

News from Genoa Main Street



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Focus Shifts to Cars in Downtown Genoa

Tailgate Supper and Movie Saturday, August 23, In Genoa has Three ‘Revved Up’ Sponsors

It’s “Tailgate Time” in downtown Genoa as Genoa Auto Parts-NAPA, KishHealth Systems and Genoa Township team up to sponsor “Dinner and a Movie” on Saturday evening, August 23. The fun starts in the Municipal Parking Lot at 7 p.m. with a tailgate supper followed at dusk (8 p.m.) with the showing of the evening’s feature film, CARS.

Barbeque sandwiches, chili dogs, brats and hot dogs headline the tailgate menu along with potato salad, watermelon, brownies and a beverage, all for just \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids 10 and under. All kids will receive a toy car with their meal. Tickets will be available at the “gate”.

Following the dinner, there will be games and prizes for both children and adults prior to the start of the movie.

“Both events offer great low cost entertainment close to home,” said Pattie Marx, president of Genoa Main Street, Inc. “It’s great to be able have a fun evening of dinner and a free movie that can fit anyone’s budget. We are pleased to team with Genoa Auto Parts-NAPA, KishHealth Systems and Genoa Township to bring the dinner and movie to downtown Genoa.”

“We are especially grateful to our sponsors for underwriting this year’s third dinner and movie. Thanks to them we are able to secure the rights to newer movies,” said Marx.

“Everyone is invited to the movie, remember to bring a lawn chair, and enjoy free family entertainment along with free popcorn,” said Marx.

“While many communities in the area are now showing movies outdoors, we are proud to have been among the first 12 years ago when our newly recognized organization was looking for a way to build a stronger sense of community and bring people downtown,” said Marx.

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The showing of movies outdoors recalls the times at the turn of the century when families gathered in parks around band shells and gazebos for entertainment by local bands, and the booming 1950s when drive-in movies were a place for the family to have a night out.

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Raffle Winner to be Drawn

Prior to the start of the feature film, the winning number in Genoa Main Street, Inc. 50/50 raffle will be drawn and announced. The winner's share is now more than \$1,000 and growing. In addition, tickets will be drawn for consolation prizes. Raffle tickets are still available at \$2 each or 3 for \$5 from the Genoa Main Street, Inc. office at 327 West Main Street; or any member of the board of directors. Tickets may also be purchased at the Open Air Market earlier that day and at the dinner and movie that evening. You do not need to be present at the drawing to win. Proceeds from the raffle help fund the organization's ongoing programs.

History of Service to Downtown Genoa

Genoa Main Street, Inc. is a volunteer organization dedicated to preserving Genoa's historic heritage and small town wholesomeness while promoting economic development and downtown improvements. Genoa was designated an Illinois Main Street community by the state in 1996. Part of the Office of Lt. Governor Pat Quinn, Illinois Main Street provides a targeted set of services to participating communities, including training and technical assistance.

For more information on this "Dinner and a Movie" or other Genoa Main Street, Inc. events, go to www.genoamainstreet.org or www.genoamainstreet.com.

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Free fresh popped corn is a tradition at Genoa's Movies on Main Street. Again this year thanks to community support and sponsors, the tradition continues. The last movie of the season, CARS, will be shown on August 23. For more information on the upcoming movie on August 23 and other Genoa Main Street, Inc. activities, go to www.genoamainstreet.org or www.genoamainstreet.com.