

# THE GENOA VILLAGER

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News from Mayor Ken Harsanje Sr.

Fellow Residents and Business Owners,

With fall weather winding down and winter approaching I would like to remind all citizens and business owners in the event of snow, to please clear your sidewalks for the safety of all. For the downtown walkways, store owners need to clear the area from the front of their buildings to the street when there is up to 2 inches of snow. For snow that is greater than 2 inches deep, Public Works will assist in clearing the walkways. As per Ordinance 6-13 any snow greater than 2 inches and a snow emergency is declared, "all" vehicles must be removed from the streets so the Public Works crew can clear the snow safely and event free.

In monitoring the Genoa Uncut Facebook page, I have noticed many times that residents have questions, concerns, or complaints that they may need help with. If it is a situation concerning the Village of Genoa we ask that you please first contact the Mayor, Administrator, a Councilman, or the Village Administration Office with your concern. We try to answer all questions as per our Ordinances and procedures to do what is best for the residents of the Village. In contacting the Village first, it is our hope to decrease the frustration that is sometimes conveyed on social media. You can reach the Administration Office at 419-855-7791.

On the Interurban Railway System Building arson case, I want to say Thank You to the State Fire Marshall's Office and the Village of Genoa Police Department, for all their hard work investigating and arresting the 3 juveniles and charging them with arson. A court date for the Juveniles will be scheduled soon.

I would like to give a big shout out to the Chamber Merchants, Economic Team, and Garden Club, for all their hard work this past year in enhancing our Village. With special events like Homecoming, Car Shows, Red Neck Tractor Pulls, Community Garage Sales, Tree Lighting, and Parades. These events bring many folks into our Village to show appreciation of their hard work.

The Genoa Economic Team is partnering with the Genoa Merchants and Chamber on Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 with the Annual Tree Lighting at the Town Hall. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm with a parade from the Quarry parking lot to 8<sup>th</sup> street, then to Main Street, and onto 6<sup>th</sup> street. Santa and Mr. Claus will arrive at the Town Hall at 7:30 pm. The lights on the tree will be turned on and the children can visit Santa and Mr. Claus. Cookies and hot chocolate will be available for the children. There will be food and drink available for purchase for adults out on the Town Hall grounds. If interested in being a parade participant, you can pick up sign-up forms at the Village Administration Office. These are due by November 20<sup>th</sup>. (A Prize will be awarded to the top 3 floats)

The Genoa Economic team along with the Chamber and Merchants will have a best dressed holiday decoration contest. The top 3 residents and top 3 businesses in the Village will receive awards and bragging rights for a year. Judging will be conducted on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at dusk until 9 p. m. (no need to register)

The Village of Genoa will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> year Birthday (Sesquicentennial) in 2018. If you want to join the Sesquicentennial Committee or have artifacts to lend the committee that can be put on display, contact Chairman Kim Harsanje at 419-206-8498. (The Committee really needs your help to make this event a success.)