



Genoa Charter Township News

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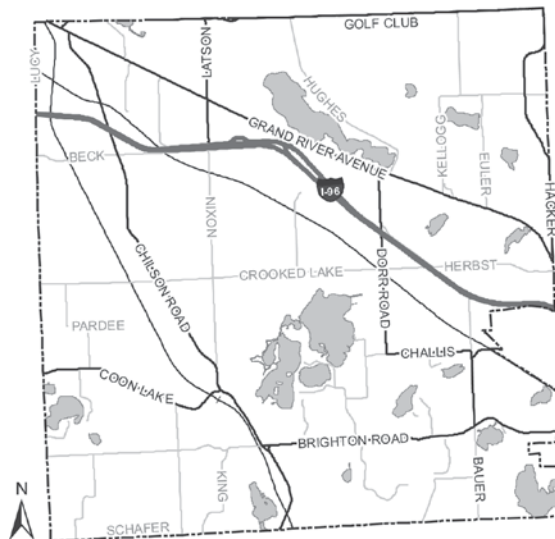
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Vote Absent Voter Ballot

Applications for the upcoming school election (Brighton Area Schools and Pinckney Community Schools) may be printed from the Genoa web site www.genoa.org. Please print your application and FAX to Polly Skolarus at 810 227-3420. Applications are also available at the Township Hall for those persons who do not have computer access. Ballots will be mailed in mid October.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

With the current state of the economy many local businesses are struggling. Now, more than ever, it is important to spend your dollars locally. Genoa Charter Township is blessed with a variety of commercial establishments to serve your shopping needs. Whether you are getting an oil change, buying groceries or going out for dinner please make an effort to make a Genoa business your first choice. With four different school districts and four different zip codes, Township boundaries are sometimes hard to define. Genoa Charter Township is the 36 square mile area between the cities of Howell and Brighton. The following map shows the jurisdictional boundaries of Genoa.



We are the heartbeat of Livingston County and we want to keep our community thriving and vital - with your support we can do just that.

Burning is not always allowed

The Genoa Charter Township Fire Ordinance and the Brighton Area Fire Authority regulates matters of open burning. The following section of the Fire Ordinance is included for your perusal:

Fires on Public and Private Property:

No person, partnership, firm, association, corporation, or any other legal entity, shall within the limits of Genoa Charter Township set any fire, burn, or cause to be burned, at any time any materials, including but not limited to, any building debris or materials, trees, tree stumps, or other combustibles, on any lot or parcel of ground within Genoa Charter Township, excepting between sunrise and sunset only (a) leaves, brush, twigs, and tree limbs which may be burned, providing the fire is tended by an adult and adequate fire containment methods are present when burning occurs and (b) domestic fires, camp fires, and special fires as authorized by section 307.1.4 of this Code. Genoa Charter Township holds a special pickup each spring and fall to allow our residents to dispose of yard waste.

Yard Waste Drop Off Information

Our Fall 2009 Yard Waste Collection program has been scheduled for the following date:

Saturday - October 24, 2009 - from 9:00 a.m. until noon

Saturday - November 21, 2009 - from 9:00 a.m. until noon

Please bring your leaves, small brush and other natural yard waste to the Township Hall (2911 Dorr Road, Brighton, MI) on those dates for recycling. Please bring all branches in 3 foot long bundles. The Township encourages the use of brown paper yard waste bags. Any plastic bags used to bring yard waste will be returned to the owner.

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP UPGRADED BY STANDARD & POOR'S

By Paulette A. Skolarus

We often receive inquiries concerning the financial health of our township in these difficult economic times. Please be assured that Genoa Charter Township is well and doing just fine. According to Standard and Poor's 46 Midwestern Municipalities were up-graded on revised criteria and strong financial performance and we were among those chosen. Our rating changed from A to AA. The key to that higher rating was achieved through a balance between location and economic opportunity that helped maintain financial stability.

