

Help Us Keep The Flags Flying!

•The American flags along Lake Road have been a source of pride for the village. The maintenance and replacement of the flags are funded in part by donations. A special account is set up at Village Hall, so if you're so inclined, please make a small donation.

A Fully Functional (almost) Website!

• The updated, upgraded Village website is now functional. You can download forms; garbage service, income tax, and business licenses are but a few of the available forms on the site. Since we're still in the testing phase, please let us know of any glitches or errors!

A Thank You And A Good Bye

Full-time police officer Brian Sterrick, who helped coordinate some of the police training, has taken a full time position with another agency. We wish him luck. Brian is staying on our force to help out, though, so watch the speed limit. Stay safe Brian!

Love This Newsletter? Need More?

• Don't forget you can get additional copies of our quarterly newsletter at Village Hall. Or better yet, you can read on line at the "new" village website www.GenevaontheLake.org

Village Views

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Dave Nelson, Mayor
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Woodward

Police Officers Receive Commendations



Officers Mack, Sgt. Vanderlin (Left to Right, Standing) & Mayor Dave Nelson (Front, Seated)

Two Geneva-on-the-Lake Police Department officers received a commendation from both the Ashtabula County Sheriff Department and Mayor Dave Nelson.

In February, Officer Robert Mack and Sergeant Scott Vanderlind responded to a call from a woman concerned that her sister was in distress and possibly in danger at Breakwater Beach.

They arrived on scene to find a car on the frozen lake. GOTL Chief of Police Tim Bruckman said, "She drove down a 30 foot drop, maybe more, and drove out on to the ice."

He said Mack and Vanderlind, as well as Ashtabula County Sheriff Department Sergeant Joe Niemi and Sheriff Deputy Scott Davis worked together to safely remove the victim, who was unconscious but breathing, and her car from the ice.

"The two departments, working together, are what brought about the positive outcome," Bruckman said. "It was about five inches of ice over 15 feet of ice cold water. We're glad that no one got hurt, or worse."

GOTL Mayor Dave Nelson presented letters of commendation to Mack and Vanderlind at the Monday, May 5 village council meeting. The letter notes that Vanderlind quickly removed his duty belt in case the need arose for him to enter the water.

"They did a great job and they don't get the credit they deserve, so it was nice to be able to recognize the good work they did," Nelson said. "I couldn't be prouder of these guys. They did a good job and saved a young woman's life."

Fire Levy Renewal Passes Easily in May

The five year renewal of the existing Geneva-on-the-Lake fire levy passed by a large margin in the May 6 election.

The measure passed 65% in favor with 35% against, with 110 YES to 60 NO.

Fire Chief Tim Mills stated, "We very much appreciate the faith and support

our residents gave our hard working volunteers with the renewal of the levy."

The 1.78 mill levy generates approximately \$49,400 a year. Proceeds of the levy go to the operation, equipment, and staffing of the fire department, who provide both fire and ambulance service to the village residents and visitors.

Local Visitors Bureau Purchases Two Welcome Arches



Workers from Cicogna Sign Hoist “Welcome” Sign Over State Route 534 Near the State Park Lodge

Anyone coming into town via the state routes can't miss the new bright blue “Geneva-on-the-Lake” arches which were constructed at the village's east and west corporate limits.

Geneva-on-the-Lake Visitors Bureau board member Dwayne Bennett of Goblin's Custom Cycle initiated the concept and

was the coordinator for the project. “We've been working on these since last summer,” said Dwayne.

Local sign company Cicogna Signs and TNR Electric were the primary contractors on the archways, and utilize state-of-the-art LED lighting in the design. Engineering had to take into consideration not only the requirements of spanning a state route but also the high wind loads presented by Lake Erie.

Ed Andrus of Sun Resorts (Indian Creek) and Eric Frantz of the Lodge were also instrumental in assisting with the installation of the arches.

