

Genola Newsletter

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

We know that so many of you volunteer your time and talents to help our town have so many wonderful opportunities, please know that I and the council do appreciate it. There are several projects that the Town is currently working on, and I'd like to give a little update to them.

Well – The drilling of the well has been completed, and the well drillers have now moved out. The water was tested the report was that the water very good in quality. The next step is a quantity test to be performed in about 2 weeks. The installation/building of a pump, generator, and pump house are still needing to be completed.

Tank – The floor and the inside support columns have been poured; the rest of the concrete work though will wait until it warms up a bit. They are hoping to start the later part of February, but it will depend on the weather.

Water Line to Tank – The line is being installed up the slope and is anticipated to be done in about 3 weeks. We know that for some who live close to this new well there has been some inconvenience and noise but the town truly appreciates your patience. Personally, I am very excited about this project and feel it will bring more security to the precious resource of culinary water in Genola. This project has given me a greater appreciation for those who served in building our original systems years ago and gratitude for our current residents' who feel it is important to value and maintain reliable water sources for all residents now and in the

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 15th-March 31st Baseball registration open online

February 20th Office closed for Presidents Day

February 22nd 7pm Town Celebration Committee Meeting @ fire station

March 18th Miss Genola Pageant 7pm at Goshen Elementary

April 8th Easter Egg Hunt

June 15-17th Town Celebration

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

Planning Commission Meeting: 1st Thursday 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

future. We are hoping that this new tank and well will be completely operational by the middle of the summer.

US-6 Westbound climbing lane and intersection SR-141 intersection – Approved and scheduled in phase 1. During phase 1 there are 61 projects in phase 1 and this is project 61. We are told that it currently looks like construction could be underway in 2024. I am so excited, as this will improve safety on this Highway in not only our community but the surrounding communities as well. It required a collective effort, and we feel that the support that we received from Goshen and Santaquin was extremely beneficial in bringing attention to this project. I truly believe that this will be very good for our community.

Type 1 Rosenbauer Fire Engine – It is our council's current goal to save for this purchase by 2026 when our current engine becomes out of compliance due to age. We would like to combine savings over several years along with possible grants to reach this goal.

Once again I want to reiterate how much I truly appreciate all those who put so much time and energy into helping our Town.
Mayor Marty Larson

SENIOR CITIZENS

We love to party with our Senior Citizens! We have a luncheon on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The city provides the main dish, and we have a potluck for the rest! We hope to see everyone there and remember your never too young for Seniors. This is such a wonderful opportunity to grow friendships.

BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Baseball registration opens opened February 15th – March 31st or when teams are full. You can register online at www.townofgenola.org/onlinepayments register early to guarantee your child a spot. You will be able to find updates on the Genola Recreation Facebook page or the Genola Town Information Facebook page. We will also be looking for umpires, if you or someone you know would like to apply, please either contact the Town Office or Kathy Banfill (928-660-0447).

Reminder: No dogs are allowed in the park! This ordinance will be enforced. It is now in the 2023 UBBA and UGSA rule books.

GENOLA TOWN PREPAREDNESS CITIZENS COMMITTEE

We have a new website for preparedness in the **Mountain Valley Area** (which includes Genola, Goshen, Elberta, and Eureka). Go to www.mountainvalleyreadiness.com to access monthly preparedness guides in both English and Spanish.

Upcoming events:

***Santaquin/Mountain Valley Area preparedness fair** Saturday, March 18, 2023, 9 am to Noon at the Santaquin Stake Center – 45 South 500 West. Classes will be ongoing throughout the 3-hour timeframe so come when you can!

***Weekly gardening classes in Santaquin the first four Thursdays of March 7pm-8:30pm, Santaquin North Stake Center: 545 N 200 E Santaquin**

Learn to grow food for you and your family, even if you do not have access to land to grow a traditional garden.

March 2nd: How to make veggie gardening work for you.

March 9th: Growing berries in the home garden

March 16th: Managing soils, fertilizer, compost, and keeping the garden alive.

March 23rd: Start your own veggies indoors--a hands-on workshop.

If you would like to participate in preparedness activities in our community, please text Alisa Morford at 801-636-2884 or email alisamorford@gmail.com

WATER BILLS

If you no longer want to receive a postcard bill, please contact the town office and we would be more than happy to update you to an email statement.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

We would like to congratulate Marcee Nelson for obtaining her EMT certification. Marcee was a great student and excelled in the 120-hour course, we look forward to her serving the town residents with her can do attitude.

A reminder that the 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, look for County Burn Permit Application – Utah Air Quality, open it and then click on the “Utah County” and then 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 in nature. When finished make sure the fire is dead out before dark and never burn at night. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable spring.

TOWN CELEBRATION

The Town Celebration will be June 15-17th! The Town Celebration Committee is looking for volunteers to help. They will have their first meeting February 22nd at 7pm at the fire station. Please come and volunteer to help plan our town celebration.

MISS GENOLA

This year's theme is Diamond in the Rough. Come see these beautiful girls shine and hear about the women who helped build this town into the hidden gem it has become.

This year's contestants for Miss Genola are:

Caroline Bates, Kate Blatter, and Jamie Sensinger

Jr Miss Genola Contestants:

Rebekah Frandsen, Erika Bishop, Annaleigh Bates, and Adalide Blatter

Little Miss Genola Royalty:

Zoey Welker, Quinley Shepherd, and Chanelle Shepherd

Pageant will be held at the Goshen Elementary School on March 18 at 7:00 pm.

Pre-sale Tickets (obtained from contestants) are: \$2 individual; \$10-Family 5+

At the door prices are: \$3 individual, \$12-Family 5+

Note from Ashley Shepherd, Miss Genola Director:

As the pageant director the past 3 years, I have learned to love our community in more ways than I thought I would. Working with the young women in Genola has helped me

build friendships and learn more about Genola and its workings. I have loved being involved with building our community friendships. Putting together the pageant has challenged me and helped me learn more about myself in so many ways. At this time, I have other obligations and can no longer give 100% to this wonderful program. If you have a love for the youth and Genola and are looking to make new friends and build up a support system around you, please contact the town office to sign up as the new pageant director. (Starting April 2023) You will be given the tools you need to make this a successful venture. Any questions, please feel free to contact me at 801-921-3013. Thank you again for trusting me and allowing me to be a small part in our community history.

INTERNET SPEED

Are you struggling to afford your Internet access? The State of Utah has a program to assist lower-income residents with paying for Internet access. The program details are found here: acp.utah.gov. The Internet speeds available to residents of Genola are well below the level that the Federal Government considers to be basic Internet service. We are working with Internet providers and the Utah Broadband Center to find ways to improve our Internet options. One way you can assist with this effort is to report to the Utah Broadband Center the speed of Internet service that you receive at your home. You do this by logging into this website from your home and performing a speed test. You can do this at: speedtest.utah.gov

SNOW REMOVAL

Just a reminder to not push the snow from your property onto City Streets. Doing so makes it very difficult for our wonderful public works department who work so hard to keep the roads clear.

EASTER EGG HUNT

We are looking for someone who can head up our Easter Egg Hunt this year, if you would like to help or know someone who would please contact either Councilman Grant Lundberg or the Town Office.

The Easter Egg Hunt is tentatively planned for Saturday April 8th.

BOOKMOBILE

Did you know that the BookMobile now comes to Genola. They recently made a change to their schedule. The schedule is every other Wednesday at the Genola LDS Church from 5-6:30pm. This service is provided at no charge. Please visit <https://bookmobiles.utah.gov/> for more information.