# Genola Newsletter

December 2024

Town of Genola 74 W 800 S Genola, UT 84655 801-754-5300

Genola Postal Customer Genola, UT 84655 Prsrt Std US POSTAGE PAID Orem, Utah Permit #1010

**ECRWSS** 

# **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

Mayor Marty Larson has moved to Payson to a home he built on land where he grew up. As a result, it became necessary for him to resign as mayor. I was appointed by the Town Council to take Marty's place during a special meeting held on October 30, 2024. It is an honor to serve.

On the morning, I wrote this message, I saw the Niel's Fugal crews installing natural gas at a neighbor's home. I have participated with many other town leaders' multiple times over the last thirty years to bring natural gas. Each time the effort ended due to the enormous cost. It is a very satisfying feeling to see natural gas finally come to Genola. There continues to be questions about what you need to do to have your home hooked up. If you have any questions, please call the Town Offices, they are happy to help.

As many of you know, the Council has been working for a number of years to build a second water tank and well. The tank and well are now functioning. It is comforting to know that we now have more storage and redundant systems to provide sufficient drinking water for our community.

As we enter the holiday season, I hope you each have a very Happy Thanksgiving and I wish you each a very Merry Christmas.

Mayor Neil Brown

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Tree Lighting 6pm @ the Fire Station

December 14<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm – Santa Visiting the Fire Station

December 24th & 25th - Office Closed

January 1st – Town Office Closed

January 20<sup>th</sup> – Town Office Closed Civil Rights Day

February 17<sup>th</sup> – Town Office Closed President's Day

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.

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.



# **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**

The Christmas Tree Lighting celebration will be held Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm at the Fire Station. Come and spend some time with your neighbors to celebrate the magic of Christmas.

# **EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS**

If you haven't received the town's emergency notifications, please contact the town office and we would be happy to help you get signed up. You can also sign up online at Alerts. Utah County. Gov.

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

We just want to remind everyone that the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The December meeting is always on a different date because of the holidays.

# **NEW COUNCILMEMBER**

We want to welcome our newest councilman. Councilman Eric Hazelet was appointed during the November 20<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting to fill the void left by Neil Brown when he was appointed to fill the Mayoral position. We are grateful for Eric being willing to serve his community. He will continue to serve through the next municipal election which will be held November 2025.

# **SENIOR CITIZENS**

We have had so much fun spending time with our Senior's these past few months. Our next Seniors Luncheon will be Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup> we will be having a local singing group come and perform.

# **NATURAL GAS**

Dominion Energy has completed the process of installing the Main Lines through the Town. If you have signed your contract with Dominion Energy and your service line has been run to your house, you can come to the Town Office to get your Natural Gas Permit. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Town Office.

# **MISS GENOLA**

Attention girls ages 3-10 - Registration for Mini and Little Miss Genola is now open through January 15th!

The Miss Genola candidates will be hosting a party in your honor and you will get to learn a group dance to be performed at the Miss Genola Pageant!

Princess party - February 15th Miss Genola Pageant tentative date April 26th

# **RECREATION**

Baseball signups will begin January 1st and go through February 25th. You will be able to register at <a href="https://www.genolaut.gov">www.genolaut.gov</a> you can look for more information to come on the Genola Recreation Facebook Page.

www.genolaut.gov

Unofficial Facebook Page: Genola Town Information

# **SNOW REMOVAL**

It's that time of year when the snow starts to fall, and public works are always trying to keep our roads safe. They are always up early during a snowstorm to get the road cleared. Please remember that during the winter months there should be no parking on the shoulders of the roads. This is for your safety as well as the safety of our plow drivers. Let's try to make their jobs as easy as possible.

# LOCAL WARMING CENTERS

The Local Warming Center Program Needs Warming centers for individuals who are homeless and seeking warmth and a place to stay for the night will be open nightly from 9pm to 8am through April 30, 2025, and will be in Provo and incorporated Utah County. Volunteers (18 years and older) are needed to help at the warming centers during the evening, late night, and early morning. Those serving will be assisting experienced staff with set up, clean-up, safety, and security and will be providing our homeless friends with care and fellowship. Training is required. The warming centers are also in need of tons of blankets and other supplies. To find out what is needed and for drop off instructions, look online at JustServe.org Warming Center Needs. For questions or additional information, please contact Kena Mathews at Community Action Services and Food Bank at kenam@casfb.org. Thank you!

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

- We would like to remind those that use wood burning fireplaces or stoves to safely
  dispose of ashes. Always place ashes in an ash bucket made of non-flammable
  material. Do not store your ash bucket on or around anything combustible and if
  they are still smoldering ashes pour a little water over them. Let ashes sit for at least
  three days before disposing of them, never put hot or warm ashes in garbage cans
  for pickup.
- With the changing of daylight savings time, it is a good reminder to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors.

The holiday season is one of the most dangerous times of the year for household fires, a few tips to keep you safe:

- Candles maintain about a foot of space between the candle and anything that can burn.
- Christmas trees it only takes 30 seconds for a dry tree to engulf a room in flames, keep your live tree watered and at least three feet away from heating sources.
- Inspect lights and power cords and throw out any with frayed or cracked wires, when decorating make sure not to run more than three strings of lights end to end.

Santa will be visiting the fire station on Saturday – December 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am till noon. Come on down and visit with him. We wish everyone a safe holiday season. Town of Genola

74 West 800 South Genola, UT 84655 P: 801-754-5300

Monday – Thursday 9-5pm

Town Clerk:

Lucinda Thomas

Deputy Clerk:

Nikki Preston

Website: www.genolaut.gov

**Unofficial Facebook Page:** 

Genola Town Information

**Public Works:** 

Chris Steele Paul Broderick

**Recreation Director:** 

Kathy Ruffel

**Genola Town Council** 

Mavor:

Neil Brown

Council Members:

**Grant Lundberg** Hale Robison **Curtis Thomas** 

Eric Hazelet

Fire Chief:

William McMullin

**Planning Commission** 

Chairman

John Rosenberger

Vice Chairman

Daron Hughes

Commissioners:

Avery Fitzgerald Norm Beagley

**Brent Carter** Bruce Nieveen

Melissa Scott

Santaguin Police: 801-754-1070

# 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!

We offered this service at the request of our citizens – you asked, and we delivered! And remember, it's free to sign up and free to use. Sign up today by going to www.xpressbillpay.com