

December 2016



Welcome to Geneseo's monthly e-newsletter.

Holiday Hours

City Hall will be closed for the holidays on December 23, December 26, and January 2.

Geneseo Municipal Utilities Now Offers Online Bill Payment

As a way to offer you more choices in how you pay your bills, Geneseo Municipal Utilities now lets you pay your bills online. We have partnered with Xpress Bill Pay, the premier provider for online bill payment systems.

All you need is an Internet connection through a Web browser and an e-mail address. Once you sign up for your free account and start using this service, you'll wonder how you ever got along without it!

It's simple to use. Every month we'll send you a reminder e-mail to let you know when your bill is online. Then you just log in to your account at XpressBillPay.com and view your bill. It's formatted like your paper statement so it will look familiar to you.

You can also see up to a full year's history of your account online, so you can compare your current bill to a year ago.

When you're ready to pay your bill, select a payment type. You can pay with credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer. Then enter the information and you're done! It's that easy, and it only takes you a few minutes each month.

We offered this service at the request of our customers - You asked and we delivered! To sign up, just go to XpressBillPay.com and follow the instructions there.

And remember, it's free to sign up and free to use. Sign up today.

Sidewalk Shoveling Required

City Ordinance Chapter 92.55(A)

The City of Geneseo requires property owners and occupants of premises that abut any

sidewalk to keep free of snow and other obstructions within 24 hours of a snow fall. This includes any other precipitation or accumulations due to things like wind. This requirement is clear that corner lot owners need to clear the ramps that lead from the main sidewalk to the roadway. In order to keep our sidewalks safe, the City will be more pro-active in enforcement of this ordinance. The City will first hang door hangers on properties that are in violation of the ordinance giving them a final 24 hour warning. If the walk is not cleared 24 hours after the door hanger is hung, the City will have the work completed and will send a bill to the property owner which includes the cost of the clearing plus a \$125 Administrative Fee. The complete ordinance is on the City's website at www.cityofgeneseo.com

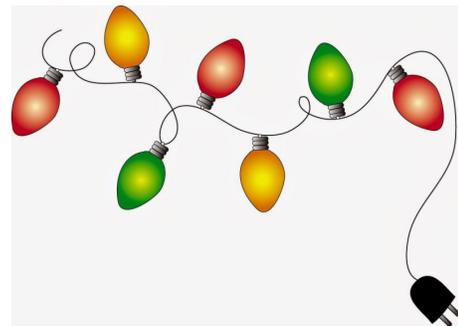


Congratulations to Representative Don Moffitt

Congratulations to Representative Don Moffitt on his upcoming retirement from the State of Illinois legislature. Thanks for all you have done for Geneseo and your entire district. Representative Moffitt attended a City meeting to say farewell to the community. Here he presented a flag that was flown over the Capitol in Springfield to Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda.

Holiday Light Safety Tips

- When decorating outside, look up and look out. Never throw holiday lights or other decorations into trees near power lines.
- Be especially careful when working near power lines attached to your house. Keep ladders, equipment, and yourself at least 10 feet from power lines.
- Use only lights, cords, animated displays, and decorations rated for outdoor use. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to use them. Use plastic or insulated hooks to hang lights.
- Cords should be plugged into outlets equipped with Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs). Use a portable GFCI if your outdoor outlets are not equipped with them. GFCI protection is very important outdoors, where weather conditions can create dangerous electrical situations.
- Do not staple or nail through light strings or electrical cords, and do not attach cords to utility poles.
- Outdoor holiday lights are for seasonal use, up to 90 days. Bring them inside after the holidays.
- Avoid decorating outside on windy or wet days. Choose to decorate in favorable weather conditions and during daylight hours.





Congratulations Contest Winners!

Holiday Home Lighting Contest winners are:

1st Place- 940 Quail Court (Zerull)

2nd Place- 1115 Timothy Court (Jorgensen)

3rd Place- 225 W. Main Street (Barnhart)

4th Place- 628 E. Locust Street (Clausen)

Parade Float Lighting Contest winners are:

1st Place- Prophetstown Library

2nd Place- Hanford Insurance

3rd Place- City of Geneseo

Upcoming Election

Consolidated Election on April 4th

Upcoming City Meetings

Council Meeting December 13

Committee of the Whole January 3

Council Meeting January 10

Committee of the Whole January 24

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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