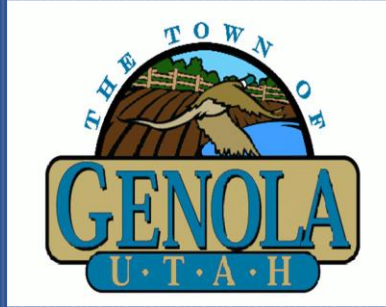


Genola Newsletter

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



August 2022

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I personally want to thank all those who helped with our Town Celebration. A special thank you to Councilman Lundberg and all the work he put in. The Town Celebration is a huge task and he handled it so well. Our new Tank and Well project is still coming along, we've experienced some delays with some government red tape, but it is on track to get started next month.

We are also in the process of purchasing a plow truck and our fire department is looking at grant funding for a new fire truck. These are big projects, and we appreciate all those who put in so much time to help our town.

SENIOR CITIZENS

We are so excited to get back together with our Senior Citizens on September 13th. We are always looking for different entertainment options, so if you have any suggestions or would like to help with entertainment, please contact Nikki at the Town Office.

PART-TIME JOB OPENING

We are looking for a new recreation director. This position will handle the soccer and baseball seasons, including forming teams, working with surrounding leagues, ordering supplies and uniforms, scheduling fields and referees, etc. Applicants must be over 21. If you are or someone you know would like to apply, please send a resume depclerk@townofgenola.org. Position is open until filled.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 5th - Office closed for Labor Day

September 13th - Senior Citizens

October 10th - Office closed for Columbus Day

October 11th - Senior Citizens

October 29th - Trunk-R-Treat 6pm

November 8th - Senior Citizens

November 24th - Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Town Council Meetings: 3rd
Wednesday of each month at
7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting: 1st
Thursday of each month at 7:00
p.m.

Citizens Preparedness Committee
3rd Thursday of every month at
7:00pm

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

**All meetings held at the Public
Safety Building**

GENOLA TOWN PREPAREDNESS CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Do you have excess product from your garden or orchard that you don't need but want to put it to good use? Donate it to the Genola Harvest Share! The Harvest Share provides a time and place to drop off any extra product and allows others to come and enjoy it for free. Please drop off all produce to the park by 10am. Are you unable to harvest what you have? Please text Liesel Moffitt at 801-831-1562 and she can arrange for volunteers to come and harvest your fruit or produce on Fridays to be donated to the Harvest Share. Please come take part in this wonderful opportunity

**Last Saturday in August through First Saturday in October
Genola Park 9am-12pm**

All citizens interested in helping with town preparedness, please join us at the meetings on the third Thursday of each month, 7pm at the fire station.

You can also contact Alisa Morford by texting 801-636-2884 or by email at alisamorford@gmail.com to see how you can participate.

NATURAL GAS

In 2018 the Utah legislature passed House Bill 422, which allowed Dominion Energy to obtain funds to expand natural gas services into unserved rural areas. The first round of funding became available in 2021 and Eureka and Goshen were chosen by Dominion Energy as the first two expansion projects. The Eureka project is completed, and the Goshen project is currently underway. The first round of funding has been fully committed to projects. The next round of funding is available in 2023.

The town council has been in contact with Dominion Energy in effort to have natural gas brought into town. There are five communities currently on Dominion Energy's list for the next round of funding and Genola is on the list. Dominion Energy will not make a decision about which communities it will bring natural gas to until early 2023. Here are some of the criteria it will use to make its decision.

Dominion Energy will look at the cost of installation versus the profitability of providing the service. Goshen and Eureka scored high on this criterion, in both communities' lot sizes are small and homes are close together. Because Genola lots are large and homes are spread out, the cost of installation is very high, and the profitability is low. Another impediment for expansion into Genola is the gas line would need to cross wetlands to bring the pipeline from Goshen into Genola. Wetlands present environmental as well as installation challenges, both of which Dominion Energy tries to avoid. There is one major compensating factor in favor of Genola being chosen; Dominion Energy would benefit by linking its gas line in Goshen with its gas line in Santaquin, which would bring gas through our community.

The town council is committed to doing everything it can to bring natural gas to Genola. The council is communicating periodically with Dominion Energy to help answer questions and to ensure that Dominion Energy's analysis of expansion into Genola is as favorable as possible. The council is hopeful that this effort will be successful.

TRUNK-R-TREAT

The Annual Genola Trunk-R-Treat will be held Saturday October 29th 6pm at the park. We are grateful to the Miss Genola Royalty for helping to put this event together.

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Have you visited our new website yet? We invite you to visit www.townofgenola.org and look around if haven't already. You can now reserve city facilities on the website, we recommend that you call the office to double check date availability (in case someone came in person). You can sign-up for calendar updates like Town Council or Planning Commission, you can receive emails when the new agendas are posted and minutes are uploaded to the site, or when activities and events are announced like Baseball, Soccer, Miss Genola, Town Celebration, Senior Citizens Events etc. We are excited and hope that this can help residents have more access to information. If you have any suggestions on ways to improve the website or notice any errors, please feel free to let the office know by either calling or emailing us at depclerk@townofgenola.org.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department will be conducting hydrant flow testing on the north side of town during the month of August. This is an annual requirement for our ISO rating and affects everyone's insurance rates, please pass by carefully as we will be spraying water onto the roads.

We would like to welcome Marcee Nelson onto the department. She has been busy taking courses to get certified in Wildland, we would like to thank her time and willingness to help the Genola Residents.

October is Fire Prevention Month, and we would like to invite everyone down the Fire Station on Monday October 10th from 6pm to 8pm, we will have information on fire prevention, fire safety, first aid, while you're there get your blood pressure checked, and more. We will have some fun things for the kids to do also we hope to see you all there.

WATER BILLS

Xpress BillPay now offers a text to pay option visit xpressbillpay.com more information. If you haven't been receiving your water bills electronically and would like too, please contact the Town Office and we would be happy to make that change for you.

BUILDING PERMITS

Many people have questions about when a building permit is needed. Any structure or addition over 200 square feet will require a building permit. All applications are available on the town's website. The two major steps are having the site plan (map of everything on the property including proposed structure) approved through the planning commission and the building plans approved by the building inspector. If you have any other questions regarding the permitting process or where to start, please contact the town office and we would be happy to help you.

TOWN CELEBRATION

We want to thank everyone who helped with our Town Celebration. Without citizens who are willing to help we would not have a celebration. Our rodeo and town celebration committees did a tremendous job. Our rodeo and celebration are part of our town's valued traditions. As a town council we want to thank everyone who was involved.

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Now you can pay your bills online!!! As a way to offer you more choices in how you pay your bills, Genola Town now lets you make payments online. We have partnered with Xpress Bill Pay, the premier provider for online payment systems. It is simple to use, all you need is an internet connection. Once you sign up for your free account and start using this service, you'll wonder how you ever got along without it! 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!

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