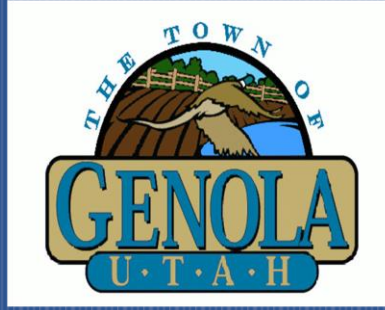


Genola Newsletter

“Genola, a small town
with a big heart.”



September 2021

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Our meet the Candidate night will be held on October 5th at 6:30pm at the Fire Station. You will have the opportunity to hear from the candidates and listen to their answers of pre-determined questions. This will be a great night and the candidates look forward to getting to know you better.

TRUNK-R-TREAT

It The Annual trunk-r-treat will be held on Saturday October 30th at 6pm at the Genola Park. We look forward to seeing everyone and their costumes.

ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 2nd

This election year our town will be participating in Ranked Choice Voting. Please see the included flyer for more information.

GENOLA FIRE DEPARTMENT

We would like to remind R1 residents that the fall open burn period this year will be between September 15 through October 30th. This date range is subject to the weather conditions. R1 zones will be able to get their burn permits online at air.utah.gov. Please remember to monitor your fire at all times while burning, 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 have 5 acres or more an agriculture burn permit can be obtained by emailing:

genola.ag.burn.permit@gmail.com Please include your name, address, phone number and estimated acreage and we will have one emailed back to you, these will

DATES TO REMEMBER

**October 5th Meet the
Candidate Night.**

**Fire Department Fundraiser
October 9th at the North Pavilion**

Trunk-R-Treat October 30th 6pm

Election Day November 2nd

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

Planning Commission Meeting is
the 1st Thursday of each month
at 7:00 p.m.

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

COMMUNITY

is about doing something

TOGETHER

That makes belonging

MATTER

-Brian Solis

be good for 2 years. As always, every fire will need to be called into the Utah County Burn line at 801-374-2876 they will advise you if it is a burn day or not. Be ready to give them your unique burn permit number that will be on the permit. Please read the permit as to what you can and cannot do, it is your responsibility to follow all conditions.

WWW.TOWNOFGENOLA.ORG

We are so excited to announce that the Town has a new Website! We invite you to visit www.townofgenola.org and look around. There are parts of it that are still under construction, so we ask for your patience as we continue to improve it. You will be able to pay and reserve a pavilion online, sign-up for soccer or baseball, or even purchase Rodeo Tickets in the future. We are currently working on getting all our Zoning Codes online at this time. You can sign-up for calendar updates like Town Council or Planning Commission, you can receive emails when the new agendas are posted and minutes are uploaded to the site. We are excited and hope that this can help residents have more access to information. If you have any suggestions on ways to improve the website or notice any errors, please feel free to let the office know by either calling or emailing us at genolapz@gmail.com.

BOOKMOBILE

A proposal has been made to bring back the Bookmobile to our community. We want to hear from you the residents if this is something that you want for our community. The Bookmobile would cost the town around \$3000 annually but would be available to the residents of Genola at no additional cost. The Bookmobile would come to the town office once every two weeks for 1 ½ hours. The Bookmobile has access to all kinds of books including new releases and popular titles. Please take the time to email the town at genoladeputyclerk@gmail.com and share your thoughts on this proposal whether for or against. We look forward to hearing from you.

GUN/HUNTER SAFETY

We have had several residents come in and express concern about people hunting too close homes. We like to remind all residents that Genola follows the Utah State Code. Utah State Code 76-10-508 states that an individual may not discharge a dangerous weapon or firearm; from an automobile or other vehicle; at communications equipment or property or public utilities including facilities, lines, poles, or devices of transmission or distribution; without written permission to discharge the dangerous weapon from the owner or person in charge of the property within 600 feet of; a house dwelling or any other building; any structure in which a domestic animal is kept or fed, including a barn, poultry yard, corral, feeding, or stockyard. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the Santaquin Police Departments non-emergency line 801-754-1070

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizen's are starting back up again and we are so excited to have everyone back together! The first meeting will be Tuesday, September 28th at 11am-12:30pm for a catered lunch. There will be lunch, games, entertainment, and door prizes. Please RSVP to the town office (801-754-5300) by no later than Monday September 27th. Future dates will be announced soon.

