

**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 7, 2019**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Call to the Public (Public comment will be limited to two minutes per person)\*:

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

1. Payment of Bills.
2. Request to Approve Minutes: December 17, 2018

**Approval of Regular Agenda:**

3. Second reading and adoption of an ordinance declining authorization of medical marihuana facilities and prohibiting all marihuana establishments within the Township pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act of 2018.
4. Request for approval of Resolution #190107 authorizing the Livingston County Drain Commissioner to expend money for the interim maintenance and repair of the Genoa/Oceola Drain in excess of \$5,000 per mile.
5. Consider approval of a proposal from Tetra Tech for survey and design services for Grand River Sidewalk Phase 5 in the amount of \$16,000.
6. Discussion regarding every other week recycling.

Correspondence  
Member Discussion  
Adjournment

<p>*Citizen's Comments- In addition to providing the public with an opportunity to address the Township Board at the beginning of the meeting, opportunity to comment on individual agenda items may be offered by the Chairman as they are presented.</p>
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CHECK REGISTERS FOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DATE: January 7, 2019

TOWNSHIP GENERAL EXPENSES: Thru January 7, 2019	\$191,073.48
December 28, 2018 Bi Weekly Payroll	\$95,428.92
January 3, 2019 Vacation Pay Part-Time	\$6,609.67
OPERATING EXPENSES: Thru January 7 2019	\$609,334.80
TOTAL:	<u>\$902,446.87</u>

Check Date	Check	Vendor Name	Amount
Bank FNBCK CHECKING ACCOUNT			
12/12/2018	34923	BRAY ELECTRIC	4,485.00
12/12/2018	34924	BRIGHTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMM	200.00
12/12/2018	34925	COMCAST	637.20
12/12/2018	34926	CONTINENTAL LINEN SERVICE	244.04
12/12/2018	34927	DTE ENERGY	2,175.60
12/12/2018	34928	LIVINGSTON PRESS & ARGUS	180.00
12/12/2018	34929	NEOPOST USA INC	140.00
12/12/2018	34930	TERRY CROFT	104.64
12/12/2018	34931	TETRA TECH INC	1,270.00
12/14/2018	34932	ADVANCED DISPOSAL SERVICES	87,229.00
12/14/2018	34933	AMERICAN AQUA	142.11
12/14/2018	34934	AT&T	241.76
12/14/2018	34935	COMCAST	328.22
12/14/2018	34936	ETNA SUPPLY COMPANY	39,431.73
12/14/2018	34937	NETWORK SERVICES GROUP, L.L.C.	100.00
12/14/2018	34938	HOWELL TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	23.98
12/17/2018	34939	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF MI	37,988.97
12/17/2018	34940	MASTER MEDIA SUPPLY	560.14
12/17/2018	34941	STATE OF MICHIGAN	175.00
12/19/2018	34942	CONSUMERS ENERGY	601.09
12/19/2018	34943	PFEFFER, HANNIFORD, PALKA	4,250.00
12/19/2018	34944	SAFEBUILT STUDIO	4,131.73
12/19/2018	34945	SBS GROUP, LLC	3,900.00
12/19/2018	34946	VERIZON WIRELESS	395.02
12/20/2018	34947	CHASE CARD SERVICES	1,402.39
12/20/2018	34948	TRI COUNTY SUPPLY, INC.	45.72
12/21/2018	34949	MICHAEL ARCHINAL	500.00
12/21/2018	34950	COMCAST	190.14
FNBCK TOTALS:			
Total of 28 Checks:			191,073.48
Less 0 Void Checks:			0.00
Total of 28 Disbursements:			191,073.48

Check Register Report For Genoa Charter Township  
 For Check Dates 12/28/2018 to 12/28/2018

Check Date	Bank	Check Number	Name	Check Gross	Physical Check Amount	Direct Deposit	Status
12/28/2018	FNBCK	12873	MATKIN, RONALD	75.00	69.26	0.00	Open
12/28/2018	FNBCK	EFT296	FLEX SPENDING (TASC)	1,303.47	1,303.47	0.00	Open
12/28/2018	FNBCK	EFT297	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	21,925.10	21,925.10	0.00	Open
12/28/2018	FNBCK	EFT298	PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL	4,436.00	4,436.00	0.00	Open
12/28/2018	FNBCK	EFT299	PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL	1,490.18	1,490.18	0.00	Open
<b>Totals:</b>				29,229.75	29,224.01	0.00	
					Dir. Dep.		
Total Physical Checks:				1	<u>66,204.91</u>		
Total Check Stubs:				4			

**\$95,428.92**

Check Register Report For Genoa Charter Township  
 For Check Dates 01/03/2019 to 01/03/2019

Check Date	Bank	Check Number	Name	Check Gross	Physical Check Amount	Direct Deposit	Status
01/03/2019	FNBCK	12875		1,171.20	916.29	0.00	Open
01/03/2019	FNBCK	12876		2,838.66	2,503.19	0.00	Open
01/03/2019	FNBCK	12877		2,383.12	1,807.94	0.00	Open
01/03/2019	FNBCK	EFT300	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	1,382.25	1,382.25	0.00	Open
<b>Totals:</b>							
				Number of Checks: 004	7,775.23	6,609.67	0.00
Total Physical Checks:				3			
Total Check Stubs:				1			

Check Date	Check	Vendor Name	Amount
Bank 503FN DPW-UTILITIES #503			
12/14/2018	4496	CHASE CARD SERVICES	3,576.54
12/14/2018	4497	GREG TATARA	20.00
12/14/2018	4498	ST JOHN PROVIDENCE OCC HEALTH HOWEL	65.00
12/17/2018	4499	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	249.93
12/17/2018	4500	AUTO-LAB OF LIVINGSTON	862.68
12/17/2018	4501	BELLE TIRE	20.00
12/17/2018	4502	BLACKBURN MFG. CO.	370.91
12/17/2018	4503	BYRUM ACE HARDWARE	4.60
12/17/2018	4504	COMPLETE BATTERY SOURCE	72.21
12/17/2018	4505	FASTENAL COMPANY	298.78
12/17/2018	4506	MARSHALL'S EXPRESS	94.95
12/17/2018	4507	OHM ENGINEERING ADVISORS	5,160.00
12/17/2018	4508	PORT CITY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	253.40
12/17/2018	4509	RED WING BUSINESS ADVANTAGE ACCOUNT	125.99
12/17/2018	4510	SPIRIT OF LIVINGSTON	28.00
12/17/2018	4511	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	85.58
12/17/2018	4512	VICTORY LANE QUICK OIL CHANGE	224.95
12/17/2018	4513	WEX BANK	3,236.42
12/18/2018	4514	GENOA TOWNSHIP	200,000.00
12/18/2018	4515	VERIZON WIRELESS	726.95
12/18/2018	4516		0.00 V
Void Reason: PRINTED REPORT ON IT BY ACCIDENT			
12/21/2018	4517	GREG TATARA	700.00
01/03/2019	4518	G/O NEW USER FUND	6,394.00
01/03/2019	4519	G/O NEW USER FUND	50,964.00
01/03/2019	4520	GENOA TOWNSHIP	200,000.00
01/03/2019	4521	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	1,242.58

503FN TOTALS:

Total of 26 Checks:	474,777.47
Less 1 Void Checks:	0.00
Total of 25 Disbursements:	474,777.47

Check Date	Check	Vendor Name	Amount
Bank 592FN OAK POINTE OPERATING FUND #592			
12/14/2018	4448	AT&T	142.71
12/17/2018	4449		0.00 V
Void Reason: WROTE REPORT ON CHECK			
12/17/2018	4450	CLEAN HARBORS ENV. SERVICE	767.50
12/17/2018	4451	COOPER'S TURF MANAGEMENT LLC	110.00
12/17/2018	4452	FERGUSON WATERWORKS #3386	250.98
12/17/2018	4453	GENOA TOWNSHIP D.P.W. FUND	47,985.53
12/17/2018	4454	GENOA OCEOLA SEWER AUTHORITY	875.81
12/17/2018	4455	GRAINGER	397.53
12/17/2018	4456	HAVILAND PRODUCTS COMPANY	1,478.70
12/17/2018	4457	K & J ELECTRIC, INC.	3,504.00
12/17/2018	4458	MISS DIG SYSTEM, INC	736.36
12/17/2018	4459	TETRA TECH INC	1,654.77
12/17/2018	4460	TLS CONSTRUCTION	264.00
12/17/2018	4461	UIS SCADA	2,641.00
12/17/2018	4462	USA BLUEBOOK	117.29
12/21/2018	4463	CONSUMERS ENERGY	250.91
01/03/2019	4464	AT&T LONG DISTANCE	40.46
01/03/2019	4465	BREHOB CORPORATION	636.27
01/03/2019	4466	BRIGHTON ANALYTICAL, L.L.C.	185.00
01/03/2019	4467	GENOA TOWNSHIP D.P.W. FUND	39,890.09
01/03/2019	4468	GENOA OCEOLA SEWER AUTHORITY	271.79

592FN TOTALS:

Total of 21 Checks:	102,200.70
Less 1 Void Checks:	0.00
Total of 20 Disbursements:	102,200.70

