

Town of Genesee



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Terry Tesch, Town Chairman

ATV-UTV

As I'm sure you have seen the ATV/UTV signs within the Town of Genesee. I want to thank the Okauchee ATV-UTV club for taking the lead on this. A special thanks to resident and member John Hem along with Matt Thompson from the club, who raised the funds for signage and installed them without any cost to the taxpayers. We are in a wait and see situation for the State highways (in the 35 mph zones only) and County Roads to become authorized. Remember to ride responsibly and safe. We don't want to ruin a good thing.

Extraterritorial Authority

The Wisconsin Towns Association is always lobbying for legislative change, but we need your help. I want to mention a big concern for the Township. It's extraterritorial authority, which pertains to extraterritorial jurisdiction of (town) land surrounding cities and villages. What is this? Cities have been given by statute either a 3-mile (if pop. 10,000 or more) or a 1.5-mile extent of zoning control outside their corporate boundaries if the proper cooperative steps with the adjoining town are followed. Villages have been given up to 1.5 miles. This allows a city/village to exercise land use control over new development that otherwise might be incompatible with a city/village's future growth. This allows cities and villages to approve or disapprove developments of towns within 1 ½ miles of village borders and 3 miles of city borders. This is unfair for the residents within those borders in our Township.

I have reached out to a couple of representatives at the state level without success. What I am asking of you, is to contact our representatives and ask them to take this seriously. They may feel pressured by their alliance to these villages and cities who they also represent. Make a call, or write an email or a letter. Let them know you as a resident within the borders of the town, you have more say than the elected officials of another venue.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN CONTINUED

Lake Country Fire and Rescue

Public safety is a touchy situation, but I will do my part to watch how the fire service spends our money. Once again Lake Country Fire and Rescue (LCFR) budgeting and how we fund this is ongoing. How we cover these increased costs with the least amount of financial burden is a big issue. Due to state mandates, we have no choice in what we have to pay to maintain a fire service that is provided by LCFR at an acceptable level of safety. With that said, an implementation of a future fire fee might be reality. Explanation meetings on what our fire fees are and how they are applied will be forthcoming. Just a note, all properties have to pay, including tax exempt properties, county owned properties, and properties owned by the township. The only exception is State owned properties, who already make an annual aid payment to the Township. Watch our Town website for more meeting notices and your mail for further information as it becomes available.

In closing, remember, your Town Board represents the best interest of the citizens and the Town - by working together, we can accomplish great things.

Have a great summer and always, patronize our shops and restaurants in the Town.



911 ADDRESS SIGN

HELP US HELP YOU!

When an emergency happens, seconds matter. One of the simplest ways residents in the Town of Genesee can help Lake Country Fire & Rescue respond quickly is by ensuring their address sign is clearly visible and properly installed.

Emergency responders rely heavily on address markers—especially at night, in severe weather, or during high-stress situations. If your address is hard to find, partially hidden, or improperly placed, it can delay response times when every second counts.

Town code requires address signs to have a green reflective background with white reflective alphanumeric characters, measuring 18 inches by 6 inches. Signs must be mounted on a 6.5-foot galvanized steel channel post, positioned no less than four feet and no more than five feet above the roadway surface. The post is designated for the address sign only—no other signage is permitted.

The primary installation location is approximately 10 feet from either side of the driveway, placed on the back edge of the road right-of-way and no more than 15 feet from the edge of the pavement. Alternate placements may be approved by the Public Works Superintendent if visibility is obstructed—but signs may not be affixed to buildings or other permanent structures.

Please take a moment to check your address sign. Clear, visible signage truly helps us help you. -

Matt Fennig, Lake Country Fire and Rescue Chief

RAILROAD HISTORY

Submitted by Sharon L. Leair

Table of Construction Progress of Milwaukee-Mississippi Railroad

The railroad came through Genesee in 1852. Here's the construction timeline which was published in the Waukesha Freeman Centennial Edition in 1959:

1850: Milwaukee to Elm Grove (10 miles)

1851: Elm Grove to Waukesha (10.7 miles)

1852: Waukesha to Milton (41.5 miles)

1853: Milton to Stoughton (18.5 miles)

1854: Stoughton to Madison (15.5 miles)

1856: Madison to Boscobel (71.0)

1857: Boscobel to Prairie du Chien (28 miles)

Total railroad miles completed in 1857 totaled 195.2 miles.

There was also a spur line built in 1895 to haul stone from the Johnson Quarry on Highway 59 to Genesee Depot. I had heard of this spur line but wasn't able to confirm it until now.





2026 ELECTIONS

If you are a new voter to the Town of Genesee, you will need to register before you can vote.

If you can register before Election Day, it will make your voting day go faster. You must have been a resident of the Town of Genesee for at least 28 days. If you have not lived here for 28 days you may vote at your previous address. Last day to register in person to vote prior to the Election Day is always the Friday before Election Day.

