

GENOA NEWSLETTER

April 2024

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Arbor Day, celebrated on April 26th, 2024, promotes planting, caring for, and education about the importance of trees. In 2023, the City of Genoa received an \$18,000 grant to complete tree planting on public property within the municipality. In this 50/50 match program, the grant funds were used to reforest and enhance Genoa's Prairie and Woodland trails along the Kishwaukee River corridor. Over 200 native trees were planted across the Spring and Fall planting seasons. Genoa's Forester states "Diversifying our tree canopy improves the City's greenspace resiliency." These native trees were selected for their ability to adapt to low land conditions along the river and benefit the community by enhancing trail attractiveness, temperature regulation, water filtration and provide an important habitat for birds and wildlife. "Without a doubt, the benefits of trees far outweigh their maintenance costs-- providing cool shade, beautiful scenery, enriched local ecosystems, and improved quality of life for generations to come" – Katie Lang, City Forester



UPDATES

Public Works will conduct a special brush pickup on April 8th. Brush should be placed in the parkway with cut ends facing the street. Piles are limited to a 3' x 5' area with branches no more than 4" in diameter.

Flood Brothers yard waste pickup begins April 1st and 2nd. All yard waste shall be placed in either a Flood Brothers issued waste bin, or a plastic or metal container with a tight cover, or a biodegradable Kraft bag, of a size no larger than 35 gallons and not exceeding 50 lbs.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 1st
April 3rd
April 8th
April 17th
April 18th
April 26th
April 27th

Flood Brothers yard waste pickup begins
City Council Meeting 7pm
Special City Brush Pick-up
City Council Meeting 7pm
Watershed-based planning Goals Workshop 6pm
Arbor Day
Egg-apalooza 9am

DOWNTOWN UPDATES

The City and Landmark Contractors had an anticipated start of construction date set for April 1st with the agreement that there would be minimal disturbance to Genoa Days. After having continued talks with Landmark, it was agreed upon to start construction after Genoa Days. The new estimated start of construction is mid-June. We are excited to share the recently approved outdoor furniture for downtown. As a reminder, this phase of the project does not include South Emmett Street.



Approved Benches, Planters, and Garbage Cans are shown below.