Check Date	Check	Vendor Name	Amount
Bank 593FN LAKE EDGEWOOD OPERATING FUND #593			
12/13/2018	3503	BRIGHTON ANALYTICAL , L.L.C.	67.00
12/13/2018	3504	CONSUMERS ENERGY	465.66
12/17/2018	3505	BRIGHTON ANALYTICAL , L.L.C.	536.00
12/17/2018	3506	GENOA TOWNSHIP D.P.W. FUND	13,306.22
12/17/2018	3507	GENOA OCEOLA SEWER AUTHORITY	304.50
12/17/2018	3508	HARTLAND SEPTIC SERVICE, INC.	7,500.00
12/17/2018	3509	HUBBELL, ROTH & CLARK, INC	388.64
12/17/2018	3510	K & J ELECTRIC, INC.	90.00
12/17/2018	3511	MISS DIG SYSTEM, INC	368.20
12/17/2018	3512	STANDARD ELECTRIC	95.10
12/18/2018	3513	BRIGHTON ANALYTICAL , L.L.C.	134.00
12/18/2018	3514	BULLSEYE TELECOM	235.32
12/18/2018	3515	MHOG WATER AUTHORITY	4,250.24
12/21/2018	3516	GENOA TOWNSHIP DPW FUND	1,032.93
593FN TOTALS:			
Total of 14 Checks:			28,773.81
Less 0 Void Checks:			0.00
Total of 14 Disbursements:			28,773.81

Check Date	Check	Vendor Name	Amount
Bank 595FN PINE CREEK OPERATING FUND #595			
12/21/2018	2207	GENOA TOWNSHIP D.P.W. FUND	3,582.82
595FN TOTALS:			
Total of 1 Checks:			3,582.82
Less 0 Void Checks:			0.00
Total of 1 Disbursements:			3,582.82

## GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting  
December 17, 2018

### MINUTES

Supervisor Rogers called the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Bill Rogers, Paulette Skolarus, Robin Hunt, Jim Mortensen, Terry Croft, Diana Lowe and Jean Ledford. Also present were Township Manager, Michael Archinal; Township Attorney, Joe Seward; and two persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with no response.

#### Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Croft to approve items 1, 3, and 4 on the Consent Agenda as requested and move the Minutes to the Regular Agenda for discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **1. Payment of Bills.**

**3. Request for approval to enter into agreements to collect 2019 summer property taxes for the Brighton Area Schools, Hartland Consolidated Schools, Howell Public Schools, and the Livingston Educational Service Agency as submitted by the Township Treasurer.**

**4. Request Board approval to adjust the Refuse Special Assessment Roll, #X0012, and to adjust 2018 winter tax roll accordingly for parcel numbers 11-03-405-246, 11-12-100-010 & 11-22-301-009.**

#### Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Lowe and supported by Hunt to approve for action all items listed under the Regular Agenda as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **2. Request to Approve Minutes: December 3, 2018**

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Lowe to approve the Minutes of Dec. 3, 2018, adding the following "Mortensen – Nay, in view of a requested continuation of a pole sign that is inconsistent with the Township Ordinance." The amended Minutes were voted and carried unanimously.

#### **5. Presentation from the Deputy Drain Commissioner regarding options for maintenance on the Genoa and Occola Drain.**

Ken Recker addressed the board providing a history of the work the Drain Commission has completed on the Genoa and Occola/Lake Chemung Outlet Drain from 1912 through 2018. He asks the board for financial support of a restoration along Golf Club Road in the amount of \$91,450.00. Mr. Recker provided a copy of a resolution that will be placed on the next agenda for township board consideration. The board voiced no objection to the resolution. No further action was taken.



**6. Resolution to approve Instructions for Poverty Exemption, Guidelines for Poverty Exemption Application, and Poverty Exemption Worksheet.**

Moved by Lowe and supported by Hunt to approve Resolution No. 181217 as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

**7. Introduction and first reading of an ordinance declining authorization of medical marihuana facilities and prohibiting all marihuana establishments within the Township pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act of 2018.**

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Mortensen to introduce the first reading of the ordinance as requested, scheduling the second reading for Jan. 7, 2019, with final adoption that same date. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

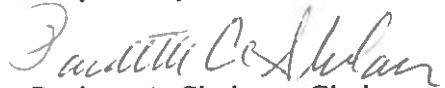
**Member Discussion:**

Supervisor Rogers – Please contact your State House and Senate representatives who are taking action in the lame duck sessions with regard to any concerns you may have relative to their action.

Manager Archinal – We have contacted the L.C.R.C. asking to partner with us on the Bauer/Challis intersection. In addition, correspondence was provided regarding the Healy lawsuit.

Moved by Ledford and supported by Croft to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk  
Genoa Charter Township Board

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GENOA,  
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT MARIHUANA FACILITIES  
AUTHORIZED BY PA 281 OF 2016 AND MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS AUTHORIZED BY THE  
MICHIGAN REGULATION AND TAXATION OF MARIHUANA ACT, BALLOT PROPOSAL 18-1 OF 2018**

**ORDINANCE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DATED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GENOA ORDAINS:

**Section I: Name**

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Genoa Township Prohibition of Marihuana Facilities and Establishments Ordinance.

**Section II: Purpose**

The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit any and all marihuana facilities within the geographic boundaries of Genoa Township pursuant to Section 205 of PA 281 of 2016 (MCL 333.27205), as may be amended, and to prohibit any and all marihuana establishments within the geographic boundaries of Genoa Township pursuant to Section 6 of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act of 2018 (MCL 333.27956), as may be amended, and to the fullest extent allowed by law.

**Section III: Definitions**

Words used herein shall have the definitions as provided for in Public Act 281 of 2016 (MCL 333.27101 et. seq.), as may be amended, as well as in the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act of 2018 (MCL 333.27951 et. seq.) as may be amended.

**Section IV: Prohibition**

1. All medical marihuana facilities within the boundaries of the Township are prohibited as permitted by Public Act 281 of 2016 (MCL 333.27101 et. seq.).
2. All marihuana establishments within the boundaries of the Township are prohibited as permitted by the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act of 2018 (MCL 333.27951 et. seq.), as may be amended.

**Section V: Severability**

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is hereafter declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of such ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

**Section VI: Repeal**

All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed.

**Section VII: Effective Date**

This ordinance is effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in full force and effect until repealed by the Township Board.

On the motion to adopt the Ordinance the following vote was recorded:

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

I hereby approve the adoption of the foregoing Ordinance this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Paulette A. Skolarus  
Township Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Rogers  
Township Supervisor

Township Board First Reading: December 17, 2018  
Date of Publication of Proposed Ordinance: December 23, 2018  
Township Board Second Reading and Adoption: Proposed January 7, 2019  
Date of Publication of Ordinance Adoption: tbd  
Effective Date: tbd

**RESOLUTION 190107**  
**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GENOA**

*WHEREAS*, the Livingston County Drain Commissioner has advised the Genoa Charter Township Board of Trustees that, pursuant to Section 196 of the Michigan Drain Code (MCL 280.196; MSA 11.1196) an inspection has been made of the Genoa & Oceola Drain, and it has been determined, as a result of the inspection, that certain maintenance must be performed upon the Drain;

*WHEREAS*, the inspection performed indicates that maintenance and repair on the Drain is necessary to provide adequate drainage;

*WHEREAS*, the Livingston County Drain Commissioner has the authority to expend Five Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) per mile in any one (1) year for the maintenance of the Drain, and where it is estimated that expenditures in excess of Five Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) per mile are necessary, those amounts may not be expended until approved by Resolution of the governing body of each township, city and village affected by more than twenty percent (20%) of the cost;

*WHEREAS*, the Livingston County Drain Commissioner has advised the Genoa Charter Township Board of Trustees that it will be necessary to expend funds in excess of Five Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) per mile for the maintenance of the Genoa & Oceola Drain and that Genoa Charter Township is affected by more than twenty percent (20%) of the cost; and

*WHEREAS*, the Livingston County Drain Commissioner estimates that the cost for the maintenance of the Genoa & Oceola Drain will be approximately Ninety One Thousand Dollars (\$91,000.00), which constitutes Eighty One Thousand Dollars (\$81,000.00) in excess of the authorized Five Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) per mile.

***NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED*** by the Genoa Charter Township Board of Trustees, that pursuant to Section 196 of the Drain Code, the Livingston County Drain Commissioner is authorized to expend money for the interim maintenance and repair of the Genoa & Oceola Drain in excess of Five Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) per mile and, to the extent that the drain fund for the Drain contains insufficient funds for the payment of costs incurred for the maintenance or repair of the Drain, then the Livingston County Drain Commissioner is authorized to levy a special assessment, as allowed by law.

***RESOLUTION*** approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019 by the Genoa Charter Township Board of Trustees, the governing body of Genoa Charter Township.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, and supported by \_\_\_\_\_,

to approve Resolution No. 190107 as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows:

**AYES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAYS:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk  
Genoa Charter Township Board

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Genoa Charter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Genoa Charter Township Board of Trustees at a meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

# MEMORANDUM

TO: Township Board

FROM: Michael Archinal 

RE: Grand River Sidewalk Phase 5

DATE: 1/3/2019

Attached you will find correspondence explaining the delay in this year's sidewalk installation. Before you for your consideration this evening is a proposal from Tetra Tech for survey and design services for the next phase of Grand River sidewalk. We have typically done these projects on an every other year basis. Thanks to the efforts of Trustee Croft we have an opportunity to receive grant funding for this project.

On 12/18/19 Trustee Croft and I met with a representative from SEMCOG to discuss various funding opportunities. Because we have shown a commitment to non-motorized paths and the next phase represents a connection point between communities he felt that we had a strong chance of being successful if we applied. One thing he noted was that property issues such as unresolved easements are deleterious to the application. He also noted a 2/2/2019 application deadline. For these reasons I asked Tetra Tech to prepare a proposal as soon as possible.

Even though the proposal has a mid-March deliverable for final design we will endeavor to identify construction solutions in those areas that may need temporary or permanent construction easements in order to facilitate the 2/2/2019 grant application. Also the work in the proposal will have to be done at some point, whether for a future grant submittal or for construction funded by the General Fund.

