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Genoa Charter Township News

April 2013

KITE FLYING Saturday, May 11th



Howell Parks and Recreation and Genoa Township are working together to provide a soaring time for you and your children. Kites will be flying high on Saturday, May 11th from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the Township Hall. Bring the whole family for a morning of fun. Kite making and flying demonstrations will be presented by Windjammers Stunt Kite Team. Stop by the Make-a-Kite Pavilion where you can purchase a kite for \$3.00 or bring your own. With a little wind and sun we are hoping for a great

time. (Legend has it that in 1752 Benjamin Franklin flew a kite during a thunder storm and after being shocked, discovered electricity.) This event will be part of the MI Big Green Gym that will be supported by MRPA and Blue Cross Blue Shield. This outdoor event will be held Thursday, March 28th, 2013 depending on the weather. A rain date has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th, 2013. For cancellation information due to inclement weather please contact Howell Area Parks and Rec at (517) 546-0693.

Howell Parks and Recreation

Genoa Township is now a full member of Howell Parks and Recreation. Residents will no longer have to pay the secondtier price for participation in their recreation programs. A sticker for Thompson Lake access may be obtained at the Bennett Recreation Center, 925 Grand River, Howell, MI. Proof of residency is required.



Moon Glow & Marshmallow Drop



Thursday, March 28th turned out to be one of the most glorious evenings of spring as the Howell Area Parks & Recreation Authority held an unique night-time Easter Egg Hunt and spring time celebration in Livingston County for children up to 10 at the Genoa Township Athletic Fields behind township hall on Dorr Rd. Over 800 children and their families took part in this, the 3rd Annual Moon Glow & Marshmallow Drop. For those unfamiliar with this one-of-a-kind outdoor event it all begins with a fly-over by helicopter and a massive drop of thousands of soft white marshmallows and a few special ones that could be turned in for prizes. Three different waves of children, grouped by age, waited patiently for the helicopter to drop these fluffy treats and then all ran out onto the field to collect as many as they could pick up. As this part of the event concluded, the children then gathered on the second field and waited at the start line for the sun to set and the lights to be turned off for the night-time Easter Egg Hunt - the Moon Glow - to begin. All 800 children brought their own flashlights and picked up the 25,000 chocolate and prized filled plastics eggs that were spread across two areas in less than five minutes. The Easter Bunny and her "peeps" were also on hand as well as hundreds of volunteers to help make this event run smoothly and efficiently. A special thanks to ITC and Genoa Township for their sponsorship and continued support of this event, and to Rollerama, Baymont Inn & Suites and Walmart for their in-kind donations for the raffles.





LATSON INTERCHANGE FUTURE LAND USE SURVEY

Public input is very important and your opinions are of great value. Please help us to further improve a community we are all proud to call home by filling out the survey regarding future land use. In addition to the workshops and public meetings, this survey is a way to gain feedback related to the Master Plan. The survey consists of 7 questions which should take you approximately 10 minutes to complete. We encourage you to complete the survey on-line at the Township homepage <u>www.genoa.org</u> or you can fill it out below and mail or drop-off at the Township Hall.

I) Please check all that apply to you:

- □ I am a homeowner in Genoa Township.
- □ I am a business owner in Genoa Township.
- □ I rent the home where I live in Genoa Township.
- I rent/lease a commercial property or space in Genoa Township.

2) Please indicate the name of the street associated with the answer to the previous question (ex. Chilson Rd.):

3) For how long have you owned property in Genoa Township?

- Less than 5 years.
- **5** to 10 years.
- More than 10.
- Does not apply to me.

4) How large is the property you own in Genoa Township?

- Less than I acre.
- □ I to 4.9 acres.
- □ 5 to 9.9 acres.
- □ 10+ acres.
- Does not apply to me.

5) How important are or were the following factors when deciding to live or own property and remain in Genoa Township?

	Very Important	Important	Not Important	Other
Living near water				
Living near woods				
Access to highway				
Access to hunting & fishing				
Open space				
Good soil for crops				
Rural atmosphere				
Small community atmosphere				
Retail/commercial is concentrated on the main street				
Job location				
Family nearby				
Schools				
Recreational amenities such as sidewalks, bike paths and parks				

6) Do you support or oppose paying additional taxes or fees for any of the following public services or facilities?

	Rank I-9 (I being the most important and 9 being the least important)	Support	Neither Support nor Oppose	Oppose
Public Drinking Water				
Public Sanitary Sewer				
Increased Police Protection				
Increased Fire Protection				
Increased Emergency Medical Services				
Road Paving/ Maintenance				
Bike Paths/Walking Paths/ Sidewalks				
Parks and Recreation (picnic areas, playgrounds, play fields, tennis courts etc.)				
Senior Citizen Center				

7) Latson Road Interchange

The Latson Road interchange is currently under construction. Once completed we anticipate demand for development south of the interchange. Through a public open house, meetings with property owners, discussions with the township's planners, and input from economic development professionals, we have been presented a number of different scenarios for how this area could develop. We are considering a concept described as Interchange Campus, which would allow a planned development for a medical campus, research park, or similar as described below. We would like to know what our residents would like the area south of the new interchange along Nixon Road to look like in the future.



	Support	Neither Support nor Oppose	Oppose	Don't Know
<u>Keep it Rural</u> : This area should remain in agricultural use, or develop as single-family residential on lots no less than 5 acres. This area is prime farmland or has significant natural limitations such as wetlands. This area should not be planned for sanitary sewer or public water.				
Residential Subdivision: This area should be developed with new small lot, single- family subdivisions and/or multiple family condominiums and served with public water and sanitary sewer.				
<u>Commercial Corridor:</u> This area should be developed as a commercial corridor similar to Grand River Avenue. This area would need to be served with public water and sanitary sewer.				
Interchange Campus: This area should be developed with a large scale user to serve as an economic development engine for the area. Land uses in this category would include hospitals, corporate headquarters, universities, sports centers, and research and development facilities. This would require public water and sanitary sewer.				
<u>Mixed-Use:</u> A blend of residential, commercial, cultural, institutional or industrial uses whose functions are integrated. This would require public water and sanitary sewer.				

Please leave your comments or questions below:



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RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

Survey Continued...

Please provide your contact information if you would like to be included on future plan updates:

Name:	
E-mail:	
Address:	

The Planning staff and Genoa Township would like to personally thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. We encourage you to complete the survey on-line, however If you are filling out a printed version, it can be dropped in the Township drop box along the parking lot of the Township Hall or mailed to 2911 Dorr Rd, Brighton, Michigan 48116. If you would like for us to send you a survey with a self-addressed return label please contact us and we will mail it to the address provided. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at (810) 227-5225. Our hours are Monday-Friday 9AM to 5PM.

Completed surveys will be accepted through May, 1st, 2013.

The Spring Cleanup

The collection of yard waste is scheduled for the following dates: Saturday, April 20th and Saturday, May 18th. Residents may drop-off their yard waste from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Genoa Township Hall. Deciduous and coniferous tree seedlings will be distributed to Genoa residents on a first come first serve basis.

