

Genola Newsletter

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I hope you enjoyed a warm and meaningful Thanksgiving holiday. This special time of year gives us the chance to reflect on the blessings we enjoy, the people who support us, and the sense of belonging that makes our town such a wonderful place to call home. Whether you spent the day around a crowded table, on the road visiting loved ones, or in the comfort of your own traditions, I hope it was filled with gratitude, peace, and connection.

As we move into December, our community is already beginning to take on the spirit of the Christmas season.

Lights are going up, events are being planned, and there is a growing sense of excitement as we prepare to celebrate together. The Christmas holiday offers a wonderful opportunity to gather with family and friends, to share kindness, and to strengthen the relationships that sustain us throughout the year.

During the coming weeks, I hope you will have time with the people who matter most. The holidays can be busy, but they are also a meaningful reminder of the importance of slowing down, creating memories, and supporting those around us. Thank you for being part of our community. I wish you a safe, warm, and joyful holiday season filled with celebration, fellowship, and the company of those you hold dear.

Gravel Pits Update

Our October meeting with representatives from the Division of Air Quality and our state legislators was a tremendous success. Thank you to everyone who attended and showed support. Your presence made a

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 1st – Christmas Tree Lighting at the Fire Station 6pm

Dec 13th 10am – 12pm Santa coming to the Fire Station

December 24th-25th Town Office Closed

January 1st – Town Office Closed

January 19th – Town Office Closed

February 16th – Town Office Closed

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.

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



meaningful difference, and we made exactly the impression we hoped to achieve.

As a direct result of that meeting, the Division of Air Quality has committed to the following important steps:

1. Creation of a State-Level Dust Mitigation Committee the Division of Air Quality has formed a committee made up of elected officials, environmental experts, and industry representatives. Its purpose is to prepare recommended legislation aimed at improving dust mitigation, monitoring, and enforcement statewide.

The committee held its first meeting on November 13th, and I was honored to be invited to participate as a member. The discussion at this initial meeting focused entirely on how to remedy the challenges Genola faces due to dust from gravel pit operations.

2. Installation of a Dust Monitoring Station in Genola, the Division of Air Quality will be installing a dust monitoring station within Genola. This station will allow the Division to continuously track dust levels remotely from Salt Lake City. We look forward to seeing the data and gaining a clearer understanding of local dust conditions.

These developments are significant steps forward, and I am encouraged by the momentum we are gaining. I'm hopeful that we can gain real improvements in dust mitigation, monitoring, and enforcement, thanks in large part to the unified efforts of our community.

Thank you again for your continued support and engagement on this important issue.

ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to our newly elected Mayor and City Councilmembers. We appreciate all who participated in the election process through being a candidate or voting. These newly elected officials will be sworn in at our regularly scheduled town council meeting on January 21st at 7pm.

Mayor:

Neil Brown

4- Year Councilmembers:

Chad Coburn

Grant Lundberg

2- Year Councilmember

Brenan Jackson

Detailed information regarding voter turnout etc. can be found at

<https://genolaut.gov/election-information/>

TOWN MEETING SCHEDULES

Our next Town Council Meeting will be Wednesday December 10th at 7pm. This is a week earlier than our normal schedule of the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

The January Planning Commission Meeting will be held on January 8th at 7pm to adjust for the New Year's holiday. Please contact the town office if you have any questions.

TREE LIGHTING

The Annual Tree Lighting will take place on December 1st at 6pm Come and be a part of this wonderful tradition and enjoy yummy treats provided by the Laker family.

Miss Genola

We're excited to announce that sign-ups are now open for the **Miss Genola** and **Junior Miss Genola** competitions! 🌸

If you're interested in participating, please take a moment to fill out the form linked below. This is your opportunity to represent our wonderful community, build confidence, make friends, and take part in a memorable local tradition.

🔗 <https://forms.gle/rXoyXvhg65mvqZSJ8>

We encourage all interested participants to sign up soon — spots may be limited. Once your form is submitted, we'll contact you with more details about orientation, rehearsals, and event dates.

Thank you for your interest and enthusiasm. We can't wait to see the amazing young women who will represent Genola this year!

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 a Saturday on December 13th from 10am till 12 pm (noon). Come on down and visit with him at the Fire Station. We wish everyone a safe holiday season.

SENIOR CITIZENS

We are excited for our next Senior Citizen Luncheon December 9th at 12pm. We will have lunch at the Sage Creek Barn and the Singers from Stand Out Studios will be coming to share their talents with us. We hope everyone will come to celebrate the season and friendship together.

BASEBALL SIGNUPS

Youth Baseball/Softball registration for 2026 Season opens January 5th, 2026, and closes March 15th 2026. You will be able to register on the town website

www.genolaut.gov/online-payments

NATURAL GAS

Enbridge is still putting in service lines, if you haven't signed a contract with Enbridge and would like to you have until fall of 2026, after this time you will no longer be eligible to receive a free service line (a possible savings of several thousand dollars). You can contact Dave Christensen 801-360-6698 for more information.

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.UtahCounty.Gov.

BOOKMOBILE

Did you know that the BookMobile comes to Genola every month? The BookMobile comes to the Genola Church on the 3rd Monday of every month. Through your BookMobile library card, you can also gain access to Libby, an online public library. The schedule is always subject to change, but you can always check their website <https://bookmobiles.utah.gov/utah/> for more information.

KEEP OUR PARKS BEAUTIFUL

Parents we have been struggling with having kids and teenagers riding their motorcycles and ATV's on the grass in the park and in the gravel parking lots. Our public work staff work tirelessly in all kinds of weather to keep our parks beautiful, and we need your help to keep them that way