Please consider the following action:

**Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, supported by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve a proposal from Tetra Tech for survey and engineering design services for Grand River Sidewalk Phase 5 in the amount of \$16,000**

## Mike Archinal

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**From:** Kim Hiller <[khiller@livingstonroads.org](mailto:khiller@livingstonroads.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2018 9:30 AM  
**To:** Siwek, Joseph  
**Subject:** Hughes/Grand River sidewalk

Joe,

We were wondering what the schedule is for the sidewalk installation at the Hughes and Grand River intersection. We will not be able to get the new signal in before the spring.

Thanks,

**Kim Hiller, P.E.**  
Utilities and Permits Engineer  
Livingston County Road Commission  
3535 Grand Oaks Drive  
Howell, MI 48843  
Ph. (517) 546-4250  
[khiller@livingstonroads.org](mailto:khiller@livingstonroads.org)

## Mike Archinal

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**From:** Siwek, Joseph <Joseph.Siwek@tetrattech.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 21, 2018 12:51 PM  
**To:** Mike Archinal  
**Cc:** 'conconincjerry@live.com'  
**Subject:** Genoa Sidewalk  
**Attachments:** Hughes/Grand River sidewalk

Mike,  
I apologize for the delay in getting you an update but here goes:

We had some minor difficulties in figuring out the exact logistics of installing the boardwalk. Once the parts came in there were some significant challenges to how Jerry would actually construct the thing, so we worked with him to make sure we could get it built safely and correctly without making a huge mess and putting him out of business. We smoothed everything out and piles were set to go in the ground in November, then there was the cold snap and Jerry was scrambling to wrap up other projects.

He wants to wait until there is no frost heaving in the near surface to start placing concrete, so that will likely be early spring.

His goal over the winter is to get the header beams installed on the piles for the boardwalk. Hastings had to make custom caps to facilitate the gator doc sections and those are almost ready to be installed. He will use judgement on when to set up any additional traffic control, but the beam installation can be done with no closures. The rest of the bridge installation will then take place when things begin to warm up.

All told he said even if the weather holds cold into spring, he should be done by June.

We were also notified by the LCRC that they were not able to get to the Hughes Rd signal until spring, so we can better coordinate with that work so we don't add a ramp before the light is ready.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks and have a Happy Holiday!

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Township Board

FROM: Michael Archinal 

RE: Recycling

DATE: 1/3/2019

As we move into the third month of our refuse/recycling service contract with Advanced Disposal we have addressed most operational issues. Delivering 14,000 curb carts was no small task but, with excellent staff support, we have weathered the storm and complaint calls related to missed pick-ups etc. have fallen off to very few. The largest outstanding complaint we have is related to the every other week recycling.

Attached you will find social media threads and emails related to the recycling program. Additionally on non-recycling pickup weeks we get between 5 and 10 complaints per day. I copied you last week on a response I sent to a customer. I wanted you to be aware of the issue and I believe it is important for the Board to consider adding weekly recycling collection to the program.

When Advanced made their proposal last August there was a \$.43 difference per unit per month for weekly versus every other week recycling. With 7,075 residential units this change represents \$36,507 per year in the aggregate which in my opinion is an relatively minor incremental cost . I have asked Advanced to verify that these numbers are still applicable.

This item is on your agenda for discussion only this evening. Please consider the information provided and direct staff accordingly.

## Mike Archinal

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**From:** Nadeem Syed <nadeem.syed@advanceddisposal.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 26, 2018 10:59 AM  
**To:** Mike Archinal  
**Cc:** Bill Rogers; Robin Hunt; Polly; Kelly VanMarter  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling

Mike,

I will have to check and get back to you with these numbers.

Here are a couple things that we will need to operationally consider.

Our local MRF in Chelsea cannot handle the volume if we go to weekly so we will have to route trucks to Detroit. This will adjust the time on these routes so we may need to add an extra truck and the disposal cost at the Detroit facility is higher so this will adjust rate. Our truck purchase was based on every other week recycle so we may have to get an extra truck for this work. We are looking at minimum 4 to 6 months for trucks delivery and will have to use 2019 truck pricing and redo the model.

With the holidays most of the District and Region staff are not in so I will have this done right after the new year. I will try to have something before we meet on the 9<sup>th</sup> so we can review.

Thanks,

Nadeem Syed | Site Manager – Ann Arbor



1477 E. North Territorial | Whitmore Lake | MI 48189

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**From:** Mike Archinal [<mailto:Mike@genoa.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 26, 2018 10:12 AM  
**To:** Nadeem Syed <[nadeem.syed@advanceddisposal.com](mailto:nadeem.syed@advanceddisposal.com)>  
**Cc:** Bill Rogers <[Bill@genoa.org](mailto:Bill@genoa.org)>; Robin Hunt <[Robin@genoa.org](mailto:Robin@genoa.org)>; Polly <[pskolarus@genoa.org](mailto:pskolarus@genoa.org)>; Kelly VanMarter <[Kelly@genoa.org](mailto:Kelly@genoa.org)>  
**Subject:** Recycling

Nadeem,

We have been taking a lot of heat regarding the every other week recycle. If I am reading the proposal correctly adding every week recycle would increase the unit cost by \$.43 per month which is roughly \$36,507 in the aggregate. Please confirm that these numbers are accurate as we consider changing to every week recycle. Also let me know what operational issues this may cause. Thanks.

Michael C. Archinal, AICP MPA

Manager  
Genoa Charter Township  
810.227.5225  
[mike@genoa.org](mailto:mike@genoa.org)



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## Mike Archinal

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**From:** Kathleen Murphy  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2019 2:50 PM  
**To:** Mike Archinal  
**Subject:** Recycling Complaints

Mike,

Recycling complaints were very high when Advanced took over Oct. 29. At that time, we were receiving calls an estimated rate of over 10-15 an hour. Many of those were in reference to size of the refuse/recycling carts. People who were pro-recycling were upset with the 64-gallon size of the recycling cart, saying it was not large enough for every-other-week collection. Those people also wanted to go back to every-week recycling collection.

While calls about Advanced are tapering off, when we do receive calls it is almost always a complaint about the every-other-week collection. These calls increase during non-recycling weeks at an estimated rate of 5-10 a day with people upset about the perceived lack of recycling. During recycling weeks, the calls center on residents having too much recycling to fit in the cart and that Advanced won't pick up anything outside the cart.

Kathleen

Kathleen Murphy  
Administrative Assistant



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## Mike Archinal

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**From:** Matthew Sosnowski <matthew.sosnowski@comau.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2019 10:58 AM  
**To:** Mike Archinal  
**Subject:** recycling

Hi Mike

We are wondering if there has been any request or plans to change the recycling pickup back to every week. We have ended up throwing away things that should be recycled because the bin is full after one week.

thanks

Matt Sosnowski  
3485 Pineridge  
248-388-9933

## Mike Archinal

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**From:** Adam VanTassell  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 27, 2018 11:32 AM  
**To:** Mike Archinal  
**Subject:** FW: Recycling comments

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bob Musch [mailto:[rlmusch@icloud.com](mailto:rlmusch@icloud.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 26, 2018 5:48 PM  
**To:** Adam VanTassell  
**Subject:** Recycling comments

I just wanted to provide you with my personal perspective since you changed waste disposal companies this past Oct. Please don't feel like I am piling on as I assume you might have gotten other comments over the past few month, but whomever gave you the information when you decided to change vendors may have lead you astray. That is , I am assuming you got some initial data from the various providers when you went out for bids regarding their experience with the trash vs the recycling. But from my perspective and the direction you would think our community would like to go (being more green) we would have at least continued the same frequency of pick-up vs the alternating weeks. When we were having a pick up each week, we were seeing more recycling material that garbage. Now that it is picked up every other week, I believe you will see less recycle material, overall, as people like ourselves are having to use the garbage container to handle the overflow. If nothing else, I would have at least thought you would have suggested the larger container for the recycled material as it is picked up every other week vs the current situation and used the smaller container for the garbage. Is this situation going to continue or might you either suggest picking up more often or at least change containers?

The behaviors you are promoting is that more of the recyclable material will be put in the trash containers, at least in my neighborhood. Some folks are even reverting to burning their extra boxes etc. I don't know if the township is saving any money but from an environment standpoint you may be doing more harm that good.

What is Genoa's long term objective? Is it to promote recycling more? Or is cost the main driver for the change?

I would like to hear your thoughts.

Regards

Bob Musch  
3500 Pineridge Lane

810 2294382

## Mike Archinal

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**From:** queenbeev@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 20, 2018 8:14 PM  
**To:** Kathleen Murphy; Mike Archinal  
**Subject:** Refuse and Recycling

Tonight, we filled an entire trash bag with things that should have been recycled. The limitations of the new recycling service are ridiculous. We are throwing away twice the amount of trash compared to previous services. We notice that the same thing seems to be happening with our neighbors. Their trash cans are overflowing on trash day. It is shameful. The recycle cans are small and pickup every two weeks is inadequate. When do the citizens decide on services such as this? The person that negotiated the contract for such lousy service should be fired. We want a recycling service that takes a wider range of products! I'm starting to take things to the recycle dumpster at work. Absolutely unacceptable!

