



ON THE CORNER

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From My Corner

By Mim Evans, Executive Director

Who says you need a big budget and payroll to accomplish big things? Genoa Main Street, Inc. is undertaking its biggest project yet with no money and only volunteer labor. We are giving Main Street a face lift.

We're off to a good start with 22 new banners hanging on Main Street. Next, many of the buildings will be power washed, repaired and painted. Planters will be moved and full of flowers. Trash cans and benches will be painted and fixed as needed, and the kiosk will be lit.

Volunteers and Confidence

How can we do all this with no money or paid help? We've got confidence; confidence in the institutions, businesses and people of Genoa.

We have new banners thanks to the DeKalb County Community Foundation and sponsors whose names appear on some of the banners. We will have improved planters, trash cans and benches thanks to the City of Genoa and the Genoa Garden Club. We will be able to clean, repair and paint the buildings thanks to the generosity of Briody Enterprises and Sherwin Williams Paint, and the efforts of volunteers extraordinaire Sandy Spier, Maria Mamoser, Mike Ross and Diane Helland, and the expertise of Luke Allison of Briody Enterprises.

Now we are confident that you will come forward and help finish the job. We need the help of every one of you reading this.

Be One of the 50

Our goal is a minimum of 50 volunteers for the weekend of June 21-22, with a smaller number during the weeks before the big weekend. Come if you can give a couple of hours, or a couple of days. Come to paint, to scrape or to serve a meal to those doing the painting and scraping. Come alone or come as a group from your church, your scout troop, your neighborhood, your team or school.

If you have been thinking about volunteering but haven't gotten around to it, this is the time.

Please call the Main Street office at 815 784-6961 or e-mail us at genoamainstreet@atcyber.net and let's talk about when you can help.

How about Dinner and a Movie?

Summer Family Fun Without Filling the Gas Tank

You'll want to answer yes to that question three times this summer. June 28, July 26 and August 23 will be evenings downtown you won't want to miss.

Madagascar kicks off the summer movie season on June 28. This great animated comedy stars Ben Stiller, David Schwimmer, Chris Rock, and Jada Pinkett Smith as zoo animals whose dreams of life in the wild turn out to be more than they bargained for. A Zoo Fest Dinner will be served before the movie. Games and activities will add to the evening. This great evening is sponsored by **Resource Bank**.

The Karate Kid brings the tradition of martial arts downtown on July 26. The movie stars Ralph Macchio and Pat Morita in the story of a boy transformed by the teachings of his "Sensei". Exciting competition and

humor make **The Karate Kid** a classic for all ages. The movie will be preceded by an Asian dinner and martial arts activities. **Midwest Martial Arts Academy** is sponsoring this exciting evening.

The Disney hit **Cars** rolls into town August 23. Owen Wilson, Paul Newman and Bonnie Hunt headline a long list of stars voicing animated cars. The movie will entertain the kids while adults enjoy the subtle jokes the kids miss. Be sure to come in time for the catered tailgate supper before the movie. **Genoa Auto Parts/NAPA, KishHealth Systems** and **Genoa Township** are the generous sponsors of this fun evening.

Watch for dinner and movie times and more details on these great "Dinner and a Movie" evenings. Check our website at genoamainstreet.org.



Community Project Needs You as 1 of 50

Many of the buildings on Main Street will be sporting "Wet Paint" signs soon. Genoa Main Street, with the assistance of Briody Enterprises, is painting the first stories of more than a dozen buildings.

The "Wet Paint Project" is the biggest volunteer project undertaken by Genoa Main Street. The project begins in early June with the power washing of the buildings. Minor repairs also will be made. The weekend after Genoa Days will see the real transformation.

All the buildings will be painted the weekend of June 21-22. Volunteers will paint from dawn to dusk on both days to finish the work. Plenty of food will be provided to keep the volunteers going. Experienced supervisors will see that the work is done in a professional manner.

You Can Be One of the 50

This project requires a huge number of volunteers. If you can work at any time, during the prep work the first

three weeks of June, or on the big painting weekend, please sign up. Bring your family and friends. Kids 13 and up are welcome to help. This is going to be a fun and exciting project that you will want to say you were a part of. Free food, caps and T-shirts for all volunteers! Call the Main Street office at 815 784-6961 or e-mail genoamainstreet@atcyber.net to sign up now!

Decorate Your Wheels Returns June 11

Bring your bike, trike or wagon to Main Street on Wednesday, June 11, for the annual Decorate Your Wheels sponsored by Genoa Main Street. Registration starts at 5:15 p.m. for contestants ages 2 to 12 in front of Rosati's Pizza. Judging starts at 5:30 p.m. All contestants will receive a prize, with the grand prize winner receiving a wrist band for the Genoa Days rides.

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Inflammation Dilemma

Research shows diseases such as heart disease and Alzheimer's are from long-standing inflammation in our bodies. We have gone from a society that hunted and gathered our food, to one that relies heavily on prepackaged/fast foods. So what are we supposed to be eating!

Here are some guidelines to follow:

1. Eat at least 2-3 raw fruits/day
2. Eat green vegetables such as broccoli and greens
3. Consume Omega-3 rich eggs
4. Eat fish 3 times weekly
5. Drink about 8 glasses of water/day
6. Limit or avoid foods that contain white flour or sugar such as candy, cake, or white bread
7. Limit or avoid caffeine or caffeinated drinks

Supplements that fight inflammation include:

- Omega-3 fish oils with EPA + DHA = 1,000mg/ daily
- Magnesium 400mg/ daily
- Gel or liquid multivitamins for easier digesting

Please stop by our office for your guide to reducing inflammation in the body through supplementation and diet.



