

after-hours payments. All tax payments left in the drop boxes will be mailed a receipt. Payments left in the drop box on 2-29-16 will be applied as paid on time.

You also have the option to pay your taxes with a credit card or by electronic check online at www.genoa.org or by calling 1-800-272-9829. Official payments Corporation is providing this service for the Township. The jurisdiction code for Genoa Township is 7028. They will charge an additional convenience fee of 3% for credit card payments or a flat fee of \$3.00 for an electronic check payment. **Credit card payments cannot be made at the Township.**

SOLICITING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BY PAULETTE SKOLARUS VENDORS REGULATION ORDINANCE

The Township Office often receives calls concerning unknown persons soliciting in their neighborhood. In 1988 a Vendor's Ordinance was approved by the Township Board that restricts soliciting in the Township and your neighborhood without a license. Whenever anyone knocks on your door, with the exception of Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts or School groups, be sure to ask them for a copy of their license. This Ordinance was put in place to secure your neighborhood from unlawful intrusion.

A vending license may be obtained at the Clerk's Office for a fee. This Vendor's Ordinance regulates persons or entities soliciting for the sale of goods or service within our community.

The Ordinance states that "It shall be unlawful for any person either as principal agent or representative to engage in the business of hawking, vending, peddling or soliciting as herein defined within the Township of Genoa without having first obtained a license therefore in the manner as herein provided."

This license prohibits the following conduct by a hawker, peddler, solicitor or vendor:

- Entering a private residence under pretenses other than for peddling.
- Remaining in a private residence or on the premises thereof after the owner or occupant thereof has requested any such person to leave.
- Going in and upon the premise of a private residence by such person to peddle when the owner or occupant thereof has displayed a "no soliciting" or "no peddling" sign on such premises. **Note: A "No Soliciting" sign at the entrance to your subdivision would include all of your subdivision.**
- Peddling or soliciting at a private residence prior to 10:00 a.m. and after official sunset time, or at any time on a Sunday or on a state or national holiday.

Know your rights - Display of this license is required of every person when asked.



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FROM THE DESK OF TOWNSHIP CLERK, PAULETTE SKOLARUS CLOSED PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY SCHEDULED:



A Presidential Primary Election will be held in Michigan on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 for the purpose of voting for candidates seeking nomination to the Office of President of the United States. In accordance with State Law the last day to register to vote in the Presidential Primary was Feb. 8, 2016. The Township Hall is open for registration Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Residents may also register with any Secretary of State Branch Office or the County Clerk's Office.

The Presidential Primary Election will be conducted as a "closed" primary. Upon arrival at the polls voters will be asked which Party's primary they wish to support. Voters must indicate if they wish to receive the Democratic Party ballot or the Republican Party ballot.

ABSENT VOTER APPLICATIONS

Applications for absent voter ballots were mailed January 21st to all voters on the Township's automatic voting list. If you have not received your application, please call my office at (810) 227-5225 and we will mail an application to your home.

An absent voter application may be printed from the Township website at www.genoa.org. FAX the application to the attention of Township Clerk Paulette Skolarus (810) 227-3420. Please be sure to check the box to indicate which ballot you would like to receive—the Democratic Party ballot or the Republican Party ballot. Your date of birth and signature are a requirement for receiving a ballot.

PHOTO IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED BY LAW

Photo identification is a requirement in the State of Michigan for persons voting on Election Day. A Michigan Driver's License or Michigan Identification Card is accepted. Voters who don't have a Michigan driver's license or identification card may present the following forms of photo ID: federal or state government-issued photo identification; U.S. passport; military identification card with photo; student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education - such as a college or university; or tribal identification card with photo.

Any registered voter may vote without identification provided they sign a sworn statement or Affidavit of Voter not in Possession of Picture Identification. This statement includes a fine and imprisonment for anyone who makes a false statement.

MICHIGAN'S NEW SENATE BILL 13 BY PAULETTE SKOLARUS

FYI - Straight-party-voting is now a thing of the past. Voters may no longer fill in one box on their ballot to vote for all Democratic or all Republican candidates. The elimination now requires all voters to fill in the oval on the ballot for all races. This change will lengthen time in voting booths and lines at polling places. Efforts were made in 1964 and 2001 to eliminate straight-party-voting, but voters repealed the laws both times. This time lawmakers attached a \$5-million-dollar appropriation to the bill, which makes it immune from a referendum to repeal the law by voters. This bill was signed by Governor Snyder on January 5, 2016 even though it was opposed by Michigan Townships Association and local clerks across Michigan. For further information, please visit <http://www.michigan.gov/sos>

VOTE SPOTTER

Voters may download an application called "Vote Spotter" to their cell phones or computers. This application provides an overview of how all elected officials voted on House Bills and Senate Bills. This application is very useful if you wish to know how your representatives in Lansing are making decisions for you.

UPDATES FROM THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Chilson Rd at Coon Lake Rd Roundabout Construction:

Project Description: Construct single lane roundabout at the intersection of Chilson Road and Coon Lake Road (Pinehurst Drive). The work includes earthwork, curb and gutter, concrete paving, hot mix asphalt paving, turf restoration and all necessary related work to complete the project.

Start of Project: Beginning of May, 2016

Closures: Intersection may be closed up to 45 Consecutive Calendar Days, detours will be posted.

Project Completion: 75 calendar days from start of project

Brighton Road – Chilson Road to west of Bauer Road pavement Rehabilitation:

Project Description: The project consists of curb and gutter repairs, cold milling existing pavement, joint repairs, base repairs, geotextile reinforcements and drainage improvements, hot mix asphalt paving altogether with the necessary related work.

Start of Project: Mid-July, 2016 after completion of Chilson/Coon Lake round-about

Closures: Multiple closures, detours will be posted.

Project Completion: On or before September 2, 2016

FROM THE DESK OF TOWNSHIP TREASURER, ROBIN HUNT

2015 SUMMER & WINTER TAXES

All Genoa Township property owners were mailed a 2015 Summer & Winter Tax Bill. The 2015 Summer Taxes were due 9-14-15. If you are unsure if your Summer Tax 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 payable to Genoa Township until 2-29-16. If you need to pay a delinquent summer bill, please contact our office for a current amount due.

2015 Winter Taxes are payable, without penalty thru 2-29-16. Tax payments can be made at the Township Office by cash or check, Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or by mail to 2911 Dorr Rd., Brighton, MI 48116. If paying by mail please allow extra time for delivery as **postmarks are not accepted**. For your convenience there are two drop boxes located at the Township for