

2016

- Herbst Road will be improved along its entire length. On the western end, from Dorr Road to Acre Hill, the existing roadway will be crushed, shaped and repaved. On the eastern end, Acre Hill to Grand River, the gravel portion of the Herbst will be paved.
- Cunningham Lake and Bauer Roads will be paved. Cunningham Lake will be improved from Sundance Trail to Bauer Road then north on Bauer Road from Cunningham Lake to the end of the pavement south of River Ridge. The existing paved portion of Bauer, from River Ridge to Brighton Road, will be crushed, shaped and repaved. Finally, the gravel portion of Bauer will be paved to the Township limit.
- Hughes Road will be repaved. The southern section from Grand River to Cherokee Bend will be milled and overlaid. The area north of Cherokee Bend to Golf Club Drive will be crushed shaped and paved.

OAK WILT RESOLUTION
by Paulette Skolarus

Michigan has lost millions of trees due to Dutch Elm disease and the Emerald Ash Borer. Now our oak trees are in jeopardy. Red oak wilt is identified by the rapid wilting of an infected tree that is dead in two to six weeks. White oaks die slowly one branch at a time over the course of several years. Oak wilt is caused by the fungus that is spread by improper tree trimming and removal practices. It is spread in two ways – from tree to tree through connected roots and/or from spores being moved by insects. To prevent the spread of oak wilt diseases please consider the following:

- Oak trees **should not be pruned or trimmed between April 1 and October 15.**
- Oak trees that are inadvertently injured or pruned between April 1 and October 15 should be promptly sealed with a tree pruning sealer or latex paint. The repair should take place within hours of the injury.
- Any developer, contractor and/or owner(s) of property preparing a site for construction during April 1st through October 15th should adhere to the above oak wilt prevention practices.
- Members of the white oak family diseased with oak wilt may be saved with tree injections of the fungicide Alamo by a registered company.
- Dead oak trees should be removed along with the stump and properly disposed of by chipping to less than 3 inches or removed to a disposal site for debarking, burning or burial.
- Oak wood retained as firewood should be sealed with a tarp.

The above is a condensed version of the resolution approved by the township board. Please refer to the Genoa Township web site (www.genoa.org) for the complete resolution with regard to oak wilt.

Thank you to Arborist Julie Stachecki of Site Specific, Inc. for bringing this important information to the attention of the Genoa Township Board.



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Important Dates:

- Monday, Sept. 30: Road Information Open House, 5-7 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 7: Last Day to Register to Vote for New Voters
- Tuesday, Nov. 5: Election Day

Important information about voting and absentee ballots can be obtained at: <http://www.genoa.org/government/elections>

Ballot Language:

The following paragraph is the language that Genoa Township voters will see on the Nov. 5, 2013 special election ballot:

Shall the limitation upon the amount of taxes which may be levied by Genoa Charter Township on all property within the Township be increased by 1.5 mills (\$1.50 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of fifteen (15) years, for the years 2013 through 2027 inclusive, for the purpose of raising funds for road improvement projects in Genoa Charter Township, including paying debt service on bonds to be issued for the purpose of financing road improvement projects. If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$1,492,003 in the first year the millage is levied.

- (1) Livingston County Road Commission
- (2) Link to Township survey results:
<http://www.genoa.org/newsbulletinfiledata/download/50>
- (3) http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdot/MDOT_fastfacts02-2011_345554_7.pdf?20130722174919



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Genoa Charter Township News

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Millage Request: Election Nov. 5, 2013
by Paulette Skolarus

Included within this newsletter you will find information with regard to a millage request of 1.5 mills for road improvement projects in Genoa Township. You may ask why this proposal is before you when it is the responsibility of the Livingston County Road Commission to take care of our roads. According to the road commission there are just not enough dollars coming into Livingston County to do any more. Livingston County ranks 83rd in per capita gas tax revenue out of 83 counties in Michigan. According to the Michigan Department of Treasury, Michigan Gasoline Tax Revenue has declined over the last decade even though the cost of gas has risen. This is due partially to increased miles per gallon for new vehicles.

Ninety-seven percent of the roads in our community are in fair to poor condition and they will never improve under the existing dispersal of gas tax. The millage proposal will include work on Crooked Lake Rd., Latson, Beck, Conrad, Challis, Bauer, Herbst, Cunningham Lake Rd., Brighton Rd. and Hughes. A home valued at \$200,000.00 and a state equalized value of \$100,000.00 your annual cost, if approved, would pay \$150.00 a year for 15 years. The total cost of this road work is estimated at \$23 million. In addition to the millage, the township general fund will contribute over \$4 million dollars in support of this project over the next 15 years. We will also continue to contribute approximately \$4 million to the maintenance of local roads over the next 15 years. This will include chloride, gravel and financial support of local subdivisions asking for special assessment districts. The General Fund will also provide crack sealing and seal coating for pavement improved under the millage proposal.

Registered voters who are on the absentee voter list should have received their application. Others wishing to vote absent voter ballot may print an application off the township website and fax (810-227-3420), scan and e-mail (polly@genoa.org), mail 2911 Dorr Road, Brighton, MI 48116. We also have a drop box at the driveway for your convenience.

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Genoa Township Road Proposal: Vote Nov. 5th!

