

June 2017



Welcome to Geneseo's monthly e-newsletter.

A Message From the Chambers

As an elected official, I cannot help but notice all the good things that are happening in Geneseo. The City Council and Mayor are working as a team to get things done. Our City Hall staff is working diligently to improve all aspects of our financial records and ordinances. Our Police Department is diligently enforcing our ordinances. Our parks, boulevards, and cemeteries are extremely well kept. The Electric Department continues to keep our rates low by using solar, wind, and plant power. None of these things can be accomplished without our dedicated employees. I am sure you have noticed our sewer work being done on 1st St; I know it is inconvenient for us all but hopefully this will help with our outdated sewer system. This is an important start to a big problem. Have you noticed our new playground equipment? Kudos to Springfield Armory for assisting in the construction at the City Park. Thank you as well to others who contributed to this great project. Summer street resurfacing projects will be coming up soon and our streets are improving greatly. The sidewalks throughout town are already looking much better due to the summer sidewalk project. We will continue to move forward with that plan over the next few years. The City just contracted to install a pipe under the Green River from one of our important wells. We have one now but it is important to have a backup. Our fireworks are already virtually paid for with donations and not tax dollars. There is so much more I would like to tell you but I am sure you see that the City is headed forward in a positive and business-like way. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all citizens for supporting our great City. I look forward to the next year and beyond.

Bob Wachtel

Ward #2 Alderman

2017 Geneseo Music Festival

June 16-18

Friday, June 16

Kiwanis Doo Dah Parade - 6 PM
Rotary Supper & Ice Cream Social - 6 PM
Little Miss Henry County Pageant contestants - 6:30 PM
Rotary's Queen Contest - 7 PM (rain plans - Middle School)

Band Shell Entertainment

Saturday:

10:00 AM - Lewis Knudsen
11:00 AM - Jazzercise, Strength 30 Class
12 Noon - Geneseo Logo Unveiling
12:30 - 2 PM Jazz on the Side
3 PM Songbird Bethann
4 PM Crystal City
5:30-7:30 The Tailfins
8:30-10 The Roy Krunk Trio

Sunday:

10:30 AM First Lutheran Church
Worship Service
2:00 PM Artists in Motion
3 PM Musical Memories

Saturday, June 17

Geneseo Farmers Market - 8AM - Noon
Maple City 4 Run starting at Geneseo High School - 8 AM
Family Fest! 10AM - 4PM Inflatables, face painting, animals, Bike Ride...
Arts and Crafts Show - 10AM - 4PM
Pork Chop lunch by Geneseo Ag Alumni/FFA - 11AM-2PM
Pedal Pull at 1PM
Steak Sandwich / Tenderloin Supper by
VFW Auxiliary - 5 PM
Ice Cream Social - 5PM-7PM by Geneseo Art League

Sunday, June 18

Fly-in/Drive-in Pancake
Breakfast at Gen-Air Park - 7-11 AM
In the City Park:
Arts and Crafts Show - 10AM - 4PM
Parade sponsored by Vibrant Credit Union at 1PM
with the theme "Let the Good Times Roll."



Geneseo Chamber of Commerce presents

City Park

Geneseo, IL



MUSIC FEST

6.17.17

10 a.m. to
10 p.m.

Beer Garden
4-10 PM

Featuring



8:30 p.m.

* Mark Stuart * Shawn Anderson * Kevin Howlett
Gene Berry * Rick Reagan * Tim Mortell



The Tailfins - 8:30 pm



Crystal City - 4 pm



Lewis Knudsen - 10 am



JAZZ ON the Side 12:30 pm



Songbird Bethann - 5 pm

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Grass Mowing Reminder

A reminder to all citizens that the City has height limitation on grass. Ordinance 93.16 requires all lawns to be cut so as to not allow the grass to exceed 8 inches. The ordinance is listed below.

§ 93.16 CUTTING OF WEEDS AND GRASS REQUIRED.

It is declared to be illegal for the owner of real estate to refuse or neglect to cut weeds and grass when such plants have reached a height in excess of eight inches. Every owner of real estate within the city shall cut weeds and grass on his or her property at all times as may be necessary so that such plants shall not exceed eight inches in height, and, if the owner neglects or refuses to cut weeds and grass so that they do not exceed eight inches in height, the city may cut the weeds or grass or authorize some person to cut them on behalf of the city.



