

Genola Newsletter

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



May 2022

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I attended the town senior's dinner today and was thrilled to hear some very wonderful music by Brandi Olesen and Evie Morford, I thought they did a perfect job. This made me reflect on some experiences I recently had.

While traveling in California on a family vacation I had the opportunity to attend a Sunday Church Service, that touched my heart and taught me about community. This congregation was a mixed congregation of deaf and hearing. A few were singing by voice and the conductor lead the remaining congregation by signing the songs while the deaf congregation followed her lead. At one point some of the words in the song were lengthy and unfamiliar, and the conductor who was hearing the music and leading by sign did not know the translation for some of the words, and thus couldn't sign them. Without her leadership the congregation stopped signing and could not proceed without the interpreter/conductor. The music kept playing and those hearing continued to sing. The conductor (translator) had everyone's eyes on her watching and waiting for her to help get them in unison. This is where the community part comes in, there was someone in the audience who could both hear where they were in the song and sign the difficult lyrics. She signed the difficult words to the conductor from the audience, and the conductor followed. Once again, everyone was in unison and finished the song. I also have had experiences in our community where we have gotten out of unison or maybe better put out of sync. Genola has many pond companies that deliver irrigation water to their members. Some members were around when the systems were put in and understands the system (difficult words). And just

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DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 30th Office closed for
Memorial Day**

June 16-18th Town Celebration

**July 4th Office closed for
Independence Day**

**July 25th Office closed for
Pioneer Day**

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

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

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



like every choir or congregation every pond group should have a conductor (pond president). At times there are some in the audience (residents) who can help in these difficult situations and get all of us back in unison (back in sync) with their willingness to help.

Genola is going thru growing pains with the way things used to be and changes we need to make so they can be done better. My story is about irrigation, but this applies to many community and town functions such as transportation, culinary water, recreation, safety, growth, preparedness, and community celebrations. Some of my most rewarding experiences as Mayor is to see when residents step in and help in difficult situations, sometimes with criticism and lack of appreciation. Thank you to all who have or are willing to help, to be a part of our community, and put yourself out there.

TANK AND WELL UPDATE

We have accepted Bids for the new Culinary Tank and Well project and have already had the first Pre-Construction meetings. This project will begin this summer and we are anticipating that if all goes according to plan to have this project completed by March of 2023.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Luncheons will be taking its normal summer hiatus but will return August 9th. We have enjoyed spending time with you and getting to know you better. 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.

TOWN CELEBRATION

This year the Town Celebration will be held on June 16-18th. The Town is currently looking for volunteers to help in all different areas including the Potluck Dinner, Movie Night, Parade, and Activities in the Park. These activities can't happen without the help of our wonderful community. If you're willing to volunteer, please contact Councilman Grant Lundberg grant_lundberg@byu.edu for more information.

RODEO

The Town is looking for volunteers to help with the Rodeo that will be June 17th and 18th, if you are interested, please contact Councilman Stan Judd at stanfordjudd1@gmail.com.

We are excited to offer pre-paid tickets on our website townofgenola.org/onlinepayments. We expect those to be on our website the beginning of June.

RECREATION

First off, many thanks to our volunteer baseball and softball coaches this 2022 season, and big thanks to our amazing parks and rec guys, Paul and Chris, for your time and dedication to our fields!

Soccer registration begins June 5 and ends July 15. We will accept only enough paid registration for ONE team and everyone else will be wait listed until a second team is filled, so get registered early to ensure a place on a team! Games begin mid-August.

We are hiring age 14+ for soccer referees, please fill out an application at the office. We are also hiring a field manager, applicants must be over the age of 21, please contact LaCee Clayburn at genolarecreation@gmail.com for more information.

GENOLA TOWN PREPAREDNESS CITIZENS COMMITTEE

If this committee is for any and all Genola citizens interested in participating in town and individual emergency preparedness!

Do you like working on food storage? Are you interested in sharing your knowledge of first aid or do you need to learn CPR? Are you a firefighter who would like to help citizens with fire prevention? Do you find yourself wondering how to cook, heat, or light your home without electricity? Would you like to see yourself, your neighbors, and your town better unified and prepared for hard times without spending more time than you have? This is what the Genola Town Citizens' Preparedness Committee is all about: helping our town, and our families, get prepared by spreading the effort over a large group. Come when you can, help when you are able, and become a part of a unifying effort while learning, serving, and becoming better prepared yourself! Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 16th at 7pm at the fire station. If you cannot come to the meeting but would like to participate to the degree you are able, please text Alisa Morford at 801-636-2884. (We have an email group for those who would like to help AND learn but can't fit another thing on their plate. 😊)

ATV's

Recently we have had some problems with kids and teenagers riding their ATV's in the grass at the park, doing donuts in the gravel parking lots at the park or in the driveway in front of the fire station. Please encourage your kids to show respect and ride in appropriate places.