BSA Troop 101

The Boy Scouts are having an informational meeting on October 9th from 11-1pm at the Genola Park. There will be games, treats, and Activities.
call Russ Fuller for more information 801-473-5211

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I would like to update you on a few improvements and achievements made on behalf of Genola Residents in the past year.

WATER

As many of you may be aware Genola has been working on getting a second well and million-gallon storage tank towards the northern end of town. This is still in the works; the test well drilled in March proved very promising on water quality and quantity. The water change application is in the review process, and we are working on environmental compliance. This may take several months, but I see that we should be drilling early next year. Funding comes from the Department of Drinking water with a forgiveness of about \$500,000 with the remaining financed at 0%. With an additional grant of \$300,000 from the Bureau of Reclamation. I don't expect to have any fee increases to pay for the new well and tank. I feel this will be a great asset to the Town of Genola, especially in this time of drought and uncertainty. This second well will provide a second source in case of failure or repair of our current single well supplying our town. A few years ago, we received a grant that allowed us to extend a 12-inch culinary line to our town boundary on the north. We also relined the inside of our existing tank. I feel Genola is in good shape with our town water system. Soon we may have to do maintenance on our current well and we are keeping this as a priority.

FIRE STATION and PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

Our fire department responds to fires, medical calls, and traffic accidents inside and outside of our municipal boundaries. When the department responds to fires in the county or on state or federal land, the resulting revenue helps to cover the costs of maintaining the fire trucks and other equipment.

We recently completed asphaltting the parking lot to our public works building. We received a matching grant for this of about \$75,000. This will be a tremendous help for elderly and those who are handicapped to attend meetings and activities within the public works building.

PARKS

We have also purchased playground equipment for our park which will be coming soon. We have acquired a Conex storage container to store and protect our sports equipment. We have installed 4 sections of bleachers with the installation done completely by volunteers (thank you!). If any of you have visited our town offices, you may notice it has been upgraded and provide much needed space and functionality.

TOWN CELEBRATION and RODEO

Last year our town celebration and rodeo were canceled due to Covid restrictions. This year we came back with a roar and had one of the best celebrations I can remember.

The town celebration was heavily participated in, and the rodeo made a profit, which we allocated to their budget next year.

ROADS

Each year we receive road funds to repair and maintain our road in the community. Genola received rotto mill, which was used to repair North state road and 200 south. We also repaired several miles of North Lake Road and chip sealed center street.

POSSIBLE FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

H.B. 422 allows no cost to residents for hook up to natural gas when extended to rural communities. Logistical planning accounts for a delay until about 2023

We are considering having the Bookmobile come back to Genola. We would like your input please email genoladeputyclerk@gmail.com to express your opinion in either direction.

The planning commission is considering many new ordinances and revision of some existing ordinances. You are encouraged to participate through public hearings.

CONCLUSION

Through my experience having served on the Planning Commission, Town Council, and almost one term as Mayor; I realize that a community can only be successful by working together. In the examples listed above, either myself or council members are responsible for and oversee town functions and departments, they, along with volunteers and town staff, have excelled in providing services to Genola residents. We can accomplish this work by working together and by working together, I think we can accomplish most anything. I also appreciate the diversity of those that serve; they provide unique perspective and healthy debate of a forward progressive vision.

