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If We Build It, They Will Come:

Genoa Issues Call for Volunteers To Build Community Ice Rink

Genoa Main Street, Inc. is calling for volunteers and materials to build the new downtown skating rink. With the support of the City of Genoa and the Genoa Township Park District, the ice rink will be built on the parking lot located on North Genoa Street across from the former city hall.

“Genoa has a great track record of getting things done with volunteer efforts and donated materials.” said Mim Evans, Executive Director. “This past summer we painted 13 storefronts in one day. Last month we hung holiday greenery on 16 downtown buildings. This project will be done in the same way.”

Volunteers will be needed in January to construct the rink. While the date has yet to be set, the plan is to build the rink in a single day.

“If you can hold a board or pound a nail, we can use your help.” Evans said. “No construction experience is necessary. We will have professional supervision to see that the job gets done properly. We’ll be sure to have plenty of food and hot chocolate to keep everyone going. It should be a fun day.”

The rink will be approximately 50 feet by 90 feet in size. Wood boards 2 by 8 or more inches of varying lengths will be used to build the frame. A liner will hold the water. Donations of lumber or a liner are needed. The liner could be originally intended for another use, such as a vapor barrier or pool liner. It should be light in color to reflect the sun’s rays.

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Anyone wishing to donate materials can call the Main Street office at 815 784-6961 for details. Monetary donations also are welcome since limited funds are available for the project. Anyone interested in helping with rink construction should call the Main Street office or send an e-mail to genoamainstreet@atcyber.net. Everyone on the list will be contacted when the construction date has been determined.

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 Genoa and other participating communities, including training and technical assistance.

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GENOA ICE RINK SITE VISIT – Layout of the new Genoa ice skating rink is reviewed by (from left) Mim Evans, Genoa Main Street, Inc. executive director; Richard Gentile, City of Genoa public works director; and Paul Bafia, Genoa Township Park District executive director. Under the leadership of Genoa Main Street, the organizations are seeking community volunteers and supplies to help construct the rink across from the former city hall in downtown Genoa.