

July 2026



Genoa Township News & Updates

Greetings

Welcome to this month's edition of Genoa Township news via email. Here's what's coming up in the Township:

Election Update from Clerk Rick Soucy

Township Clerk Rick Soucy has compiled a helpful 2026 Voter Guide for residents ahead of the August Primary Election and November Midterm Elections. The guide was created to provide voters with clear, accessible election information and serve as a valuable resource for the community during the 2026 election season.

Use this link to access a copy from the Township Website: [2026 Voter Guide](#)

Primary Election is Aug. 4

The Township will be holding two more elections in 2026:

Aug. 4 – Primary Election
Nov. 3 – General Election

Rick Soucy, Genoa Township Clerk, and his department are working diligently to train election workers as well as other preparations necessary for the elections.

Absentee Ballots were sent out June 25. If you are signed up to receive one, please keep an eye out for it. If you do not receive it, contact the Clerk's Office at: clerk@genoa.org or **(810) 224-5840**.

Genoa residents interested in early Voting for the Primary Election may cast their ballot at Genoa Township Hall July 25 through Aug. 2 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

In the Aug. 4, Primary Election, you can only vote for one political party -- no crossing party lines. Ballots must be returned by 8 p.m. on Election night Aug. 4 at either by mail, in person or in one of the Township's drop boxes located at Fire Station #35 at 1315 Chilson Road or Township Hall.

For questions regarding how to vote, where to vote and any others please visit the Elections page on the Township's website: www.genoa.org/government/elections

2026 Summer Tax Information

The 2026 Summer Tax Bills were mailed to all Genoa Township property owners on Tuesday, June 30, 2026. Summer taxes are payable, without penalty, through Monday, September 14, 2026. Summer Tax amounts are now available on the Township Website at www.genoa.org.

Beginning July 1, 2026, payments can be made online by credit card or electronic check, at the township offices by cash or check, by mail to Genoa Township, 2911 Dorr Rd., Brighton, MI 48116, placed in the Township drop box, or by filing ACH paperwork to set up an automatic withdrawal.

Please contact the Treasurer's Office at (810) 227-5225 if you have any questions or if you do not receive your bill.

County Veterans Millage on August Ballot

The renewal of the County Veterans Services Millage will appear on the Aug. 4 primary ballot. If approved by voters, the millage would continue to fund Livingston County Veteran Services (LCVS) programs and operations.

Information provided by Livingston County Veteran Services includes the following description of services currently offered:

Livingston County Veteran Services (LCVS) provides programs supporting veterans and their families. Veteran Service Officers assist eligible veterans in filing claims for benefits through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Honorably discharged veterans registered with LCVS, along with eligible spouses and widows, may access transportation services to medical appointments within a 50-mile radius. Transportation is arranged through LETS at (517) 546-6600 (option 3), with veteran status indicated when scheduling.

LCVS also administers emergency relief assistance programs for eligible honorably discharged veterans experiencing financial hardship. Assistance may include housing-related needs, utilities, dental care, and vouchers for food, clothing, and fuel. Appointments and eligibility screening can be scheduled by calling (517) 546-6338.

What Residents Should Know About Door-to-Door Activities

From time to time, residents contact Genoa Township with questions about individuals going door-to-door in their neighborhoods. While certain door-to-door activities are permitted, Genoa Township regulates many commercial door-to-door activities through its Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance.

Here's what residents should know.

Not all door-to-door activities are the same.

The Township ordinance primarily regulates **commercial door-to-door activities**, such as selling goods, taking orders, or offering products and services. Individuals engaging in these activities may be required to obtain a Township license or permit before operating in Genoa Township.

Certain charitable and religious organizations may also be required to obtain a permit unless they qualify for an exemption under the ordinance.

Political canvassing is different.

Political speech and canvassing are generally protected under the First Amendment and are not regulated in the same manner as commercial door-to-door activities.

Requirements that apply to peddlers and solicitors may not apply to individuals engaged solely in political advocacy, petition circulation, or the distribution of informational materials. Questions regarding a specific activity should be directed to Township staff.

What can residents do?

If someone comes to your door:

- You may ask whether they are required to have a Township-issued license or permit.
- Individuals who are required to be licensed must carry their Township-issued license or permit and present it upon request.
- You are not obligated to engage in conversation or allow someone onto your property.
- If you ask someone to leave your property, they should do so promptly.
- If you feel unsafe or observe suspicious activity, contact local law enforcement.

Neighborhood restrictions and private property

Residents occasionally ask whether homeowner associations, neighborhoods, or private roads may prohibit door-to-door activities. While private communities may establish their own rules or post notices regarding access, Genoa Township does not administer or enforce private homeowners association rules or private neighborhood restrictions related to solicitation.

Property owners may choose to post "No Soliciting" signs or otherwise indicate that door-to-door activities are not welcome. Individuals engaging in door-to-door activities should respect posted notices and leave private property when requested. Questions regarding enforcement of private restrictions should be directed to the appropriate property owner, homeowners association, or law enforcement when applicable.

