehicle. If you have any questions please contact the Township Manager; Mike Archinal at (810) 227-5225.



Genoa Charter Township employees personally donated this past Christmas to the Livingston Shared Harvest/Gleaners Community Food Bank. Gleaners is the third oldest food bank in the United States and distributes nearly 25 million pounds of food to people in need in southeastern Michigan. The Livingston County Shared Harvest is located in Genoa at 5924 Sterling Drive, south of Grand River, north of I-96 and west of Dorr Road. If you are interested in donating or volunteering you may contact them at (517) 548-3710 or at the Gleaners website: www.gcfb.org.

Don't forget to license your dog(s)

The 2007 Dog Licenses will be sold from December 1, 2006 thru February 28, 2007.

Dog License Fees for 2007:

- \$7.00 Spayed/Neutered
- \$25.00 Male/Female
- \$30.00 All dogs after February 28, 2007.

In order to issue you a license we must see the paperwork from your veterinarian showing proof of spay/neutering, if applicable, as well as proof of current rabies vaccination.



Reminder:

Even though all payments made at the Genoa Township offices are received at the Treasurer's counter, separate checks are still needed for the different types of services. Ex: Taxes, special assessments, sewer/water utility payments, etc.

Genoa Township property tax information is available on our website. Go to www.genoa.org click the link "Assessing & Property Tax Data." and then click "Search Tax Bill Data Base By Tax Bill." You can search by name, parcel ID # or address.

Tax payment detail only reflects payments made at Genoa Township. Payments made at the Livingston County Treasurer's Office, for delinquent taxes, are not reflected on the Genoa website.

Mold in Your Home

By Paulette A. Skolarus

Over the past few years, I have received calls from residents who complain of mold in their homes. According to Dianne McCormick, Environmental Health Director, there are no standards for what level of mold is acceptable in Michigan. Livingston County does not provide any service to make inspection or testing of mold for residential homes. The Health Department does provide great information and links to area services to alleviate any mold problem you might have. Information may be obtained at www.lchd.org, (under environmental health air quality).

If you can see mold or there is an earthy or musty odor in your home, you may assume you have a mold problem. That is not to say that all is lost. Usually moisture is the problem that causes mold to thrive and multiply. First, fix the source of the problem such as flooding, backed-up sewers, leaky roofs, humidifiers, house plants, steam from cooking and clothes dryers vented indoors (just a few examples).

Mold is found everywhere in nature, however, when it becomes excessive in the home, it may become dangerous depending upon the individuals sensitivity to various types of mold. After finding and fixing the source of your problem, remove the moldy materials. Wear gloves when handling moldy materials. Remove all porous materials such as ceiling tiles, sheetrock, carpeting and wood products. Cleaning and drying of carpet does not remove the dead spores. Allow the area to dry for two or three days. Sheetrock should be removed at a minimum of twelve inches above the high water mark in the case of flooding.

Clean it up with soap:

- Wear gloves
- Use a non-ammonia soap with hot water and scrub the entire area
- Use a stiff brush on block walls
- Rinse clean with water and household bleach (make sure area is well ventilated)
- Never mix bleach with ammonia – the fumes are toxic
- Let disinfecting areas dry naturally to kill the mold

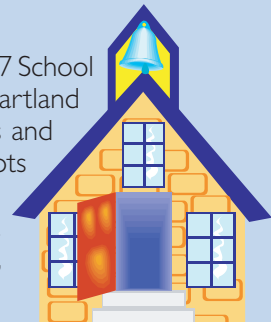
Cleaning may be hazardous to your health. Take steps to protect your health:

- Consider using a mask or respirator
- Wear protective clothing that can be discarded
- Use rubber gloves
- Try a small test patch of mold first. If you feel that this is adversely affecting your health, consider a licensed contractor
- Have your family members leave the area
- Air your house out during the work

(Printed with approval of Dianne McCormick, Environmental Health Director)

School Elections Scheduled

We are currently working with the local school districts concerning a May 8, 2007 School Election. As of this date elections are scheduled for Brighton Area Schools, Hartland Consolidated Schools, Howell Public Schools, Pinckney Community Schools and Livingston Educational Services Agency. Applications for absent voter ballots will be mailed early in April to those electors who previously requested that service. Other persons wishing to vote absent voter ballot may print a ballot application on line at www.genoa.org and then mail it to Paulette A. Skolarus, Genoa Charter Township Clerk, 2911 Dorr Road, Brighton, MI 48116.



Refuse collection dates for 2007 are as follows:

Spring Cleanup 04/21/2007 and 05/19/2007 from 9:00 a.m. until noon
Fall Cleanup 10/27/2007 and 11/17/2007 from 9:00 a.m. until noon

Holiday Collection Schedule

Waste Management observes the following Holidays

- New Years Day
- Memorial Day
- 4th of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

Memorial Day – Monday, May 28, 2007

One Day Behind All Week

Independence Day – Wednesday, July 4, 2007

Only Wednesday to Friday One Day Behind

Labor Day – Monday September 3, 2007

One Day Behind All Week

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 22, 2007

Only Thursday and Friday will be one day behind

Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25, 2007

Only Tuesday to Friday One Day Behind

New Years Day – Tuesday, January 1, 2008

Only Tuesday to Friday One Day Behind



Special Pickup

Genoa Township provides a special pickup for homeowners within the township for disposal of large household items. The contract with Waste Management allows for a 50 – 50 sharing in the cost for curbside pickup and disposal of household appliances such as water heaters, stoves, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners. The cost to you is just \$6.00 with the township also paying \$6.00. Additional stickers are \$12.00 each. Stickers may be purchased at the township hall during normal business hours (9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday). Appliances containing Freon must have the Freon removed by a certified technician prior to disposal.

Wailing in the Wind

By Paulette A. Skolarus

We stand to salute the red, white and blue,
A flag that stands for justice - no matter that it is flawed
A flag that stands for liberty - no matter that it is fragile
A flag that stands for loss when flying at half mast.

Today, again, it is wailing in the wind
A flag hung down in sorrow, for all mankind to see
Weeping for our soldiers - lost in foreign lands
Dressed in stars and stripes returning home to me.

Our flag is like no other, it represents the free
We need to fly it high for every man to see
To hail its stars and stripes
And thank God this land is free.

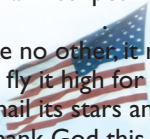


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