Beverly Javit  
5607 Mountain Road  
Brighton

## Mike Archinal

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**From:** Adam VanTassell  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 06, 2018 9:04 AM  
**To:** Mike Archinal  
**Subject:** FW: Advanced disposal

**From:** [tjs6088@aol.com](mailto:tjs6088@aol.com) [<mailto:tjs6088@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 05, 2018 7:47 PM  
**To:** info  
**Subject:** Advanced disposal

Hello, my name is Tom Sliwa. I live in the township at: 445 Cloverview Lane. I think Genoa Township is very well run and the staff members have always been friendly and professional. I am not usually one to complain, however, it frustrates my wife and I very much that our new recycling company only collects once every 2 weeks. That is ridiculous. My family as well as my neighbors need a recycling company to collect every week. Nearly everything that is used in the average household can be recycled. Now our recycle bin is not only full, it has 3-4 garbage bags full of recyclable material next to it, then the extra bags don't get picked up by the recycle truck. I also noticed this with my neighbors too. I really believe that encouraging more material to go to the landfill compared to the recycle plant is the wrong decision. I know that Genoa Township is mindful to the environment as I noticed the solar panels outside the township building. This mindset should be extended to all the residents as well, like it used to be a short time ago. Also, will I be saving any money on my trash / recycle bill since I now have reduced services? Please let me know. Thank you, Tom.



## Mike Archinal

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**From:** Mike Archinal  
**Sent:** Friday, December 28, 2018 2:08 PM  
**To:** 'rlmusch@icloud.com'  
**Cc:** bill@genoa.org; Robin Hunt  
**Subject:** Recycling

Bob,

Thank you for your inquiry. We have worked out most of the operational issues related to switching over 7,000 customers to a new service and delivering over 14,000 curb carts. By far the largest customer issue with the new service is the every other week recycling. Below is a boiler plate response I have been using in response:

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Thank you again for your questions. Our intent in drafting the new contract was to further encourage recycling by significantly increasing the net volume available to the customer. I would be happy to discuss the new program with you to hopefully address your concerns."

I followed collection routes both before and after Christmas. One of the things I noted, as did you, was the huge amount of cardboard placed in and around the recycling containers. I read that it took ten years for Amazon to catch up with Wal-Mart and one year to double Wal-Mart. I witnessed this in my own household as well as on-line purchases made up the majority of Christmas shopping. While obviously the most intense time of year for refuse/recycling we cannot ignore this trend. Another problem with every other week recycling is customer education. Our world is confusing enough without having to remember which week is your recycle week.

The current contract cost is \$13.42 per unit per month with residents paying 10.92 per month and the General Fund paying \$2.50 per month. While money is always a factor this is a relatively nominal increase. I have asked Advanced to review their proposal and verify that this number is still valid. I plan on asking the Township Board to consider weekly recycling depending on what I hear from the contractor.

Thank you again for your inquiry. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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## Mike Archinal

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**From:** Mike Archinal  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2018 10:42 AM  
**To:** Dave  
**Subject:** Re: Advanced Disposal Company

Good morning,

I have contacted Advanced. I am sorry you are experiencing problems with the recycle. Please let me know if this continues to be a problem. We have had some problems with drivers learning the routes but their follow through has been pretty good.

Mike Archinal  
Manager

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 7, 2018, at 12:27 PM, Dave <[dbratt7104@aol.com](mailto:dbratt7104@aol.com)> wrote:

Good morning, Mike,

My neighbors and I have now had to call the newly contracted disposal company 2 times since the service began because they do not pick up our recycling on the scheduled pick-up day. We are already stuck with recycling bi-weekly with this new company and having to call them to actually pick up the recycling is not something we should have to do.

If not your area of concern, please share with the appropriate person. I would like the company to know the service being paid for is not what is being received.

David Bratt  
451 Newton Rd.  
Brighton, MI 48114

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

## Mike Archinal

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**From:** Mike Archinal  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2018 3:45 PM  
**To:** 'Danielle Copus'  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling Service

Danielle,

Thank you for your inquiry. I appreciate the positive comments and welcome to the community. Our previous contract with GFL provided for refuse and recycling collection with no refuse cart included. The 18 gallon bins for every residence were provided by the Township. Refuse carts and additional bins were either supplied by the homeowner or provided by GFL through a monthly subscription paid by the customer.

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We have also noted that many of our residents are recycling improperly. We have had entire loads rejected due to contamination primarily from shopping bags and Styrofoam. The current state of recycling seems to be less is more. Many people who think they are doing the right thing are actually contaminating loads. We are working towards educating our customers. The lid on the recycle containers explains what materials are acceptable. Additionally the new contract allows for one free large item pick-up per customer per week. This will hopefully reduce illegal dumping.

Thank you again for your questions. Our intent in drafting the new contract was to further encourage recycling by significantly increasing the net volume available to the customer. Cost is always a factor but cost was not the major consideration when we negotiated the new contract. I would be happy to discuss the new program with you to hopefully address your concerns.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Danielle Copus [<mailto:daniellemcopus@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2018 4:21 PM  
**To:** Mike Archinal  
**Subject:** Recycling Service

Hi Mike -

My family and I moved to Genoa Township at the end of May, and we couldn't be happier to be part of this wonderful community. However, We are disappointed that recycling is only being picked up every other week now.

If I may ask, was this strictly a cost saving measure, or was the service not well utilized in the past? And are things like this discussed in public forums and how would I find out when/what topics will be discussed?

I hope the township will reconsider moving back to weekly recycling pick up in the future.

Regards,

Danielle

Sent from my iPhone

## Mike Archinal

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**From:** Mike Archinal  
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2018 9:44 AM  
**To:** 'tjs6088@aol.com'  
**Cc:** Adam VanTassell  
**Subject:** Recycling

Tom,

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## Mike Archinal

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**From:** Mike Archinal  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018 2:54 PM  
**To:** bill@genoa.org  
**Subject:** FW: Recycling

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**From:** Mike Archinal  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 10:44 AM  
**To:** 'Amanda Harris'  
**Subject:** RE: Recycling

You have a couple of options. If you want to switch out your 64 gallon recycle for a 96 gallon recycle there is a one-time \$25 service charge. If you want an extra 64 gallon recycle you can subscribe with Advanced Disposal directly for \$5 per month. The cost of the 64 gallon recycle and 96 gallon refuse that are being delivered Township wide are included in our contract. There is no separate subscription charge so you will save some money there.

Hope this helps. Let me know if you have any questions.

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**From:** Amanda Harris [<mailto:aharrislp@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 11:41 AM  
**To:** Mike Archinal  
**Subject:** Re: Recycling

Thank you for your response. My family pays for and fills the large recycling bin weekly. Any suggestions as to what we can do when we have overfill? What will be the monthly cost of for the 96 gallon refuse and 64 gallon recycling bins? Thank you for you time and help.

Amanda

On Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 4:16 PM Mike Archinal <[Mike@genoa.org](mailto:Mike@genoa.org)> wrote:

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## Mike Archinal

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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018 2:53 PM  
**To:** bill@genoa.org  
**Subject:** FW: Changes to recycling program

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**From:** Mike Archinal  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2018 9:17 AM  
**To:** [harrismz@gmail.com](mailto:harrismz@gmail.com)  
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**From:** Mary Beth Harris [<mailto:harrismz@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 14, 2018 9:11 AM

**To:** info

**Subject:** Changes to recycling program

Hello,

I am a resident writing to express my concern about the changes being made to the recycling program. Only picking up the recycling every other week is not a good plan. Our family of 4 currently fills up a 64 gallon recycling cart every single week, and many weeks this is overflowing. We, and many of our neighbors, have less trash than we do recycling most weeks! Changing this program to every other week pick up will discourage recycling, leading to recyclable materials ending up in the landfill. This sends the message that recycling is not important to our community, when we need to be pushing the opposite message right now in order to protect our environment.

Please reconsider!

Mary Beth Harris  
248-330-2209

## Mike Archinal

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**From:** Adam VanTassell  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 06, 2018 9:04 AM  
**To:** Mike Archinal  
**Subject:** FW: Advanced disposal

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## Mike Archinal

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**From:** Mike Archinal  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2018 9:16 AM  
**To:** joe.omara@securitycorp.com  
**Subject:** RE: recycling

Mr. O'Mara,

Thank you for your inquiry. I appreciate that you are a dedicated recycler. However, many of our residents are not. Running recycling trucks every week to pick up partially filled bins (if they are used at all) is not only inefficient but creates environmental concerns such as diesel carbon emissions, leaking oil and leaking transmission fluid. Another factor is that garbage trucks always exceed axle weight which destroys our roads. A smart phone app will soon be available from Advanced that can send reminders about the every other week recycling. Additionally the new carts have lids so recyclables will not blow around on windy days.

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**From:** Joe O'Mara [<mailto:joe.omara@securitycorp.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2018 2:31 PM  
**To:** info  
**Subject:** recycling

I am sending this to this generic email in the hope that it reaches someone at Genoa Township as I couldn't find any other email address on the website.

I would like to express my disappointment with the switch to Advanced Disposal due to the fact that we are allowed one 64 gallon recycling container which will be picked up every 2 weeks. Currently, I fill a 96 gallon container every week with the current provider. If the objective was to get residents to recycle less, this should do the trick. I have contacted Advanced Disposal about getting extra containers and they told me they will charge me \$25 delivery for each extra container and \$5 per month for each additional container. No thanks. All of my additional recycling will now go to the garbage dump. How about someone contact Advanced Disposal to have extra containers at no charge?

Joe O'Mara  
3058 Stillriver Drive

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**From:** Mary Beth Harris [<mailto:harrismz@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 14, 2018 9:11 AM  
**To:** info  
**Subject:** Changes to recycling program

Hello,

I am a resident writing to express my concern about the changes being made to the recycling program. Only picking up the recycling every other week is not a good plan. Our family of 4 currently fills up a 64 gallon

recycling cart every single week, and many weeks this is overflowing. We, and many of our neighbors, have less trash than we do recycling most weeks! Changing this program to every other week pick up will discourage recycling, leading to recyclable materials ending up in the landfill. This sends the message that recycling is not important to our community, when we need to be pushing the opposite message right now in order to protect our environment.