Make the most of your summer!

*Help make these
Citizens-sponsored events
a success and
join the fun!*

June 24: Genoa Public Library Summer Reading Program - Magician/Story Teller

June 25: Citizens Business After Hours from 6 to 8 p.m.

July 3: Genoa Public Library Summer Reading Program - Lon Clark/Paper Models


July 8: Genoa Public Library Summer Reading Program - Discovery Center "Science and Sports"

July 11: Citizens Customer Appreciation Day

July 25: Concert in the Park

Stop at Citizens for more information on these programs!

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Order a lunch to go from Crumpet's Tea Room, a bottle of wine from Prairie State Winery (both just across the street) or bring your own and enjoy!

We're here 7 days a week.

Monday – Friday – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday – Noon – 5 p.m.

Pete's Castle Marathon

104 West Main Street 815 784-4060

Come visit our new ice cream parlor! We'll be scooping hard Chocolate Shoppe brand ice cream and preparing ice cream treats 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Prairie State Winery

217 West Main Street 815 784-4540

Prairie State Winery is CELEBRATING! This summer will mark our tenth year in business and we are beginning the festivities with several exciting announcements.

A NEW WINE! We are now releasing our newest wine, Vignoles (veen-yoh), a temperamental grape from southern Illinois harvested at the height of ripeness with great results. With hints of pineapple and peach, serve this wine chilled with summer fare.

A NEW EXPANSION! We are thrilled to announce the green expansion of our winery with the new production and bottling facilities in downtown Genoa. A smaller footprint, wind turbine, solar power and more right here!

A NEW BARREL ROOM! Our beautifully remodeled Barrel Room for not only barrel storage but also events. Seating for gatherings of all sorts in the Barrel Room.

A NEW EVENT! Join us the second and fourth Friday (5-8:30 p.m.) of each month for wine, live music, nosh and merriment. No reservations needed, but seating is limited.

Cheers! Rick, Maria & the winery staff.

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221 West Main Street 815 784-6121

Summer is here! Plan on joining us for our "Summer Afternoon Tea" on Wednesday, June 18, at 3 p.m.

Advance tickets are required and there is still room available. Ring us or stop in for tickets.

Plan the perfect picnic lunch to go from Crumpet's in the beautiful courtyard at Victoria's Crossing, it's the best way to spend a summer afternoon.

Happy Summer!

Open Air Markets Every Fourth Saturday

Dates: 6/28, 7/26, 8/23, 9/27, 10/25

Time: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Municipal Parking Lot

What: Fresh produce, crafts, antiques, new products, flea market finds, flowers, and more.

Spaces: \$20 businesses and individuals; \$10 non-profit organizations and farmers; backyard gardeners free.

Sponsors:
Sycamore Precision and National Bank & Trust Co.



See how you can make it happen.
June 21-22. Details on page one.

Downtown Genoa Business Opportunities

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\$295,000
Contact Trademark Properties 815
784-4582

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113 West Main Street
Suite A-1,250 sq. ft. \$700/month
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loading dock
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Retail/Office Space for Rent

1,700 sq. ft. \$695/month
Call Dick Kearney at 815 784-2409
or 815 757-4400

Former City Hall for Lease

113 North Genoa Street
3,900 sq. ft. can be split into +/-
2,000 sq. ft.
2,100 sq. ft. metal building also
available.
Contact Joe Misurelli at 815 784-
2327

Handy Clip & Save Calendar

- 6/11-Decorate Your Wheels 5:15 p.m.
- 6/28-Open Air Market 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 6/28-Zoo Fest Dinner & *Madagascar*
- 7/26-Open Air Market 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 7/26-Asian Dinner & *The Karate Kid*
- 8/23-Open Air Market 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 8/23-Tailgate Supper & *Cars*

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Sponsorships are still available for Open Air Markets and Harvest Moon Festival.

Call or e-mail the Genoa Main Street, Inc. office for details.

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NEWS NOTES:

Main Street is Looking Up

Be sure to look up next time you're downtown. New banners have gone up on the light poles all along Main Street. Thanks to a grant from the DeKalb County Community Foundation and a dozen Genoa sponsors, the banners promote downtown Genoa as a place to have fun and also remind passersby of the Open Air Markets every fourth Saturday.

Most people are surprised to learn that more than 10,000 cars travel through downtown Genoa on Main Street every day. Light pole banners are a great way to reach all these people, both local residents and those passing through. A second banner order is planned so if you would like to see your business or family name on a banner, call or e-mail the Main Street office.



Canoes Ready for the Kish!

The canoe season has begun. Pick up and drop off downtown. Call the Genoa Township Park District at 815 784-5612 for reservations.

Main Street Scholarships

The voting is over and a record was set — more than 133,400 votes were cast for the 30 applicants for this year's scholarship.

After the counting, the winner of the \$1,000 scholarship was Hailie Fowler. The winner of the \$500 scholarship was Elizabeth Anderson.

Genoa businesses funded the scholarships through donations.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PARTNERS

The following businesses, organizations, families and individuals have become Genoa Main Street, Inc. partners since the last issue of *On The Corner*. We welcome them and thank them. To join, fill in the form at the bottom of the page.

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