

## Need Help Figuring Your Local Income Tax?

•The agency tasked with our Income Tax collection, CCA, will be having a "Taxpayer Assistance" session on Tuesday, April 8. The FREE assistance will be available from 3 PM to 7 PM at Village Hall.

## Parking Ban-Winter Not Over Yet!

• The village would like to remind everyone that ANY-TIME the snow exceeds TWO inches all cars must be off roads and streets. If you fail to remove them, they may get towed!

## Thank our hard-working Road Crew.

• We want to publically commend our outstanding road crew for keeping our roads safe during the toughest winter in 20 years. Tell Ken, Larry, Fred, and Matt "Thanks" for a tough job well done next time you see them!

## Easter Egg Hunt April 19

• Kiwanis' kid's Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 19 at 10 AM at the Village Rec. Park, 5536 Lake Rd. E. Open to all village residents 12 and under.

# Village Views

Spring  
2014

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## Energy Saving Programs For Gas & Electric



Local Gas & Electric Programs Are Available

Geneva-on-the-Lake residents have some energy saving programs available, one from Dominion East Ohio Gas and two from The Illuminating Company.

### Energy Star Home – Dominion East Ohio

This is a program that assists homeowners in making improvements that enhance the energy efficiency of the home. The first step is to enroll in the Home Energy Assessment, which entails a \$50 fee.

A representative from "Good Cents" will do an extensive energy audit. In addition, there are numerous free improvements

that may be included with the Home Energy Assessment, such as weatherstripping, duct sealing, furnace filters, and caulking.

Up to \$1250 in rebates are available for costs in improvements in larger projects, such as insulations. Call (877) 287-3416 to schedule or visit [www.deohpwes.com](http://www.deohpwes.com).

### Energy Save Ohio– Illuminating Company

This program is available to both residential and business customers. It is extensive and offers several energy saving options, including an energy audit and rebates. Complete information available on their site, [www.EnergySaveOhio.com](http://www.EnergySaveOhio.com).

Ohio Energy Kit– Here's an easy, no cost way to save energy for residential customers. Electric customers are eligible to receive one free "Energy Conservation Kit" simply by going to [www.OhioEnergyKit.com](http://www.OhioEnergyKit.com).

You WILL not be charged for the kit, which includes nine compact fluorescent bulbs, a surge protector, a furnace filter whistle, and two LED night lights.

Have your electric bill handy, you will need to enter your account number when you go online.

## Annual Town Meeting Thursday April 17

Village Council has set the Annual Town Meeting for Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Village Safety Center (Village Hall), 4929 S. Warner Drive.

The Annual Town Meeting is a 20 year tradition in the village. It was started by then-Mayor Allison and village council to allow for a casual forum to exchange ideas and ask questions.

It gives the residents yet another oppor-

tunity to relate with village officials. While the village encourages attendance and entertains questions at our bi-weekly council meetings, this gives everyone more time to cover various subjects.

Additionally, the Village Administrator gives an update on ongoing projects. Several department heads are generally available for some "one on one" conversations with the public.

## Village & Township Park Commission Hold Joint Meeting



Left to Right: Park Commissioners, Paul Cook, Bob Rosebrugh & Mary Allison; Village Councilor Steve Cervas

The Geneva Township Park Board of Commissioners and the Geneva-on-the-Lake Village Council held a joint meeting of the two entities February 10 at Village Hall.

“We wanted all of us to sit down and talk about how we can assist each other with Geneva Township Park,” said Mayor Dave Nelson. “We know that they have several projects in mind and some council members wanted to hear right from the Board their plans”.

The biggest news was the confirmed removal of the 50 year old chain link fence and the installation of a split rail fence. Some residents had complained that the chain link fence made the park look like a prison exercise yard and was in disrepair. Bids were obtained for removal of the old fence and installation of the new.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the park is aggressively trying to obtain grant funds to replace their aging playground equipment. Council was updated on their efforts; local resident and volunteer firefighter Andy Kaschalk has been assisting in the grant writing process.

Paul Cook of Geneva Township, Mary Allison of Geneva-on-the-Lake, and Bob Rosebrugh of Geneva City are the members of the commission, appointed to four-year terms by the Ashtabula County Common Pleas Court judges.

They also stated that they are discussing a potential vendor to offer snack foods to park visitors, are currently taking applications for a summer time park manager, and are receiving reservations for the pavilions for summer functions. The local visitors bureau and the commission will once again sponsor weekly Tuesday night concerts at the park.

## “Connect 534” New Marketing Group for Route 534 Corridor

“Connect 534” is a newly-formed organization to promote and create events and activities along the popular State Route 534 “Lake to River” corridor.



Not to be confused with “The 534 Community Improvement Corporation” (“534 CIC”), this group’s mission is distinctly different from the CIC. Connect 534 promotes the tourism and business aspects of the Route 534-531 corridor.