**Please reconsider!**

Mary Beth Harris  
248-330-2209



## Mike Archinal

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**From:** Mike Archinal  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 4:17 PM  
**To:** 'aharrislp@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** Recycling

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**From:** Mike Archinal  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 4:10 PM  
**To:** 'stephmcin@gmail.com'  
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**From:** Mike Archinal  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 4:06 PM  
**To:** 'emily.affeldt@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** Recycling

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**From:** Mike Archinal  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 4:03 PM  
**To:** 'jerry@quebeclane.com'  
**Cc:** bill@genoa.org; Kelly VanMarter; Jim Mortensen; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Terry Croft; Diana Lowe; Adam VanTassell; Kathleen Murphy  
**Subject:** Refuse/Recycling

Jerry,

The contract will allow customers to use their own cart if they are able to service it with automated pick-up. This is done at the customers own risk as the contractor cannot verify that cart can handle the pressures created by the mechanical arms. Please contact Kathleen in our office for more information.

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Jeremy Waldorf, Genoa Crooked Lake Rd LEAD 🏠 F 🗨️ 76



## New garbage service

Are we the only ones who think the new cans are extremely ineffective since most of us have driveways that are 100+ feet long? How is everyone getting them down?

Also recycle only every other week (not starting the first week), and it seems like it'll have to be out the night before, or you'll miss it.

Thoughts?



3 Nov · 18 neighborhoods in General



Thank 🗨️ Reply



2 🗨️ 90



Pat Okerson, Genoa Crooked Lake Rd · 3 Nov



My driveway is 400 feet. Both containers have wheels. What is the issue?



Jeremy Waldorf, Genoa Crooked Lake Rd · 3 Nov



Are you going to walk them both down in the winter?



1 Thank



Lynne Heslip, Genoa Crooked Lake Rd · 3 Nov



My driveway is 1600 feet + and I cannot even lift the containers. Even if I could lift them, they would not fit in my car. The Township suggested I leave the containers down at the street. Won't look very nice, and I am sure my neighbors will not want to see my refuse containers every day, but that is the only option I have.



2 Thanks



Jeremy Waldorf, Genoa Crooked Lake Rd · 3 Nov



That's exactly what I'm talking about. It makes no sense for our area.



1 Thank



Jeremy Waldorf, Genoa Crooked Lake Rd · 3 Nov



The township actually suggested you leave them at the road? I don't believe they thought this through.



1 Thank



Lynne Heslip, Genoa Crooked Lake Rd · 3 Nov



Yes, they actually told me that it would be ok to leave the containers down at the road. Perhaps they looked at my driveway on their map and saw that there was no practical way to transport the containers. My driveway is a dirt two-track, over the hills and through the woods.



1 Thank



Lisa Hein, Grand Beach · 3 Nov



But they are on wheels. You can push them. And the recycling can is huge compared to the bin box of before. What did you use before? These new ones are same as the other services provided.



Anna Swider, Genoa Crooked Lake Rd · 3 Nov



Agree! Plus we have to pay about \$130/per year for this!!!!



Deb Beattie, Chilson Road South Howell · 3 Nov



Our driveway is 300'. I find it easy to wheel them if you tip them of course to have only the wheels on the ground while moving. In winter we have to shovel first to get them down the drive or watch the weather and wheel them down on a day before big snow is expected. Also, our recycle was NOT picked up this week so assuming next week for sure.



Jeremy Waldorf, Genoa Crooked Lake Rd · 3 Nov



Yeah, I get how they work. we are just on a HUGE hill and the drive is steep and long.



1 Thank



Jeremy Waldorf, Genoa Crooked Lake Rd · 3 Nov



Lisa, our recycle was smaller and could fit in a trunk or SUV, and we could use our own cans. Not the same



-  Mark Rittle, North Shore · 3 Nov ▼

I like it. Sure beats carrying those clunky blue boxes all the way down to the street. Would prefer every week pick up though. Ours fills up in a little over a week

 2 Thanks
-  Lisa Hein, Grand Beach · 3 Nov ▼


But didn't you have to drag your cans?


-  Deb Beattie, Chilson Road South Howell · 3 Nov ▼



My long drive is on a steep hill too. I walk it down with the cart in front of me. Pretty much pulls ME 😊


-  Matt Sommer, Oak Pointe/Genoa Township · 3 Nov ▼



I had my own large recycle bin which was almost always full. Now, the one provided is smaller and recycling only goes every other week. That's an issue for me. I'll probably have to pile recycling up next to the bin which, if they're like our last service, they'll probably throw it away instead of recycling when it's outside of the bin.


-  Deb Beattie, Chilson Road South Howell · 3 Nov ▼

I will be putting our extra in my Moms bin. We are usually full every week too.


-  Jeanette Chiodo, North Shore · 3 Nov ▼

We are not impressed. Our recycling is already full so we will just put everything in the garbage until it's empty... defeats the purpose of recycling.


-  Erik Smith, Grand Beach · 4 Nov ▼

Same here. Woke up to discover no Recycle pickup. Not good! Our bin is overflowing. We called the company and said they'd be happy to rent us a larger recycle bin for \$36.00 — NO THANK YOU! not happy!





Cynthia Westphal, East Coon Lake Rd - 4 Nov



My Mom and Max, 85 and 90 yrs old, use to put their trash in smaller bins and drive it 800 ft to the end of their gravel drive in either their truck or golf cart. I talked to Advanced Disposal and they said they could issue smaller bins (which would still be too large) or Advanced Disposal could have their employees pick up the bins at the house and take them to the end of the driveway every week, after A.D. surveys the drive. Mom and Max decided to just leave the bins near the end of the drive, with future plans to put up a section of decorative solid wood fencing to block the view of the trash bins from the road during the week. Old people come up with solutions as the world forces changes on them. Personally, I would call Advanced Disposal for a resolution rather than dealing with the township.



Jerry Harmon, Oak Pointe/Genoa Township - 4 Nov



We gave ours back. We live in a condo in Oak Pointe. Our garage is not big enough to house both Trash and the Large Recycle can. We are not allowed to leave them outside. The smaller bins were reasonable. Now unfortunately we throw everything in the trash.



3 Thanks



Kathie Marshall, E Schafer/Brady - 4 Nov



Wait, someone above said this costs \$130/yr? I sure hope that is not true. I thought we each got a blue and a green for free. Extra bins are \$60/yr I thought.



Deb Beattie, Chilson Road South Howell - 4 Nov



I believe there is NO chg for the new company bins.



Carol Skurski, North Shore - 4 Nov



We are charged for "refuse" pickup in our winter property tax bills. But documentation from the disposal service indicated there is no charge for the bins.



1 Thank



Cynthia Westphal, East Coon Lake Rd - 4 Nov



As much as I don't like the larger bins, setting out one large item per week for free is a nice service. Getting rid of old chairs, beds, etc use to be a pain.



Deirdre Lowry, Oak Pointe/Genoa Township · 5 Nov

i ordered a bin tow on line for like 29.00 a number of years ago and it attaches to the trailer hitch on you car. I have a 1/2/ mile drive with a steep uphill and find it very effective and easy to use I think it was called tow-a-bin

😊 4 Thanks

Cathy Braun, Round/Crooked Interior · 5 Nov

The yard waste is collected on an entirely different day. On a Friday, and everything else on Tuesday. I called today to subscribe for yard waste ( lots of leaves right now, no surprise) and couldn't, because their computers were "locked up". As I understand then for me, yard waste pickup only Friday 9th and 23 in November. The 23 is the day after Thanksgiving, so who knows if they will come then.

😊 1 Thank

Dawn Williams, East Coon Lake Rd · 9 Nov

Absolutely hate it! ONE bin for recycling and only picked up twice a month? Serriously? We recycle way more than we throw away. Its just nuts!!!

😊 5 Thanks

Erik Smith, Grand Beach · 9 Nov

Couldn't agree more! Our small re-cycle bin was overflowing after two weeks. We had to put some paper in the garbage. At least the paper will bio-degrade in the landfill. NOT HAPPY with the township's decision!

😊 1 Thank

Deb Beattie, Chilson Road South Howell · 9 Nov

Maybe calls to Genoa twp asking for every week pickup on recycle will get us what we need. 810-227-5225

😊

Lynne Heslip, Genoa Crooked Lake Rd · 9 Nov

If that works, be prepared for an increase in what you already pay. With this new company, there is already an increase in the rate.

😊

Dawn Williams, East Coon Lake Rd · 9 Nov

We already called genoa township.... their answer to the problem was to "pay for an extra container." Yep true story

😊



Deb Beattie, Chilson Road South Howell · 9 Nov  
Lynne, What was the increase for the new trash service?



Erik Smith, Grand Beach · 9 Nov  
We got the same answer from the company. BUY an extra one!



Lynne Heslip, Genoa Crooked Lake Rd · 9 Nov  
The township told me the cost was going to be around \$130.00 per year - maybe a bit more.



Deb Beattie, Chilson Road South Howell · 9 Nov  
So we are paying \$10 more per yr for this new company.



Lynne Heslip, Genoa Crooked Lake Rd · 9 Nov  
About that. Hopefully they will be a lot more reliable than the old company.



1 Thank



Linda Delcamp, Round/Crooked Interior · 10 Nov  
As for the paper, we separate this and put in a bin and recycle it to one of those containers at the schools. We don't put it in the regular recycling bin or the trash. Use the recycling containers. They are at almost every school in the area.



