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Precinct Splits

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This is a presidential election year. With the primary and general election scheduled for August and November, we are expecting a 70% turnout in voter participation. In an effort to alleviate long lines at our polling places, we have chosen to split some of our precincts. This decision would accomplish two things: First, the voting lines will be smaller; second, the state will supply us with new voting equipment under their program to update Michigan's antiquated voting equipment - saving the township about \$24,000.00.

Our biennial precinct report that was submitted to the State reflects 13,491 registered voters in Genoa Township. The Election Commission and Township Board have already approved the splitting of precincts 1, 2, 4 & 6 according to the geographic boundary as follows: Splitting precincts 4 and 6 along Brighton Road; splitting precinct 1 along Latson Road; splitting precinct 2 along Nixon Road. This action of the board created additional precincts numbered 7, 8, 9 & 10.

Help Wanted: With the addition of four new precincts, we will also need to employ approximately 20 additional election officials for both the primary and general election. Persons interested in serving their community in this capacity may contact the Clerk's office at (810) 227-5225 for an application. This is a paid position for working a 16-hour day and attending an instructional class.

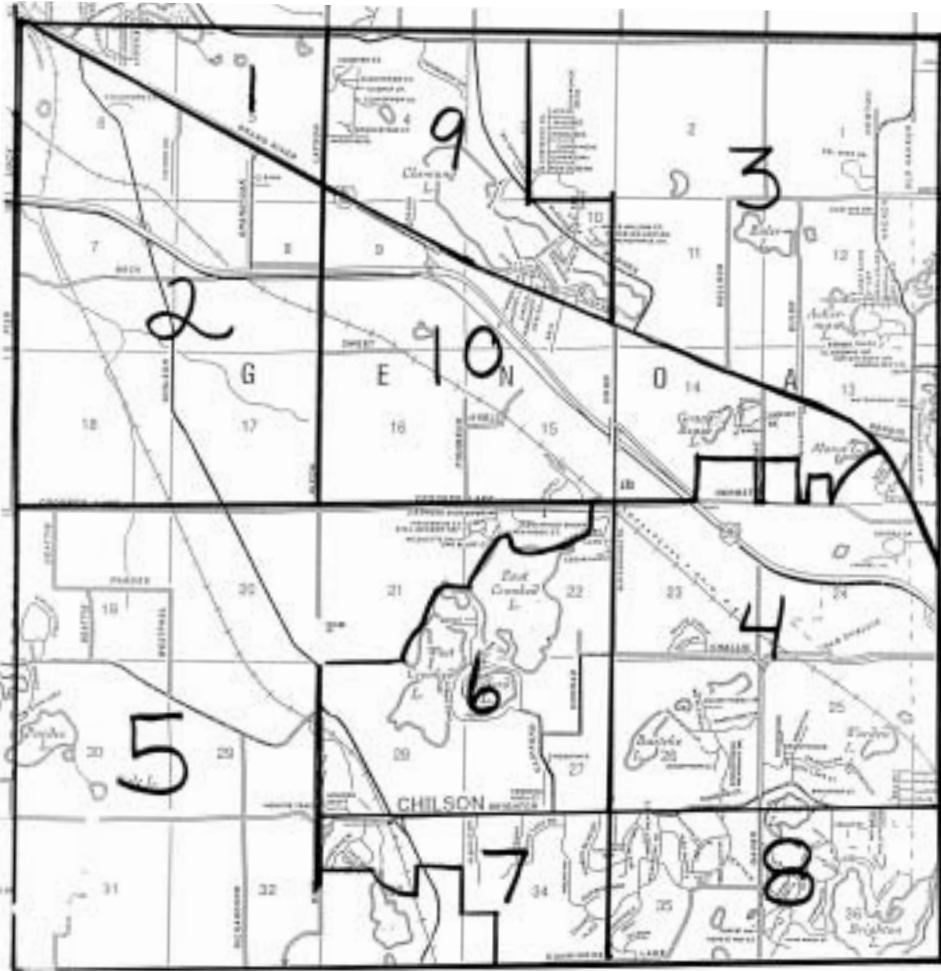
New voter identification cards will be mailed this April. Please note that we have a new polling place at Three Fires Middle School, just off Crooked Lake Road. This new polling place will accommodate residents living in precincts: 2 & 10. Unfortunately, residents living right across the street from the school will not be able to use this convenient polling place, because it is a different congressional district. Precincts 1 & 9 will continue to use Cleary College. Precincts 4 & 6 along with 7 & 8 will be accommodated at Brighton Church of the Nazarene. The primary difference being that we will have twice as many voting devices to serve our residents. Precincts 3 & 5 will remain the same.

Please refer to the map related to the precinct splits and relative polling places. We are hopeful that by advising you this far in advance, we will be able to run a smooth election in 2004.

Please see Genoa township Precincts and Polling Places map on next page.

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Precinct polling places are as follows:

Cleary University
3750 Cleary Drive
Precincts 1 & 9

Three Fires Middle School
4125 Crooked lake
Precincts 2 & 10

Community Bible Church
7372 W. Grand River
Precinct 3

Brighton Church of the Nazarene
7679 Brighton Road
Precincts 4, 6, 7 & 8

Chilson Hills Baptist Church
4440 Brighton Road
Precinct 5

Notice of Public Hearing

Genoa Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 15, 2004 at 7:00 pm. This hearing will be held in conjunction with the application for a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. The grant application relates to a parks and recreation development at the Genoa Township Hall that includes two soccer fields, a bike path and a fishing pier along with parking, grading, irrigation and rest room facilities. Public comment on this site plan is encouraged for all residents. Please plan on attending.