City Park Playground Dedicated

City officials were joined by Geneseo's young people for a ribbon cutting and dedication of the new playground at City Park. Thanks to the Mayor and City Council for their forward thinking allocation of funds to help purchase this equipment. Additional funds were donated by

the Geneseo Foundation, Geneseo Communications Foundation, Keppy Foundation, Abilities Plus, Larry and Norma Colo, Nate and Heidi Vorac and Mary Dyke. Thanks to Springfield Armory, Hanford Insurance and the Kiwanis for donating their time and talents to help install the equipment. Thanks to Edwards Redi-Mix for the donation of concrete. Thanks to Double S Masonry and Redline Excavating for the use of equipment. Thanks to Raelyns, Lionstone, Sweet Peas and Central Bank for donating lunch food for the volunteers. Thanks to all the City employees and officials that spent time at the park helping with the installation and preparation.

BIG REVEAL

Saturday, June 17
12:00pm
City Park

*Join the Chamber of Commerce, City, Park District,
and School District for the unveiling of the new
Geneseo-wide logo and tag line!*

We are hoping to get more utility customers to sign up for paperless billing. As an incentive, we are going to

PaperLESS Billing



Sign up for paperless utility billing and be entered to win \$100!

enter every person who is on paperless billing by June 14th to win a \$100 credit on your utility bill. All customers that were signed up before this promotion will also be entered. Even if you have an online bill pay account you must click the paperless checkbox to be entered. The City will select a \$100 utility bill credit winner for every 35 people that sign up for a paperless bill by June 14. The winners will be chosen at Music Fest on Saturday,

June 16 at 11:30 a.m. We will be Live on Facebook at that time.

To sign up for online bill pay, [click here](#).

For instructions for signing up for paperless billing, [click here](#).

Great Partnerships!



Thanks to all the residents in Prairie View subdivision, the City Parks Department and Alderperson Brenda Johnson that worked on our first Spring Clean-Up day. Work was done to clean up the grass, Champion Park, and the eyebrows on Dragonfly Circle.

Payment Arrangements

If you owe a balance for past due service, you may have the opportunity to make an arrangement and avoid disconnection of your utility service. The city offers both short and long term arrangements, both requiring a 20% down payment of the past due bill amount.

For more information on payment arrangements, download the payment arrangement guide.

[Payment Arrangement Guide](#)

Shut Off Policy

A notice of disconnection, along with a summary of customer's rights and remedies available to avoid disconnection will be mailed separately, when the customer is in arrears or no payment has been made. There is not a minimum amount due required to be shut off. A \$75 shut off fee will be added to the customers account, unless the customer has not received a shut off door hanger over the past 12 months, then the fee will be waived automatically.

Reconnection: Service shall be reconnected as promptly as possible after a customer has made satisfactory arrangements for paying his/her account. Service will not be reinstated until a payment or arrangement has been made.

Service Application

The City of Geneseo is open from 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday thru Friday. Please complete the applicable application and return it in person to 115 S. Oakwood Avenue, Geneseo, IL. If you should have any questions about the application and/or utility service, please contact the City of Geneseo at 309.944.4243.

[Residential Application](#)

[Commercial Application](#)

The City of Geneseo presents:

3RD of July
Fireworks Show

Geneseo's Richmond Hill Park

6:00-10:00 | Food Tent & Beer/Wine Tent

7:00-9:30 | Live music from Stone Cold Moonshine

6:00-9:00 | Children's Activities



We appreciate everyone's patience during the First Street construction project. Please remember that all businesses are still open throughout the construction period. There are many public parking lots behind State Street properties that allow easy and safe entrances to our businesses. Shop Local!

**DOWNTOWN
BUSINESSES
OPEN**

E-Waste Collection & Shredding

Saturday, August 26
8:00am-12:00pm

- E-waste in the parking lot behind City Hall
- Free shredding in the phone company parking lot
- E-Waste free for residential garbage customers in City Limits
- Charge for non-residents E-Waste

City of **GENESEO**
geneseo COMMUNICATIONS

Icons: Computer monitor, Radio, Smartphone, Recycling symbol, Speaker, Printer, Television.


Council Meeting - June 13 at 6 p.m.

COW Meeting - June 27 at 6 p.m.

If you are interested in starting Online Bill Pay for your utility bills, click here
<https://www.xpressbillpay.com/#/>

If you have any questions, comments, or ideas for future newsletters please feel free to contact us by phone (309) 944-6419 or email us at citygeneseo@cityofgeneseo.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

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