

Genola Newsletter

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



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I would like to introduce myself (Marty Larson) to those who don't know me and state some of my thoughts on being your new Mayor. I am currently a Dairy Farmer and my wife (Belinda) is a school teacher at Goshen Elementary. I also rent additional acres to farm, I do custom cutting and baling of hay, and also sell hay. I spend a lot of time in Genola between work, raising a family, church, and friends. In conversing with many you, I have been asked many questions, and I hope to answer some of them.

The question most asked has been: "Why would you want to be Mayor of this community when you interact on a daily bases with so many of its residents with work, church, and Play; Are you not worried about them getting mad at you and losing all your friends?" My answer is: That is the biggest reason I ran for Mayor. It is because of all the good friends I have here in Genola. I have a strong desire to serve those I love, and the more I associate with those in my community the more I grow to love them. This is also my biggest reason I took great thought before putting my name in to run for the office. I do not want to lose any of those good relationships and many friends that I have. I also can't control my friends nor would I want to. This being said, I can control what kind of friend or person I can be. So I would like to share some of the expectations you can have of me.

1. You can expect me not to get angry, mad, or offended by the actions of others. This is easily said, and much harder to apply in the heat of the moment. But with years on working at this as a personal goal and a great determination to behave in this manner I am confident I will succeed. Realizing I have not mastered it completely, so any of you are welcome to help me with this goal. I would like to live by the saying "I choose to think the best about people, and be disappointed once in a while, than think the worst of people and always be right".

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.

Easter Egg Hunt
March 31st @ 9am
Genola Park North Pavilion

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2. You can expect me to treat all with respect and equality. This can be difficult with so many close friends in the community. If a friend comes to the council with a decision that may affected them dramatically in a financial way, I will always side with the law or ordinance. I have always respected law, and by the process in which laws are established. My daughter used to say she hated me when I enforced a household rule that hindered her plans. At first this hurt my feelings; after all I was only looking after her best interest or those of her siblings. I know she loves me dearly and over time has come to realize the wisdom in such rules. I understand that following the established rules is best for everyone. And if someone hates me for it, I can live with it, and myself, but refuse to hate or reciprocate any negative feelings back towards them.
3. You can expect me to debate issues and topics, not people and their flaws. As Mayor I chair the Town Council meetings. It is my goal to promote debate and discussion with those making the decisions on the issue before us. I welcome different perspectives and even want to hear ideas that I feel are contrary to my ideas, so please come to public hearings and give input or contact me or a member of the town council or planning commission one on one. I accept words of criticism that an Idea is stupid or bad, I do not accept words of criticism that a person is stupid or bad. It is my goal to shut down those who wish to tear down people by words used like liar, thief, and selfish. If this happens in a Town meeting or in a personal setting I plan on not letting it continue while I am present. I will allow debate of issues that I disagree with. So, I am going to listen very carefully if the discussion is about the person or the idea.

I have listed some of my goals as Mayor, none of them are about fire stations, cemeteries, parks, libraries, roads, land uses, waterlines or water tanks. As a Town Council we have a master plan concerning many of these items. I encourage you to participate because they are very important. I think the most important resource we have are the people who have made Genola their home. One of my favorite quotes is from Barbra Bush – “The yard stick to measure success is how we treat other people.”

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.**

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Every month we'll send you a reminder email to let you know when your bill is online. Then, you just log into your account at xpressbillpay.com and view your bill. You can also see two years history of your account online, so you can compare your current bill to a previous bill.

When you're ready to pay your bill, select a payment type. You can pay with a credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer. Enter the information and you're done! It's that easy and only takes a few minutes each month. Or you can set up your bill on Auto Pay and have it automatically paid for you each month!

We offered this service at the request of our citizens – you asked and we delivered!

And remember, it's free to sign up and free to use. Sign up today by going to www.xpressbillpay.com

MISS GENOLA

Practice has begun but it's not too late to sign up for Miss Genola. Applications and schedules are available at The Town Office or on The Town Facebook page. We are looking for girls ages 3-18 years old interested in making new friends and showcasing their inner beauty. The pageant will be held April 28th at Goshen Elementary. Call or Text Nancy Penrod with any questions 801.390.8274.

GENOLA DAYS RODEO

It's nearing time, once again, for the annual Genola Days Celebration and Rodeo. This is a time of year that the citizens of Genola and surrounding communities look forward to. It is also a big part of our heritage that goes back many generations, and it is our hope that this tradition will continue for many years to come.

This year's rodeo line up will include the Genola Days Rodeo held on June 15 & 16; a queen contest to be held in May, with more information to come soon; and we are also pleased to announce that back by popular demand will be the 3rd Annual Genola Jr. Rodeo, to be held on June 23, 2018. This rodeo wouldn't be possible without committee members who donate so much of their time helping to produce these great events. The Rodeo Committee is in need of new members this year to help grow our event to be even bigger and better than it has been in the past. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving this great town we live in by being part of this committee, please contact Brittany Thornton at 801-913-7320.

This rodeo also wouldn't be possible without our sponsors who so generously donate their resources and time to this event. Enclosed you will find sponsorship information. Please feel free to pass this along to any person or entity that may want to contribute to this great cause.

Lastly, there are many projects around the rodeo grounds that need to take place this year. Some of these would make great Eagle Scout projects. If interested, please let us know. This would be a great chance for some of Genola's younger citizens to be involved with contributing to the betterment of the facility.

The Rodeo Committee thanks you for your continued support of these great events and we look forward to seeing you at the rodeo!

GENOLA FIRE DEPARTMENT

We would like to remind those that burn fires in their home to safely dispose of fire place ashes.

Always place ashes in an ash bucket made of non-flammable material such as metal or earthenware. Do not store your ash bucket on or around anything combustible and if they are still smoldering ashes pour a little water over them. Let ashes sit for at least three days before disposing of them, never put warm or hot ashes in the household garbage cans for pickup. Also please keep the snow removed around the fire hydrants by your home, this will help us find them if needed. Reminder of open burn dates they are March 30th and run through May 30th, to obtain an open burn permit log onto deq.utah.gov and look for permits.

EASTER EGG HUNT

March 31, 2018 @ 9:00am SHARP - Genola park, new pavilion.

Anyone wanting to donate please leave donations at the city office.

Anyone wanting to sponsor eggs please call Jennifer at [208-201-4561](tel:208-201-4561).

Sponsoring eggs = we will put the name of your choice (your name or business name) on as many eggs as you would like to sponsor. The egg will have tootsie rolls in it and your name on the outside.

You will bring treats/ prizes (candy bar, pencil, chocolate bunny etc) for as many eggs as you sponsor to hand out to the children who pick up your egg.

EXAMPLE: if (name, business) sponsored 1 dozen eggs, then someone from (name, business) would come to the park with 12 treats/ prizes (stickers, toothbrush, small toy, chocolate bunny, etc) and wait for kids to come collect. The child would look at their egg see it said (name, business) and would look for (name, business) at a designated area. Once the child finds where (name, business) is they will take their egg to (name, business) and show them the egg and collect the treat/ prize.

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