Message from the Chairman
- Sharon Leair

There has been a great deal of discussion concerning cybersecurity, not only in our personal use of the internet, but particularly in regard to government records and elections. Recently, we brought a cybersecurity expert into the Town office to evaluate our programs and determine if we needed any improvements. None of the voting machines are connected to the internet and are totally secure. Our expert did recommend that we initiate some additional backup of our records.

The Board is currently working on the 2020 budget, which will contain some tough challenges especially in terms of required road work and the needs of our Joint Fire Department, given the levy limits and the increased demand for services.

Our budget will be complete sometime in October, brought to a special meeting on November 11, 2019, for approval and will be published on our town website.

I have been appointed by the Wisconsin Towns Association to represent towns on the Incorporation Review Committee at the Department of Administration and also to the Board of Directors of the Town Advocacy Council (TAC). TAC is nonpartisan and advocates for legislation that advances Town government interests. I have been active in testifying in Madison for bills advocating a solution to long term transportation funding, in addition to a bill initiated by Municipal Clerks in Waukesha County and supported by a majority of Waukesha County legislators and other Clerks and legislators throughout the State (AB203/SB193). This bill would allow in person absentee voting using the voting machines, the identical procedure that is used on election day. The bill is ready for action by the full legislature, but has not been acted upon at this writing. Our hope is that it will be taken up soon so that it can be used in next year's major elections. In the last Presidential election, we had over 2,100 resident walk ins voting absentee. If passed, this bill would essentially save money and staff time. In addition, we see it as being a welcome convenience to voters. When you speak with your legislators, please put in a good word for towns and legislation that supports them.

A Little Bit of Genesee History
- Contributed by the Genesee Heritage Society

(From an article in The Index newspaper, September 4, 1975) Genesee Depot was created by the coming of the railroad in 1851. Farmers, merchants and manufacturers needed shipping facilities and the Depot became a natural center of commercial activity. Everything in the Depot revolved around the coming and going of the trains. The wool carding mill (now on the National Register of Historic Places) began to use Genesee Depot as its shipping outlet. The Depot also became one of the largest milk shipping points in the nation, sending two or three carloads of milk every day to Chicago, Milwaukee and other markets. In the early 1900's, there were eight passenger trains six days a week and a great deal of freight traffic. Wool, butter, cheese, strawberries, livestock and gravel were shipped from the Depot. Train traffic declined when automobiles and trucks began to replace the railroads. The depot itself was closed in 1957. (A few years later, the old train depot was moved across the tracks and is now the home of Momma D's Coffee Shop.)
The Wales Genesee Fire Department (WGFD) is comprised of 32 dedicated men and women – with approximately half of them living in Wales and Genesee, and other half living in surrounding communities such as Delafield, Waukesha, Pewaukee, and Milwaukee. We have 2 full-time and 30 paid-on-call employees. The full-time staff works Monday - Friday from 6:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and the paid-on-call employees work 6:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. one or two nights per week. Some of our paid-on-call employees also work here part-time from 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. during the week. A majority of our staff is cross trained as both firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). The WGFD is certified to the Advanced EMT level, which allows us to start IV's and give certain medications to our patients.

We are always looking for new members to join the fire department! Please consider helping your community by applying. Applications are available on our website and at the fire station.

https://www.wgfd.org/

**Trick or Treat**

**Trick or Treat** will be on

**October 27, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Magee Elementary School Annual Halloween Children’s Costume Parade** will be October 31st at 1:30 p.m. in Genesee Depot.

**Brush Drop-Off**

**Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 8 a.m.-11 a.m.**

Genesee Town Hall Parking Lot
- Brush and branches no more than 4 inches in diameter
- Four (4) feet in length or less
- Tied in bundles no heavier than 70 pounds

**Johns Disposal Service**

Whitewater & Franksville, WI
(262)-473-4700
(888)-473-4700
Family owned and operated since 1969

**Cookies with Santa and Bake Sale**

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Town Hall for pictures in the sleigh, December 7 from noon to 4:00 p.m. Bring your camera. Sponsored by the Genesee Athletic Association.

This year Santa will return on December 14 to visit children with special needs by appointment. Please call 262-307-5167, Jeff Schmittinger, to make an appointment.

When Christmas is over, you can call John’s Disposal, 262-473-4700, to have them pick up your Christmas tree on one of your bulk pick up days.
PART TIME PARK EMPLOYEES NEEDED (2020)
If you are interested in working outdoors next summer, please contact the Genesee
Town office and apply now. Our park system will have openings for next year.
Help keep our parks beautiful!