3 Thanks



Betty Socia, Round/Crooked Interior · 10 Nov  
My husband called for yard waste pickup and they told him it was on the 13th and 27th yet someone here says it's on a Friday. If so we've missed one pickup that we've paid for. Sure hope not. The person on the phone was not helpful at all. And gave us the wrong dates for recycling. So is the next leaf pickup on the day after thanksgiving? If so we'll have more than 15 bags 🙄



Danielle Hawes, Marion NE · 10 Nov  
Did anyone's day change? My garbage hasn't been picked up for 2 weeks now. And I just paid the other company a month ago for the year rental of the old containers. Ugh...



Deb Beattie, Chilson Road South Howell · 10 Nov

I very recently paid the old company also I'm going to call them next week and ask for a refund. I'm off Chilson near beck we have pick up on Fridays and that stayed the same.



1 Thank



Danielle Hawes, Marion NE · 10 Nov

I'm off Beck. I had everything out by 7am. They took recycling but not the garbage :(



Lisa Hein, Grand Beach · 11 Nov

I hot a full size blue recycle bin on wheels. Did some of you get something smaller?



Dawn Williams, East Coon Lake Rd · 12 Nov

For us personally we can fill that in no time. We recycle way more than we throw away. But the biggest problem is thst they only pick up recycling twice a month



1 Thank



Lisa Hein, Grand Beach · 12 Nov

Oh. I understand. It's just me now. I guess when there were 5 of us I would have filled it also.



Lynne Heslip, Genoa Crooked Lake Rd · 13 Nov

I am filling up bags with recyclables and then carrying them down to the bin (which is parked at the street as I cannot get it up my driveway) and pouring them in at least once per week. At least they won't stink up my garage.



Deirdre Lowry, Oak Pointe/Genoa Township · 13 Nov

Did you guys see my post tow-a-bin I have had it for three years works like a champ and if you want to tow both bins by two



Deirdre Lowry, Oak Pointe/Genoa Township · 13 Nov

the other reason they are so big is the driver does not get out of the truck its done all by machine so i am not sure what is going to happen when you have extra bags sitting next to bin. I noticed today that alto of stuff was left where people didnt fit it in bin





Lynne Heslip, Genoa Crooked Lake Rd · 13 Nov

I checked out the tow a bin on Amazon, and they are pretty expensive. Out of my budget.



Torie Duke, East Coon Lake Rd · 13 Nov

I like the bigger bins but we definately have to both take one out or one bin at a time. We always do the night before



Deb Beattie, Chilson Road South Howell · 13 Nov

I think I did read that they don't want anything outside the bins



Deirdre Lowry, Oak Pointe/Genoa Township · 13 Nov

It's just a handle you attach to bin and hook to your hitch on your car. works really well i have a steep driveway and haven't had any problem



1 Thank



Shirley Fletcher, North Shore · 13 Nov

Question.....what did y all do before? These cans are no different that the others, they have wheels. We paid for a recycle bin before and this one is smaller and full before two weeks is up. that's my only little hitch!



Todd Walker, Round/Crooked Interior · 13 Nov

How many people that are complaining took the time to reach out to the Township or attend a Township meeting where this was voted on, so their voice would be heard. The Township posts their meeting agendas on Genoa.org. People need to participate in the decisions that affect them and advocate for themselves instead of blaming others.



5 Thanks



Jack Keating, Oak Pointe/Genoa Township · 14 Nov

Is anyone else having a problem with this new service? I put my trash out on Monday night and the garbage was picked up on Tues. However, the re-cycle bin is still sitting by the street not emptied. I saw yesterday that there seemed to be other neighbors with the same problem.



Matt Sommer, Oak Pointe/Genoa Township · 14 Nov

It's every other week now for recycling. Which begs the question why the new service is more expensive for reduced service.





Anna Swider, Genoa Crooked Lake Rd · 14 Nov



Check Genoa.org, go to Refuse & Recycling and you can check your schedule after entering the address. They also have an app for smartphones on which you could set up a reminders which would let you know a day before they pick the garbage or recycle.

😊 1 Thank



Jack Keating, Oak Pointe/Genoa Township · 14 Nov



I was aware that it was every other week when it didn't get picked up last week, but that was my fault. So, I put it out this week and it's still there. Thanks for the response and I'll follow up with the company.



Danielle Hawes, Marion NE · 14 Nov



Good luck...I have contacted them twice. Horrible customer service. :(



Jack Keating, Oak Pointe/Genoa Township · 14 Nov



Was it about the same problem I seem to be having?



Ken Balazovich, North Shore · 14 Nov



A giant can for trash and not easy to move around. I will not fill it more than 1/3 of the way even for a busy week and we are required to use them. I have a long driveway also. Way too large a recycle can as well. These take up a lot of garage space.



Danielle Hawes, Marion NE · 14 Nov



No garbage pickup since the change over. They did get the recycling though!



Jack Keating, Oak Pointe/Genoa Township · 14 Nov



How the hell did they miss your garbage and manage to pick up the recycling???

😊 1 Thank



Torie Duke, East Coon Lake Rd · 15 Nov



You are allowed one big item a week I believe outside of cans ! I think that in general is awesome

😊 1 Thank



Bob Barrett, Marion NE · 15 Nov



I live about 800 feet from the road and I installed some gravel in an area next to my driveway at the end and when I have garbage, I drive it down there in a box, dump it in and when it gets full, I wheel it 10-15 feet to the road on garbage day. I like the new cans. The only thing is one of my wheels already came off!



1 Thank



Cynthia Westphal, East Coon Lake Rd · 16 Nov



Bob Barrett, My Mom and Max's drive is just over 800 ft and they are doing the same thing with their new cans. Funny thing, one of the wheels on their recycle bin already came off too!



Lori Vachon, Oak Pointe/Genoa Township · 17 Nov



How big of an item is considered big? A couch? Yes, I could call but thought I'd ask here first since it's the weekend. And yes a family of 4-5 can fill the recycling bin in a week easily, trying to get creative with my stacking.



1 Thank



Ken Balazovich, North Shore · 17 Nov



I set out the entire cutting deck from my old lawn tractor and it was taken. I think the township office or the company would answer that question immediately



Cynthia Westphal, East Coon Lake Rd · 17 Nov



Lori, I called the company and told them I have a Lazy Boy chair (which is rather large and heavy). They said that is no problem, just set it out. But the item has to be clean and dry. Our pick up is on Fridays so we have to set things out on Thursday night. The first Thursday night it rained all night, so we could not set it out. Then the next Thursday it snowed, which equals wet, so we have not set it out yet. I figured we'd see how it went with the Lazy Boy chair before we tried to set out the couch. :-)



1 Thank



Rachele Evers, East Coon Lake Rd · 26 Dec



I am not thrilled with the new trash bins at all. My drive is over 1/2 mile long, and the recycle bin is tiny compared to what we had before. (We had paid the \$9 a quarter to have the larger rolling bin for recyclables.)

Overall it seems like a complete downgrade in service, at least for recycling. With a household of 5 our recycle bin was always always always more full than the trash bin.

I did call the township to find out if I could get a bigger bin at least, and find out the logic behind this decision. They basically told me that recycling is no longer as profitable, which is a total bummer because I suspect more of our recyclables will end up going in the trash.



2 Thanks



Cynthia Westphal, East Coon Lake Rd · 26 Dec



Rachele, I did read that a number of other countries are not buying our recycle products, as much as they were before, which drives down the profits. Sad that we produce more than US mfgs can use.



1 Thank



Ken Balazovich, North Shore · 26 Dec



Our sub is across from North Shore (Griffith and Pineridge) and we have consistent pick up of trash and recycled material. They have taken large pieces of metal and plastic from me a couple times without a call. The trash bin is ridiculously large but the recycle bin is about right. I have no complaints



1 Thank



Kathie Marshall, E Schafer/Brady · 27 Dec



I am more than thrilled with the 1 large item at no cost weekly allowance. This is so helpful.



2 Thanks



Erik Smith, Grand Beach · 27 Dec



I have given up trying to recycle as I did with our previous service. The bin is too small, and the demands are too specific for the container's contents. With the bi-weekly pickup schedule we are overflowing after the first week. All in all, this new "more profitable system" isn't working for us.



3 Thanks



Matt Sommer, Oak Pointe/Genoa Township · 6d ago



I agree with Erik. I still recycle and spend much more time collapsing boxes to fit them all, but typically the new, smaller bin is full in one week. After that, I've been collecting the rest to hopefully recycle 2 weeks later, but when I piled all of it up next to my full recycle bin 2 weeks later, they only took the boxes in the bin and left the rest so I threw them out the following week. I'll continue to recycle, but clearly I'm not going to be able to recycle as much as I used to. I called and asked if I could use my old bin, which I own, they said no, but I could pay a delivery fee for a larger bin plus a monthly up charge.



Victor Zammit, Oak Pointe/Genoa Township · 6d ago



I think we need recycle pick up every week.



3 Thanks



Paul Wright, Round/Crooked Interior · 6d ago



I agree that we should have weekly recycle pickup



3 Thanks



Sheri Parke, East Coon Lake Rd · 6d ago



Agree!



1 Thank



Ed Zabrosky, Round/Crooked Interior · 5d ago



We live on Filbert on Round Lake, and I agree that weekly recycle pickup was nice, but since the new containers are twice the size of the old, we don't have a problem with them. Many of us have short driveways, or no driveways at all, just a spot to park our vehicles. Our house is down a hill so we keep our containers up top not far from the road and carry our garbage and recycle items up as needed. As far as the regular garbage containers they're the same size as the old so we don't have an issue with that either. Guess it all depends on where you live, but we're ok with the new service.