WWW.TOWNOFGENOLA.ORG

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.

MISS GENOLA PAGENT

Miss Genola Royalty 2021, We want to give a huge thank you to the six girls who helped with all the events we were a part of last year. These girls are amazing and are continuing to share their talents and service wherever they are! Thank you for representing Genola so eloquently.

Miss Genola Royalty for 2022 are Queen Kimmy Green, Scholarship of \$1200. 1st Attendant Kate Blatter, Scholarship of \$600. 2nd Attendant Caroline Bates, Scholarship of \$300.

Jr Queen Lauren Kimmel, Scholarship of \$200. Jr. 1st Attendant Adelaide Blatter, Scholarship of \$125. Jr. 2nd Attendant Annaleigh Bates, Scholarship of \$75.

We want to say thank you to all those who helped with the workshops and the Pageant night. We have the most amazing town and so many who are willing to help with their time so these girls can grow and learn how to be successful in all they do. A special thank you to Sandy Penrod for all her efforts in helping us learn about the pioneer women who helped our town thrive and grow to what it has become today. We are so excited to incorporate Genola's History into our pageant each year.

NEW PLAYGROUND AT THE SOUTH PAVILLION



Have you seen our new playground at the South Pavilion? This is what the kids voted on last year during the town celebration, it's been a long process due to delays with shipping and getting the border and wood chips installed but it is finally all done. We hope the children and families of Genola will love this park for years to come. Thanks to all who helped make this park possible.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Have We are asking residents of Genola to please help us by not obstruct the address on mailboxes? This includes wrapping ribbons or other items around the mailbox. Doing this causes delays in finding the address during an emergency. Along with not obstructing address please make sure your address is on your mailbox and can be seen at least 30 feet away. There is an old saying in the fire and EMS service "if we can't find you – we can't help you". In the spring we also like to remind residents if you have a fire hydrant by

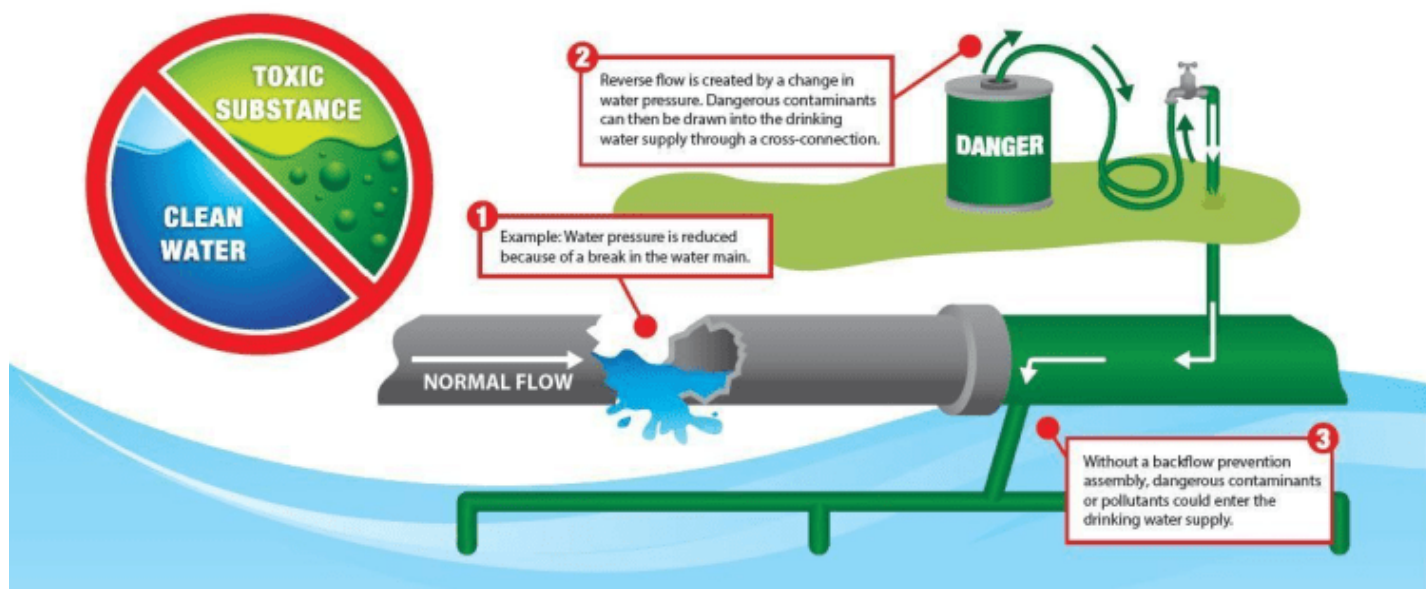
your home, please keep the weeds mowed or sprayed. It helps us quickly find the hydrant and put it into use if needed.