Spring Yard Cleanup

Collection dates have been scheduled for Saturday April 24th and Saturday May 22nd. Residents may drop off their yard waste – NO GRASS PLEASE— at the Genoa Township Hall from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Mister Rubbish will have trucks on site and assist you in emptying your vehicle. Please recycle— don't burn.

Passports may be obtained from the Livingston County Clerks Office

To obtain a passport you must provide the following:

- Proof of citizenship (a certified birth certificate or original naturalization certificate)
- You must show valid picture identification (driver's license or Michigan State I.D.)
- Two identical 2 x 2 inch passport photos required (white or light background).
- Passport applications, available at the Livingston County Clerk's Office, must be completed in-person.

The cost is approximately \$85.00.

From the Desk of the Supervisor ...

Gary McCririe

I am reminded almost daily why I got involved in Township Government and specifically why I ran for Supervisor. It's because it is so darn rewarding working with the constituents, our customers. Almost daily we meet new people moving into our community who realize, like most of us, why it is a great place to live and raise our families. I am especially proud of the staff we have at the Township Hall who help all of you with your tax questions, general information, land use permits, etc. It is truly a great group of people to be associated with.

I recently attended a Michigan Department of Transportation "listening" session where the audience did most of the listening and not enough of the talking. That was, of course, not the way it was designed to work. The MDOT representatives were going to do the listening and the local customers were going to do the talking. That made me think that I should offer our customers the opportunity to do the talking and let me do the listening. Consider it a chance for me to listen to you and gather information about what concerns you. Too often elected officials go about their business thinking they know what their customers want and believe. Why not give them the opportunity to tell us exactly what they want and believe? So, I will open your Township Hall to you on Monday, March 22, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. to give those of you who have items you would like to share or questions you would like to ask the opportunity to have me "listen" to you. The setting will be very informal, so come prepared for a candid and frank exchange of ideas and a chance to have your questions answered.

We had a resident attend a Township Board meeting several months ago who asked us if we had any plans for warning sirens in our community. Recently, Green Oak Township undertook a similar project to install warning sirens through out their community to warn residents of potential emergencies. I will be studying the feasibility of a similar project in Genoa. It will not be inexpensive, but I feel it might be a very worthwhile expenditure for the safety of our residents. The basic function of any Township is to "protect the health, safety and welfare of it's residents." I believe that this potential project would go a long way to meet that lofty goal. You should be reading more about this project in future newsletters as we develop a cost projection.

Finally, the Township is applying for a DNR recreation grant to install soccer fields behind the hall. This project would include two fields, parking, irrigation, rest rooms and a walking path for access to the ponds on the Township property. If successful, we would receive most of the monies from the DNR with about 20% being paid by the general fund. The Township Board feels that it is worthwhile to help promote recreation in our community and this would take us another step in that direction. We will not know for some time if we are successful in the grant request, but we will let you know of our progress.

As always, I welcome your comments' regarding these items and anything else that's on your mind. Please feel free to call me at 810-227-5225 or e-mail me at gary@genoa.org. Best wishes.

Recycle

- Recycle your old small household alkaline and rechargeable batteries. Just drop them off at the township hall during regular business hours.
- Recycle your old eyeglasses. We have a drop box near the front door and the Lions Club will distribute them to persons in need.
- Recycle your used motor oil in Genoa Township at Victory Lane ((810) 229-0313 or the Shell Service Station (517) 545-9900 – (Call first.)
- Recycle your clothing and shoes at the Salvation Army 6458 E. Grand River.
- Your old cellular phone can be recycled and used for emergency service by LACASA (517) 548-1350.

2004 Holiday Collection Schedule

Memorial Day – Monday, May 31

All collection days will be one day behind the
Week of May 31 through June 5

Independence Day – Sunday, July 4

No change in collection day

Labor Day – Monday, September 6

All collection days will be one day behind the
Week of September 6 – September 11

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 25

Only Thursday and Friday will be one day behind

Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25

No change in collection day

New Years Day – Saturday, January 1, 2005

No change in collection day

Large Item Refuse Collection

The Township has decided to continue its large item pick-up program for another year. This program has successfully reduced roadside dumping and helped clean up individual properties. Township residents that pay for refuse collection on their winter tax bill can purchase one large item sticker per household for \$6 at the Township Hall. Additional stickers can be purchased for \$12 each.

The stickers can be used for appliances, mattresses or other large bulky items that are not typically picked up. Please note that appliances containing Freon such as refrigerators must have the Freon removed by a certified technician prior to pick-up. Appliances that could endanger children must have the doors removed prior to placing them out for pick-up.

Questions related to what items Waste Management will pick up should be directed to 1.800.971.7490. Other general questions related to this program should be directed to Genoa Township at 810.227.5225. Since the program's inception in July of 2002 over 900 stickers have been issued. We would like to thank Waste Management for their cooperation in making this program a success.



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