Mark Seng, E Schafer/Brady · 5d ago



I think keeping bins at the road is unsightly. I hope this is not the solution. As for the original question... I tip my bins down and put the handle right on my ball hitch. I've not had any fall over along my 500feet.







Nate Crane, Round/Crooked Interior · 3d ago



Anyone have any idea when they will be coming next being the new year Tuesday? I have more recyclables then I know what to do with and my trash is overflowing. Not sure if I missed recycling last week or they didn't come I noticed a lot of neighbors weren't picked up either. This trash service has been terrible



2 Thanks



Matt Sommer, Oak Pointe/Genoa Township · 3d ago



Nate, go here and click on My Schedule and that should get you what you need: <https://genoa.org/departments/utilities/refuse>



3 Thanks



Eric Holm, Oak Pointe/Genoa Township · 3d ago



Install the ADS-Michigan app, you get a reminder based on address the night before they are picking up, and reminder if it's recycling as well. You can tell on the app if it's delayed due to holiday.



1 Thank



Daena Nicholas, Oak Pointe/Genoa Township · 11h ago



Let's see i called them after a holiday party and asked what i was suppose to do with the extra garbage that doesn't fit in the can. Their response was "drive it to a garbage dump/landfill". Really, i've lived here 30 years and never had this problem. I cdlked zheng's township, they responded by saying that NO ONE came to the township meetings and objected to the new contract. Amy response was who knew you'd change it do much and tie residents hands. Her solution rent an extra can. Oh and she made sure zibknee Genoa township pays less for garbage service than the city of Brighton. abut, I have to drive extra garbage and recycle to a land fill. Not happy at all.



Nate Crane, Round/Crooked Interior · 5h ago



They took all my cardboard around my recycling can and didn't take anything in my can..... so I guess I just have a full can for two weeks. Lol this service sucks! I never missed a day or had a problem with the old company. Wish we never switched.





 Todd Walker, Round/Crooked Interior · 3h ago 

I think the Township officials should hear these complaints and stand up to the new trash company on behalf of their tax paying constituents. What I keep seeing on these posts is that people are being told to call the trash company. I had a problem with recycling, called the new trash company, sat on hold, finally got a person, then got the run around. Very disappointed!



2 Thanks



Eileen Stone, Crooked Lk & Dorr · 2h ago 

We are not impressed by this company. We have called on several occasions to have them pick up the large garbage bin that they provide at the start of their service, as the large can doesn't fit in the closet we built to house our garbage cans. It's still sitting in the corner of our garage taking up space. We also recycle more than we throw away, so we used our old recycle bin along with the new one only to find when we woke up that morning that they had thrown away our old bin in the trash!



1 Thank



Cynthia Westphal, East Coon Lake Rd · 29m ago 

Eileen Stone, I'm only a little surprised that they trashed your older recycle bin. There was a notice and instructions, when the new company started, that said they would dispose of old trash and recycle bins if left on the curb. Nate Crane, it could be they counted the cardboard around your recycling can as your "one large item", because their instructions state they will not take trash or recycle that is not inside the bins. But why they didn't empty the regular bin seems rather odd. Daena Nicholas, I don't know if your extra trash would count as "one large item", but I'd sure give it a try! I'm not real crazy about the new company, but I wasn't really happy with the old company either because we could see from our kitchen window that they kept forcefully throwing our containers in the ditch and breaking the tops off of them.



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JuliAnne Pardon Diesch  
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9/25/18, 3:04 PM

Terribly disappointed in the township officials who negotiated the new refuse and recycling services provider and contract. We just moved in June and had been disappointed that the allowed trash volume was 33% greater than the recycling. Now I received the newsletter and see that the 64 gallons of recycling will only be picked up EVERY OTHER WEEK. This is moving away from being stewards of the earth. As a state with so much fresh water and beautiful natural resources, we should be moving ahead of the recycling expectations elsewhere in our nation. (We were in Washington State for six years and put out less than 28 gallons of trash, had 96 gallon recycling bins with additional clean recycling in boxes permitted, and had a 96 gallon organic waste bin that went to a community compost site; we were over a year in California with 96 gallon organic waste and recycling bins [although no additional recycling permitted] and had a 32 gallon waste bin that was never full.)

On page 2 of this latest newsletter, you urge us to help us save the planet (by recycling grocery bags at the grocery store and saying no to styrofoam). Please, negotiate a waste removal deal that encourages even

Write a reply...

- Thank you!
- Ben Marcum 10/11/18  
Thanks
- Laura White Edwards 10/1/18  
Great. I will look forward to hearing fr ...
- JuliAnne Pardon Diesch 9/26/18  
Thank you.
- Sarah Nankee 9/6/18  
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- Bill Rockwell 9/5/18  
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**Michael Rossow** How about doing recycling pickup every week like it was before. I'm now forced to put some recycling in the trash because of the every other week pickup and Advanced Disposal will only touch the bins they supplied. If anyone else is unhappy with Advanced Disposal call Genoa Township and complain. We need recycling pickup every week.



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**Betty Kozyra** Not happy with smaller bin and every other week pick up.

Like · Reply · Message · 3w



**Susan Jacoby Edwards** Is there a possibility in the near future, that we can get recycling pick up every week?

Like · Reply · Message · 3w



**Jon Evenson** How about a bigger recycling bin? With pickup every other week, I'm throwing recyclables into my trash bin. I'll take a smaller trash bin too.

Like · Reply · Message · 3w



**Kelly Seifert Jaster** Agreed. Wish the bin sizes were switched. Our recycling bin is always overflowing and our trash bin has all of two bags in it... practically empty.

Like · Reply · Message · 3w



**Kelly Seifert Jaster** ...and we break everything down, so that's not the issue.

Like · Reply · Message · 3w



**Richard Najera** We have a choice of three sizes for our dumpsters. Also both are picked up weekly.

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**Sonja Mazurek Amos** Jon Evenson I totally agree and called and asked the same question They told me that the contract is already decided and signed ... See More

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**Kelly Seifert Jaster** I was shocked when I saw the size of the trash bin, it's huge! I actually made jokes about it being a good hide-and-week location for an adult. 😂

I wonder if enough requests are made, possibly when the contract is renewed it can be altered at that time to pick up every week?

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**Lynda Williams** Looking over the recycle list, it appears that they do not take as many items as GFL did, items that should be recycled as opposed to going into the landfills. Don't know why we need such a large bin when you can't put anything in it. Hope you saved a lot of money, however you should have been more concerned about Mother Earth. Ironic the recycle bins say "Make Your Mother Proud"

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**Karrie Gold-Gusman** Why do we not get to choose our trash collector? We will NEVER make it 2 weeks with one recycle bin, does that mean I have to throw my recyclables in the trash? Who do I petition to get weekly recycling pick up?

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**Andrea Shorkey** I agree 100%!!

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**Dawn Sedell** My large recycling cart is almost full every week 🙄

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**Karrie Gold-Gusman** Dawn Sedell mine is full every week

Like · Reply · Message · 15w



**Cheryl Graunstadt** In Westland we also have every other week recycling, but we have large bins AND can get a second if necessary.

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**Genoa Charter Township** The recycling pickup every other week is part of the contract but extra recycling carts can be arranged through Advanced Disposal for residents with larger amounts of items to recycle. You can contact Advanced Disposal at (888) 443-1717 once service begins on October 29.

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**Karrie Gold-Gusman** I am sure this will cost me extra money. Do you know how much this extra cart will cost me? I am not sure I understand why we were not surveyed for our opinion on this. I can't believe that the twp would force us into this change against our agreement. I was perfectly happy with GFL.

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 Cheryl Graunstadt If citizens want to know about decisions impacting their community they need to attend public meetings regularly or at very least establish communication with your elected officials. Most have email, may be receptive to your input, but municipal service such as trash contracts don't normally get shared with the public, in terms of details. However, voting is done in public, you have the right to question.

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 Steve Kelley Genoa Charter Township Every other week recycling is a disappointing choice considering just how much can be recycled out of the average resident's trash service. Especially on the 64 gallon containers. We moved into the township last month and at my p... See More


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 Karrie Gold-Gusman Steve Kelley exactly now people will put recycling in their trash to get rid of it


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 Steve Kelley Cheryl Graunstadt You are right, we should be involved. But here's the thing, I just pulled the minutes regarding these decisions and no information other than they were entering into negotiations with Advanced and then agreeing to a contract with them... See More


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 Andrea Shorkey Genoa Charter Township I just got off the phone with a rep from AD. He said it's usually \$65 for an extra recycling cart, but that he was unfamiliar with our particular city/job, so was unsure how a request for an extra cart would be handled. I'm awai... See More

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 Cheryl Graunstadt Andrea Shorkey That's my daughter... I would get name of Township supervisor, public service person and every elected rep. Not sure if trustee or what title. Your clerk should be able to provide. Or via website let all know how you are feeling about this. 🙄

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 **Cindi McKeague Joachim** Karrie Gold-Gusman exactly I don't like this or appreciate it at all

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
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 **Jan Kotlesek Kirkpatrick** Andrea Shorkey Wow that's high. Se're only paying \$35 now for our bin. ...

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 Write a reply...



 **Julie Suchodolski** Totally agree Larry. And none of us should have to be contacting the current provider for a refund ... that should have been handled by Genoa Township. They made the decision to change services ... not us.

