

Genola Newsletter

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Spring has arrived and the snow we have been blessed with this past winter is coming down from the mountains. We are very fortunate for the wet winter, combined with a cool spring. The moisture we have received has been much needed, and we hope this wetter pattern will continue as we end a 12-year drought. The downside of having so much water is the probability of flooding. So far, we have had minimal damage or flooding. Some of our agriculture orchards and farms have received some flood water passing through their property. As I write this message, we have flood waters accumulating on Hwy 141 and 800 south by the park. We have been preparing for this for many weeks and anticipate the damage will be minimal. Many have helped in preparing for this event and will continue to help throughout. Listed below are some of the people and organizations that have been helpful in caring for and protecting our community.

- Two youth groups along with many individuals filled about 2000 sandbags weeks prior to our flooding.
- Church Dairy in Elberta that donated plastic to cover and seal berms on 800 south.
- Genola public works that coordinated and gave oversight to the project.
- Santaquin City which donated 30 pallets and several pickup loads of sandbags, with an open invitation for that many more.
- Santaquin Fire Department and Public works that help load pallets and transported some of them to Genola.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 6th and 8th 6:30-8:00pm Dominion Energy Open Houses Fire Station

June 15-17th Town Celebration

July 4th – Town office closed

July 24th – Town office closed

July 25th Blood Drive all day at the fire station

September 4th – Labor Day Town office closed

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

Town Council Meetings: 3rd Wednesday 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 455 N Main St.**

- The many individuals who contributed their tractors, trailers, pickups, and time to transport and place sandbags where needed.
- The 'Summit Creek Water Management Project' members (Utah County, Santaquin City, Summit Creek Irrigation, and Highline canal) who built infrastructure, organized, and executed a plan working together to reduce peak flows and safely direct water through our communities.

This is not a complete list of those who contributed and aided our communities during this spring runoff event. It is important that we thank those who care about and contribute to our small community by keeping it a safe and peaceful place to live and grow.

Mayor Marty Larson

SENIOR CITIZENS

Last month we were privileged to have the Foothill Cloggers toddler class come and perform us, they were darling and loved seeing their smiling faces. Just a reminder that senior citizens take a break during the summer months. We will start again, on Tuesday September 12th.

RECREATION

Soccer registration starts June 1st. Register early to guarantee your child's place on a Genola team. Register online at: townofgenola.org/online-payments. Registration will close July 16th or when teams are full. Late registration fees will be assessed for all registrations after July 16th.

GENOLA TOWN PREPAREDNESS CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Goshen Valley Food Pantry food drive at Genola Days

Please bring your canned and shelf-stable food donations to the "Mountain Valley Readiness" booth at the park during Genola Days on Saturday morning to help stock the Goshen Valley Food Pantry!

Your donation will enter you in a drawing for a fabulous prize!

This pantry serves only the communities from Genola to Eureka/Mammoth so all your donations remain local and benefit local families. ANYONE in our communities who needs help from the pantry is welcome to come get what they need.

Pantry hours: Thursdays, 5:30-7pm

Please help us stock the pantry as part of our CommUNITY celebration of Genola Days!

RODEO

There will be a Ranch Rodeo that will be held June 23rd and is free to the public. The Genola Rope Club is sponsoring the Little Buck-A-Roo on Saturday June 24th and it free as well. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact a member of the Genola Rope Club. The Genola Rope Club will also be sponsoring an open rope night Thursday June 15th at 6:00pm

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

You can sign up for emergency notifications by either calling the town office (801-754-5300) or by signing up at alerts.utahcounty.gov

NATURAL GAS

There have been many people over the last thirty years who have tried to bring natural gas to the town. With the recent expansion of natural gas into Goshen, Elberta and Eureka, there has been a renewed interest in natural gas.

The latest effort was started by Councilwoman Lori Christensen when she approached Dominion Energy back in 2019. At that time Dominion Energy had ran out of expansion money, but the contact had been made and Genola's interest in receiving natural gas had been communicated. At the end of her term in 2022, the Town Council maintained communication to ensure Dominion Energy didn't forget Genola. In January 2023 additional expansion money became available. There were four other communities on Dominion Energy's short list. Genola was not an obvious choice because of Genola's large acreages and long distances between homes. Nevertheless, Dominion Energy has chosen Genola for natural gas expansion.

