

# Genola Newsletter

**September 2023**

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## **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

Genola is a great place to live! We are blessed with so many conveniences that are easy to take for granted. In the past few years as a town, we have worked and completed some of the following projects:

- Expanded and replaced water line on north end of town to 12" line.
- Asphalted and made ADS accessible the Public Works building parking lot.
- Upgraded our playground equipment at the park to be OSHA and safety compliant.
- Constructed a million-gallon culinary tank which will give us more storage and backup capability.
- Drilled and perfected a second well which will aid in having a more reliable source of water.
- Chipped and seal 5280 feet of road last year; with paving to be done this year.
- Purchased a new snowplow truck that should arrive in October.

We also are working hard on future projects:

- Natural Gas to our residents, please read the additional update in this newsletter.
- Budgeting and planning to replace our fire truck that has reached the end of its certification.
- Strongly supporting a change with the irresponsible shooting on BLM ground that endangers many of our residents.
- Transportation planning with upcoming hearings at the Planning Commission level.
- A SCADA system that sends alerts and makes our tank and wells more automated.

All this while we are maintaining.

- A fabulous town celebration with parade, dinner, rodeo, car show, and fireworks. These activities have been so beneficial in building town spirit and unity.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

October 9<sup>th</sup> – Office closed for Columbus Day  
October 31<sup>st</sup> – Trunk-R-Treat 6pm SHARP  
November 6<sup>th</sup> – Meet the Candidate 7pm  
November 9<sup>th</sup> – Office closed for Veterans Day  
November 21<sup>st</sup> – Election Day  
November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Office closed for Thanksgiving.  
December 4<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Tree Lighting 6pm

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

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

Senior Citizen Luncheon 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of  
every month 12:00 pm

Citizens Preparedness Committee 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Thursday of every month at 7:00pm

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

**All meetings held at the Public Safety  
Building 455 N Main St.**

- A culinary system that has recently taken some time and patience with repairs.
  - Snowplowing our roads in a timely and dependable fashion.

Many residents have brought to my attention the lack of appreciation and respect for the values that we hold dear. We are now seeing spray paint on our new tank. Excessive speeds on roads, usually during the morning hours when residents are headed to work. Using our road shoulders, and canal trails as a motocross. In general, disrespect for property.

We could put up more cameras, add more police patrols, and prosecute more offenders. I feel the most effective solution is education. As parents, residents, community leaders could we help educate and guide those that are in our community so Genola can remain a peaceful and pleasant place to live!

Mayor Marty Larson

## **SENIOR CITIZENS**

Back to Seniors!

We are excited to have our Senior Citizen Luncheons start back up on September 12th with Bingo and visiting. The town will provide the main course (Deli Sandwiches and chips) and please bring either a side/dessert to share or a \$3 donation. We love being with our seniors and can't wait to see everyone again!

## **GENOLA TOWN PREPAREDNESS CITIZENS COMMITTEE**

Multi-City Preparedness Fair!

Mountain Valley Area is combining with Santaquin and Payson to host a preparedness fair on Saturday, September 16th from 8am to 12 noon. It will be held at 439 W Utah Avenue in Payson. Come and learn about all kinds of important topics, including our very own Mark Davis teaching about seed saving and Clay and Lori Christensen helping us learn about education resources!

Other topics include:

\*HAM radios \*Water storage \*Active shooter training \*Preparing important documents\*and much more!

## **NATURAL GAS**

We were successful in securing the number of surveys supporting the expansion of natural gas into Genola. Preparations are underway to present the project to the Utah Public Service Commission, which we anticipate will occur within the next thirty days. Mayor Larson will testify before the commission as part of the presentation. If the Public Service Commission approves the project, Dominion Energy will begin preparations to begin construction in early 2024 with the plan to complete construction by the fall of 2024. We could start hooking up homes before the end of next year. Beginning early next year Dominion Energy will go door to door signing contracts with those who want natural gas. At that time they will answer any questions that you might have about changing your appliances over to natural gas.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

The public works department would like to express their sincerest thanks to all those who have helped during the flooding that happened this past summer.

