

News from Genoa Main Street



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Ice skates needed

Genoa Readies Bigger Ice Rink for Season

Downtown Genoa's outdoor ice rink will return this year bigger and better than ever. The rink was built last year by the non-profit organization, Genoa Main Street, Inc.

"We were able to build the rink last year thanks to donated material and volunteer labor. We did not have the funds to buy a professional grade liner so we improvised with something less expensive," said Mim Evans, Genoa Main Street's executive director. "Thanks to a donation from Citizens First National Bank, we are now able to purchase a new higher quality liner. The new liner should not leak so it will be easier to keep the rink full and frozen. It is also larger, so we will be enlarging the rink by 1,500 square feet."

Construction on the rink began this past weekend and should be completed later this month. The rink is scheduled to open on December 4th during Genoa's Celebrate the Season festivities, weather permitting.

"There is no charge to skate. We built the rink with the idea of offering the community a new free activity. We want people to come often, without worrying about what it will cost," said Evans.

"We do not have skate rentals, but we do have a free skate exchange. We take donations of skates and make them available to people who need skates. We have a pretty good supply from last year, but definitely need more."

Donated skates can be dropped off at Citizens Bank on Main Street in downtown Genoa, or call the Main Street office at 815 784-6961 for pick up. Anyone who needs skates can call the Main Street office to see if there is a pair in the correct size or stop by the bank. The skates can be found in a marked container in the bank lobby. Return them when you are finished.

"We run the skate exchange on the honor system. It seems to be working. We didn't lose a single pair of skates last year," said Evans.

The Genoa Community Ice Rink is located on North Genoa Street one block north of Main Street, across from the former city hall. Look for colorful flags flying at the rink when ice conditions are good for skating.

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Ice Skates Needed – Add 1

For additional information, contact the Genoa Main Street, Inc. office at 327 West Main Street or by calling 815-784-6961.

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. For more information, visit their Web site at www.genoamainstreet.org.

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MORE SKATES NEEDED – Willie Kanies (left) and Natalie Sarto of Citizens First National Bank in Genoa inventory donated skates in preparation of the opening of Genoa's Community Ice Rink, sponsored by Genoa Main Street, Inc. and Citizens Bank. With a professional quality liner and an additional 1,500 feet of skating surface, more skates are needed to loan to those without them. To donate skates, drop them off at the bank at 327 West Main Street. Weather permitting, the opening date is set for December 4, in conjunction with the Genoa's Celebrate the Season event.