According to Dwayne, “As for the specific locations, we wanted to locate these where there is the potential for some parking; we think these signs will be another iconic fixture for Geneva-on-the-Lake and visitors will want to be photographed near the arches”.

Funds for the project came entirely out of the resort's “Bed Tax”, which is a 3% tax levied on transient lodging (less than 30 days). By state law, the bureau's portion of those funds can only be used on “direct tourism promotion”. Last year, this same fund purchased “wayfaring” directional signs for high traffic locations.

Thanks to Jim Lavender and Other Unsung Heroes of GOTL

Jim Lavender has announced his intention of stepping down from the Geneva-on-the-Lake Planning Commission after serving for five years. Jim had the toughest job of all on the commission: the secretary. Very precise in his note taking, Jim always recorded the meetings to eliminate errors.

While council bemoaned the loss of Jim's talents, Village Administrator Jim Hockaday said “Don't worry— Mr. Lavender is not going too far, he has agreed to serve on the newly-formed ‘Route 534 Civic Development Corporation’, so we'll keep him busy. “On behalf of the village, I want to thank Jim for his hard work all these years.”

Behind the scenes at Geneva-on-the-Lake are always other unpaid volunteers. Hats off to David Hayes, who

repaired the nets on the tennis court at the Village Recreation Park.

Speaking of the Recreation Park, there are some new bike racks at the park generously donated by Charlie Dolezal.

Summer resident Bob Hoffman has been assisting the fire department for the past several years, and has taken on the flag program along Lake Road. (See “Flag Donations” page One).

While that might not seem like a big task, there are nearly 50 flags to be installed in the spring and removed in the fall. Additionally, the flags need continual maintenance and replacement due to the harsh summer environment of wind and sun.

Councilor Baker Resigns, Macchia Appointed To Seat

At the April Town Meeting, ten-year Councilor Mike Baker announced his resignation from his council seat.

During an emotional farewell, Council President Baker stated “Due to circumstances beyond my control, I am resigning my seat on council effective May 1, 2014.” Mike has purchased a house outside the village and can no longer hold a village office.

He also has served the past six years as Council President Pro-Tem and as chairman of the Sewer committee

on council.

Local resident Peter “PJ” Macchia was appointed by council to serve the unexpired term of Baker. PJ came in fifth in the November council race where there were four open positions.

He was the only resident to respond to council's plea for applicants for the vacated position. He must run for the office in November of 2015.

Reminders To All Businesses Along Lake Road

- **BUSINESS LICENSES:** You MUST have a business license BEFORE opening your business. Forms are available on line or at village hall during regular business hours.
- **RENTAL UNITS:** All residential rentals are required to have a business license regardless if they are seasonal or year round.
- **GARBAGE CONTAINERS:** Each business along Lake Road is required to have a minimum of one 38 gallon or larger commercial grade waste receptacle with cover for customer use. A standard garbage can or drum is NOT ac-

ceptable. They are to be in the right of way, just inside the curb. See village ordinance 701.12

- **WHAT NOT TO HAVE IN RIGHT OF WAY:** As per Ordinance 521.04, "No person shall place, deposit or maintain any merchandise, goods, material or equipment upon any sidewalk so as to obstruct pedestrian traffic." This includes any sidewalk signs.



Enjoy Weekly Flea Markets At Rec Park All Summer



If They Don't Have It You Probably Didn't Need It.

It's summer, and that means the grass grows quickly, more traffic, and those pesky midges. On the upside, every Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM the village hosts a popular Flea Market at the Rec Park, located at 5540 Lake Road East.

The flea markets are free to visit, with a small fee if you want to display any wares. The flea markets will conclude on Saturday, September 6.