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**Jim Mitte** Recycling is a smaller cart and only every-other week? Is there a way to get a second recycle cart? (Even if it needs to be rented)

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**Genoa Charter Township** Residents seeking additional carts (recycling or trash) can contact Advanced Disposal at (888) 443-1717 once service begins on October 29.

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**Arthur H Penhallow** Recycle carts are too small !!! Refuse carts are too big!!! Which means a lot of my recycled material will be in the refuse cart! Dumb!

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**Arthur H Penhallow** Genoa Charter Township Recycle carts are too small and the refuse carts too big. Recycle every other week means a lot of recycled items will now be TRASH!!!

Like · Reply · Message · 14w



**Dawn Horan-Condon** We don't have space to store an additional bin. I agree with Arthur on it going in the garbage.

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## Adam VanTassell

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**From:** Mary Beth Harris <harrismz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 14, 2018 9:11 AM  
**To:** info  
**Subject:** Changes to recycling program

Hello,

I am a resident writing to express my concern about the changes being made to the recycling program. Only picking up the recycling every other week is not a good plan. Our family of 4 currently fills up a 64 gallon recycling cart every single week, and many weeks this is overflowing. We, and many of our neighbors, have less trash than we do recycling most weeks! Changing this program to every other week pick up will discourage recycling, leading to recyclable materials ending up in the landfill. This sends the message that recycling is not important to our community, when we need to be pushing the opposite message right now in order to protect our environment.

Please reconsider!

Mary Beth Harris  
248-330-2209

## Adam VanTassell

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**From:** Amanda Harris <aharris1p@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2018 11:07 AM  
**To:** info  
**Subject:** Concern about change to recycling

To Whom It may Concern,

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Thank you,

Amanda Harris

## Adam VanTassell

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**From:** Julie Harris <jaharris@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2018 6:50 AM  
**To:** info  
**Subject:** Recycling Pick-Ups

I am concerned about the changes to our trash disposal that are resulting in recycling only being picked up every other week! I purchased an extra bin (actually have 3 bins!) and fill all three many/most weeks! So . . . does this mean I will have to start throwing some of my recycling into the regular trash? Very disappointed in this change!

Julie Harris  
5389 Urbana Drive  
Brighton, MI 48116  
[jaharris@comcast.net](mailto:jaharris@comcast.net)

## Adam VanTassell

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**From:** Emily Affeldt <emily.affeldt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 07, 2018 1:20 PM  
**To:** info  
**Subject:** Recycling

Hello,

I am a resident of Genoa Township. I recently received a newsletter regarding the new recycling and refuse system. I am very disappointed in the every other week recycling pick up. My family uses the big green container and small blue container every week for recycling. There is no way every other week pick up is sufficient. I am sure my family is not the only family who will have this issue.

I am urging you to reconsider.

Best,  
Emily Affeldt  
Sent from my iPhone

## Adam VanTassell

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**From:** Stephanie McIntyre <stephmcin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 07, 2018 12:46 PM  
**To:** info  
**Subject:** New Recycling Policy

Hi -

My name is Stephanie McIntyre and my family lives on Snowshoe Lane in Genoa Township.

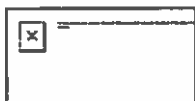
I am very disappointed to here that, with the new company, recycling will only be picked up every other week. We currently have way more recycling than garbage each week with a 96 gallon cart already. Every other week will not come close to meeting our needs. Is there an option for residents who have large amounts of weekly recycling to get an additional cart at no charge?

Additionally, an every other week pick up is confusing to remember. I hope this decision will be re-evaluated.

Really disappointed in this development, thanks for any info you can provide.

Sincerely,

Stephanie McIntyre  
810.772.6603



## Adam VanTassell

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**From:** Jerry Poissant <jerry@quebeclane.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 30, 2018 9:06 AM  
**To:** info  
**Cc:** Susan Cope (susancope@mac.com)  
**Subject:** Change In Refuse Collection

To: Mike Archinal, Bill Rogers, & The Board of Trustees

We were disappointed to learn recently of the change in the Township's refuse and recycling services.

We have purchased our own garbage and recycling containers because the \$3/month fee charge by previous service providers was unreasonably high. Now those containers are useless. How can we dispose of our old containers?

Even more disappointing is the change to collecting recycling only every other week. We typically have 2-3 times as much recycling as we do garbage.

In the past we have owned a vacation home in Ontario. The refuse collection policy in that community required that recyclable materials had to be separated and placed in clear recyclable plastic bags or open containers. There was no limit on how much recyclable material could be placed at the curb. Garbage was limited to 1 bag per week. A tag could be purchased if additional garbage bags were required.

This was an environmentally responsible policy. Genoa Township's new policy will discourage recycling.

We would appreciate a reply.

Gerald Poissant  
Susan Cope  
4458 Golf View Dr.  
Brighton, MI 48116



## Adam VanTassell

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**From:** Margaret Potts <mpotts@cfopart.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2018 11:09 AM  
**To:** info  
**Subject:** recycling changes

Good morning,

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Sincerely,  
Meg Potts

## Adam VanTassell

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**From:** Bob Musch <rlmusch@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 26, 2018 5:48 PM  
**To:** Adam VanTassell  
**Subject:** Recycling comments

I just wanted to provide you with my personal perspective since you changed waste disposal companies this past Oct. Please don't feel like I am piling on as I assume you might have gotten other comments over the past few month, but whomever gave you the information when you decided to change vendors may have lead you astray. That is , I am assuming you got some initial data from the various providers when you went out for bids regarding their experience with the trash vs the recycling. But from my perspective and the direction you would think our community would like to go (being more green) we would have at least continued the same frequency of pick-up vs the alternating weeks. When we were having a pick up each week, we were seeing more recycling material that garbage. Now that it is picked up every other week, I believe you will see less recycle material, overall, as people like ourselves are having to use the garbage container to handle the overflow. If nothing else, I would have at least thought you would have suggested the larger container for the recycled material as it is picked up every other week vs the current situation and used the smaller container for the garbage. Is this situation going to continue or might you either suggest picking up more often or at least change containers?

The behaviors you are promoting is that more of the recyclable material will be put in the trash containers, at least in my neighborhood. Some folks are even reverting to burning their extra boxes etc. I don't know if the township is saving any money but from an environment standpoint you may be doing more harm that good.

What is Genoa's long term objective? Is it to promote recycling more? Or is cost the main driver for the change?

I would like to hear your thoughts.

Regards

Bob Musch  
3500 Pineridge Lane

810 2294382

## Adam VanTassell

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**From:** Shirley Fletcher <1942fletch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2018 7:22 PM  
**To:** info  
**Subject:** Trash Collection.

Love having nice new bins....however disappointed that the recycle bin is small and that it's collected only every two weeks. We again have a full bin with no collection this week. Prior to this we paid for a large bin that was emptied each week. Glad we don't have to pay anymore but discouraged that we overflow our bin and as I understand we cannot leave another can near the assigned can since the new company has auto trucks. We are trying to save the planet but.....

Thanks for reading!

BTW we have lived here for 33 years and today it snowed and trucks cleared the streets in our sub! It usually takes a couple of days, yeah for you this year.☺

Shirley Fletcher

Sent from my iPad

## Adam VanTassell

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**From:** tjs6088@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2018 10:27 PM  
**To:** info  
**Subject:** Recycling company

Hello, my name is Tom Sliwa. I live in the township at: 445 Cloverview Lane. I think Genoa Township is very well run and the staff members have always been friendly and professional. I am not usually one to complain, however, it frustrates my wife and I very much that our new recycling company only collects once every 2 weeks. That is ridiculous. My family as well as my neighbors need a recycling company to collect every week. Nearly everything that is used in the average household can be recycled. Now our recycle bin is not only full, it has 3-4 garbage bags full of recyclable material next to it, then the extra bags don't get picked up by the recycle truck. I also noticed this with my neighbors too. I really believe that encouraging more material to go to the landfill compared to the recycle plant is the wrong decision. I know that Genoa Township is mindful to the environment as I noticed the solar panels outside the township building. This mindset should be extended to all the residents as well, like it used to be a short time ago. Also, will I be saving any money on my trash / recycle bill since I now have reduced services? Please let me know. Thank you, Tom.

## Adam VanTassell

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**From:** Jane Thielking <janeot@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 31, 2018 5:50 PM  
**To:** Adam VanTassell  
**Subject:** Recycle concerns

Hello

We have received our new garbage and recycling bins. We are BIG into recycling (which I think you would want ALL township residents to be) and our bin is already full after just one week and our pickup is not for another week. Our garbage is only 1/2 full because we recycle that much.

I see this being a big problem for us each week. Is it possible to get a second recycle bin? I don't really want to run to Livingston Recycle on the off weeks when we've had weekly curbside pick up ever since we purchased our house in 2004.

The every other week pickup does not encourage recycling for family households.

Thanks

Jane Thielking  
5370 Glenway Dr

## Adam VanTassell

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**From:** Joe O'Mara <joe.omara@securitycorp.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2018 2:31 PM  
**To:** info  
**Subject:** recycling

I am sending this to this generic email in the hope that it reaches someone at Genoa Township as I couldn't find any other email address on the website.

I would like to express my disappointment with the switch to Advanced Disposal due to the fact that we are allowed one 64 gallon recycling container which will be picked up every 2 weeks. Currently, I fill a 96 gallon container every week with the current provider. If the objective was to get residents to recycle less, this should do the trick. I have contacted Advanced Disposal about getting extra containers and they told me they will charge me \$25 delivery for each extra container and \$5 per month for each additional container. No thanks. All of my additional recycling will now go to the garbage dump. How about someone contact Advanced Disposal to have extra containers at no charge?

Joe O'Mara  
3058 Stillriver Drive

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