

August 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 upcoming 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 and did not receive it, contact the Clerk's Office at: clerk@genoa.org or **(810) 224-5840**. All ballots must be in a drop box or the Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

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

Please note 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

Golf Club/Eager Road Roundabout Construction Starts Aug. 10

The Livingston County Road Commission will begin work this month on a new roundabout that will likely impact Genoa Township residents who live in the area.

Work on the new roundabout at Golf Club and Eager roads in Oceola Township starts Aug. 10 and is scheduled to be completed Nov. 6.

The road commission said **the intersection will be closed to all through traffic**. Please follow the posted detour route during construction.

NOTE: Dates are subject to change (weather adversities, contractor scheduling, etc.) Please contact Garrett Olson, Director of Engineering at Livingston County Road Commission (517) 546-4250 with any questions or concerns.

Transportation Town Hall Scheduled

The Township will host a Transportation Town Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Boardroom. Township Supervisor Kevin Spicher, Clerk Rick Soucy and Trustee Bill Reiber will be on hand to gather resident input on transportation-related topics.

This will be a participant driven discussion, but topics are likely to include the following questions from the Master Plan Survey:

- Survey Questions 14 and 18: Fund 401: Road Improvement Fund and Suggested Road Improvement Projects. Residents felt the current budget of \$500,000 annually was either "The right amount" (47.35%) or "Too Little / Far Too Little" (48.64%) less than 4% felt it was "Too Much / Far Too Much." The combination of strong support for improvements, and 343 suggested projects, makes this a great topic to dive deeper on.
- Survey Question 15: Multi-modal Transportation: Motorized, Walking / Biking, Public Transportation, Private Transportation. What improvements would you like to see for any of these. (Over 250 specific feedback mentions were provided on these topics)
- Survey Question 16: Grand River Corridor: Sidewalks, crosswalks, etc. (60 specific feedback mentions here)
- Survey Question 17: Traffic and Road Safety: This question covered congestion, speeding, intersections, sidewalks / bike lanes, road conditions. (165 specific feedback mentions)

For the full survey, use this link [Master Plan Survey](#)

We hope to see you there!

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.

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.

What Residents Should Know About Door-to-Door Activities

From time to time, residents contact the 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.

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.

Please bring in proof of residency to the Clerk's office.

Township Calendar

Township Hall Upcoming Holidays and Events

- **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 August.

Township Board and Commission Meeting Dates

- **Monday, Aug. 3:** Township Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

- **Monday, Aug. 10: Planning Commission** meeting at 6:30 p.m.
7 Brew Coffee - Request for special land use application, environmental impact assessment and site plan approval for a proposed drive-through coffee shop in the Grand River Plaza. The property is located at 3599 Grand River Avenue, north side of Grand River Avenue, west of Latson Road. The request is petitioned by Carly Detar, OLIO Dev. Grp.

Firestone Complete Auto Repair – Request for environmental impact assessment and site plan approval for a proposed 6,515 sq. ft. building with 8 vehicle bays for a minor auto repair establishment. The property is located on the south side of Grand Oaks Drive and west of S. Latson Road. The request is petitioned by Zaremba Group, LLC.

Merlo Construction Parking Expansion – Request for sketch plan approval for a proposed parking lot expansion for the existing Merlo Construction Company. The property is located on the east side of Euler Road, north of Grand River Avenue. The request is petitioned by Merlo Construction Company.

MHOG Office Building – Request for environmental impact assessment and site plan approval for a proposed 5,940 sq. ft. administrative office building for the MHOG Water Authority. The property is located at 900 Chilson Road, west side of Chilson Road, south of Grand River Avenue. The request is petitioned by MHOG.

Trinity Health Parking Expansion – Request for environmental impact assessment and site plan approval for a proposed parking lot expansion for the existing Trinity Health Hospital. The property is located at 7575 Grand River Avenue, north side of Grand River Avenue, west of Hacker Road. The request is petitioned by Trinity Health.

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

- **Monday, Aug. 17: Township Board** meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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- **Tuesday, Aug. 18: Zoning Board of Appeals** meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Click [here](#) for Zoning Board of Appeals 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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