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NOTICE: Advanced Disposal is the Township's new provider for refuse and recycling services

Beginning Monday, Oct. 29, 2018, ALL Genoa Township residential refuse and recycling pickup will be handled by Advanced Disposal.

How will this affect your home:

Transition: Advanced Disposal uses automated single-operated trucks which require the use of their carts by all customers. Approximately two weeks prior to Advanced Disposal's start date of Oct. 29, new carts will be delivered to every residence: one 96-gallon refuse cart and one 64-gallon recycling cart. If you currently rent a cart you will no longer need to subscribe and pay for your cart. Tentative delivery dates are Oct. 15 through Oct. 26 for the new carts.

Currently Rented Carts/Recycle Bins: For those currently renting GFL or other waste hauler provided carts, GFL will be picking up your old carts. Once your final refuse/recycling pick-ups have been completed with GFL they will be sending a separate truck to collect the old carts and recycle bins. Please leave your empty rented

carts/bins at the curb after your final pick-up the week of Oct. 22. **If** you have purchased your own store-bought cart it can no longer be used for the automated truck. Do not leave your privately-owned carts at the road if you do not want them taken.



Refuse Pick-up: Regular household garbage service will remain weekly and must be placed in the supplied 96-gallon cart. Most pick-up days will remain the same, however some areas may need to be adjusted. Residents will be notified of any changes.

Recycling Pick-up: Advanced Disposal will provide recycling every other week using the provided 64-gallon cart. Schedules will be posted as soon as available at the following websites www.genoa.org and www.advanceddisposal.com as well as Advanced Disposals Smartphone App.

Large Item Stickers: Large item stickers are no longer required. Residents will now be allowed to place one large item per week at the curb for no additional charge. **No Freon items, please.**

Yard Waste: Yard waste will continue to be a separate subscription service. Contact Advanced Disposal now to set up service for this fall. The cost is \$80.00 per season or \$10.00 per month. Pick-up will be on a twice a month basis, with a limit of 15 bags per pick-up.

Yard Waste Drop Off: The Township will continue this year's Fall Yard Waste drop off at the Township Hall. Typically the fall drop off dates are in October and November, but these dates vary from year to year based on the weather and have not yet been set.

Enhanced Web and Mobile Communications: A Smartphone App will be available for residents to access Holiday schedules, pick-up dates, etc. Twitter and/or text message reminders or emergency messaging will provide homeowners with alerts about weather delays and mechanical issues that may delay your service.

Customer Service: Advanced Disposal's Northville Service Center will handle calls for Genoa residents at 1-888-443-1717 and will be able to search your information.

Updated information: Updated information will be posted on the Township and Advanced Disposal website as it becomes available: genoa.org and advanceddisposal.com. Township office hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (810) 227-5225.

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

If one of the following holidays occurs on a weekday and your collection day falls on or after that holiday, collection will be delayed by one day.

Observed Holidays:

New Year's Day Memorial Day July 4th Labor Day Thanksgiving Christmas Day

Recycling: Did you know?

Plastic grocery bags should not be placed in with your recycling. Please don't wrap your newspapers or other recycling products in plastic grocery or retail plastic shopping bags.

Plastic bags are a great concern to recycling companies. They get caught in the conveyors and damage the equipment. Plastic bags may be recycled at your local grocery store. Help us to help save the planet.

Just say no to Styrofoam

Styrofoam containers are commonly used for take-out food, but chemicals can leach into your food and contaminate that food, affecting human health and reproductive systems. This effect is further accentuated if food is reheated while still in the container. **NEVER HEAT STYROFOAM:** always remove food and place into a cooking vessel for reheating.

Styrofoam is non-biodegradable and appears to last forever. It's resistant to photolysis, or the breaking down of materials by photons originating from light. Styrofoam floats and is considered a main component of marine debris.



Secretary of State has ballots online

Voters wishing to view their ballot or find their polling place may do so by logging on to www.genoa.org. This address will provide a link to the Secretary of State. Then, simply type in your name and address and click on the icon to view your ballot as well as your polling location.

Included on the November ballot:

• A proposed initiated law to authorize the personal possession and use of marihuana by individuals aged 21 years and older and control the commercial production and distribution of marihuana

• A 0.5 millage request by Howell Schools for a sinking fund for maintenance, construction, and repair of school buildings

• A proposal to authorize automatic and Election Day voter registration, no-reason absentee voting, and straight ticket voting and add current legal requirements for military and overseas voting and postelection audits to the Michigan Constitution

• A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years

The township website includes an application to vote absent voter ballot. Please be assured that your vote will count on Election Day. A special counting board has been set up to tally those ballots electronically. The process provides for complete integrity and confidentiality of your vote. If you have questions, please contact your Township Clerk (polly@genoa.org).

- Polly Skolarus, Clerk

Do you know where to vote Nov. 6? Township Polling locations listed

Cleary University 3750 Cleary Drive Howell, MI Precincts 1& 9

Three Fires Middle School 4125 Crooked Lake Road Howell, MI Precincts 2 & 10

Community Bible Church 7372 W. Grand River Brighton, MI Precinct 3 The Naz Church 7679 Brighton Road Brighton, MI Precincts 4 & 8

Chilson Hills Baptist Church 4440 Brighton Road Brighton, MI Precincts 5, 7, 12 Hornung Elementary School 4680 Bauer Road Brighton, MI Precinct 6

2/42 Church 7572 W. Grand River Brighton, MI Precincts 11 & 13

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018

New voting equipment to help residents cast ballots

For those of you who voted in the August Primary you may have noticed that Genoa Township has new voting equipment. This equipment is provided by a company called Hart Intercivic and purchased in conjunction with the Michigan Secretary of State's Office. Hart is engaged in the national conversation about election security that has become evident these past few years. Hart is partnering with the

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE Make your voice count on Nov. 6th Last day to register Oct. 9, 2018 Department of Homeland Security, the Election Assistance Commission and others to secure our elections. Included in this new Verity Voting System are some of the following features:

I. We are never connected to the internet, intranet or other election office networks.

2. This system has never included remote access software.

3. There is always a paper trail should recounts or post-election audits be necessary.

4. Whitelisting, a form of Anti-virus software, prevents any unauthorized program, application or code from running on this voting system.

5. Voting devices and workstations operate in "kiosk" mode, ensuring the user can only access those parts of the system which are required for election operation.

Election security comes first when you are voting in Michigan. Michigan's extensive voting laws are one of the best in the country. Be assured that we are doing everything to ensure your vote is cast in privacy and secrecy. The hard copy paper trail assures the integrity of elections all over Michigan.

-Polly Skolarus, Clerk