

Yes, Genoans, There is a "Genoa Historic District" *by Marian Vassar*

The Genoa Historic District was created in 1974 by Douglas County under Nevada Law (NRS 384) to administer regulations within the Historic District applicable to commercial property. The County Commissioners then appointed a Genoa Historic District Commission. This Commission has five members who serve two-year terms.

In 1992, *Information, Guidelines, Regulations* was adopted by the Genoa Historic District Commission (GHDC) as a guide for consistency in performing its responsibilities. These guidelines derive their authority from Douglas County ordinances. This authority applies only to the external, visible design of the property.

The purpose of the GHDC is to help maintain the historic integrity of Genoa through implementation of these guidelines. Owners of commercial property are required to submit their plans to the GHDC for review and for a Certificate of Appropriateness prior to issuance of permits required by the County.

External and visible design refers to scale, mass, proportion, height, roof line, external surface including color, windows, entrances and streetscape (building setbacks, fences, lights, paving, out buildings, benches, signs, etc.).

Although there may be some gray areas in these guidelines, it is in the best interest of our commercial property owners to present their plans for construction, reconstruction, additions, fences, signage, etc., to GHDC for approval prior to commencing construction. Our Historic District designation lasts only as long as the historic appearance and value of Genoa are insured. The GHDC is committed to protecting this designation.

The GHDC meets on the third Monday of each month **WHEN THERE IS BUSINESS TO CONDUCT**. Applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness must be submitted to: GHDC, Post Office Box 101, Genoa, NV 89411. After they are received, a meeting date is scheduled and agenda and plans are posted in areas designated by the County for a minimum of 10 days prior to the meeting.

For more information call Bob Centanni, 782-0801, or Marian Vassar, 782-4584.

COURTHOUSE MUSEUM (cont'd. from page 3)

The museum is supported by admission fees, gift shop/bookstore proceeds, society memberships, interest from a trust fund, memorial gifts and other donations. Future goals include building a ramp to the second floor so handicapped people who have never before had the opportunity will be able to see the Courtroom Exhibit.

For more information on the museum, Historical Society membership or volunteering to serve as a museum docent, please contact Ted Tiffany at 775-782-8901.

Genoa Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast

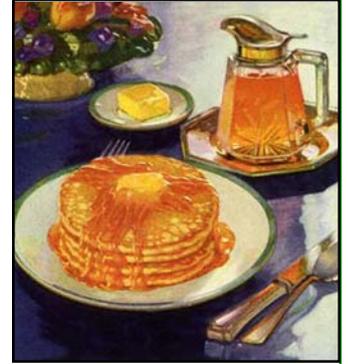
In observance of Wildland Fire Awareness Week, the Genoa Chapter of the Nevada Fire Safe Council will host a Genoa Chapter

Pancake Breakfast and Membership Drive.

**Saturday, May 17, 2008
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Pancake breakfast is \$5
Memberships are \$10**

Information: Dan Pendleton,
Genoa Chapter Leader,
782-5262



LIVING WITH FIRE

Homeowners can assess their home's defensibility by using the homeowner's defensible space checklist found on the website: www.livingwithfire.info. Further information on making one's home fire-safe is also available by calling the East Fork Fire Department: 782-9040.

Recreation Committee Update

A Big Thank You to all those who volunteered to present the Town's two latest social activities and to those local business who so generously provided donations:

St. Patrick's Day

The annual St. Patrick's Day Feast was a great success. Over 120 people attended and enjoyed a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings. Many local businesses generously donated prizes for the silent auction. There was plenty of great music provided by Patrick Jolly, and some lovely young Irish dancers even made an appearance. The event was co-chaired by Marian Vassar and Lynne Bowersock, with the assistance of the many community volunteers.

Easter Sunday

Genoa Park was the setting for an Easter Egg Hunt for children 12 years old and under and their families. Mother Nature provided perfect weather for the event, and co-chairs Karen Holmes and Anita Mathews-Kornoff and their committee of hard-working volunteers supplied over 1,000 eggs for the hunt, both hard boiled and candy/prize filled plastic eggs. After the hunt was over, children got to visit and have their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny himself! Many thanks to all those who shared their time and energy to make this activity such a success.