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

Registration is quick and easy at myvote.wi.gov

AVOID THE LINES, DON'T WAIT TO REGISTER ON ELECTION DAY

**SPRING
ELECTION
APRIL 7**

IN PERSON ABSENTEE SCHEDULE

Tuesday March 24-Friday March 27 from 8am to 4:30pm
Monday March 30- Wednesday April 1 from 8am to 4:30pm
Thursday April 2 and Friday April 3 from 8am to 5pm

**PARTISAN
PRIMARY
AUGUST 11**

IN PERSON ABSENTEE SCHEDULE

Tuesday July 28- Friday July 31 from 8am to 4:30pm
Monday August 3- Wednesday August 5 from 8am to 4:30pm
Thursday August 6 and Friday August 7 from 8am to 5pm

**GENERAL
ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3**

IN PERSON ABSENTEE SCHEDULE

Tuesday October 20 8am to 4:30pm, Wednesday October 21 from 8am to 6pm, Thursday & Friday October 22 & 23 from 8am to 4:30pm. Saturday October 24 from 9am to 11am.
Monday October 26 from 8am to 4:30pm, Tuesday October 27 from 8am to 6pm, Wednesday October 28 from 8am to 4:30pm.
Thursday October 29 and Friday October 30 from 8am to 5pm
Saturday October 31 from 9am to 11am.

SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS:



A reminder as we enter into a few upcoming elections this year. If you are voting absentee by mail please send your absentee ballot back ASAP, we have seen a substantial increase in the time it takes for the ballot to return to us through USPS. If your absentee ballot envelope arrives after Election Day it will not be counted no matter the post marked date. If it's getting close to Election Day and you are worried the mail won't get it to us in time, you are more than welcome to hand deliver your own absentee ballot envelope to the Town or Deputy Clerk. A ballot dropbox will not be available in the Town of Genesee.

SUPERVISOR CHARLIE ROSS

Longtime Genesee Supervisor Charlie Ross is not rerunning this April after 23 years of service to the Town. Besides serving on the Town Board for 18 years, Charlie has served on the Plan Commission for 5 years as well. We appreciate his service to the Town and wish him all the best as he enjoys his newly found free time!



DRIVEWAY REGULATIONS



Per Chapter 500 section 2I of the Town of Genesee Ordinances:

Concrete surfacing of private driveways. If a driveway is installed as a concrete driveway, the concrete shall not extend over the driveway culvert, or between the culvert and the traveled portion of the roadway. If there is no driveway culvert then the concrete shall be no closer than six feet to the traveled portion of the roadway. The area between the concrete driveway and the traveled portion of the roadway shall be paved with asphalt. Further, driveway pavement installed within 10 feet from the traveled portion of the roadway shall have a rise of not more than six inches.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 9-13 Baseball Sign up from 8am to 4:30pm and Saturday March 14 from 9am to Noon
- March 24, 2026- First day of In Person Absentee Voting for the Spring Election
- April 1, 2026- Parks reopen
- April 6, 2026- No voting or registration the day before an Election
- **April 7, 2026- Spring Election 7am to 8pm**
- April 21, 2026- Annual Meeting @ 5:30pm
- May 2, 2026- Brush Drop off in the Town Hall parking lot 8am to 11am
- May 11-15 Soccer Sign up from 8am to 4:30pm and Saturday May 16 from 9am to Noon.
- May 25, 2026- Town Hall Closed for Memorial Day
- July 3, 2026- Town Hall Closed for observance of 4th of July
- July 28, 2026- First day of In Person Absentee for Partisan Primary Election
- **August 11, 2026- Partisan Primary Election 7am to 8pm**



Town of Genesee 2026

Dog License Application



OWNERS NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

OWNERS ADDRESS _____

CIRCLE ONE:

MALE \$17.00 NEUTERED MALE \$12.00

FEMALE \$17.00 SPAYED FEMALE \$12.00

BREED _____ COLOR _____

DOG NAME _____

RABIES EXPIRATION DATE _____

RABIES CERTIFICATE ATTACHED _____

A dog license is required by March 31 for all dogs over 5 months of age. Licenses issued after March 31 will include a \$5.00 late fee. **A COPY OF THE RABIES CERTIFICATE MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION.**

Section 233 of Town Code governs dog licensing. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for mailing the tags back to you. For questions, please call 262.968.3656.

A Message from Public Works

Submitted by Jeff Gryzkewicz Public Works Superintendent

With spring in the air, the department will shift its focus from snow removal to road repairs. Typically asphalt plants will open sometime in April. Once plants have opened, we will complete an audit of the entire road system to fill in any large potholes from the winter months. We will use a cold patch material for any potholes needing attention prior to the asphalt plant opening. This material is more expensive and does not bond to the pot hole as well as we would like and is likely to fail through-out the summer. Once our potholes are complete you can expect to see crews repairing road areas by means of patches. A typical patch for our capabilities will range from 2 – 12-ton patches. This could be anything from a worn corner of an intersection or a badly deteriorated area most likely from foliage overhang (Trees) on the road system. In addition to road patches, we are well underway to our 2026 road program for the Town. This is a yearly program that the Town selects parts of the road system for total refurbishment. Final roads selected for the road program are; Billings Road, Deer Park Ct, Deer Park Dr, Edwards Dr, Oaklawn Dr, and Sleepy Hollow Ct.