Park & Recreation Department

Baseball Sign-Up
Baseball sign up for the 2020 season will be at the Town Office Monday, February
24th to Friday February 28th, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, February
29th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Registration fee - $50/child – Late Registration is an
additional fee of $20/child. Make checks payable to Town of Genesee.
Credit cards are not accepted.

Soccer Sign-Up
Soccer sign-up for the 2020/21 season will be at the Town Office – Monday, May 18 to
Friday, May 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 23, from 9:00 a.m. to
noon.
Attention - Coaches needed!!

Taxes
The tax bills will be out the middle of December. If you would like a receipt, please enclose a stamped self-
addressed envelope with your payment. If you pay your tax bill in the office when the Treasurer has tax collecting
hours, she will be able to give you a receipt right away. If you come in the office when she is not in, please bring a
stamped self-addressed envelope with your payment. The Treasurer’s hours for tax collecting will be in the letter
inside your tax bill.

****The Treasurer will be collecting taxes December 31st from 8:00 a.m. to noon****
• October 27, 2019 – Trick or Treat hours in the Town of Genesee 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
• October 31, 2019 – Magee Elementary Annual Halloween Parade 1:30 p.m.
• October 31, 2019 – Both Town Park and Sunset Park will close for the season, parks will re-open on April 1, 2020.
• November 2, 2019 – Brush Drop off from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
• November 11, 2019 – Budget Hearing the Budget Hearing and Town Meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. at the Genesee Town Hall.
• November 21 and 22, 2019 – Town Hall Closed
• December 7, 2019 – Cookies with Santa. Santa and Mrs. Claus will again be at the Town Hall from noon to 4:00 p.m. Don’t forget to bring your camera. Donations of baked goods are accepted at the town office Dec. 6th and from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Dec. 7th.
• December 14 – Christmas in the Depot
• December 24, 25 and 31, 2019 and January 1, 2020 – Town Hall Closed
• February 24 to 28, 2020 – Baseball sign-up for the 2020 season. M-F 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 29, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Sign-up sheets will be available on the town website.

Town Zoning and Building Permits

Zoning Permits and Building Permits are required for most building projects in the Town of Genesee. To discuss the application process with the Town Planner or Building Inspector contact:

Town Administrator/Planner - Jeff Herrmann  
Office hours Monday and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or by appointment

Town Building Inspector – Bob Blankenheim  
Office hours Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:30 am. to noon  
Contact by Phone: M-F, 262-364-6633, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Snowplowing Season  
Reminder: Town Ordinances prohibit snow from private properties being plowed across or onto Town right-of-way.

Markers: If you wish to install snowflow markers on your property, please adhere to the following guidelines: the markers must be flexible and/or breakaway (usually plastic or fiberglass). They should be set 10 to 20 feet apart. Metal stakes are NOT allowed. The Town is not responsible for any damage to private markers placed in the Town right-of-way.

Mailboxes: The Town is not responsible for mailboxes that are damaged by snow load or ones that were already loose and knocked over by snow load. Check your mailbox and repair any loose, damaged or inadequately anchored ones. If the snowplow contractor hits your mailbox, please report it promptly to the Town Hall so that we can look into the damage.

Miscellaneous Items: The Town is not responsible for and will not replace underground sprinkler heads, lamp posts or other obstacles located in the Town’s right-of-way if damaged during normal plowing operations.
Frequently Asked Questions

These items cannot be recycled in the curbside program.

Unacceptable Materials

- Yard Waste or Compost
- Wood
- Waste
- Window Class of Mirrors
- Toys
- Tissue Paper
- Take-Out Packaging or Containers
- Syringes
- Scrap Metal
- Propylene Glycol or Tanks
- Plastic Utensils
- Plastic Bags, Wrap, Film
- Paper Plates or Cups
- Paper Ice Cream Containers
- Paper or Cardboard
- Needle, Sharps, Syringes
- Motor Oil Bottles
- Medicinal Waste or Medication
- Loose Caps and Lids
- Light Bulbs
- Liqueurs
- Hoses
- Helmets, Cylinders or Tanks
- Hard Cover Books
- Fuses
- Cardboard Pops or Trays
- Garbage
- Food Drums, Glasses or Mugs
- Disposals
- Cups (Paper or Styrofoam)
- Construction Debris
- Clothing
- Christmas Trees or Lights
- Chains
- Car Parts (Brake Pads, etc.)
- Batteries
- Broken Classifieds
- Appliances
Christmas in the Depot

Sat, December 14th • 10am to 5pm

Stroll along the streets of Genesee Depot & enjoy …

Music • Horse & Buggy Rides
Make 'n Take Craft Station for the Kids
Pictures with Santa • Cookie Decorating
Roasted Chestnuts and much more!

