

THE GENOA VILLAGER

August 2, 2018

News from Mayor Ken Harsanje Sr.

Fellow Residents and Business Owners,

I want to say “Congratulations” & “Thank You” to the Genoa Homecoming and Sesquicentennial committee’s for their hard work in celebrating The Village of Genoa’s 150th Birthday (Genoa-Strong 1868-2018) The weekend of June 1st and June 2nd was filled with many wonderful events and activities. The annual Parade on Friday was once again outstanding. A highlight of the parade was the seven floats depicting how Genoa looked from 1868 through 2018. The Town Hall was opened for the viewing of Genoa’s historic items, pictures, and memorabilia from the earlier years. Each organization displayed their history and how it benefits the Genoa community. Rocks painted by the elementary students, paintings by the middle school students, and essays from the middle school were displayed around the Town Hall for Genoa’s 150th Birthday Celebration. The Genoa’s Civic Theatre was also celebrated as our own Historian, Lou Hebert talked about our history in Genoa. On Saturday afternoon there were Proclamations by the State, County, and Village to commemorate the 150 yrs. of the Village. A photo was taken of the crowd from the Town Hall Bell tower and will be put into our Time Capsule along with other items. Birthday cake was given out to the crowd at the end of the ceremony and following the celebration an “All” Years Class reunion was held at the Beer tent, honoring classes from the 1940’s to the present. What a fun time as all present enjoyed talking to past classmates and listening to their era’s music while sharing memories of their school years. The fireworks at dusk were spectacular and was a great ending to a great weekend, that truly celebrated Genoa’s 150th Birthday our Sesquicentennial.

As mentioned in my last letter, after several years of organizing the many awesome Genoa Homecoming, Co-Chairmen Dave Grosjean and Neil Ammons are retiring from the committee along with several others on the committee. I want to THANK each and every one of them as they dedicated themselves for many years and hours to put on the annual “Genoa World’s Fair” as it is referred to by many. It is our pleasure to announce that Brian & April Huston have stepped forward and will lead a new group of volunteers to run the Genoa Homecoming Committee. If you would like to join their team, please contact Brian Huston or myself.

Please remember our Motto for Genoa: **“Where friends become family, moments become memories, and hard work is handed down.”** A great number of our adults & children look forward to our Genoa Homecoming and a little help from many can continue to make it successful.

Rebecca Booth of the Genoa Chamber has designed and printed business tour maps of Genoa, along with a Genoa activity/event calendar. They are available free at the Genoa Administration Building and several local businesses. You can also check the Genoa Village or Chamber website for activities and event dates and times. (Car shows, Redneck tractor pulls, Christmas tree lighting & Parade)

Since hot summer days arrived early over the past several weeks, the Genoa Park/Quarry has been a great relief for many to enjoy. There is daily or annual passes available at a reasonable fee. These are available at the Quarry Shelter House.

The Quarry hours for the rest of the season are as follows:

Aug. 1st - Aug. 19th Monday-Friday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 Saturday & Sunday Noon - 8 p.m.

Aug. 20th - Aug. 26th Monday-Friday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 Saturday & Sunday 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Aug. 27th - Aug. 31st CLOSED

Sept. 1st - 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Sept. 2nd - 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Sept. 3rd - 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. " Final day of the season."

The "Big Dipper" Dairy Queen hours for the rest of the season are the following:

August 6th - Sunday (Final Day) September 23rd 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

A reminder that School starts on August 29th. Please be very mindful of our children while driving through the village or near the schools, as our buses will be picking up and dropping off students.

I want to remind the community of several rules and Ordinances which MUST be followed this summer and fall. They are in place for the safety of everyone.

Any questions or concerns: Please contact the Genoa Police Department at 419-855-8515.

CURFEW: Anyone under the age of 14 must be off the streets by 10:00 p.m. Young people between the ages of 14-17 must be home by 11:30 p.m. (Unless accompanied by their Parent or Guardian)

GRASS CLIPPINGS: Please direct your clippings away from the street and not into the roadway when mowing. Clipping can block the sewers causing potential flooding and stress on our sewer systems.

FIRE PITS: Fire Pits must be at least fifteen feet from any building or structure when in use.

SIGN POSTINGS: Garage sale signs CAN NOT hang on trees, fences, or utility poles. Placements of any signs in the village right-of-way or along the roadway are also prohibited.

August is usually very dry so please water your trees and bushes during these hot days, especially if the Village planted a new tree in the right - of - way of your home. By applying 20 gallons of water it will help them through the summer and the rest of the year. Thank you!!