

## Geneva celebrates with community birthday party

Residents are invited to bring their picnic baskets out for an old fashioned community party in celebration of Geneva's 175th birthday on Saturday, August 14 from 4-8 pm. The celebration is designed to not only commemorate a historic milestone, but to encourage residents of all ages to interact with each other and literally get to know their neighbors. Entertainment will include dance performers from the Geneva Park

District and a performance by storyteller Terry Lynch. The evening will culminate with music provided by the Fox Valley Concert Band. The picnic will be held on the courthouse lawn at Third and James Streets. The party is in cooperation with the City of Geneva, Geneva Chamber of Commerce, Geneva Park District, Geneva Public Library, and the Geneva History Center. [genevahistorycenter.org](http://genevahistorycenter.org)

## 175th anniversary commemorative ornament on sale



The City of Geneva is offering a limited edition ornament in commemoration of Geneva's 175th anniversary. These pewter ornaments feature the official City logo and come with a velvet case for safe-keeping. Ornaments are \$12 each and can be purchased at the "Geneva Stuff" City Store located at the City Hall Reception Desk at 22 S. First Street. City Hall hours are Monday-Friday from 8 am-5 pm. Call 630-232-7494 for more information.

## Geneva Girl Scouts create butterfly garden at City Hall

When some Geneva girl scouts were recently looking for a location to plant a butterfly garden, Mayor Kevin Burns enthusiastically embraced the idea and offered City Hall as a home for the garden. That began five months of planning for Girl Scout Troops 4057, 4232, 4281, 4807 and 4857.

An aunt of one of the scouts was a landscape architect who donated a plan for the garden and the scout leaders researched what was needed for their garden to be designated as an official Monarch Waystation by Monarch Watch, a national butterfly organization.

City crews prepared the garden on the front lawn of City Hall and the scouts planted butterfly-friendly seeds at home and tended the seedlings until the garden was ready for planting in mid-May. The scouts will water



and care for their Monarch Waystation throughout the growing season. Visitors are welcome to stop by City Hall and see how well the plants are growing and view the beautiful butterflies flitting from flower to flower.

## City tweets about electric load reduction program

The City of Geneva is reaching out through Twitter to those interested in promoting energy conservation while helping to keep Geneva electric rates down. Residents and business owners can sign up to follow the

City's Twitter account and receive timely information on reducing home or business electric load during peak power days. To sign up visit [twitter.com](http://twitter.com) and follow "cityofgeneva."

## Prescription drug disposal program announced

The Geneva Police Department, in partnership with Delnor Hospital, has announced the launch of a new Prescription Drug Disposal Program. This program is designed to promote the importance of safe drug utilization while educating the public about the use of medications. It is further designed to give residents of the City of Geneva a safe, secure, and environmentally friendly way to dispose of unwanted, unneeded or unsecured prescription medications. Medications left unsecured in the home can lead to medication misuse, resulting in serious health consequences for adults and

children. The Geneva Police Department will accept unwanted prescription medications at the Geneva Police Department. Any Geneva resident wishing to dispose of unwanted prescription medication simply needs to bring it to the lobby of the Police Department. The Geneva Police Department's Prescription Drug Disposal Program will not accept used/unused needles, medication from businesses, pharmacies, nursing homes, or medical offices. For further information regarding this program please contact Sergeant Mike Frieders at 630-232-4736.

## Shape Kane County's future

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning will host an open house on Wednesday, July 21 from 6-8 pm at the Kane County Government Center. County residents have an opportunity to provide input on the draft GO TO 2040 comprehensive regional plan for northeastern Illinois. Based on nearly three years of research, deliberation, and public input, the plan recommends action in four themes: Livable Communities, Regional Mobility, Human Capital, and Efficient Governance. By implementing GO TO 2040, the region will:

- Emphasize support for existing communities.

- Encourage more compact, sustainable development patterns.
- Increase the efficiency and transparency of government through better decision making.
- Reduce congestion by emphasizing modernization (rather than expansion) of the current transportation system.
- Give residents more options for getting around, including transit, walking, and bicycling.
- Improve parks and preserve open space.
- Reduce consumption of energy and water.

For more information, visit [goto2040.org](http://goto2040.org).

## New water and sewer rates in effect

In order to meet operating expenses and continue capital improvements, Geneva's City Council has approved water and sewer rate increases for fiscal year

2010-11. The average residential usage will be an additional \$1 per month for water and \$.65 for sewer. Increases will be noted on resident's utility bills.

## Refuse sticker rates to increase July 1

New rates for waste stickers take effect July 1, 2010 as part of the 5-year refuse contract with Allied Waste approved by the Geneva City Council in 2008. On July 1, stickers will cost \$2.92. Stickers purchased prior to July 1 will remain valid

but anything purchased July 1 or later will be at the price of \$2.92. Complete information on the City's refuse program, as well as locations for sticker purchase can be found at [geneva.il.us](http://geneva.il.us).



## Upcoming brush collection dates

All brush must be placed on the parkway by 7 am on the Monday of scheduled collection week.

**East Side of Fox River**  
(1st & 3rd weeks of the month)  
July 5 & 19  
August 2 & 16  
September 6 & 20  
October 4 & 18  
November 1 & 15

**West Side of Fox River**  
(2nd & 4th weeks of the month)  
July 12 & 26  
August 9 & 23  
September 13 & 27  
October 11 & 25  
November 8 & 22