

News from Genoa Main Street



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Open Air Markets Put Money in Pockets

Wondering where to find a little extra cash? Downtown Genoa's Open air Markets could be the answer.

The Open Air Markets return to the Municipal Parking Lot at the corner of Main and Genoa Streets the fourth Saturday of every month May through October. The first market is this Saturday, May 24. All markets will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"The markets are a great way to turn a craft or hobby into a money maker. If your collections are getting out of hand, find a buyer. Clean out the garage or basement. Divide your perennials or plant an extra row in the garden to sell," said Mim Evans, Genoa Main Street executive director.

"Take advantage of the extra publicity and traffic the market provides, and move your garage sale to a prime corner downtown."

The Markets moved to Main Street last year and drew larger crowds and more vendors in the new high visibility location. By popular demand there will be more markets this year, with the season running from May to October.

"We are pleased to have two business sponsors for this year's markets. National Bank and Trust and Sycamore Precision are helping cover the costs of the markets. The markets are a plus for the community not only as a way for area residents to earn some extra money, but also as a fun place for people to gather. They bring people into downtown to support our downtown businesses. This is a great way for National Bank and Trust and Sycamore Precision to give back to the community," said Evans.

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Space rental fees are the same as last year. Nonprofit organizations and farmers pay \$10. Businesses and individuals pay \$20. Back yard gardeners may use the community space at no charge.

Reserve a space at all six markets and get one market free. To reserve a space, call Genoa Main Street, Inc. at 815 784-6961 or email genoamainstreet@atcyber.net. Vendors will be accepted the morning of the sale if space is available. Set up is at 8 a.m. with sales beginning at 9 a.m.



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This Saturday's Open Air Market is a great place to pick up Spring flowers. The market will be held at the corner of Main and Genoa Streets in downtown Genoa. Market hours are from 9-2.