

Denmark Township plans clean-up day on May 20

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DENMARK TOWNSHIP
For the first time in several years, Denmark Township is holding a clean-up day.

"We haven't done one in several years, so it's rather exciting," said Denmark Township Fiscal Officer Janet Harrington.

The clean-up day will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 20, at the township garage.

It is open to residents only.

Yard waste and hazardous materials will not be accepted.

"We will be accepting tires," Harrington said. "Please limit to four tires per household."

Scrap metal container will also be available.

Trustee Lisa Pilson may be contacted for more information at 440-858-2657.

JAHS students compete at Skills USA

JEFFERSON - Nine Multimedia students at Jefferson Area High School traveled to Columbus on April 25 to compete in the SkillsUSA State Championships.

Trent Hodge and Grant Hitchcock finished 4th in the V-Video Production competition.

Nik DeRosa, Xzavior Yates, Dylan Sheldon and Kaylynn Krutzen finished 4th in Broadcast News Production.

Annalise Glink finished 5th in Photography.

Jordan Dille and Mason Hysell finished 7th in the Digital Cinema Production competition.

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Geneva-on-the-Lake holding public shoreline meetings

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GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE - The Village of Geneva-on-the-Lake has begun a second round of public meetings for Lake Erie coastal erosion planning.

According to a news release from the village, these meetings are meant to assist in planning shoreline erosion protection and mitigation projects throughout the community.

Two meetings, which began on May 12, are continuing, with one on May 19 and other on May 20.

"The goal is to engage the public as the primary project partner and establish erosion protection projects that are designed to reflect the desires of the stakeholders within a range of comprehensive requirements," the news release states.

According to the information, the municipality was awarded funding for this planning endeavor from the Lake Erie Commission through the Ohio Lake Erie Communities & Coastal Resilience Grant, with the Village request totaling an estimated \$4.4 million. This included comprehensive erosion protection integrating a nature-based living shoreline for habitat integrated with public access and long-term erosion protection.

"Over the last few years Geneva-on-the-Lake has experienced accelerated erosion along its shoreline, impacting multiple areas of

the community," the news release states. "Lake Erie has experienced increased water levels and unseasonal weather patterns leading to accelerated erosion. The Village continued to plan and engage the community to develop a comprehensive long-term response."

The public meetings are focusing on four areas identified as experiencing accelerated erosion that has an imminent threat to public infrastructure, property, health, safety, and general welfare, the news release notes.

The news release states the following information about those areas and the meetings:

- "The areas of Palmetto Beach on the eastern portion of GOTL will meet later in the month and have only had an initial meeting. This project area is experiencing accelerated erosion which has reduced acres of space to just over a hundred feet. This project is in a very early stage and public input is important. The more than 800 feet of shoreline may require emergency measures in the near future to protect the space that is left. The public is encouraged to attend May 20 at 11 a.m."

- "The residents of New Street in Geneva-on-the-Lake have met a few times in the last year. Their project would offer enhanced space and protection in Buckeye Beach at the northern end of New Street. This project may offer a comprehensive approach to protection and

part in Career on Wheels.

public space extending to the adjacent property to the west. The Buckeye Beach shoreline has lost over 160 feet of land since 1938. The area has seen increased and dramatic erosion losing 71 feet of land from 2013-2020. Dramatic erosion loss is happening at this location every day. They will meet with an engineer to frame a pre-design scope on May 19 at 5:30 p.m."

- "Geneva Twp. Park has had two emergency mitigation projects in the last few years to stop harmful accelerated erosion. An additional project along the western area of the park extending to include Old Lake Road will expand protection and offer community value. The project will create erosion protection and mitigation while integrating public access and natural habitat. The total estimated project is over \$1.3 million with a current State Capital budget allocation of \$450,000. This project has had more than three years of public engagement and builds on emergency erosion mea-

asures that were required to protect critical public infrastructure and the Geneva Twp. Park. The Village currently has a funding request to the Federal EPA EJG2G (grant)." A meeting was scheduled for May 12 to discuss concept and design with a coastal engineer."

- "The Jennie Munger Museum and property owned by the Ashtabula County Historical Society has active accelerated erosion. The erosion is threatening the museum and planning is underway for emergency measures. The Ashtabula County Historical Society has partnered with the Village is currently waiting for the Ohio Office of Budget Management to release funds previously promised and allocated to assist in their endeavor." The public meeting was on May 13 to discuss a comprehensive approach taking adjacent properties to the west into project consideration.

The news release states the shoreline meetings are at the GOTL municipal building.

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