



# Genoa Charter Township News

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## Summer Construction Leads to Winter Fun

*By Tesha Humphriss, Township Engineer*

At Genoa Township, we are using clean excess fill material from all that frustrating summer construction to generate some winter fun. Road, sewer and water construction in the area generated 10,000 cubic yards of soil that is piled next to our driveway. By using excess fill the hill has taken two years longer to complete but saved \$200,000.00 in trucking and other expenses related to fill material. Thank you to the Livingston County Road Commission and Fonson Construction for their effort on our behalf.

Grading activities will begin this month to shape this soil pile into a sledding hill for use this coming winter. An additional 10,000 cubic yards of fill material from the Township Hall property will be added. In total the dirt being moved at this site to create the sled hill would fill up an entire NFL Football Field to the bottom of the goal posts. Assuming grass grows well this fall, the hill will be open for use this winter. The final sled hill will have a vertical drop of approximately 40-feet and a run length of over 200 feet and will be fun for all ages. This will be a great addition to your walking trails and soccer fields on the township property. All are welcome!!!

## Genoa Approves Reimbursement for SELCRA Recreation

At the August 23, 2010 Special Meeting of the Township Board the following was approved:

- Genoa residents will be reimbursed for the difference between in-district and out-of-district fees related to SELCRA recreational programs. Receipts must be submitted within 30 days of enrollment/payment.
- The reimbursement program will take effect immediately and will remain in effect until 12/31/2010 at which time the board will consider continuation of the program.
- An original receipt is required for reimbursement.
- Receipts may be either mailed to Treasurer Robin Hunt or hand delivered to the Township Hall.
- Checks will be approved at the semi-monthly regular meetings of the Board.

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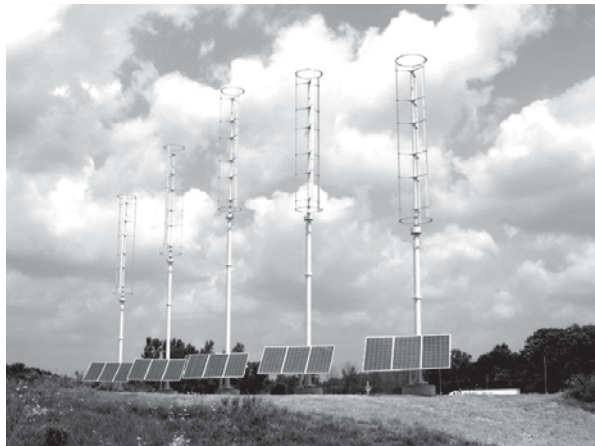
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## **From the Desk of Township Manager, Michael Archinal**

### ***We're Going Green with Recycled Aircraft Aluminum***

Genoa Township was awarded an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Multi-Purpose block Grant for \$94,919.00 from the Michigan Dept. of Energy. Township Manager Mike Archinal submitted the grant application on behalf of the township. The five Windspire wind/solar hybrid turbines were installed in August and are expected to save the township 20% of our electric bill annually. The rotors are made of recycled aircraft grade extruded aluminum.

When the Township Hall is not in use and it is a very windy or sunny day the wind and solar system may generate more power than the Hall needs. In these instances power will be actually fed back to the electrical grid. A "net" meter has been installed that will spin backwards when this occurs in effect paying the Township for energy produced.



## **From the Desk of Township Treasurer, Robin Hunt**

### ***2010 Property Taxes***

The 2010 Summer Tax Bills were mailed out to **all** Genoa Township property owners July 1, 2010. The Summer Taxes were payable from July 1 through September 14 without interest. As of September 15, a 1% per month interest charge is assessed on unpaid summer taxes. 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](http://www.genoa.org).

The 2010 Winter Tax Bills will be mailed out December 1, 2010 and are payable through February 28, 2011.

## **From the Desk of Township Clerk, Polly Skolarus**

### ***Gubernatorial Election Scheduled for Nov. 2, 2010***

Michigan will choose its next Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and Representative in Congress, State Senator, Representative in State Legislature, County Commission. In addition local school board candidates and the state board of education candidates will be on the ballot, along with Justices of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals and the Circuit Court. The Pinckney, Howell and Brighton School Districts have candidates on the ballot as well as the Brighton District Library.

There are also two state proposals. The first is a proposal to convene a constitutional convention for the purpose of drafting a general revision to the state constitution. This proposal, if approved, will convene in 2011 to draft the general revision that will be presented at a later election. The second proposal is to amend the state constitution to prohibit certain felons from holding executive office and other specified types of public employment positions.

Absent voter ballots will be mailed late in September to all those registered voters who previously requested ballots. The last day to register to vote the Nov. 2, 2010 General Election is Oct. 4, 2010. If you are not registered, please do so prior to that date. The township office is open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

### ***The Hard Fought Right to Vote***

Today we read how the rights of women are violated daily around the world. It's not so many years since women in the U.S. were treated as less valuable than men and denied the right to vote.

Most everyone has heard or read the stories of the women who picketed the Woodrow Wilson's White House for the right to vote 93 years ago. The date was Nov. 15, 1917 when suffragettes were imprisoned and tortured for their behavior – merely asking for the same right to vote as men. These women fought for a right that was finally granted in 1920. Please read "Iron Jawed Angels" if you want to know the whole story.

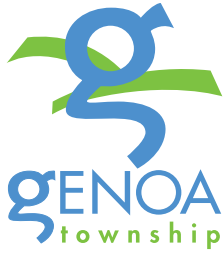
I would encourage everyone to exercise your right to choose between candidates and to choose their representative to public office. Please vote on Nov. 2nd – It is your right and your obligation to keep America free.



## **Autumn Leaf Collection**

Fall clean up dates have been scheduled for  
**Saturday October 23, 2010**  
and  
**November 20, 2010.**

Residents may drop off their yard waste from  
9:00 a.m. until noon on those dates.



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### **OLHSA's Weatherization Assistance Program is Still Accepting Applications!**

**With income guidelines slightly higher than most programs, and more open availability during these slower months, it's a great time to apply and beat the winter rush!**

Weatherization is FREE and may include such necessary services as wall, ceiling and attic insulation; ventilation; combustion-appliance testing; furnace repair or replacement; air leakage reduction, and many other energy-saving measures! This free service reduces energy use and lowers utility bills, thus creating more self sufficient households.

#### **Eligibility**

- Families and individuals who are interested in having their home weatherized must meet current federal income guidelines, which includes the gross income of everyone residing in the home at the time of application
- Recipients of FIP, SSI or SDA who have received benefits during any part of the past twelve months are automatically eligible
- Applicants must be residents of Oakland or Livingston County
- Weatherization serves homeowners, mobile home owners, and renters

**Improve the energy efficiency of your home,  
save energy and save money!**

**Call OLHSA at 517 546-8500 to see if you qualify today!**