## **TRUNK-R-TREAT**

The Trunk-R-Treat is scheduled for Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm sharp. We will have Doughnuts and Cider!

## **MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

Below are the Candidate profiles that were submitted. All candidates were allowed to submit a small paragraph about themselves and a picture. They are listed in the order that they will appear on the ballot as determined by the state Lt. Governor's office.

**Curtis Thomas** - no profile submitted



**Bryan LeRoy**

My Interest in becoming a city councilman is to represent the voice of the citizens, while gaining clear knowledge and understanding through researching the impact of upcoming changes affecting Genola as a whole. My life experiences as a farmer and in the United States Army could be a positive impact to the city residents as a whole.



**Neil Brown**

I have lived in Genola my entire life. My wife and I have four children and six grandchildren. I work in the legal department of a fortune five hundred data security company. I have served on the planning commission, the town council and as mayor. I was successful in bringing Internet services to Genola twenty years ago and have been actively working with a number of companies in an effort to bring high-speed Internet in the future. I have been actively working with Dominion Energy to bring natural gas to Genola and the process is moving forward. I consider it an honor to serve and would love to continue doing so.

**Corinne Aagard** - no profile submitted



**Stan Judd**

I have lived in Genola since 1978. My wife Gale and I owned and operated a dairy farm for 18+years. I currently work for Payson Fruit Growers and have for 24 years.

My wife and I have three children and thirteen grandchildren.

I have served on the town council for two previous full terms and two partial terms in various capacities. I am presently serving on the council assigned with the rodeo committee and want what is best for the whole of Genola. I will stand up for what I believe is right. I would like to see

natural gas brought into Genola for the benefit of our residents.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Fire Department has been conducting random hydrant flow testing around town during the month of August and will continue into September. 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.

This year's Fire Prevention Week is October 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> we would like to invite everyone down the Fire Station on Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

For residents with less than 5 acres the fall open burn period this year will be between **September 15 through October 30<sup>th</sup>**. This date range is subject to weather conditions and Clearing Index. R1 zones will be able to get their burn permits online at [air.utah.gov/openburning](http://air.utah.gov/openburning). Please monitor your fire at all times while burning, and always have a way to put it out quickly if needed. You are not allowed to burn anything that is not grown on your property. When finished make sure the fire is dead out before dark and never burn at night.

If you are not getting emergency notifications about water/power outages, flooding etc. from the town and would like to, you can sign up at: [member.everbridge.net](http://member.everbridge.net). Or you can send any phone numbers you would like to receive notifications to [genolafire@gmail.com](mailto:genolafire@gmail.com) and we can add you.

## **MISS GENOLA**

Sign-ups for the Senior and Junior Miss Genola Pageant will open **October 1st** for the Pageant that will be on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024! Our first meeting will be **Saturday, October 14th at 9:00 am** and will include an overview of the program for the year and "getting to know you" games. Participation points will begin accruing when you sign-up.

### **What will you learn?**

- How to present yourself in a job interview.
- Self-care & controlling nerves.
- How to plan a party!
- Photography tips.
- How to care for your skin.

### **What will you gain?**

Experiences to use on college and scholarship applications (service, personal development).

**A cash SCHOLARSHIP!!** - Can be used for college, trade school, or developing talents!

•**Miss Genola** – Ages 15-19 (as of 5/11/24)

•**Junior Miss Genola** – Ages 11-14 (as of 5/11/24)

•**Mini and Little Miss Genola** programs will begin in February 2024 for Genola residents ages 4-10! Stay tuned for more updates!

For activities and calendar question:

Join our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/missgenola/>

Visit the Town website: [www.townofgenola.org](http://www.townofgenola.org)

Or contact Laurel Bishop @ [missgenola@gmail.com](mailto:missgenola@gmail.com)