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Welcome to Geneseo's monthly e-newsletter.

A Message From the Chambers

Geneseo - Where the Future Grows . . . This may be a new tagline for Geneseo, but the first settlers of Geneseo upheld the same thought. Those brave men and women were looking toward the future and set aside land for a school just as the Geneseo School District is making major renovations to its buildings and property. The City of Geneseo is also looking to the future with the many projects involved encouraging housing developments, improving and expanding parks, and upgrading the infrastructure. Many individuals and entities are working together to make Geneseo continue to be our home where we enjoy living with the advantages and amenities we may take for granted. For Geneseo to continue to be "a great place to come home to," we must grow. Each time I come home to Geneseo from visiting where I grew up, I pass through a town that uses that as their tagline. It always makes me think of how good it is to pull into Geneseo where businesses are thriving; houses are being built; infrastructure is being repaired; children are playing on safe, up-to-date park equipment; people of all ages are enjoying state-of-the-art swimming pool and community center; residents take pride in maintaining their properties; special events draw residents and visitors to activities, shopping, and dining; and where neighbors care about each other's well-being. We want to continue to be a successful, flourishing community where Geneseo is a great place to which to come home. From the very first settlers in Geneseo through today and past tomorrow, City elected officials have and will make important and sometimes painful decisions that affect all residents as well as ourselves. Today we may not realize that our lives are positively influenced by the benefits of unpopular decisions made by our Forefathers as they looked to growing for the future. Will we all see benefits of all current decisions being made? No, but we are moving forward not only for ourselves, but also for those who come after us. As I read, listen, and research City issues, I consider the effect of "pay-it-forward" - which is what the settlers of 1836 began when they set aside land for the building of a school. Improvements and maintenance in our infrastructure, incentives for current and new businesses, events, services for residents, etc. involve tax changes for you as well as me. We are paying it forward with the same careful, thoughtful, futuristic choices as did our Forefathers not knowing the reach their decisions had or the current Council's decisions will have. It is with mutual integrity, respect, cooperation, civility,

open mindedness, and soul searching that your City Council works for you. Please work with us respectfully by contacting your elected officials and City employees with your questions, suggestions, ideas, and constructive criticism. Thank you for allowing me to be your Ward 1 representative.

Sue Garlick

Ward #1 Alderman

E-Waste Collection & Shredding

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

City of **GENESEO**
geneseo COMMUNICATIONS

- 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

Computer monitor, Radio, Smartphone, Recycling symbol, Speaker, Printer, Television

Please [click here](#) for more information.

Did You Know?

Garbage and Recycling News

- All toters must be out no later than 7 a.m.
- When two toters are out, they must be a **minimum** of 36" apart
- Toters must face the road side
- Toters can not be overflowing with garbage spilling over the top
- Put your toter out every week, regardless of if it is completely full or not (if the truck gets over weight regulations, it delays pickup)

These regulations **must** be followed in order for your trash and recycling to be picked up.





Outdoor Warning Sirens

Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Quick Reference Guide for Activation and Testing

Sirens should be sounded for 3-5 minutes, resounding for the duration of the threat. (every 10-15 minutes is recommended)

Severe Weather

Tornadoes

- Tornado Warning issued by the National Weather Service and/or
- Tornado or funnel cloud reported by a trained spotter

Severe Thunderstorms

Severe Thunderstorm Warning issued by the National Weather Service or report received from a trained spotter that includes:

- wind 70 mph or greater, and/or
- golf ball sized hail or larger

Local Life-threatening Events

Non-weather emergencies (hazmat incident, terrorism, nuclear emergency, etc.) that pose a threat to those outdoors and require action to protect life, should be alerted via the outdoor warning sirens by local officials based on existing agreements or local discretion depending on the emergency.

All Clear

There will be no "all clear" signal from outdoor warning sirens.

Testing

The first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. If a severe weather watch or warning is in effect for the Quad City metro area prior to 10 a.m. on a scheduled test day, the sirens should not be tested that day. Outdoor warning siren tests will resume on the next scheduled weekly date.

On June 25, 2014, the City of Geneseo updated storm siren locations within the city limits; adding a new siren and relocating an existing siren. A new siren has been added to the water stand pipe located at the SW corner of Chicago and U.S. Highway 6. The siren

previously located at Boelen Field has been relocated to the former civil defense building north on Illinois Route 82. Braniff Communications assisted the city with the relocations, coverage mapping and purchase of the sirens. The upgrades will better alert outdoor areas in the event of severe weather. The siren locations also add redundancy in case of a siren failure. The sirens are tested at 10:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.

The Safety Sentinel - IMUA and SafeElectricity.org

Rising temperatures outside can mean increased use of your air conditioner and higher utility bills. With the aid of ceiling fans and ventilation in your home, you can maintain comfort while decreasing the amount of money you will have to spend on utility bills.

