

## City of Genoa Tree Board Mission Statement



By the year 2020, Genoa's urban forest:

- 🌳 will be multi-aged, fully stocked, healthy, and safe;
- 🌳 will contain a wide variety of native and cultivated species in a canopy of seasonal color and wildlife habitats, creating an image of quality that will attract both visitors and prospective businesses; and
- 🌳 will enhance the general welfare of our residents by reducing home energy costs, increasing local property values, improving air quality, and creating a sense of tranquility.



Park and green space development will be coordinated with other planning bodies to encourage cooperation for the betterment of the community.



The cost of maintaining our urban forest will be reduced by: the proper selection and placement of trees; and regularly scheduled and environmentally sound maintenance practices.



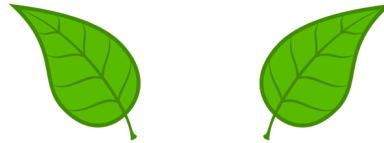
Care of public trees will be used as a means to educate and inspire residents to maintain trees on private properties in an environmentally responsible manner.



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

## City of Genoa Tree Board

Tim Frick  
Michael Haines  
Debbie Horbus  
Orrin Merritt  
Tom Smith  
Janice Melton  
City Arborist



### Tree Board Activities

April - Arbor Day Observation  
August - KVHS Pioneer Day



### Tree Board Meetings

March, April, May  
August, September, October  
2nd Tuesday of Month  
7 pm  
City Hall Chambers

**PUBLIC WELCOME!**

# Welcome to Genoa

## ~Tree City USA~



## City of Genoa Tree Board



333 E. First Street  
Genoa, IL 60135  
(815) 784-2327

# Genoa's

# Guardians

# of the Green

The city of Genoa has been a Tree City USA for the past two decades. Having a thriving urban forest is an on-going endeavor; one that cannot be achieved by one person alone.

The City of Genoa Tree Board was established to ensure a healthy, diverse urban forest in all public right-of-way areas. Such concern has minimized the impact of pests like the Emerald Ash Bore.

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 put into our trees by each of us make the most noticeable differences in our urban forest. For example:



watering in times of insufficient rain (normally 10 gallons/week)



keeping properly installed mulch around the bases of trees



taking care that our lawn mowers and weed-wackers do not damage tree trunks

What draws many people to Genoa is its mature canopy of green in the summer. That canopy provides visitors with a cool welcome on a hot, steamy day and shows them that Genoa is a community that takes pride in itself.



Clearly, like a child, it takes a village (in this case, a city) to raise and maintain a tree. When every person contributes to the care of the urban forest in Genoa, we all receive the benefits and beauty — so we invite you to join us as a Guardian of the Green in your yard and parkway!



Remember ...



Any kind of 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.genoa-il.com](http://www.genoa-il.com). Then it must be completed and returned in person to City Hall. There is no fee for the permit — however, failure to obtain one may be costly for a homeowner should an existing parkway tree be damaged by or die from work done without a permit.

If you have any questions on any tree in your parkway, please call:



Janice Melton  
City of Genoa Arborist  
(815) 784-2271



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

\*The parkway is the land between the street pavement and the sidewalk.