The final decision has not been made. It is critical that a high percentage of residents sign up for natural gas in order for the economics of the project to be enticing for Dominion Energy and to make sense for the Public Service Commission. The following are the steps for natural gas to come to Genola:

1. Public Open Houses – there will be two public open houses on June 6th and 8th from 6:30 to 8:00 at the Fire Station. You can ask any question you want to ask and learn what you need to know to make a decision to be a natural gas customer.
2. Surveys – at the public open house a survey will be given to the public. We encourage everyone to take the survey. The survey will ask about your interest to sign up for natural gas. It is non-binding, but will be the basis up which Dominion Energy will make its final decision.
3. Based upon the survey results, Dominion Energy will make its decision to proceed or not.
4. Utah Public Service Commission – The Town and Dominion Energy will make a combined presentation to the Public Service Commission. If the Public Service Commission approves the project, it will be proceed.
5. Assuming full approval, the construction is estimated to begin in early 2024 and be completed in September or October 2024.

The following is Dominion Energy's meeting notice: **Dominion Energy will be holding community open houses June 6th and 8th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the public safety building (fire station), located at 455 North Main Street, to discuss potentially bringing natural gas service to Genola. Dominion Energy experts will be available to share information regarding the project, natural gas, the company and to answer any questions. Hope to see you there!**

PARKS

Recently we have had teenagers/adults racing their atvs, motorcycles, etc in the Park and on the grass. Please remember that the park has a 5mph speed limit and we would hate to have a tragic accident! Please remember to keep the horses off the grass as well we don't want to have divots in the grass for people to trip in. We appreciate all your help in making our parks great for everyone.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department – With the wet spring we would like to ask if there is a fire hydrant next to your home, please try to keep it clear of weeds. This will help us find it quickly in an emergency. We also may have other agencies responding in to help us, they might not know what to look for to find the closest hydrant, minutes count on a structure fire, please help us help you. Open burn will continue until May 31st, you will need a burn permit anytime you burn. Go to – air.utah.gov to fill out a permit.

We will be holding fund raisers to raise funds for a new Fire Engine and equipment. Please watch for upcoming information. Blood Drive Tuesday July 25th all day at the Fire Station watch our social media pages for more information.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Have you ever wanted to be more apart of your community? The Town of Genola, Utah will hold a Municipal General Election on November 7, 2023 for 2 City Council Seats – 4 year term. Those elected to fill the open positions will take office on January 17, 2024. The Candidate declaration period will run August 8th-15th 2023 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm excluding Saturday and Sunday.

Candidates for Municipal Office must meet the following requirements:

- 1-The person is a United States Citizen
- 2- The person will be at least 18 years old by November 7, 2023
- 3- The person is a registered voter in the municipality (Town of Genola, Utah)
- 4- The person has been a legal resident of the municipality for a period of 12 consecutive months immediately before November 7, 2023
- 5- The person must not be mentally incompetent, convicted of a felony, treason, or a crime against the elective franchise unless their right hold elective office has been restored.

You must file in Person at the Town Office 74 W 800 South during the filing period.

Do not wait until the last minute to file. The doors close promptly at 5pm on August 15th.

MISS GENOLA

Congratulations to the 2023 Miss Genola Royalty!

Queen: Jamie Sensinger

Junior Queen: Addie Blatter

1st Attendant: Kate Blatter

1st Attendant: Rebekah Frandsen

2nd Attendant: Caroline Bates

2nd Attendant: Erika Bishop

3rd Attendant: Anna Bates

We would also like to thank our generous sponsors who contributed to the scholarship fund for these wonderful young women.

Leland Milling Co.; Murdock Ford; Davis Mill & Cabinet; Western Ag; Payson Autobody & Glass; Keith Judd Pro-Service; Magnolia Blooms; Thomas Cabinets; White Feather Rocks; Circle V. Meats

The Miss Genola Royalty will be selling refreshments during the Genola Days movie and on Saturday after the parade! Be sure to stop by and hear about the opportunities for next year's scholarship pageant for girls ages 3-19!