Questions?

Residents with questions about whether a specific activity requires a Township license or permit may contact the Genoa Township Clerk's Office at 810-227-5225.

Learn more about the ordinance at:

<https://www.genoa.org/government/ordinances/ordinance-peddlers>

This article is intended to provide a general overview of the ordinance. The ordinance primarily regulates commercial door-to-door activities. Certain activities, including constitutionally protected speech and political canvassing, may be subject to different legal standards and may not require a Township license or permit. Residents and organizations should consult the full ordinance or contact Township staff with questions regarding specific activities.

Waste Management Offers Curbside Residential Yard Waste Service

Genoa Township residents can sign up for bi-weekly curbside yard waste collection through Waste Management. There is a charge for this service.

To sign up and pay for curbside yard waste service, call Waste Management at (810) 201-5576 and enter your zip code when asked for an account number or visit Waste Management's Genoa Township page at [WM - Genoa Township Page](#)

Planning a Project? You Might Need a Permit!

As summer brings new home improvement projects and outdoor upgrades, Genoa Charter Township wants to remind residents that many types of work may require a permit before getting started.

Why Get a Permit?

Permits help ensure that projects are safe, meet local codes, and maintain the integrity of your property and neighborhood. They also protect homeowners by ensuring contractors follow the proper procedures and that completed work is inspected.

Common Summer Projects That May Need a Permit:

- **Decks**
- **Patios**
- **Fences**
- **Retaining Walls**
- **Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs**
- **Sheds**
- **Pole Barns**
- **Additions or structural changes**
- **Grading or drainage projects**

If you're unsure whether your project requires a permit, please contact our Zoning Department at (810) 227-5225 or visit www.genoa.org for more information. Starting work without the proper permits can lead to costly corrections, delays, or even fines. We're here to help!

Our staff is happy to walk you through the process and answer any questions. Let's work together to keep Genoa Township safe and looking great!

Bulk Item Frequently Asked Questions

- Waste Management will take one bulk item from every household every week.
- These are items that do not fit in your garbage cart. Examples: furniture, TVs, washing machines, etc.
- Excess garbage bags or recycling is not bulk.
- Fabric items must be completely wrapped in plastic.
- Bulk should be placed out the night before your collection day, about 3 feet from your garbage cart.
- Bulk items are collected by a special truck and must stay at the curb. Collection can take up to five business days. If no pickup after five days, call the Township at (810) 227-5225. We will contact WM on your behalf.
- Yard waste is not bulk and cannot be put into your regular trash or recycling.
- For additional details on acceptable and non-acceptable items along with preparation guidelines you can download the following service guidelines document here: [WM Acceptable & Non-Acceptable Bulk Item List](#)

Contact Waste Management at (810) 201-5576 or visit Waste Management's Genoa Township page at [WM - Genoa Township Page](#) for more information. When calling enter your zip code when asked for an account number.

Genoa Township/Brighton Senior Center Voucher Program

Genoa Charter Township is pleased to offer complimentary vouchers for a basic membership to the Brighton Senior Center (a \$25 value).

Residents may visit the Clerk's Office to obtain their free membership voucher. Please note that these vouchers are valid for new memberships only and cannot be applied to existing or previously purchased memberships. Reimbursements for current memberships will not be issued.

Township Calendar

Township Hall Upcoming Holidays and Events

- **Friday, July 3:** The Township offices are closed for the Fourth of July holiday.
- **Saturday, July 4:** Fourth of July marking our 250th birthday as a nation! Happy birthday United States of America!
- **Saturday, July 25 through Sunday, Aug. 2:** Early voting for the Tuesday, Aug. 4 primary will be held for registered voters at the Township Hall.

Trash and Recycling

No delays in July.

Township Board and Commission Meeting Dates

- **Monday, July 6:** Township Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Click [here](#) for Township Board agendas, packets and meeting minutes.

- **Monday, July 13: Planning Commission** meeting cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

Click [here](#) for Planning Commission agendas, packets and meeting minutes.

- **Tuesday, July 14: Zoning Board of Appeals** meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Click [here](#) for Zoning Board of Appeals agendas, packets and meeting minutes.

- **Monday, July 20:** Township Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Click [here](#) for Township Board agendas, packets and meeting minutes.

You can find a complete list of Township meeting dates for 2026 [here](#).

All public meetings take place in the Boardroom at the Township Hall, 2911 Dorr Road, Brighton, 48116, unless otherwise noted. Agendas, packets and minutes are posted to the individual page of the Board or Commission at genoa.org.

You can also follow us on Facebook at [Genoa Charter Township](#) on [Instagram](#) or on X/Twitter [@genoatownship](#).

Want to be aware of road closings, community updates, or special events in Genoa Township? We have an app for that! The app is a great source of information for news, events, updates, and important links to the website. Download the "MyGenoa" app today in the Apple App and Google Play online stores by searching for "MyGenoa".

Questions? Contact info@genoa.org

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