

Genola Newsletter

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Our new Water Tank is almost up and running and we are so excited to see the light at the end of the tunnel for this project. I know that this project will be great for the town as we will now have 2 water sources for our drinking water. There are still a few things to finish up but hopefully within the next couple of months we will be using it!



Mayor Marty Larson and Public Works Director Chris Steele standing in front of the new well pump.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve with the town council and that you (the residents of Genola) have entrusted us to make decisions on the town's behalf. In making decisions we utilize many resources and rely on experts which include:

- Hydrologist to locate underground water aquifers.
- Engineers that design water tanks and wells.
- Bond writers to secure repayment of projects.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 11th Miss Genola Pageant – Goshen Elementary 6:30pm

May 27th Office closed for Memorial Day

June 20-22 Town Celebration

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.

Senior Citizen Luncheon 2nd Tuesday of
every month 12:00 pm

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.**

- Grant writers to aid in securing grants and best possible terms.
- Accountants and auditors to review our financial and economic standing.
- Transportation engineers to review our standards and traffic flow.
 - Road maintenance contractors.
 - Natural gas and installation contractors.
- Attorneys to advise us on the requirements of the law.
- Utah League of Cities and Towns – Help advocate for municipalities throughout the state.
- Utah Local Governments Trust - Additional legal advice and insurance.
- Planning commission to help in administering and directing our town's growth.
 - Police to aid in safety and keeping the peace.
 - Fire and EMS to aid in safety and emergencies.
 - Public works to aid in roads, parks, and water.
- Town clerks administer fees, applications, meetings, ordinances, seniors, celebration, and so much more.

The members of the Town Council, Planning Commission, and staff do not possess all of these skills themselves to serve this town alone, thus needing input from an array of resources and consultants. I believe that we have a good diversification in our town council and planning commission, and I have a great appreciation for those who are willing to serve and make tough decisions. As I interact with those currently serving, I feel they are honest, have integrity, possess outstanding character, and high values. I would hope and pray that the residents of Genola would have that same appreciation for those who serve, and for our community and the resources it provides. Please be mindful in your daily lives and hearts that we will make good and inspired decisions for the community.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The annual spring open burn period this year will be March 30th through May 30th. R1 zones will be able to get their burn permits online at air.utah.gov/OpenBurning/form/index.php, select Utah County then click on Genola and fill out the form – it's free. Please remember to monitor your fire while it is burning, don't burn anything that is not grown or organic. Make sure the fire is dead out before dark and never burn at night.

Agricultural Burn Permits must have more than 5.25 acres and A1 zoning. Applications for a burn permit will be verified by Utah County plot maps for the number of acres, zoning, and ownership.

If you would like to receive an Agricultural Burn Permit, send an email to: genola.ag.burn.permit@gmail.com. In the email include your name, phone number, acreage, and address of burning. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable spring.

SENIOR CITIZENS

We love our Seniors and these next couple of months will be awesome! Our next luncheon will be held on April 9th. We will be serving a fried chicken lunch and the BottleBand will be coming to perform, they are always a crowd pleaser. Please bring either a dessert or a \$3 donation. Please don't ever think that you're too young for seniors, this is such a great way to come and visit with some of our Town's best residents!

CONGRESSMAN BURGESS OWENS

The Congressman's staff will be at the Town Office on Wednesday, April 24th from 11:30am – 1:30 pm. They will be available for anyone who would like to talk. More details to come.

NATURAL GAS

IT IS COMING! As we are sure you are all aware that Dominion Energy is in the process of installing the natural gas lines. We know that sometimes this can be a bit of an inconvenience, but they are hoping to have all the lines in by the end 2024. We appreciate all the hard work that their teams are doing to keep roads open and traffic moving. During this project there is always a possibility due to digging in the roadways and easements that a water line could be hit. Please be patient if/when this happens and know that our amazing public works team will be getting it fixed just as fast as they can.

If you have questions regarding signing up, please contact Dave Christensen with Dominion Energy at 801-360-6698 during normal business hours. Just as a reminder Dominion Energy will install the line at your house for free (withing the signup timeframe), but you will be responsible for the changes made inside your home. There is a permitting process and inspections that are required before Dominion Energy will install and connect the gas meter.

Dominion Energy has asked us to remind our residents to get several different bids. During their similar projects in Goshen and Eureka there were some instances of companies' overcharging for the work. Make sure you get several different bids and if possible, look at local companies. If you have questions about the connection process or what in your home might convert, you can contact Tanner William with Dominion Energy at 385-312-3002 during normal business hours.

MISS GENOLA

Please come cheer and support the young women of Genola as they participate in the Miss Genola Scholarship Pageant.

6:30 pm on Saturday, May 11th - Goshen Elementary School.

Admission is free, but donations to our scholarship fund would be greatly appreciated!

Expect dances from our Mini Miss and Little Miss girls, and talent and poise from our Junior and Senior Miss Genola Candidates!

TOWN CELEBRATION

This year the Town Celebration will be held on June 20-22nd. 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. We soon will be accepting applications for the parade contact Councilman Stan Judd stanfordjudd1@gmail.com with any questions regarding the parade. We encourage you to come be a part of your community and participate.

RODEO

The Rodeo Committee is looking for business or personal financial sponsors for our Town Rodeo. For more information, please contact Chad Coburn at 801-960-6333.

UTAH COUNTY BAREROOT TREE SALE

It's that time of year again to order your seedling trees, shrubs, and weed barrier from the Alpine/Timp Nebo Conservation Districts. Orders need to be in and paid for by April 22nd. You can find details and an order form online at www.uacd.org then click on the Timp-Nebo/Alpine Tree Sale tab on the right of the page.

Cross Connection/Backflow Prevention Information

Not Everyone in Town has a Cross Connection but if you do, please make sure your are aware of this information and safety guidelines.

- 1- **What is a cross-connection?** 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.
- 2- **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.
- 3- **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.
- 4- **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.
- 5- **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.
- 6- **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.