We have had a few calls about the web site address for residential burn permits. Google search: air.utah.gov burn permit. The burn permits will end on May 30th.

WHAT IS A CROSS-CONNECTIONS?

A cross-connection is any temporary or permanent connection between a public water system or consumer's potable (i.e., drinking) water system and any source or system containing non-potable water or other substances. An example is the piping between a public water system or consumer's potable water system and an auxiliary water system, cooling system, or irrigation system.

YOUR ROLE IN PROTECTING OUR WATER SUPPLY FROM CROSS-CONNECTIONS AND BACKFLOW



What is backflow?

Backflow is the undesirable reversal of flow of non-potable water or other substances through a cross-connection and into the piping of a public water system or consumer's potable water system. There are two types of backflow: backpressure backflow and back-siphonage. Backpressure backflow is backflow caused by a downstream pressure that is greater than the upstream or supply pressure in a public water system or consumer's potable water system. Backsiphonage is backflow caused by a negative pressure.

What is a backflow preventer?

A backflow preventer is a means or mechanism to prevent backflow. The basic means of preventing backflow is an air gap, which either eliminates a cross-connection or provides a barrier to backflow. The basic mechanism for preventing backflow is a mechanical backflow preventer, which provides a physical barrier to backflow.

What types of backflow assemblies, devices and methods are permitted?

The following are types of permitted assemblies, devices and methods: Air Gap, Atmospheric Vacuum Breaker, Double Check Valve Assembly, Pressure Vacuum Breaker Assembly, and Reduced Pressure Principle Backflow Prevention Assembly. They may have a specific use depending on the type of cross connection hazard that is present.

Why do backflow preventers have to be tested periodically?

Mechanical backflow preventers have internal seals, springs, and moving parts that are subject to fouling, wear, or fatigue. Also, mechanical backflow preventers and air gaps can be bypassed. Therefore, all backflow preventers have to be tested periodically to ensure that they are functioning properly.

Specific Information about a Hose Bibb Atmospheric Vacuum Breaker

A hose bib vacuum breaker should be attached to all threaded hose bibs' to which a hose can be connected (unless it has a built-in vacuum breaker); Cross-connections with hoses are probably the most prevalent cause of backflow and the contamination of the water system. These devices do not protect against back pressure, only siphonage. They should be installed above the level of the hose being used on it and not under continuous pressure (12 hours at a time)

For more information contact the Town of Genola's Public Works Director Chris Steele at (801) 420-3267.

WATER BILLS

If you haven't been receiving your water bills electronically and would like to, please contact the Town Office and we would be happy to make that change for you.

MASS NOTIFICATIONS

If you haven't been getting our mass notifications it might be that your phone number is not correct. If you've changed or disconnected your phone number recently, please contact the town office so that we can get your contact information updated.

THE JANE AUSTEN SOCIETY

Calling all Jane Austen fans! (And those who aren't actually Jane Austen fans but just want to have some elegant, feminine time once in a while!) We are starting a fun group of Genola Jane Austen lovers who would like to get together and have afternoon tea once a month. It will be a great time to dress up (optional but encouraged), talk, and enjoy some treats on pretty china with non-caFFEinated herbal tea or Lemonade. Mother/daughter tea time with daughters ages 8 and older will occasionally be part of our schedule. Come join us! Call or text Jill Griffiths at (801) 687-5543



GENOLA RMPRA RODEO

June 17th & 18th 2022

7:00 PM— Gates Open at 6:30 PM

\$5.00 Kids—\$10.00 Adults

74 West 800 South Genola UT



Candy Chase—Cash Cow—Greased Pig

**Friday Night— Tough Enough to Wear
Pink Night—Saturday— Patriotic Night**

MUTTON BUSTIN Friday & Saturday Night—

7:00 PM

8 & UNDER (UNDER 50 LBS)



See Genola City Facebook Page for Sign Up Instructions.



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xpress BILL PAY

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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