



With Great Sorrow we express our Sincere Sympathy



It is with a heavy heart that we mourn the passing of our dear friend and coworker, Karen Saari who was the long-time receptionist for the Township, having joined the staff in 2000. She was familiar to many residents as the first person they saw as they entered the Township Hall. Always smiling, Karen was helpful and kind to everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with her three sons, grandchildren, family members and many friends. Karen, you will never be forgotten.

Refuse and Recycling

All residential homes in Genoa Township are provided with household refuse removal and recycling through Duncan Disposal Systems. The Township contracts with a single carrier at an annual cost of \$135.00. A single residence pays \$112.00 annually on their winter tax bill. The difference of \$23.00 is paid from the township General Fund. This arrangement provides efficiency and saves our roads from having multiple trucks running through our neighborhoods throughout the week. This service includes removal of 96 gallons of household waste plus recycling each week.

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From Township Treasurer, Robin Hunt

The 2015 Summer Tax Bills become due July 1, 2015 and are payable without penalty, at Genoa Township, thru September 14, 2015. Please refer to the back of the tax bill for further information.

Watch for Important Tax Mailings Three Times a Year

- Mid-February – The Township Assessor's Office mails to all property owners the Assessment Notice that tells you what they are proposing your Taxable and Assessed Values to be for the upcoming tax year. The March Board of Review is your opportunity to appeal the values if you do not agree.
- July 1st - Summer taxes are mailed to all Township property owners
- December 1st - Winter taxes are mailed to all Township property owners

Please contact the Township Treasurer's Office at 810-227-5225 if you do not receive any of the above mailings.

From Township Clerk, Polly Skolarus ELECTIONS:

- Genoa Township has many places within the township that are used for state and local elections. The 2/42 Community Church located on Grand River, directly across from St. Joe's Woodland, is our newest location and was first used for the State Election this last May. The Township Board just approved a 20,000 square foot expansion to the Church which will allow voters easy access to the facility beginning in August 2016.
- We also use Community Bible Church, Brighton Church of the Nazarene, Chilson Hills Baptist Church as well as Cleary University,

Three Fires Elementary and Hornung Elementary. We wish to thank all those who allow us to use their beautiful facilities and appreciate their dedication to free elections within our Community.

- Several years ago the State approved and moved all elections to the responsibility of the local clerk. This action is economically important to those who seek millage increases or elected boards. Schools, Libraries and local millage requests, when added to State and Federal elections, result in no cost to local authorities when their proposals are added to those elections. A Presidential Primary Election is scheduled for March of 2016. In addition, a primary election will be held in August and a general election is scheduled for November of 2016. All of these may be used for local millage requests or election of board members at no cost to the local authority.
- The Michigan State Legislature appropriated \$10,000,000.00 for the recent referendum for road funding for the May election. The reimbursement cost for the election in Genoa Township totaled \$20,524.39 just in our community.

From Township Assistant Manager, Kelly VanMarter

NEW DEVELOPMENT:

We are growing by leaps and bounds.

- Genoa Township is pleased to welcome Providence Health Care to our community with easy access at the Latson Road and I-96 interchange Exit 140. The site plan was approved by the Township Planning Commission on May 11, 2015. The medical office building will be the first phase of a three-phase plan at the former Latson Elementary School property. Phase I include a three-story building of 60,000 square-feet and will house physician offices and medical support services. Additional phases will include medical offices, an out-patient surgical

center and development of out-lots for retail space such as restaurants and financial service.

- Panera Bread will redevelop the former Bennigan's site on the corner of Latson Rd. and Grand River Ave. The Township Board approved the site plan with a new façade that will be the first in the nation with that type of building style. Welcome Panera.
- A new USA2GO/Tim Horton's service center has recently started construction at the southwest corner of Grand Oaks and Latson Road with plans to be open for business later this year.
- The Red Olive restaurant has been approved to locate on the old Prairie House/TJ's BBQ at 3838 E. Grand River. The 3800 square foot restaurant will offer a warm and family friendly atmosphere with an expanded menu including Greek and Mediterranean entrees. We welcome them to our community.
- Nelligan's Outdoor Services, the previous home of Cadillac Brick at 7949 W. Grand River, is a brick paver & landscape design center which offers assistance and retails sales for residential & commercial landscaping projects. Welcome.
- Township staff recently issued a permit for a new Harbor Freight Tools to occupy the former ACO Hardware store. It will be nice to see a new use in this vacant space.



Large Item Pickup Program

As of January 1, 2015 each resident may pick up **1 FREE sticker** per year for a single, large item disposal. Residents may purchase additional stickers in each calendar year for \$10.00 each. Large items include appliances and furniture but do not include items containing Freon. Freon tags are \$50.00. Carpet will only be taken if it is rolled up and tied with duct tape or heavy twine. One ticket will take care of 3 rolls of carpeting in 4 foot widths (padding can be rolled with carpet). Each individual roll of carpet may not exceed 50 pounds. Large items will be picked up on your regular trash collection day.

Yard Waste Information

Curbside removal of yard waste is not included in our refuse contract. Another option is to contact our waste hauler directly. Duncan Disposal provides a curbside disposal of yard waste for an additional charge. Please call them directly @ 1-866-679-DUMP (3867). The cost is \$10.00 per for up to 10 bags or bundles and \$1.00 per bag or bundle over 10. Yard waste is picked up the first Friday of each month from April through November. PLEASE NO PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY KIND - paper yard waste bags or bundles only.

Did you know that you can keep abreast of what is happening in Lansing and Washington by downloading the app VoteSpotter. This will tell you how your State and Federal legislators are representing you in the creation of new laws.



Walk Path expansion at Genoa

The Genoa Township Park at 2911 Dorr Road is 45 acres in size and has a .67 mile long paved path. The Township also owns 25 acres at the far eastern end of Crooked Lake Road. A trail has been mowed through this property. If you are looking for a new 3 mile trail; run (or walk) around the Township Hall twice, cross the upper parking lot to Crooked Lake Road, head east and follow the signs.

Residents report seeing varied wildlife such as sand hill cranes, herons and deer. Please keep pets on a leash and use available dog waste baggies/receptacles. No motorized vehicles are allowed on the path.

This summer an informal group has been getting together to walk and run the trail on Wednesday nights at 5:15 PM. Please feel free to join in if you are training for a race or just looking to shed a few pounds. If you are really motivated you can do hill workouts on the sled hill!