

# THE GENOA VILLAGER



October 6, 2018

## News from Mayor, Ken Harsanje Sr.

Fellow Residents & Business Owners:

The busy hot summer has come to an end. Many events from this past summer are now memories: Genoa's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday, our Sesquicentennial, the Genoa Homecoming, Boys Baseball, Girls Softball, Soccer Games, Genoa Chamber Car Shows, and Red Neck Tractor Pulls. Our beautiful Genoa Park/Quarry which is enjoyed by many had its busiest season since 1997, and is now closed for the year.

On Thursday, September 13, 2018 Genoa's Chief of Police; Brad Weis was inducted into the Law Enforcement Office Hall of Fame for his 41 years of Law Enforcement Service. "Thank You, Chief Weis for your dedication."

September 22nd the first day of the fall season was a very busy day in the Village. Rayz hosted a hog roast to benefit the Genoa Police Department, (Thank You – Rayz!!) Genoa Chamber hosted the final car show of the season, the Redneck Tractor Pulls held their final pull, and the Big Dipper Dairy Queen closed for the season.

The new Genoa Historical Society members volunteered their hard work and dedication to make the needed renovations to the newly named "Heritage Hall" a success. This building hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> School House, Town Hall Meetings, Civil War Veterans, as well as many civic uses. The building sits on Washington Street just east of our historic Town Hall. The restoration and future upkeep of this project will be provided with possible grants, private and public donations, and the sale of the new Genoa History book. No tax dollars are being used on the building. For more information please contact Tom Bergman at: [thomaselobergman@gmail.com](mailto:thomaselobergman@gmail.com) or 419-279-1108.

Columbia Gas will be in the Village for several weeks to work on the next phase of their gas line replacement. The streets of Washington, Main and West, from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> streets will be affected. Also at this time, Ottawa County Soil and Water will be cleaning out the Ashery Ditch. Genoa Village Public works crew will be supporting these projects.

The Downtown flowers are in full bloom and really beautify our Village, thanks to the Genoa Garden Club and all their hard work. Perennials have been planted to help minimize annual flower purchases to add color. Mulching annually each of the flower beds helps to cut down on weeds. Anyone interested in joining or helping the Garden Club, please feel free to call anytime to Kim Harsanje @ 419-206-8498. Donating just one or two hours a month during the season (4 months) would be of great help, and truly, truly appreciated. Thank YOU in advance for your consideration to help keep our gardens beautiful year after year.

Important coming up events:

Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6-7 p.m. *Genoa Marco's* will hold its Annual Trunk or Treat in the First Federal parking lot.

Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6-9 p.m. *Genoa Kiwanis* will host their annual Kiddie Halloween Parade in downtown Genoa.

Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. @ 6-7:30 p.m. the *Village of Genoa* will have Trick or Treat night.

The Genoa Chamber will sponsor the Village's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Parade on Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

The Holiday Parade will start at Veterans Park traveling North on Washington Street, then west onto 9<sup>th</sup> Street, next turning South on Main Street and ending at 6<sup>th</sup> Street next to the Town Hall. Santa, Mrs. Claus and their Elf will arrive in the Old Steward Fire Truck, driven by Genoa Fire Chief Randy Miller. The Genoa High School Band will be providing music for this event. The lighting of the Village Christmas Tree will take place, then all children, family & friends will be invited to visit the Genoa Fire Hall for hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies. From inside the Fire Hall anyone wishing to see Santa and Mrs. Claus will be given direction on where to line up to enter Town Hall's Winter Wonderland. If you are interested in entering a float in the Holiday parade you can pick up the rules and sign-up form either from the Genoa Administration building or the Village website, under Our Community/Holiday Parade. The parade is open to all within the Genoa School District.

The Genoa Chamber will be sponsoring a Christmas contest for the Village's "Best Decorated Home" and "Best Decorated Business". We are asking the residents and businesses to decorate their homes and buildings by November 25<sup>th</sup> in hope of enhancing the Holiday Parade festivities. Judging of all homes and businesses will be on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> (no sign up required). All judges selected will reside outside of Genoa. Prizes will be awarded to the Best Floats, Decorated Homes, and Decorated Businesses.

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