Like the “534 CIC”, the impetus of the formation of “Connect 534” was the extensive 534 ODOT corridor study completed in 2009. The CIC’s function is economic and infrastructure development and improvement, while the function of “Connect 534” is to increase visitations and overnight

stays along the diverse corridor and present a cohesive marketing plan.

A part time director, Sarah Bals, started in December. She is steering the efforts and has several “mini-events” planned for the upcoming months.

Many of the same communities that have contributed to the “534 CIC” have assisted in this effort. This includes funding for two years from Geneva Township, Geneva City, The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake, the Geneva on the Lake Visitors Bureau, the Lodge Facilities Commission, and the Ashtabula Convention & Visitors Bureau’s Grant fund.

At the end of the two-year period, it is expected that “Connect 534” will be economically self-sustaining from the new events. You can visit “Connect 534” on Facebook” to be kept abreast of events.

## Police Reverse Raffle Fundraiser Set For Sat. April 12

The Geneva-on-the-Lake Police Auxiliary’s biggest fundraiser will take place on Saturday, April 12. Doors open 4:30, with dinner at 7:00 PM. The location is once again at the Saybrook Banquet Centre (Formerly Kathryn Rose).

Besides the raffle, there are many door prizes from local businesses for attendees, a Chinese auction, live music, and dinner included with the ticket price of \$70 per couple. Tickets are available from any officer or by calling 466-8197.

The funds raised by the Auxiliary have directly purchased vital police equipment over the years, such as on-board computers, in-car camera systems and tazers; paid for personnel training; and assisted in the care, training, and equipment for the K9 unit.



Officers Stay Informed With An On-Board Computer

## Spring Clean Up Do's & Don'ts- April 12 Pick up



- The Annual Spring Clean up for village residents and businesses is Saturday, April 12.
- Since the vendor picks up starting at 5 AM, please make sure everything is out the day before so it does get collected.
- To be eligible for this curbside collection, your residential garbage collection account must be current and if a business, have a valid business license. This service is for VILLAGE residents, property owners, and businesses ONLY.
- Items that will be accepted for pickup are: appliances, hot water heaters, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, furniture, lawn furniture, mattresses, sofas, chairs, and other furniture.
- For the safety of our children, please remove any doors from large appliances.
- Small items must be bagged or placed in 30-gallon containers. No loose material will be picked up off the ground.
- Items that will not be taken include batteries, paints, concrete, tires, shingles, RR ties, and construction or demolition materials.
- Items over 100 pounds are not permitted and will NOT be picked up.

## Keep Lake Erie and the Village Safe From Mercury



**The Sewer Plant Must Monitor and Treat Pollutants**

The GOTL wastewater treatment plant ("sewer plant") has a simple goal- to take our untreated sewer waste, treat it, and return it to Lake Erie. Obviously, the EPA has strict limits on the amount of pollutants that can be discharged.

One such pollutant is mercury, which enters our system mostly from households and small businesses. The village does not have any industrial facilities that would contribute mercury. However, the small local sources of mercury

makes it extremely difficult to meet the water discharge limits, and treating it at the plant is cost prohibitive, nearly 10 million dollars per POUND.

So where does the mercury get into the system? There are numerous sources in households: batteries, thermometers, barometers, CFL light bulbs, LCD screens, and thermostats are the most common examples. If you break a thermometer or bulb, don't flush it or put it in the sink. Don't flush batteries.

Don't throw any of these items in the garbage, either. Most Lowes and Radio Shacks have recycling centers for the bulbs and batteries.

If you break a CFL bulb, don't just sweep it up and put it in the garbage. Proper disposal and clean up methods for broken CFL lights bulbs is available from <http://www2.epa.gov/cfl>.

Help us keep the environment safe. If in doubt what to do, feel free to contact Administrator Jim Hockaday at village hall for more information. The number is 440-466-8197.

## Two Part Time Officers Hired From within The Auxiliaries

The Police Department has appointed two police auxiliaries as part time police officers. Officers Patrick Evans and Sandra Davis have been with the department since early 2011, according to Police Chief Tim Bruckman. "They are both skilled officers, and we're glad to have them aboard. It will be an asset to have the additional coverage."

" We took them from the auxiliary program and moved them into the part time program". The Chief continued to explain that the two officers will allow a shift overlap six days a week, and gives overlapping shift coverage during busy times of the day. Additionally it reduces overtime, covers vacations and holidays.



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, Village Hall	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 Geneva-on-the-Lake, Pickled Peppers	Tuesdays 6:30 PM

**ELECTED OFFICIALS CONTACT INFORMATION**

<u>ELECTED OFFICIAL</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
Mayor Dave Nelson	(440) 466-8197 or 440-415-1388	mayorgotl@windstream.net
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Councilor Ron Colby	(440) 466-8364	ronnacolby@roadrunner.com
Councilor Susan Cook-Sharpe	(440) 466-3035	cooksharpe@windstream.net
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