

# *News from Genoa Main Street*



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## **Accessibility Guide Now Available**

### **New Downtown Genoa Guide Assists Special Needs Visitors**

Visitors with limited mobility will find it easier to do business in downtown Genoa thanks to a new guide available from Genoa Main Street, Inc. The Downtown Building Accessibility Guide provides information on entrances, interior layouts and bathroom facilities for all downtown businesses. The guide can be found on the Main Street Web site at [www.genoamainstreet.org](http://www.genoamainstreet.org). Copies also are available at the Genoa Public Library or from the Main Street office.

“We have received calls from individuals using wheelchairs or walkers asking which downtown businesses would be accessible to them” says Genoa Main Street Executive Director Mim Evans. “We actually weren’t sure how hard it was to get into each business, so we decided to find out.”

Volunteers from Main Street’s Design Committee visited each business. They measured doorways, checked out bathrooms and looked at the amount of room to maneuver inside. “Businesses want to accommodate people with limited mobility” says Diane Helland, committee chairperson. “Sometimes they can let people in the back door if the front door has steps. Some businesses will even bring out a portable ramp, if necessary.”

Visitors should check the guide before they visit and contact specific businesses if they have questions. All Main Street public events are accessible. Information on upcoming events and a directory of downtown businesses along with contact information can be found at [www.genoamainstreet.org](http://www.genoamainstreet.org).