Ceiling fans boost efficiency in both hot and cool seasons. Fans create a cooling breeze when moving in a counter-clockwise direction, resulting in a low-level "wind chill" throughout the room. When fans move in a clockwise direction, they force the warmer air that naturally gathers near the ceiling back down into the room.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, installing a ceiling fan will allow consumers to raise their thermostat temperature by approximately 4 degrees and still maintain comfort. By using a ceiling fan along with increasing a thermostat's temperature by 2 degrees, a person can save 14 percent on air conditioner use throughout the cooling season.

If shopping for a new fan, remember to look for an Energy Star model. These labels indicate that the fans operate with peak efficiency, using the most energy efficient technology.

Paired with ceiling fans, natural ventilation can also increase energy efficiency by giving the air conditioner a rest. Although ventilation is not an effective cooling strategy for all climates, natural ventilation can work in climates with cool nights and regular breezes. For natural ventilation, close doors, windows, and window coverings during the day, and open them at night.

Ventilation in the attic can also help reduce your air conditioner use. Attic fans can push hot air that accumulates in the attic out of your home. Never block attic vents in order to maintain airflow. For further help with your home's energy efficiency, consider upgrading insulation in the attic.

In addition, seal air leaks with caulk or weather stripping to keep more of the hot air out and the cool air inside your house. Reducing air leaks also helps cut back on any moisture problems. Even small steps in efficiency can help you reduce energy use and save money. Keep window shades and curtains shut on sunny days, cut back on your use of the oven and range, and keep as many lights off as comfortable to help lower the level of heat in your house.



Mandatory Cross Connection Control Survey!

In the interest of the safety of the community's drinking water system, the City is required by the Illinois EPA (IL EPA) to have a Cross Connection Control Program in place. Part of the program is a mandatory Bi-Annual Cross Connection Control Survey to be filled out by all residents and businesses connected to the water system. The following form is to be used by water department personnel and City of Geneseo Water Department in fulfilling our mandatory report to the IL EPA. Data from this form may be used to determine if the property should be inspected by a licensed plumber with the proper certification to detect and correct any cross-connections found on the property.

DEFINITION OF A CROSS-CONNECTION: A cross-connection is any situation that allows the opportunity for a potable (safe) water source and a non-potable (contaminated) water source to come in contact with each other, due to a pressure reduction in the city water main (water main break, hydrant in use). Examples include a garden hose with a fertilizer or chemical feeder connected to it that mixes the product with water as it is sprayed, or a garden hose outlet submerged underwater, such as a hose lying in a pool or hot tub. With disruption in the city main pressure these examples could cause a backflow of unsafe water into the system.

*These surveys are required by the IL EPA and **must** be completed.*

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Illinois EPA (815)987-7760 or City of Geneseo Water Department at (309)944-4243.

Surveys may be returned (postage-free) in the drop box located in our parking lot.

You may also scan and e-mail the completed form to: utilities@cityofgeneseo.com Fax to 309.944.2887 or mail to:

City of Geneseo
115 S Oakwood Ave
Geneseo, IL 61254

[Please click here for a copy of the survey if you have not completed it yet.](#)



Thursday, September 7th - Stearman Fly-In 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Located on Rt. 6 east of Geneseo, Gen-Air Park is hosting the annual Stearman Fly-In.

Experience the sights and sounds of the WWII Stearman bi-planes. **Absolutely No Pets.**

Friday, September 8th - Cruise the Canal

Enjoy historic tours of the Hennepin Canal - 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. Reservations required. \$20 per person. Includes golf cart (driven by you) and guided tour of the Canal. Cart drivers must have a valid drivers license. **Absolutely No Pets.**

Reservations: Geneseo Chamber 309-944-2686.

Saturday, September 9th - Downtown Geneseo 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Car show - Train display - Airplane display

7-11 a.m. Car show registration, sponsored by Maple City Cruisers. Dash plaques for the first 300 entries & goodie bags for first 200 entries. Music provided by 3-D Sound.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Iowa Interstate Railroad engine on display - climb aboard, look around! Airplane on display from Gen-Air Park pilots. Operating Antique Model Train displays by Geneseo Model Railroaders.

11:45 a.m. Pedal Car Parade - ages 8 & younger - must be accompanied by an adult

12 noon - Salute to America - National Anthem - VFW Color Guard

2 p.m. Car Show awards ceremony. **Absolutely No Pets.**

Street Laborer Recruitment

The City of Geneseo is currently seeking candidates to fill a Street Laborer role. This position will report directly to the Street/Cemetery Foreman.

For more information, [click here](#).



OCTOBER 7, 2017

10 am - 4 pm

100 S State St. Geneseo, IL

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Morning Yoga Session . And More!

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