November 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:

Make Your Plan to Vote! General Election is November 3

Early Voting: Through November 1

Early voting ends Sunday, November 1, at 4:30 p.m. at Genoa Township Hall. The Clerk's Office will also be open until 4:30 p.m. Sunday for election-related business.

Election Day: Know Before You Go

On Tuesday, November 3, polls will be open from **7 a.m. to 8 p.m.** Each precinct has its own designated polling location. **Genoa Township Hall is not a polling location on Election Day.**

Before heading out to vote, confirm your assigned polling location using the Precinct and Polling Location Map or the Michigan Voter Information Center

Absentee Voting: Return Your Ballot on Time

Absentee ballots were mailed beginning September 28 and are also available at the Township Clerk's Office. If you requested an absentee ballot by mail but have not received it, contact the Clerk's Office at clerk@genoa.org or (810) 224-5840.

Completed absentee ballots must be returned by **8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3**. You may return your ballot in person at the Township Clerk's Office, or in one of the Township's ballot drop boxes located at:

- **Fire Station No. 35:** 1315 Chilson Road
- **Genoa Township Hall:** 2911 Dorr Road

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

Fall Yard Waste Drop-Off Dates

Our Fall Yard Waste Collection program has been scheduled for the following dates at the Genoa Charter Township Hall from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.:

- Saturday, Nov. 7
- Saturday, Nov. 21

Residents may bring their yard waste to the Township Hall Parking lot starting at 8 a.m. on the day of the event. Yard waste eligible for collection includes brush, bundled branches, grass clippings, leaves, plant debris, prunings and twigs, shrubbery, and vegetable or garden debris. Branches and similar materials must be in 3-foot-long bundles.

Please no plastic bags.

Help Preserve Genoa Township's History: Volunteer at Chilson Hills Cemetery

Help care for one of Genoa Township's historic landmarks! Township Clerk Rick Soucy is organizing a **community fall clean-up at Chilson Hills Cemetery on Saturday, November 7, from 9 a.m. to noon.**

Established in the early 1800's, Chilson Hills Cemetery is one of the area's historic cemeteries. Its preservation helps protect an important part of our community's history. Learn more about the cemetery on the Township's Chilson Hills Cemetery webpage.

The cemetery is located at **4789 Chilson Road**, and community volunteers are sought to lend a hand in caring for this historic site.

Interested in volunteering? Please register by emailing clerk@genoa.org or calling (810) 224-5840.

Winter Taxes to be Mailed Dec. 1

The 2026 Summer taxes were due on Sept. 15, 2026. Summer taxes can still be paid at the Township with additional interest now due. If you're not sure if your summer taxes have been paid please check the Township website at www.genoa.org or contact the Treasurer's office at (810) 227-5225.

The 2026 Winter taxes will be mailed out to all property owners on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2026. The Winter Tax due date is usually Feb. 28. The 28th is a Sunday, so taxes will be due Monday, March 1, 2027. Please contact the Treasurer's office if you do not receive your bill.

No-cost Services for Military Veterans

Livingston County Veteran Services (LCVS) is proud to support the veterans of our community with a wide range of no-cost services and resources:

• **Expert Benefits Assistance** – The nationally-accredited Veteran Service Officers provide guidance throughout the VA benefits process, from filing initial claims to advocacy and appeals.

• **Free Transportation Services** – Veterans can access complimentary medical transportation within 50 miles, as well as convenient non-medical transportation within Livingston County. To schedule a ride, call LETS at (517) 546-6600, option 3, and mention veteran status. Services are also available to spouses and widows.

• **Emergency Relief Programs** – LCVS offers support during challenging times, including assistance with housing, utilities, dental care, and vouchers for food, clothing, and fuel.

• LCVS is honored to serve those who have served. Call (517) 546-6338 to learn more.

WM Website Provides Waste & Recycling Information for Township Residents

Genoa Township residents now have access to a WM website specifically created for our community, making it easier to find information about your residential trash and recycling service all in one place.

The new Genoa Township page provides helpful information and self-service tools, including:

Check Your Pickup Day – Enter your address to verify your regular trash collection day.
Pickup ETA – Check the estimated timing of your upcoming collection.
Holiday Schedule – Find out when your collection may be delayed due to a holiday.
Report a Missed Pickup – If your trash was properly placed at the curb but was not collected, you can report the missed pickup online.
Request a Bulk Pickup – Submit a special request for a bulk item collection.
Repair or Replace Your Cart – Find out if your cart is eligible for repair or replacement and submit a request.
Request an Additional Cart – Request an additional trash cart for a fee.
Sign Up for Curbside Yard Waste Collection – Residents can sign up for WM's curbside yard waste collection service. Yard waste collection is an optional service available for an additional fee.
Recycling Information – Find out what can and cannot go in your recycling cart, along with helpful guides for recycling correctly.
Trash Collection Information – Review collection requirements, including what materials are accepted and how to properly prepare your trash.

The page also includes bulk collection guidelines, recycling guides, and other helpful resources to make it easier to know what belongs in your trash and recycling carts.

Visit the Genoa Township WM Website here:

WM – Genoa Township Residential Waste Service

We encourage residents to bookmark the page for easy access to waste and recycling information whenever you need it.

Please note: WM provides a 96-gallon cart for weekly trash collection. Trash should be bagged, the lid must close completely, and carts should be placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on collection day and removed the same day.

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. Contact Waste Management at (810) 201-5576 with yard waste questions. 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

• **Tuesday, Nov. 3:** Election Day. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

• **Saturday, Nov. 7:** Community Clean-up at Chilson Hills Cemetery from 9 a.m. to noon.

• **Wednesday, Nov. 11:** Veterans Day. The Township offices are closed. There is no interruption to garbage/recycling service.

• **Thursday, Nov. 26:** Happy Thanksgiving! The Township offices are closed for Thanksgiving Day. There is no garbage/recycling service.

• **Friday, Nov. 27:** The Township offices are closed for the day after Thanksgiving. Garbage/recycling service resumes one day late with Thursday's collection day picked up on this day.

Trash and Recycling

• **Thursday, Nov. 26:** Thanksgiving Day. There is no garbage and recycling service. Service will run one day late with Thursday's collection completed on Friday's collection and Friday's completed on Saturday.

Township Board and Commission Meeting Dates

• **Monday, Nov. 9: Planning Commission** meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Consideration of an amendment to the Lorentzen Planned Unit Development agreement, conceptual PUD plan, and environmental impact assessment for the creation of a new outlot in the southeast corner of the existing Meijer property. The outlot would allow for a proposed multi-tenant commercial building including restaurant with a drive-through. The property is located in the parking lot at 3883 Grand River, on the west side of Latson road, north of Grand River Avenue. The request is petitioned by Howell Outlot 1, LLC.

Click here for Planning Commission agendas, packets and meeting minutes.

• **Monday, Nov. 16: Township Board** meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Click here for Township Board agendas, packets and meeting minutes.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 17: 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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