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From the desk of Treasurer, Robin Hunt

The **2012 Summer Tax Bills** will be mailed out to **all** Genoa Township property owners on Monday, July 2, 2012. The Summer Taxes are due September 14, 2012. Once you receive your tax bill you can begin making payments toward your taxes due. Partial payments can be made as often as you like and for any dollar amount. As of September 15th a 1% per month interest charge is assessed on unpaid summer taxes. Payments must be received at the Township by the due date, postmarks are not accepted as the date paid.

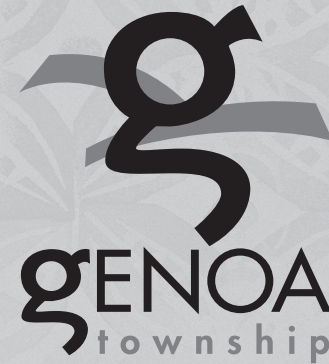
Tax Bill Payment Options: Tax payments can be made online with a credit card or electronic check, by mail with a check or at the township offices by cash or check. For your convenience there are two drop boxes located at the Township offices for after hour payments. All payments paid by mail or put in the drop box will be mailed a paid receipt.

With online banking becoming more prevalent, we wanted to bring a few things to your attention. Most banks use a third party to process checks requested through their online bill payment system. This means that your money is deducted from your account and sent to third party processor, not directly to the designated payee. **Bills paid through your on-line banking system may take up to 15 business days to be received.**

Watch for Important Tax Mailings Three Times a Year

- Mid February – The Township Assessor's Office mails to all property owners the Assessment Notice that tells you what they are proposing your Taxable and Assessed Values to be for the upcoming tax year. The March Board of Review is your opportunity to appeal the values if you do not agree.
- July 2nd - Summer taxes are mailed to all Township property owners
- December 1st - Winter taxes are mailed to all Township property owners

Please contact the Township Office's at 810-227-5225 if you do not receive any of the above mailings.



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Genoa Charter Township News

July 2012

From the Desk of Township Clerk, Paulette Skolarus

AUGUST PRIMARY SCHEDULED

A primary Election has been scheduled for August 7th. On this date voters may choose their candidate for the Democratic and Republican parties who will then face each other in November. **Do not split your ticket between the two parties or your ballot will not count.** All candidates running as Democrats will automatically be on the Ballot in November with the exception of Delegates to the Count Convention in Precinct 5 where four candidates are running with three positions open. This is a very important election for your local representatives as your vote in some instances will actually elect them to that office since there are no candidates running under the Democratic ticket.

Registered voters who will be away from the community on August 7th may vote absent voter ballot. An application for an absent voter ballot is available on the township web site at www.genoa.org. Applications may either be dropped at the township hall, FAX (810) 227-3420 or mailed to:

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Township Clerk
2911 Dorr Road
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Ballots for the August Primary will be mailed July 9th. Please remember to complete the application for both the Primary and the General Elections when submitting your request. Voters who will be away for the winter months should note the mailing address for November on your application.