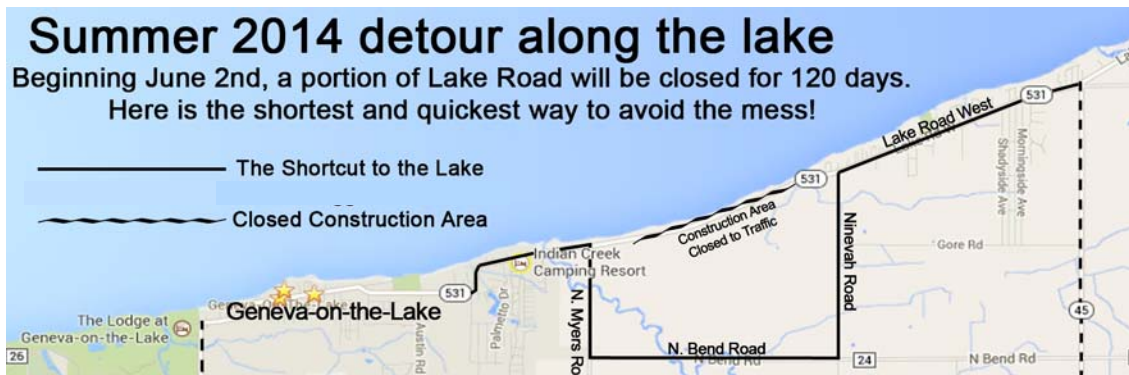
If you are interested in vending, call the bureau at 440-466-8600 or visit the website at www.VisitGenevaontheLake.com and download the flea market vendor form.

State Route 531 Closed East of Village Through October

There's good news and bad news regarding the road work being performed on Lake Road just east of the village limits.

The good news: The work being done is of a permanent nature and designed to keep Lake Road operational for many years to come. It is not a repeat of the "band-aid" approach used in the 1990's that only pushed to the problem farther down the road, so to speak.

The bad news: Lake Road will be completely closed through at least October 1. We suggest if you traveling east or west between the village and Ashtabula Harbor you use the detour as shown below. It's the shortest route.



Village of
Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio
Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 9 AM - 5 PM
Closed all Federal Holidays

Village Telephone Numbers:

Emergency Police, Fire, Ambulance:
911
Village Hall: 440-466-8197
Police, Non Emergency:
440-466-8196
Fire Dept, Non-Emergency:
466-8765
Visitors Bureau 440-466-8600

***RECURRING MEETING DATES-
CLIP AND SAVE!***

Geneva-on-the-Lake Village Council Meetings, Village Hall	First & Third Mondays 7:30 PM
Council Finance & Ordinance Work Session Village Hall	Second Mondays 7:00 PM
Geneva Township Park Commission Summer at Park; Varies off Season	Second Mondays 6:00 PM
Geneva-on-the-Lake Visitors Bureau Meetings, 5536 Lake Rd. E.	Third Wednesdays 9:00 AM
Geneva-on-the-Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. Inc. Meetings (Fundraising Non-profit) Fire Hall	First Wednesdays 7:00 PM
Kiwanis Club of GOTL, Pickled Pepper & Lakefront Restaurant	Tuesdays 6:30 PM

ELECTED OFFICIALS CONTACT INFORMATION

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Councilor Don "Woody" Woodward	(440) 466-2707	woodygotl@roadrunner.com
Councilor Ed Salata	(330) 507-3681	eds.gotlcouncil@gmail.com

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Fire Chief Tim Mills	(440) 466-8765	
Police Chief Tim Bruckman	(440) 466-8197	
Fiscal Officer Kim McKinley	(440) 466-8197	fiscalofficer@windstream.net
Sewer Plant	(440) 466-8698	
Golf Course Club House Stephen Smith	(440) 466-8797	golfman1@windstream.net
Mayors Court Clerk Alicia Boothe	(440) 466-8197	mayorscourt@windstream.net

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Geneva Township Park	(440) 466-3221	
Ashtabula County Water System	(440) 576-3722	
Ashtabula County Building Dept.	(440) 576-3737	
Ashtabula County Health Dept.	(440) 576-6010	ashtcohd@odh.ohio.gov