



**City of Genoa  
Tree Board  
Mission Statement**

By the year 2020, Genoa's community forest will be multi-aged, fully stocked, healthy and safe. It will contain a wide variety of appropriate native and cultivated species that will contribute to a canopy which provides seasonal color, wildlife habitat, and an image of quality to attract visitors and prospective businesses. The community forest will enhance the general welfare of our residents by reducing energy costs, increasing property values, improving air quality, and creating a sense of tranquility. Park and green space development will be coordinated with other planning bodies so as to encourage cooperation for the betterment of the urban community. Proper tree selection, placement, and environmentally sound practices will aid the low cost but regularly scheduled maintenance activities. Care of public trees will also be used as a means to educate and inspire residents to care for trees in an environmentally responsible manner on private property.

Genoa will be an annual recipient of the Tree City USA Growth Award.



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**Debbie Horbus  
Bill Johnson  
Orrin Merritt  
Tom Smith**

**- City Arborist -  
Janice Melton**



**Tree Board Activities**

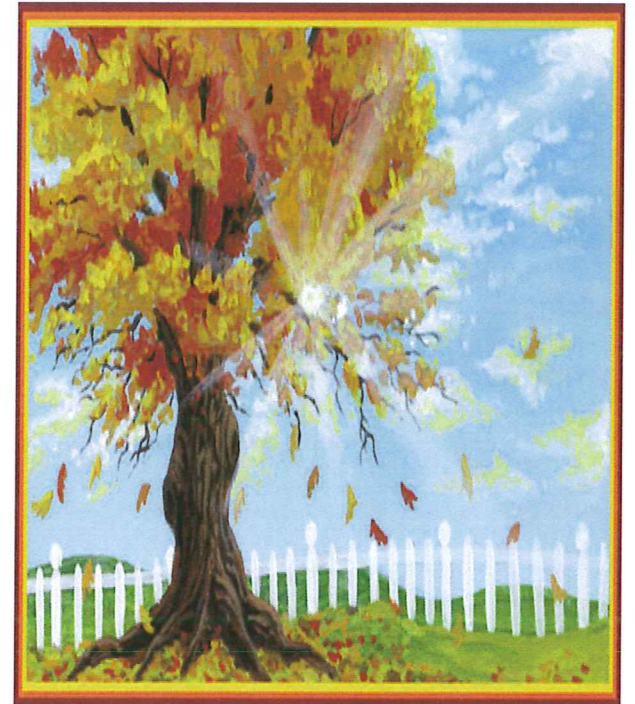
**April - Arbor Day Observation  
August - Beautiful Tree Contest**

**Meetings:**



**March, April, May, August,  
September & October  
2nd Tuesday of Month  
7pm  
City Hall Chambers.  
PUBLIC WELCOME**

**Welcome to Genoa  
-Tree City USA-**

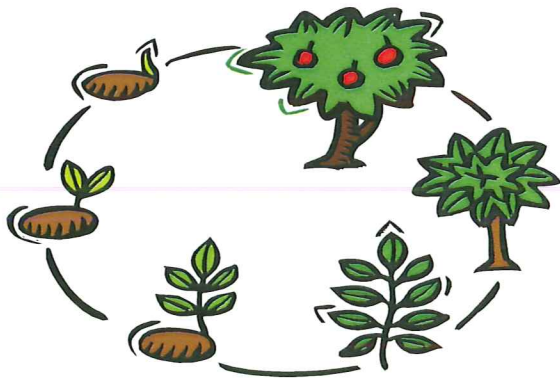


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The city of Genoa has been a Tree City U.S.A. for the last decade. Having a thriving urban forest is an ongoing endeavor; one that cannot be achieved by one person alone.

Like a child, it takes a village (in this case a city) to raise and maintain a tree. What draws many people to Genoa is the mature canopy of green in the summer. That canopy gives a cool welcome on a hot day and shows visitors that Genoa is a community that takes pride in itself.

It is with that pride that we ask you to be the guardian of the tree(s) in your parkway.



The City of Genoa Tree Board was established to ensure a healthy, diverse urban forest in all public right-of-way areas.

We feel knowledge is power, so we strive to educate the public not only about the benefits of city trees, but also about the future of the trees in your own yard.

The efforts we put in our trees with watering in times of insufficient rain (normally 10 gallons a week), keeping mulch around the bases of trees, and taking care that lawn mowers and weed-wackers do not damage trunks make noticeable differences in our urban forest.

When everyone contributes to the Urban Forest of Genoa we all receive the benefits and beauty.



Any planting, trimming or excavation in the parkway that will affect a tree requires a permit. It can be obtained at City Hall or on-line at [www.cityofgenoa.il.gov](http://www.cityofgenoa.il.gov). It must be completed and returned (in person) to City Hall. There is no fee for the permit, however, failure to obtain one might cause expense to the homeowner due to damage (or death) to an existing parkway tree.

If you have any questions on any tree in your parkway call Janice at 784-2271.

The city of Genoa also has a 50/50 program for trees in the city's right-of-way. You can call for more details.

