

Genola Newsletter

"Genola, a small town
with a big heart."



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I was recently told a story by a police officer. It was about a resident who complained about people barreling past their place well above the posted speed limit. They said they had to speak up being concerned for the children in the area, "Don't they know there are homes with small children in the neighborhood." A month later the policeman pulled this same person over for going too fast in a school zone, the person promptly criticized the speed limit being too slow in such an area. Cities try to organize and grow in a manner that like activities are located in the same area. Such as schools near homes and not next to heavy congested traffic corridors. There are laws which state what uses are permitted in certain areas. There are laws which state how we make laws that direct growth and change in our community. Some laws are local laws which our planning commission draft, our citizens give input thru public hearings, and our elected official vote to enact. Some laws are state laws which we are obligated to uphold and follow.



I strongly believe in a law abiding society. I also believe in the process of creating and enforcing the laws of our community. Having spent most my days dealing in the area of agriculture I have desired to learn more about the process in which I say I believe. Last month I attended our local court to watch the process first hand. I arrived at the court in Santaquin and took my seat. I was soon sitting in a rather tight and packed fashion with the accused of the day. I got to see several cases where the town of Genola, in order to uphold the law, were paying for the police officer, public defender, prosecuting attorney, the

judge, and the clerical staff. I was impressed with Justice being served. In some cases the sentence was light due to circumstance, and in some heavy due to a repeat infraction. In some cases it was indicated that the guilty could not afford the entire fine at that time. Sentencing took into consideration the circumstance allowing the individual a payment plan or community service.

Recently I read and studied Genola's enforcement ordinance. It states that our building inspector can issue citations for land use

DATES TO REMEMBER

Town Council Meetings: on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting is the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Senior Citizens will resume regularly scheduled meetings in September.

Genola Volunteer Fire Department meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.



violations in any of our current zones. I contacted our town attorney to make sure he agreed. I talked to our current building inspector. He agreed that he was willing to take on the extra responsibility of citing land use violations. Previously, I think many of these issues on an individual basis came before the elected body. This made dealing with these issues very personal due to the small size of our community and the people involved were our dear friends and neighbors who we love. Our elected officials still have the capacity to fire or replace any of the individuals hired by our town. I do feel that the objectivity of those who fill this role as a paid professional living outside our community will be very beneficial to our residents.

In all my studying of the issue of being a law abiding community I started wondering if it was possible to uphold the law on the people's behalf, and still have love, mercy, and compassion to all. In my study I came across an example of an accused, who was found to be completely innocent of any crime. Yet, the public clamored they wanted him punished. I came across another example where one man wanted an entire group of people cursed or destroyed, and yet they were innocent of any wrong doing. So I believe that it does not matter if it is the one against the many, or the many against the one. Upholding the law is where I will side. To put it in better words I would like to share a quote from something I read this week. "Let no man break the laws of the land, for he that keepeth the laws of God hath no need to break the laws of the land."

I want to express my gratitude for some opportunities I have had recently with residents of this great town. I had the opportunity to participate in Miss Genola 2018 contest. I was a little out of my element! But I was impressed with the talents and confidence showed by the contestants as they competed at many different levels. I had the privilege of co-announcing the program with Miss Genola 2017 Kennedy Cowan and seeing the new Miss Genola 2018 Sage Jackson and her attendants Rebecca Hazelet and Lauren Cowan crowned. Our youth have so much to offer and are so eager to serve. I also was able to gain a greater appreciation for those who have served this community for a life time as Sheryl Fowers was crowned Genola Rose 2018.

I recently had the opportunity to visit many in our community by helping with Meals on Wheel. It makes my heart swell with love and appreciation for everyone in our community as I get know each of you better. I would encourage everyone to lend a helping hand in your own way. In some cases your hand might be the one that matters most to someone that day. In conclusion I would like to say that I believe in the process and the importance of law, but the people it serves is by far the most important of all.



Mayor Marty Larson

TOWN BUSINESS

- **IN ORDER TO CONTINUE HAVING A SUCCESSFUL TOWN CELEBRATION AND RODEO WE RELY HEAVILY ON OUR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE RODEO AND/OR TOWN CELEBRATION PLEASE CONTACT STAN JUDD @ 801-368-2996.**

Genola Town Co-ed Slow-pitch double-elimination Softball tournament

The town softball tournament is coming up. Contact Eric Hazelet to sign up as couples or individuals. Then a few days before the tournament, the names will be drawn and placed on teams randomly. Your team captain will be contact you a few days before the tournament with your team playing time and shirt color. Everyone gets a free t-shirt.

Dates: June 14 -16 (we will play at night on Thursday and Friday and during the day on Saturday)

Cost: Free

Style: Double elimination, Co-ed

Ages: 16 and up

Where: Genola upper diamond by the Rodeo grounds

Contact: Eric Hazelet at (801) 754-3606



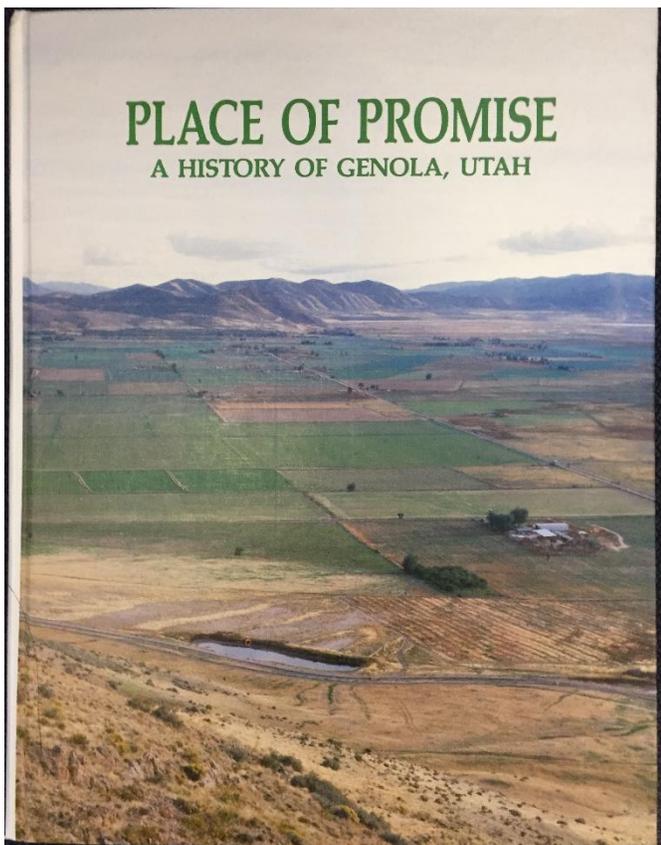
EASTER EGG HUNT

We would like to thank the sponsors who helped make our town egg hunt a huge success and lots of fun for the children.

Thank you to: High Altitude Electric, Huntington Family Dental, Keeneye Family Vision, Raven Roofing and Handyman Services, Wild Wonders, and Miss Genola Pageant. Also, thank you to the youth who came and helped out. It was a great year.

We hope everyone enjoyed the friendship and celebration of Easter!!

PLACE OF PROMISE BOOKS



We have "Place of Promise" books that tell a history of Genola up to approximately the early 1980's available at The Town Office for \$5.

They will be available during The Genola Town Celebration for purchase.

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