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Recreation Director:

LaCee Clayburn

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Marty Larson

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Neil Brown
Lori Christensen
John Savage
Hale Robison

Planning Commission

Chairman-

John Rosenberger

Vice Chairman-

Brad Dinkel

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Tami Balzly
Norm Beagley
Avery Fitzgerald
Calvin Ewell
Thad Rowley

Fire Chief:

William McMullin

Candidate Profiles

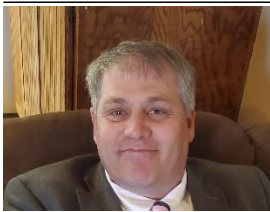
We invited all the candidates to submit a candidate profile.

Candidates for Mayor



Giala Murdoch - Hi I am Giala Murdoch i have been married to Jay for 17 years we have lived in Genola for almost 16 years. I have worked for Dominion Energy GAS Co for 12 years and have been a substitute bus driver for Nebo district off and on for the last 12 years. We have 7 children between the two of us and have 19 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. I enjoy animals and the peace they offer by being around them. We enjoy camping and horseback riding. We enjoy being with family and watching them succeed in their lives.

I am looking forward to giving back to the community that has helped me grow into the person I am today.



Marty Larson – I would like to introduce myself Marty Larson as a candidate for Mayor. I have lived in Genola for 25 years and have grown to really love the area and especially the people. I am married to Belinda with 4 wonderful children. I have served as a planning commissioner, town councilperson, and currently as Mayor. I would like to serve one more term as Mayor. Many have asked why you would ever want to do that, you're crazy! I have enjoyed serving. Some of the positions I serve on in representing Genola include Chairman of Mt. Nebo Water Agency which serves to evaluate supply and use of water and infrastructure in our region. South Utah Municipal Water Association which has contracted with Central Utah Water Service District to bring water to nine south Utah cities. I also serve on a grant committee (CDBG) which issue funds that serve our area. Mountain Land Association of Governments, and with the help of Mayor Stahlie of Goshen and Mayor Hunsaker of Santaquin we have identified along with many other projects the widening of HWY 6 with a climbing lane and turn lane on the south end of town. The County Association of Governments which considers county issues. My strongest desire has been to protect agriculture and natural resources such as water. Some of the issues above can lead to great debate and sometimes contention. I feel that by implementing the laws and vision of those who have served before, along with working together, sometimes more listening than talking, we will benefit more by collaboration and unity.

I believe the solution to solving most problems starts at the level of neighborly love and compromise. I always believe we should obey the laws and ordinance adopted in our area. This is hard, many people, even lawyers, interpret laws so differently. I would like to take extra effort to pass laws that are not ambiguous and do not provide contention in a non-intended requirement. I believe when law and mercy sometime butt heads, the law should prevail, but this does not require the putting away of love and caring and civil communication.

I believe we should for the most part be positive, uplifting and solution oriented. I choose to think the best about my neighbor and sometimes be wrong, than always think the worst of them and always be right.

Candidates for City Council



Hale Robison - I have lived in Genola for over 49 years and for the last several years I served on the City Council. During that time, I was over roads and water. My passion and motivation for the roads and water is to make our small town a better place. I would like to see new paved roads all the way to the north end of Genola and to keep all other roads chipped and sealed.

Leadership on the City Council is about identifying the challenges we face and then bringing solutions to the table to solve problems. I have been influential in providing proven decision-making skills to the City Council in dealing with notable issues facing Genola today. This is a special town with good people in it. I enjoy working with other members of the City Council and look forward to serving again. I hope to have your vote and I will do my best to serve you well.



Grant Lundberg - I am running because I want to participate in our community and help plan for its future. I want to grow responsibly and maintain our rural way of life.



Daron Hughes – Is a born and raised Utah native. He grew up in Spanish Fork before moving six years ago to Genola with his wife and children. Daron's formative years were spent on the family farm where, at an early age, he learned the value of hard work, commitment, and perseverance. He has been riding horses since he could walk and has served on numerous riding clubs and associations as a member, office, and served on several Board of Directors. He loves Genola, its small-town atmosphere, wide open spaces, and wants to preserve its uniqueness and serve the residents as their elected council member.