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 tree 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 Bethyl 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.
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)

What will happen if the road millage passes?

- 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?

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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 Chilis 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 Chilis and the connection to existing Chilis to the west. Chilis 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 Chilis Roads will be repaved from Dorr Road to Clifford. This project involves significant grade and right-of-way issues.