

News from Mayor Ken Harsanje Sr.

Fellow Residents and Business Owners,

Welcome all, to 2018. We enjoyed a beautiful White Christmas reminding us winter is here.

Administrator Kevin Gladden and Public Works have been doing a great job in plowing and treating the streets. As a reminder, it is your responsibility to keep your sidewalks cleared of snow. In the event the Village declares a snow emergency, all vehicles must be removed from the streets so they may be cleared safely.

I want to thank the Genoa Economic Team, Genoa Chamber, and the Genoa Merchants for assisting in making the Annual Tree Lighting on Sunday, November 26th a huge success. The night started off with our first, Annual Holiday Parade.

The 13 units in the Parade were:

The Genoa Marching Band	Rayz Café
J. M. Beaute	Genoa Bank
First Federal Bank	Graymont
Genoa Girl Scouts	Genoa Schools P.T.O.
Shear Delight	Genoa Civic Theatre
Genoa Custom Interiors	Daryl Ray
The Trainer Family	

Float Award winners were:

1st Place - Graymont
2nd Place - First Federal Bank
3rd Place - Genoa Bank

Santa and Mrs. Claus along with Santa's elf, followed the parade in the Old Steward Firetruck, with Chief Randy Miller driving. After the Mayor's grandson Ty Harsanje lit the lights on the Village Christmas tree, the children visited the Town Hall Winter Wonderland to see Santa, Mrs. Claus, receive cookies, a candy cane, and hot chocolate.

A big Thank You to Corey Harder, Leeann Dufendock, Marsha Lee, Beth St.John, and the Genoa High School seniors, who helped make the night very special.

On Sunday December 10th, the Economic Development Committee and the Genoa Chamber teamed up to have our first Genoa Festival of Lights and Decoration of Village Homes & Businesses contest.

Winners of the Home Decorating Contest:

1st Place – 410 E. 4th Street
2nd Place – 1501 West Street
3rd Place – 1508 West Street

Winners of the Business Decorating Contest:

1st. Place – Shear Delight
2nd Place – First Federal Bank
3rd Place – Genoa Family Eye Care

Thank you to all who decorated their homes and businesses making the Village look more beautiful this year.

I would like all residents to know the Genoa Police Department is investigating the theft of many of the resident's holiday decorations. We take this very seriously. I too was a victim and I am asking all citizens for your help with this investigation to catch the thieves so they can realize their punishment and we can prevent this from happening again. If you have any information please contact the Genoa Police Department.

The Village owes a debt of Gratitude to Mr. Tim Reed, for his service and dedication as our Councilman for the past two years. Mr. Reed did not run for re-election this past fall due to personal reasons. We wish him well.

Following the November election our Genoa Village Councilman are:

Mr. John Lewis – AD/HOC Chairman

Mr. Issac St. Marie – Economic Development Chairman

Mr. Brent Huston – Finance Chairman

Mr. Darryl Bittner - Safety Chairman

Mr. Jacob Diebert – Utility Chairman

Newly elected, Mr. Matthew Koppinger – Streets & Sidewalks / Personnel Chairman

All Councilman are available should you need their assistance.

Safety Alert System: Nixle

The Village of Genoa is implementing an Emergency/Safety Messaging System called Nixle.

This system will notify residents who sign up, of alerts the Village and Genoa Police deem necessary to send.

All alerts are sent via Email, and or Text message.

All messages sent will be for safety/emergencies, or important Village related information. The Village or Police Dept. cannot take requests for messages.

Residents have a choice of which TYPE of alert they wish to receive.

Alert Types: Alerts / Advisory / Community

They also may choose how they would like to receive them.

Choice of notification: Email, Text message, or Both

Examples of the types of alerts:

Alerts: Critically important information, Snow, Water, or Electric, “Emergencies”

Advisory: Important need to know information, traffic conditions, Road closures, etc.

Community: Special informational messages, these are not time-critical messages.

There is no cost to the residents for this service. As a government entity, Nixle is Free to the Village in utilizing Email and Text Alerts for important/emergency information.

Nixle Registration

1. You can register three ways;
 - a) Sign up at: www.Nixle.com - Select “Resident login” at the top of the page.
 - b) Sign up via the link on our own website – from the menu selection in the dark green bar.
 - c) To register for Alerts via text... just **text** the zip code “**43430**” to **888777**
 - d) To manage Alerts, Text “**password**” to **888777** for your password and login to: **www.nixle.com**
2. Nixle is completely secure – each account shows only half of the phone number used when registering. There are no names, phone numbers, or information of any kind that connects to the resident.
3. This also means the Village is unable to cancel your participation in the Nixle alerts system.
4. **You the resident, must do so yourself** by: Logging into your Nixle account at www.nixle.com with your phone number and password, click “*Settings*” there you can adjust which messages you receive and on which device(s) you receive them. You also have the option to eliminate all text messages under the “*Account*” tab. Should you wish to completely **unsubscribe**, simply send an e-mail to **www.support@nixle.com** stating your desire to unsubscribe.
5. Please help us to get this message out to residents, so they may sign up if they wish.