

A message from the Mayor

Dear Neighbor,

If we look hard enough, we discover “art” in all that surrounds us - the art of the buildings that dot our business districts; the art of the open space that softens our landscape and community; the art of our homes; the art of our neighborhoods; the art of the “knuckles” throughout our downtown, the art of our conversations between and among each other.

The City of Geneva is, by all accounts, an artist’s canvas, ball of clay, slab of stone, tons of steel or other material that heretofore has been untouched by our hands - artist’s hands.

We create what we love and love what we create. We hue from what is merely a collection of streets, homes and businesses a community that we can all be proud of and put on display for others to enjoy, appreciate, recognize and comment. Geneva is the result of tens of thousands of pairs of hands that have created a product that provokes, engages and emotes all of us who live within its borders and those who visit us year after year.

And, like all great art, the art we have created and continue to create, is never finished.

As artists, we are obliged to tweak, touch-up and modify the art we call Geneva so as to adapt to our changing cultural, social and economic conditions.

As 2012 beckons, please join me in pledging to get in touch with our inner artist and apply our talents, time and treasure to help make Geneva even more special by appreciating what exists in our very own backyards - a community that requires the hands of all its citizens to help shape and color it for now and future generations to enjoy and call home.

My best,

Kevin R. Burns
Mayor