Declining gas tax revenues, increased traffic and overall deterioration has resulted in 97% of roads in Genoa Township being rated in either poor or fair condition. (1)

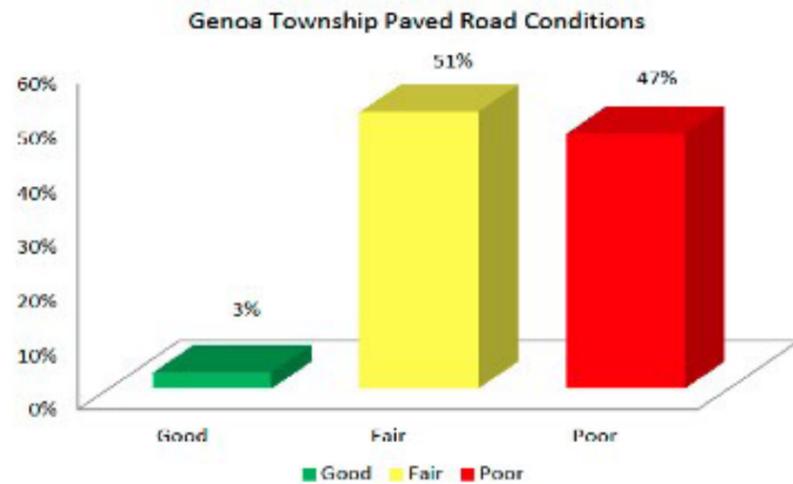
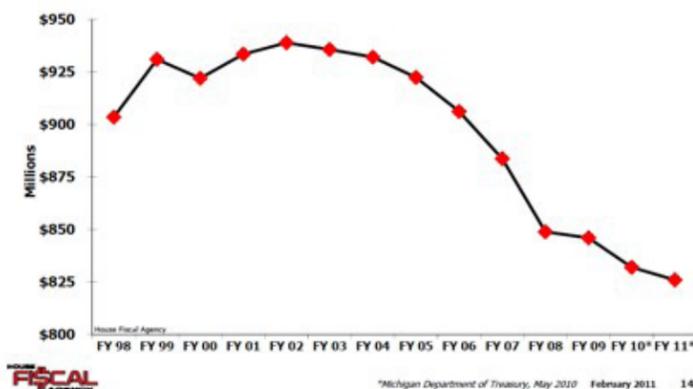


Table courtesy of Livingston County Road Commission

- Roads in Genoa Charter Township are under the jurisdiction of the Livingston County Road Commission or the Michigan Department of Transportation.
- Road maintenance in Michigan is paid for by a combination of gas tax and vehicle registration fees. The formula for distributing this money is based on lane miles not population or traffic counts. In fact out of the 83 counties in Michigan, Livingston is last in Michigan Transportation Fund Distributions per capita.
- Road maintenance revenues have been in decline.

Michigan Gasoline Tax Revenue



- In April of 2013, a survey was sent to every Genoa Township resident. 65.65% of residents who responded said they would support paying additional taxes for road paving/maintenance.
- Road improvements had over 20% more support than the next highest category in the survey. The categories included police, fire and emergency medical services.
- On May 6, 2013 the Township Board authorized a Road Improvement Master Plan that identified \$22,599,000 of improvements. A complete copy can be viewed at www.genoa.org.
- Genoa Township has typically spent approximately \$500,000 annually out of the General Fund on road maintenance.
- If the voters approve the road millage on November 5, 2013, the Township will issue capital improvement bonds to finance \$22,599,000 worth of work over the next three years. The Township Board will continue its General Fund commitment to roads.
- If approved, emergency vehicle response times will be improved.
- Maintenance costs for public vehicles such as fire trucks, ambulances and school buses will be reduced.
- \$250,000 per year will be used to finance debt and \$250,000 + will be used for other road-related improvements and maintenance, including crack sealing and seal coating of roads improved under this program.
- Brighton Road west of the Brighton City limit is targeted for repair for the Livingston County Road Commission in 2017.

What will the road millage cost me?

Market Value of Home	Current Property Taxes Paid			If Road Millage is Approved		
	Taxable Value of Home	2013 Genoa Taxes at .8146 mills	Monthly Cost	Annual Increase	Total with additional 1.5 mills (2.3146)	Extra Monthly Cost at 2.3146 mills
\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$40.73	\$3.39	\$75.00	\$115.73	\$8.25
\$150,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$61.10	\$5.09	\$112.50	\$173.60	\$9.38
\$200,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$81.46	\$6.79	\$150.00	\$231.46	\$12.50
\$250,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$101.83	\$8.49	\$187.50	\$289.33	\$15.63
\$300,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$122.19	\$10.18	\$225.00	\$347.19	\$18.75
\$350,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$142.56	\$11.88	\$262.50	\$405.06	\$21.88

What will happen if the road millage passes?



The following road projects, affecting all areas of the Township, would be completed over the next three years beginning in 2014:

2014

- Crooked Lake Road would be paved from Chilson Road to Spring Hill Road. The paved roadway west of Lakewood Shores Drive will be crushed and shaped to provide a uniform, consistent cross section.
- Latson Road from Aster Boulevard north past Conover Court will have a consistent 3-lane cross section with a center left turn lane. Acceleration and deceleration lanes will be provided for all of the residential developments within the project limits. This project will also include a traffic signal at the intersection of Latson and Hampton Ridge Boulevard.

2015

- The intersection of Challis and Bauer will be improved with the installation of a roundabout. Other road alignment changes will include the abandonment of Bauer Road between the staggered legs of Challis and the connection to existing Challis to the west. Challis Road will be paved east toward the railroad tracks.
- Beck Road would be paved from Chilson to Nixon Road (Nixon Road will become Latson Road after the interchange is opened).
- Conrad and Challis Roads will be repaved from Dorr Road to Clifford. This project involves significant grade and right-of-way issues.