

# THE GENOA VILLAGER

News from Mayor Ken Harsanje Sr.

Fellow Residents and Business Owners,

Since my last Quarterly Letter in May, there has been many activities in the Village. School was let out for Summer Recess. The Quarry and Big Dipper opened for the season. Youth soccer, softball and baseball have been in full swing, and the Garden Club began preparing and planting flowers in many areas of the Village. The Genoa Homecoming was held. Many visited our Village to enjoy the great weather, festivities, and fireworks. I want to thank the Genoa Homecoming Committee led by Dave Grosjean and Neil Ammons, Administrator Kevin Gladden, Public Works, and the Genoa Police Department, for all their hard work and extra's they did to make the Homecoming another success. Also a big Thank-You to Marko Demolition, The Shelly Company, and Henry Bergman Inc., for the brand new installed asphalt pad in the park that they donated to the Village. The Genoa Chamber has also been busy with their Cruise-In Car Shows along with a new Vendors Market Place.

Now that it is August, school will start back up on the 23rd. Please watch out for school buses and the children walking to and from their bus stops. The Quarry's last regular day will be August 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be open only on the weekends, through Labor Day, September 4th. Soccer, softball, and baseball seasons have come to an end and the Garden Club flowers are in, or starting full bloom which adds beauty to our Village. We have a 9 hole Disc Golf Course available for free, which you can play now through the fall.

I would like to take this opportunity to address the Interurban Railway System Building. For over a year the Village had been talking with a Group of Village Preservation Advocates about trying to rehab/preserve the building. A meeting had been set for June 12th with the advocates and the Village to discuss the direction of action on what the Village was going to do with the building. The Choices were either to restore it, if the advocate group could fund and maintain the building through grants and donations, or the Village could possibly remove it, but no tax money was going to be used for the building. Unfortunately on June 8th the building was set on fire, and on June 9th the State Fire Marshall's Office had declared it arson. After the fire the building was found to be structurally unsound and ordered to be torn down by the Allen-Clay Joint Fire District Senior Acting Battalion Chief. The building was removed and the area cleaned, paid for by the insurance the Village had on the building. If you have any information on this arson case, please contact the Genoa Police dept. A reward of up to \$5,000 is available for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person, or persons involved.

## IMPORTANT DATES / UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, August 11th&12th. .... Community Garage Sale 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 26th. .... Redneck Tractor Pull at Park 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 29th. .... Genoa Chamber Cruise-In Car Show 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 16th. .... Hog Roast at Rayz to benefit: Genoa Police 12 noon – 3:00 p.m.
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