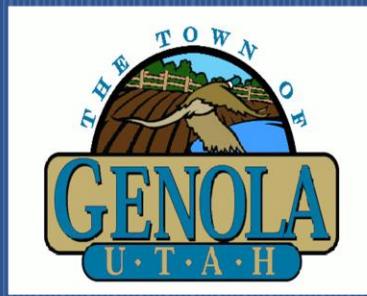


Genola Newsletter

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



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all! This is a wonderful time of year as we celebrate the birth and life of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. It is wonderful to live in this great community. This time of year we feel a special love for all. Please look out for each other. Even though we generally have our needs met, we all have different challenges. Let's reach out to lift each other's burdens.

We are very grateful for the many citizens that contribute to the community. The efforts of many, even if they are small, can make great changes. I challenge you to see how many names that you can come up with of people who serve and the way they serve. I will have a prize in the office for the one that brings in the most names. One concerned citizen took the time to write and send a certified letter describing a dangerous situation with one of the state roads that goes through our community. With the letter I was able to meet with UDOT representatives and share with them our concern. I sent an email detailing several dangerous situations. Now the ball is in their court to work on those troublesome areas.

We are currently evaluating our water system to make sure that it will always meet the needs of the citizens. Our most pressing project is to replace the old, undersized line on the north end of the community. We hope that we will have the funds to do that this summer or fall. For the most part, our roads are in good shape, however we have a lot of roads (about 27 miles worth) and they deteriorate over time. Our budget funds allow us to do about 1-3 miles of repair per year, depending on how bad the road is. Councilman Robison has been able to negotiate good prices and identify less expensive solutions for protecting our roads. We did a road analysis this summer and to bring all our roads up to great condition it would take \$2.15 million. Our annual budget is \$100,000 for roads. We encourage you all to take care of the roads by keeping sprinklers from soaking the roads and letting us know of serious road damage as soon as you see it.

We are excited to announce that CHOICE Humanitarian donated four computers to the library. Our plan is to have these computers set up so that citizens can access the internet, use them for school work or other needs. We appreciate the hard work that Linda Arnold and her team have donated to make the library's first year a success. It is great to be part of such a wonderful community!

Mayor Lonny Ward

DATES TO REMEMBER

Town Council Meetings: on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting is the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Senior Citizen Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.

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



GENOLA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Library hours are:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We have lots of books, VHS tapes, DVD's, and CD's. Come check us out. We also tutor students free of charge on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-8pm.

Linda Arnold

SENIOR CITIZENS

We still meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 11 am for socialization, a good meal, and entertainment. Come join us!!!

Linda Arnold

TOWN OF GENOLA

- We would like to welcome William McMullin as the new Genola Town Fire Chief and Derek Spencer as the new EMS Assistant Chief!!
- We thank Greg Smith for his 33 years of time and dedication to The Genola Town Fire Department.
- Please remember to keep the streets clear for the snow plow.
- Ride motorized vehicles on the park lawn and doing doughnuts is not allowed!!
- Town Office will be closed December 24th, 25th, 31st, and January 1st.

We can also email or mail the auto-payment authorization forms for easier convenience.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please inquire at the Town Office.

***Reminder Building Permits are required for any building 200 sq. feet and over.**

Contact the Town Office for an application.*

***The town of Genola requires all dogs to be licensed. Anyone with 3 or more dogs is required to have a kennel license. Licenses can be purchased at the Genola Town Office.**



RISE BROADBAND TOWER

We have negotiated a new contract with Rise Broadband (formerly Digs), one of the internet providers for Genola. As part of the contract, we asked them to remove their equipment from on top of the water tank and put up a new tower next to the tank. This has now been completed. They did a very good job of making the transition without disrupting service. They have agreed to continue free internet for the town office and the public safety building. In addition, they will now pay a monthly lease payment for their tower location. I appreciate the help of our attorney, Joshua Nielsen, which researched the leases and helped me to be more informed, as we negotiated the contract.

GENOLA RECREATION

ATTENTION: Please make a note that Genola will be starting their baseball signups earlier this year to accommodate Santaquin's desire to start the season earlier. This will prevent any overlap baseball and football on their fields. Thank you for your help with this transition.

GENOLA FIRE DEPARTMENT

We are looking for any day help, we are short Fire Fighters when everyone leaves town for work. If you are in town during the day and would like to join The Genola Town Fire Department, come down during one of our training meetings and fill out an application. No experience is necessary. We will train you. Our meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7pm or give Chief William McMullin a call @ 801-420-5170.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

As we are bombarded with the constant negative perceptions directed toward law enforcement, one is led to believe the profession is going downhill at a rapid pace. After nearly a quarter century in law enforcement, I often ask myself what has really changed in the LEO (Law Enforcement Officer) community. The fundamentals of law enforcement are still the same today as they were 25 years ago. If anything, the quality of officer training and accountability has risen exponentially in the last decade. The one item that has changed dramatically is the speed of how fast information travels, both for good and bad. As more and more people sign onto the various media platforms, consider the source of the information and keep it in proper context. A person can find or share opinions or partial facts on any subject from one end of the spectrum to the other. Law enforcement officers are just people and people are not perfect. Sometimes mistakes are made and those mistakes may be catastrophic in some instances. More often than not, the information is based on partial facts and a lot of assumption. Law enforcement is a fast, easy, cheap target for any media organization. The media cleverly preys on your emotional response. Don't fall victim to these deliberate marketing schemes. The constant barrage of negativity, coupled with the benefit changes by our state representatives are steering young people completely away from law enforcement. We cannot function as a society without these young men and young women. We are experiencing a serious applicant shortfall. Due to the lack of qualified applicants, law enforcement agencies are in bidding wars over qualified applicants. The cost is simply passed onto the taxpayer in more ways than one. The UVU Police Academy is experiencing all-time low attendance numbers and the need for this training academy is being questioned by UVU administration. As you gather with friends and family this holiday season take a few moments and consider how blessed we are to have people willing to answer this call. Our safety and ultimately our survival depends on the individuals willing to man the post.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Mathew 5:9

Chief Rodney Hurst

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**Emergency
Preparedness Director:**
Mike Zellmer

Youth Council Mentors:
Kenyon and Jennifer
Anderson
Youth Mayor:
Natalie Thomas

Genola Town Council

Mayor:
Lonny Ward

Councilmen:
Neil Brown
Stan Judd
Marty Larson
Hale Robison

**Genola Planning
Commission**

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Vice Chairman:
Robert Anderson

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Sandra Greenwood
John Rosenberger
Nancy Baird
Ronald Hawkins