

Genola Newsletter

“Genola, a small town
with a big heart.”



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I am often asked what my responsibilities are as Mayor of Genola. I will share with you some of what I do and what I try to do for Genola. I love this community and work hard to make it a great place to live.

I view my most important duty to be communication with the residents and the other entities that connect with Genola. I have discovered that effective communication is much more difficult than one would think. My hope is that we have improved communication in the community and that we can continue to improve it going forward. We would welcome any feedback, ideas, and help in this area.

The water bill is probably the most effective way of reaching the most people on a regular basis. We do find that the post card will occasionally get lost. We now have the capability of sending your bill in an email and setting up automatic payments. This has proven to be a good way to send out more information with less chance of it getting lost. The auto payments have been great for me and many others that have busy lives. We have the website set up and are in the process of getting all of our town ordinances codified and on the website. We have a website for the youth sports that is great for registration and finding out schedules. We have a town Facebook page and several additional pages that are more specific for events such as Miss Genola. For town meetings, Lucinda always posts the agendas outside the town office and the public safety building, as well as, on the town website and the Utah Public Notice website. Word of mouth is a popular way of sharing information, but can sometimes be negative and needs to be carefully watched.

As mayor I attend a lot of meetings. Each month I attend the Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) Metropolitan Regional Planning Meeting (MPO). In this meeting we plan the transportation types and locations for the next 40 years in Utah County. I attend the Council of Governments (COG) meeting where the Utah County Mayors meet with many different organizations that work on a wide variety of programs in the county. Our own town council meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The south county mayors and county commissioners meet monthly to discuss issues that deal directly with the south end of Utah County. I was elected chairman of this group last month. At the end of each

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 Citizen Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.

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



month, we have the Association of Governments AOG executive meeting which includes Wasatch, Summit and Utah County mayors and commissioners. I am also the vice Chair of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) committee that reviews and awards grants for community development in Utah County. In addition to these regularly scheduled meetings I often have other meetings dealing with specific issues such as the piping of the Highline Canal, specific road projects, and community development projects. Even though we have a great community, we do have issues come up that need to be solved. I talk with residents that have problems that need a resolution. For the most part we are able to quickly resolve these problems.

I am very grateful for the many people in Genola that serve in different capacities to provide services and programs for the citizens of Genola. I am inspired by the great attitude of our residents and the way that we work together to make our community great.

Mayor Lonny Ward

TOWN BUSINESS

- Genola Town Egg Hunt and Breakfast will be held Saturday March 26 @ 9 am at the North Park.
- Town Clean Up is scheduled from May 21-May 28. There will be dumpsters and recycling bins located at The Genola Town Office.
- Town Celebration is going to be held June 9th, 10th & 11th. We are in need of volunteers to help make the celebration a success! Please call Stan Judd @ 801-368-2996.

We can email auto-payment authorization forms and/or monthly bills for your convenience.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please inquire at the Town Office.

***Reminder Building Permits are required for any building 200 sq. feet and over.**

Contact the Town Office for an application.*

***The town of Genola requires all dogs to be licensed. Anyone with 3 or more dogs is required to have a kennel license. Licenses can be purchased at the Genola Town Office.**

CROSS CONNECTIONS

What is a Cross Connection? – A Cross Connection is an actual or potential connection made between a drinkable water system and a non-drinkable water system. As you may be able to imagine, this kind of connection could cause serious health problems.

Why Be Concerned? – Drinking water systems may become polluted or contaminated in the distribution system through uncontrolled cross connections. Death, illness, contaminated food products, industrial and chemical products rendered useless are some of the consequences of such connections. As a result, many hours and dollars are lost due to cross connections.

Where are Cross Connections Found? – Hose bibs, irrigation sprinkler systems, auxiliary water supplies, processing tanks, boilers, water recirculating systems, swimming pools, solar heat systems, and fire sprinkler systems.

What To Do? – Be aware of and eliminate cross connections. Install approved backflow assemblies, devices or air gaps on any system that contains contaminated water. Install hose bib vacuum breakers on water fixtures. Without proper protection something as useful as your garden hose has the potential to poison your home's water supply.

***If you think you or a neighbor has a cross connection please call Chris Steele @ 801-420-3267 or The Genola Town Office @ 801-754-5300. Please help us keep our drinking water safe!!**

GENOLA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Library hours are:

Tuesdays and Thursdays

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tutoring 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We have lots of books, VHS tapes, DVD's, and CD's. Come check us out. We also tutor students free of charge on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-8pm.

SENIOR CITIZENS

We still meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 11 am (doors open at 10:30 am) for socialization, a good meal, and entertainment. Come join us!!!

For More Information Call Linda Arnold @ 801-754-5341.

MISS GENOLA

Welcome girls, ladies and mommies of Genola!

It is that time of year again! We invite all girls ages 4 to 18 to join our program this year.

We make friends, serve our community and learn more about ourselves while having lots of fun.

Some of our favorite activities are the Princess Tea Party, Easter Breakfast, and Rappelling.

The program night at the end of April will consist of a Princess Parade and Passion Presentations along with some music and a little bit of sparkle.

We can only proceed if we have enough participants, so sign up at the town office before March 12th.

We are excited to see you!

(We are also in need of volunteers for our committee.)

Contact Kristy Green @ 801-754-1178

GENOLA RECREATION

Take me out to the ballgame!

Baseball is in full swing. Thanks to the coaches and volunteers who make it happen.

Also, keep an eye out for Soccer signups.

GENOLA FIRE DEPARTMENT

We are looking for any day help, we are short Fire Fighters when everyone leaves town for work. If you are in town during the day and would like to join The Genola Town Fire Department, come down during one of our training meetings and fill out an application. No experience is necessary. We will train you. Our meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7pm or give Chief William McMullin a call @ 801-420-5170.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Teens and cell phones have become synonymous in today's society; Teen sexting is increasingly normal behavior, and kids develop Internet shorthand to keep their parents in the dark about it. Trading or sharing nude teen images is deemed child pornography. It does not matter if the participants willing shared, traded, or posed for said images. Sharing a file of this nature is a criminal offense and a serious one at that. Most teens believe if a picture or video is taken/sent/received through third party application like Snapchat the image is deleted forever. Nothing could be further from the truth. The smart phones of today burn the image into the memory of the device. Using high-tech equipment authorities can extract nearly any information sent/received on a digital device. Parents should monitor and become familiar with texting language; 9-parents watching, MOS-mom over shoulder, KPC-keeping parents clueless, and the list goes on & on. If parents are not familiar with a term or mobile application on a child's phone, a quick Google search will provide all the necessary information. If you have any questions or need further information please call the police department 801.754.1070.

Chief Rodney Hurst

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Town of Genola would like to thank Chief William McMullin, EMT Carl Draper, and Officer Westyn Robinson for their life saving efforts in December at the Senior Citizens luncheon. Carol Draper was surrounded by longtime friends and family, Harry Russell and DeeAnn Thomas, who knew what to do and that is one of the reasons she is here today. Carol asked us to publish a thank you note written by her:

I would like to express my thanks to all the people that came to my aid when I collapsed at the Senior Citizens. To Harry Russell and DeeAnn Thomas, for the stamina they had to keep CPR going until the Genola EMT's and the Santaquin Ambulance crew arrived. I owe my life to them and hope this will bring some good to the Genola Citizens, as Bryan and I would like to donate to the Town, land lines for the Fire Station and the Community Library, plus a defibulator for the Fire Department. My family and I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, flowers, treats, visits, and prayers during my hospital stay. My heart goes out to the great people of Genola.

Thanks to all.
Carol Draper

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