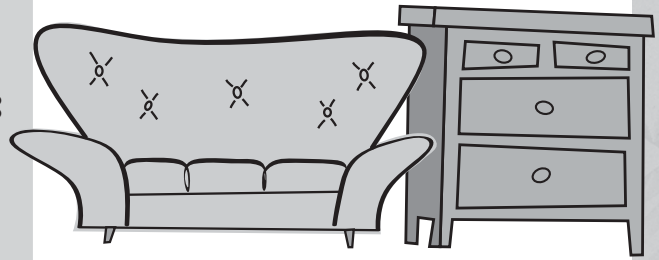
It has been our long standing policy to put aside money for future development such as parks and recreation, fire stations, our township hall, etc. This plan which looks to the future without accumulated debt is the reason we are surviving today's economic struggle. Our bike paths, township hall, fire stations and soccer fields are free and clear of debt. The Recovery Act may have a positive impact on our Township with a more positive economic picture for Genoa that will be felt sooner rather than later.

According to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments:

The Township is primarily a residential community with residents commuting to the state capitol in Lansing, university and hospital employment in Ann Arbor and the automotive oriented employment in Flint and Detroit.



- Livingston County has lost 6,539 residents.
- Genoa Charter Township will reach over 20,000 residents as a result of the 2010 census.
- The average household income for Genoa is \$71,398.00 with the majority of our residents living within the \$60,000.00 to \$125,000.00 range.
- We have gained 129 new jobs primarily in public administration and professional/scientific/technical fields.
- Our job losses were in wholesale, service, trade and financial activities.

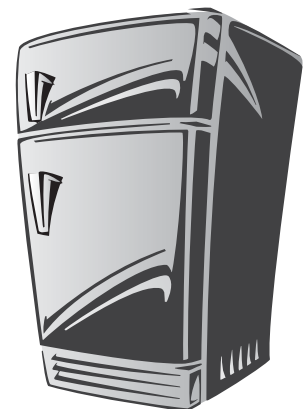


Large Item Pickup Program

If you have large item(s) for disposal such as mattresses, couches, carpet, water heaters, etc. you can purchase a large item sticker from the Treasurer's Department at the Township Hall. The cost is \$6.00 for the first ticket, per year, and \$12.00 for any additional stickers in that year. The program runs January 1 thru December 31. Please contact the Township Staff at (810) 227-5225 if you would like help determining how many stickers will be required for your item(s). We recommend that you first place the item out without the sticker to see if someone may take your item. If no one takes your item then place the sticker on it in time for your regularly scheduled garbage day. If you find you don't need the sticker you purchased, they do not expire so just save for a later date.

THE LARGE ITEM STICKERS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

The Township also now has a removal program for items with Freon. Freon Item Stickers can be purchased at the Township Hall for \$50.00. These items require scheduling a special truck. Once you've purchased the sticker you will be given your pick up date. All items must be placed at the curb and doors must be removed from refrigerators, freezers, etc.



THE FREON ITEM STICKERS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.



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2009 Property Taxes

2009 Summer Tax Bills were mailed out to all Genoa Charter Township property owners July 1, 2009. The Summer Taxes were due September 14, 2009. If you are unsure if your summer taxes have been paid, please contact the Township Treasurer's Office at 810-227-5225 or check our website at www.genoa.org. Summer taxes are payable at Genoa Charter Township until February 28, 2010 however there are additional penalties now due. The 2009 Winter Tax Bills will be mailed out December 1, 2009 and are payable through February 28, 2010.

Livingston County Solid Waste Program

The Livingston County Solid Waste Program will hold a household hazardous waste collection this October. This free event is open to all Livingston County residents wanting to remove hazardous chemicals from their homes, workshops and garages. The October 10, 2009 collection will be held from 9:00 a.m. until noon on the 10th. To obtain a list of accepted items, please visit www.co.livingston.mi.us/solidwaste or call (517) 545-9609 to schedule an appointment.