Crews will also continue to cut back areas of the ditch lines that are encroaching the roads to promote sunlight onto the road system. Sunlight is our best ally to prolong road life and reduce salt usage in the winter months. You will also see our larger mowing tractors in the ditches primarily on collector roads but also within contained areas of subdivisions where grassy areas are not mowed. As this machine is rather costly to operate we typically only mow our ditches twice per year, however some intersections that can be problematic for viewing may be addressed more often as summer progresses. As always, we ask for your patience when driving through work zones where our crews are working. Often crews are operating equipment that is rather loud making it harder to identify passing vehicles, so with that we appreciate your help in slowing down as you pass by our work zones.

We also would like to encourage residents to come out and visit our park systems this summer. For those new to the area, we have two Town owned Parks. One on Sunset Drive and the other on Depot Road. In the summer evenings you can watch some great baseball games, spring & fall soccer on the weekends or enjoy our playgrounds at both parks. Tennis and pickleball courts are also at Town Park. The Town also maintains a 20-acre nature center on Depot Road next to Ten Chimney's. The Nature Center has a walking path around the perimeter of the property. Some spots of this walking path are a little hilly so be sure to wear some sturdy shoes as the trail itself is about 1 mile. For more info on parks and rec please be sure to visit our website.



BRUSH DROP OFF

In the Genesee Town Hall Parking lot on May 2, 2026 from 8am to 11am

- Brush and branches no more than 4 inches in diameter
- Four feet in length or less
- Tied in bundles no heavier than 70 pounds
- No Black Walnuts
- Yard waste must be in compostable paper bags

EXCEL AT E-CYCLING

THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN RECYCLING ELECTRONICS IN WISCONSIN:

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Ecycle>

Electronics should not go in your recycling cart. The facilities that recycle them are different than the ones for curbside recycling.

Batteries found in many electronics can spark and cause a fire in your recycling bin or garbage can, especially if the battery is swollen or damaged.

Be sure to wipe your data from devices such as computers, tablets and cellphones.

Ask questions about where your electronics are going and how they are handled. There may be a fee to recycle some electronics, especially TVs and monitors.

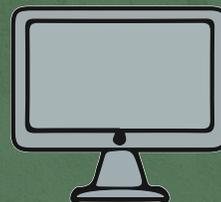
The following are banned from the trash:



Televisions



Computers, including desktops, laptops and tablets



Computer Monitors



Fax Machines



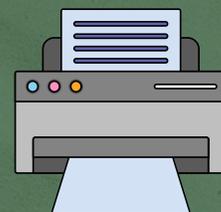
E-Readers



Other Computer Accessories



Dvd Players, VCRS, DVRs and Other Video Players



Desktop Printers



Cellphones

Burning Regulations

1. Fire MUST be attended at ALL times with sufficient fire fighting equipment and water
2. Size of pile being burned not to exceed five (5) feet in diameter and three (3) feet in height
3. No burning after dark and/or when winds are in excess of 15 m.p.h.
4. Burning area to be at least 15 feet off the property line
5. Burning should not create a public nuisance



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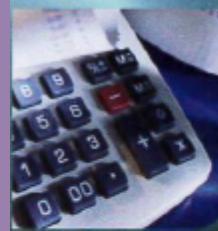
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TOWN OF GENESEE MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the Town Hall located at
S43W31391 Hwy 83, Genesee Depot.

Town Board Meetings

2nd Monday of the month at 6pm

Plan Commission Meetings

4th Monday of the month at 6pm

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

Lake Country Fire & Rescue Board Meetings

Dates and times are listed on Town's website under
link to LCFR

Town of Genesee Office Hours

Monday through Friday 8am to 4:30pm

Agendas & Town of Genesee Information

Current Agendas & Minutes for all Public meetings and
any other important information can be found on the
Town of Genesee's website - www.towngenesee.wi.gov

PHONE NUMBERS

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Chairman- Terry Tesch _____ 262-278-3658

Supervisors-

Jim Morris _____ 262-370-3980

Charlie Ross _____ 262-227-3364

Rick Braun _____ 414-899-4707

Charlie Gresser _____ 262-385-5945

Public Works Department _____ 262-888-2805

Fire Department-

Emergency _____ 911

Lake Country Fire & Rescue Station 42 _____ 262-646-6235

Sheriff's Department-

Emergency _____ 911

Non-Emergency _____ 262-446-5070

Post Office _____ 262-968-3186

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Paul Launer _____ 262-825-8820

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