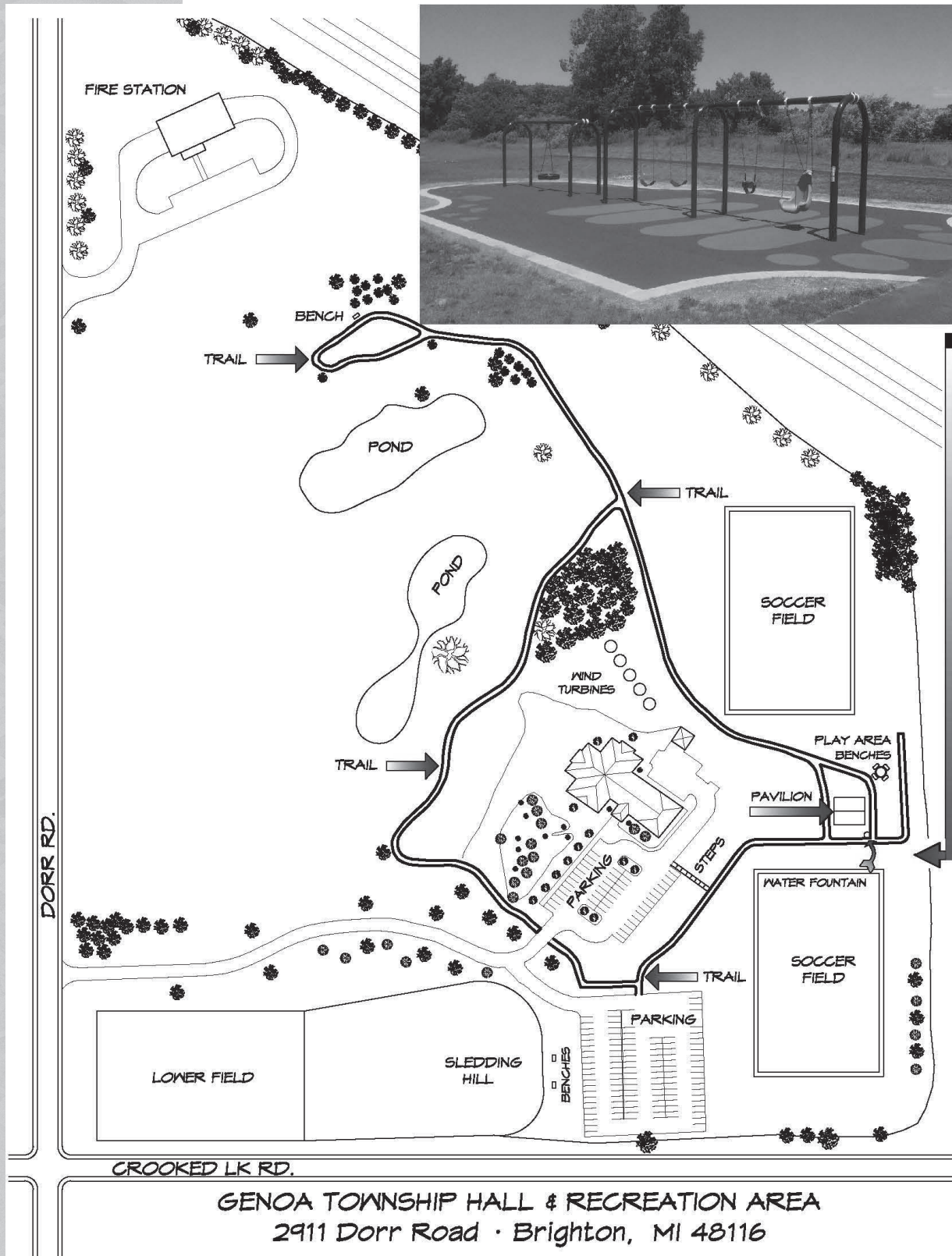
SEARCHING for Ancestors

For those of you who search for your ancestors at Genealogy sites please take note of www.FindAGrave.com. This site lists the names of persons buried at cemeteries around the world. With this site you may search by the name of the cemetery or the name of the deceased. This site contains in excess of 81 million grave records. I was amazed at the data available for our nearly 200 year old Chilson Hills Cemetery. Pictures of monuments and death certificates are available for some sites.

In life we wear many hats ...is this one yours?



Brighton Area Fire Authority is seeking professionals in the Genoa Township community willing to serve their neighbors as a Paid On-Call Firefighter! *No experience necessary!* Training is provided. If you're ready to wear another hat apply online at www.brightonarefire.com or in person at: Station 31 @ 615 W. Grand River Ave. Brighton, MI



**From the desk of Gary McCririe,
 Township Supervisor**

Your General Fund Tax Dollars at Work:

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

•We continue to expand our sidewalk network in the township. Last year approximately one mile of sidewalk was constructed between Natanna and the City of Howell. This was in addition to the section installed in 2009 on the north side of Grand River from Snowden and Latson Road west to Natanna. This fall look for a project that will extend the path from Latson east to the entrance to Sunrise Park at Exit 141. Completion is expected in October. Future phases will complete a continuous pedestrian path on Grand River to the Township Boundary on Hacker Road. Extensions to the paths on Bauer and Brighton Roads are also planned.

•“SWINGS” was a request we heard from many of the families using the playground equipment behind the Township Hall at 2911 Dorr Road. In response an installation was completed this spring and included a horizontal tire, handicap accessible, toddler and regular swings. The play surface is poured in place rubber with a design that identifies Michigan mammals by their tracks. A button activated water mister was also installed to cool off athletes using one of the two sports fields. With school out the playground is already getting a lot of use and has been extremely popular with our young residents.

•The curve on Clifford Road north of Challis was reconstructed recently and was financed by the Township through a cooperative effort with the Livingston County Road Commission. This is the only access into the Tri-Lakes area and gets a significant amount of traffic making this a project that positively impacted a significant number of our residents.

•Several subdivision roads have received or will be receiving pavement maintenance this summer through the Township’s crack sealing program with no direct cost to the residents.

•Gravel roads throughout the Township receive dust control applications throughout the summer months. Applications typically occur around Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day.

All of these construction projects have been completed without incurring debt. In 2009, despite a national and regional economic downturn, the Standard and Poor’s bond rating for Genoa Charter Township was upgraded from A to AA. A rating of AA is defined as, “A very strong capacity to meet financial commitments.”

As always I am available to discuss your interests and concerns moving forward. Feel free to contact me at 810-227-5225 and you will receive a quick response, I promise!

THANK YOU SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB

The Sunrise Rotary Club has done an awesome job of improving the Chilson Hills Cemetery. The property looks terrific. Thank you!