



Genoa Charter Township News

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Kids Just Wanna Have Fun

The sledding hill at Genoa Township opened this winter and kids of all ages are having fun sledding.



The Township would like to extend a sincere thank you to resident Randy Stowers and his company Gasser Bush Associates for the donation of light poles and helpful assistance in providing lighting for the sledding hill and parking area.

SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION

The spring cleanup for the collection of yard waste is scheduled for the following dates: April 16th and May 14th. Residents may drop off their yard waste from 9:00 a.m. until noon on those dates.

Free Trees - When you participate in our spring cleanup

Thanks to a generous donation from ITC Holdings Genoa Township will be offering free pine seedlings at its April 16th spring cleanup. The Township is obtaining the seedlings through the Livingston Conservation District www.livingstoncd.org. The seedlings are 3 year old white pine (8" to 12"), blue spruce (10" to 16") and Norway spruce (12" to 18"). Proof of residency is required. Quantities are limited. Trees will be provided, one per customer, on a first come first served basis. According to the USDA Forestry Service trees properly placed around buildings can reduce air conditioning needs by 30 percent and can save 20-50 percent in energy

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Township Building Department

From: Gary McCririe, Township Supervisor

Genoa Township is embarking upon the establishment of our own building department. The number one goal, as with all things here, is superior customer service. The planning for this new department has been on-going for over 12 months while we researched the correct structure to deliver the quickest, smoothest, friendliest and cost-efficient way to meet the needs of our residents and customers. We are now ready to launch and we know you will be happy with the results we deliver.

Genoa has contracted with SafeBUILT, a national company, that provides review and inspection services across the United States. They will work with us to provide the tools necessary to make sure the application and issuance of land use and building permits is quick and easy. Our goal is to provide permits in days instead of weeks. They have also assembled a complete library of materials for the do-it-yourselfer to assist with your questions prior to your project. Staff will be available to answer questions on the phone or in person at the office to make sure your project goes off without a hitch. Additionally, we will be ready to schedule inspections quickly and will offer guidance throughout the process when needed.

The necessary forms and materials are available 24/7 on our web site at www.genoa.org. There you will be able to access everything necessary to move forward. Or, if you prefer, come into the office and we will help you get started here. Just call and schedule an appointment with our building official, Dennis Smith. He can be reached at 810-227-5225 or at dennis@genoa.org. He will be your contact throughout the entire process. Additionally, our staff will be here to assist you through the approval process with the health department and drain commissioner's offices. But, don't worry; we will walk you through so that the experience is both painless and simple.

We know that you will be pleased with the new building department and we will deliver the same pleasant and courteous service you have come to expect here at Genoa Township.

Fireworks – Did you know?

By Paulette A. Skolarus



Class B Fireworks require a permit and the following are specifically prohibited: Firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, daygo bombs, bottle rockets, whistling chasers, rockets on sticks or other fireworks of like construction. Therefore it is not legal to possess, sell or use them in Michigan without a permit.

Fireworks displays require that local units of government rule on the competency and qualifications of pyrotechnic operators who propose to conduct pyrotechnic display before a permit is issued. Residents should apply to the township for a permit. Proof of insurance is required. Retailers may not sell any device requiring a permit to

anyone unless the purchaser also has a permit.

Membership Drive at Recycle Livingston



Recycle Livingston needs about 185 more memberships to meet its goal of 500 new members by the end of its fiscal year. On January 31, 2011, Recycle Livingston had 315 new members for their fiscal year. Membership fees are critical to their operation because material prices can go up and down in a

volatile economy. 38.8% of their income came from memberships in 2010. Community support is critical. About 26% came from materials. Regular memberships cost \$25. Everyone in the household can receive a card, and they can come as often as they would like for this one low price. Senior households only cost \$20. Everyone in a senior household should be 62 years of age and older. The date of the membership begins on the date that person joins until the exact same date of the following year.

Recycle Livingston's hours are Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 1 p.m. Recycle Livingston is located at 170 Catrell just off the north side of Grand River about one mile east of downtown Howell between National and Chilson. They are open on all of the summer holiday weekends but close for the winter holiday weekends. They also close for severe weather conditions such as extreme heat, extreme cold, and severe storms. Their telephone number is 1-517-548-4439 and their website is www.recyclelivingston.org. They also welcome email correspondence at recycleliv@sbcglobal.net or communication on Facebook. Recyclers can also sign up for a new membership through Donate Now on their Facebook page or the Recycle Livingston website.

Although Recycle Livingston is located on a small city lot, they recycle many tons of materials because of the compactors and high traffic flow coming through the site. They now have approximately 1,100 members compared to about 700 in 2006. In 2010, Recycle Livingston recycled 485 tons of materials. One ton at 2000 lb. is about the size of four or five refrigerator-sized boxes full of materials.

Recycle Livingston provides many employment hours for drivers and processors from area recycling businesses in addition to their own staff hours. Drivers make about three or four trips per week to Recycle Livingston. Recycling is a good way to stimulate the economy and has many advantages. The jobs stay at home. Recycling keep items circulating and it helps the environment. It is a good way to live.



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Genoa Township and the U.S. Census Bureau

Our population increased from 15,901 to 19,821 as a result of the recent census, an increase of 24.9%. We are now the 100th most populated district in the state.

- 93% of our population are high school graduates or higher and of those graduates another 35% have at least a Bachelor's degree or higher
- 21% have never married and 65% are married
- The median household income is \$76,581 with 10% making over \$150,000.00
- 49.9% are male and 50.1 are female
- The majority of our residents are in Management/Professional or Sales/Office
- We have 8,521 housing units with 789 of them vacant



Dog Licenses will now expire in the month of the rabies expiration date.

You now have the option to purchase a one year license or a three year dog license which will expire in the MONTH of the current rabies expiration date. However, the rabies vaccination must be valid for the entire three year period in order to purchase the three year license. Please note that your 2010 dog license will extend to the MONTH of your current rabies expiration date of 2011. Reminder postcards will be mailed out approx. two months prior to the expiration date. Rabies vaccines can be renewed anytime in the MONTH in which it expires. If you do NOT purchase a Dog License by the end of that MONTH, a late fee of \$15.00 will be added to the price of a Dog License.

Prices are as follows:	1 Year	3 Year	<i>Exceptions:</i>
Current Spayed/Neutered	\$7.00	\$21.00	<i>New Resident – Thirty (30) days from move-in date without penalty</i>
Current Male / Female	\$25.00	\$60.00	<i>New Dog – Within thirty (30) days of obtaining animal without penalty</i>
Late Fee	\$15.00	\$15.00	<i>Puppy – Under one (1) year old - \$7.00</i>