Sponsored by G.A.B.E.
Next year, 2020, is expected to be an extremely busy time for elections. There will be three (3) large elections and a possible February Primary.

February 18 – Primary
April 7 – Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary
August 11 – Partisan Primary
November 3 – General Election (Presidential)

We are expecting large turnouts for the April, August and November elections.

2020 is a Presidential Election year, which means you will soon be finding voter registration forms and absentee ballot request forms in your mailbox. **These mailings are not from your municipal clerk**, even though they may appear to be. They are sent by special interest groups and the prefilled voter information on the forms is often outrageously inaccurate. The fastest and easiest way to verify you are registered, the information is accurate, or request your absentee ballots, is to visit [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov)

**Registration Online is Easy!** Search for your record by entering your name and date of birth. Then click the “Update my Voter Registration” tab! Answer a few questions when you are prompted and [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) will provide you with the step by step instructions to get your registration completed fast and conveniently, right from home. Tip: Do not put any spaces or periods in your street address numbers, example – S43W31391 State Road 83

If you have moved or experienced a change in name, or if you find information that is not accurate, you may update your registration online if your Wisconsin driver’s license or state ID is current. Keeping your voter registration **current** saves you time at the polls on Election Day!

If you want to request an absentee ballot please do so early to be sure you allow enough time for the ballot to be sent to you and returned to the town BEFORE election day. You can also make your request for the absentee ballot on [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov). Photo ID is required for all absentee ballot requests.

If you have any questions contact Town Clerk Meri Majeskie, 262-968-3656 or email merim@towngenesee.org

If you are interested in being a poll worker, please call the Town Hall, 262-968-3656, to be placed on the new two-year term starting 2020.

---Genesee General Information---

**Legal Notice Boards**
The Town posts meeting notices in three (3) places in the town. Front window at the Town Hall, entrance hall at the Genesee Depot Post Office and window by the entrance door at the Genesee Gas Station.

**Town Ordinances**
Are now online, go to the Town website for the link.

**United States Flags**
The Bralick-Miller VFW Post 5270 has a bin in the entry way of the Town Hall for flags that are torn or worn. The Post will properly retire the colors.

**Used Eye Glasses and Hearing Aid Disposal**
The Wales-Genesee Lions Club has a container in the Town Hall Office for placement of used eyeglasses and hearing aids.

**Notary Service**
Notary Service is available to our residents at no charge at the Town Hall during regular office hours.
TOWN OF GENESEE MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the Town Hall located at
S43 W31391 Hwy 83, Genesee Depot.

Town Board Meetings
2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Park Board Meetings
3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Plan Commission Meetings
4th Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Deadlines for submissions to be placed on an agenda can be obtained from the Town of Genesee office.

Wales/Genesee Joint Fire Board
2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (at Wales/Genesee Fire Station)

Town of Genesee Office Hours
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Agendas & Town of Genesee Information
Agendas for all Public meetings and any other important information can be found on the Town of Genesee’s website - www.towngenesee.org

PHONE NUMBERS

Town Board Members:
Chairman-
Sharon Lasar__________________________ 262-668-3166
Supervisors-
Jim Morris____________________________ 262-370-3980
Charlie Ross___________________________ 262-668-3264
Jeff Schmittinger_______________________ 262-392-9519
Duck Houston__________________________ 262-668-3399

Public Works Superintendent-
Will Gibson____________________________ 262-668-3659

Fire Department-
Emergency_____________________________ 911
Non-Emergency_________________________ 262-668-3201

Sheriff’s Department:
Emergency_____________________________ 911
Non-Emergency_________________________ 262-446-5070

Post Office____________________________ 262-668-3186
Town Office____________________________ 262-668-3656
Town Fax______________________________ 262-668-3809

County Supervisors:
William Mitchell________________________ 262-544-9398
Peter M. Wolff__________________________ 262-446-9222

Town Assessor:
Schultz Appraisal_______________________ 262-392-9828

Clerk-
Mari Majerskie__________________________ 262-668-3455
mmail@towngenesee.org

Building Inspector-
Bob Blankeshein (cell)_________________ 262-664-6633

Office Hours at the Town Office - M, W, TH 10:30-12:00