

## Town Board Sets Priorities for 2010-2011

The Genoa Town Board will continue an ambitious program of aesthetic and municipal improvements with five projects for FY 2010-2011.

The five projects were approved in March. They include:

1. Developing a master plan for the renovation of the Old Firehouse to be used as a visitor and community center and Town Office.
2. Reinforcing the Town Hall-Raycraft Hall floor.
3. Painting the Town Church and reinforcing the foundation.
4. Undergrounding of utility wires and installing historical lights on Main Street.
5. Completing research on expanding the town's boundaries, which includes benefits and costs.

Some projects are continuations of 2009-2010 FY priorities. The 2009-2010 projects included:

1. Developing a design for undergrounding utility wires and installing historical lights. A citizen's committee was comprised of Willie Webb, Marian Vassar and Ron and Ann Funk, with board member Jen King as a liaison with the board. The design will soon be completed and funding plans developed.
2. Completing the Carson Street drainage project. Funding is in place and construction will begin before the end of this fiscal year.
3. Implementing three recommendations from the Economic Citizens Committee. The first Genoa Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival will be held April 29-May 2, cosponsored with the Carson Valley Arts Council (see related story beginning on page 1). The contract for writing grants to fund marketing of Genoa and rehabilitating town historical buildings went to Resource Concepts and Theresa Chipp; an \$8,000 Nevada Arts Council grant was secured to promote the Genoa Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival, but because only a portion of the old firehouse is more than 50 years

old, a restoration grant submitted to the State Office of Historical Preservation was denied. The Genoa Church foundation replacement project will be completed this fiscal year, and painting the building was added to this year's annual community beautification project; Gillmor-Coons Realty Inc. donates funds each year to the Town for the community beautification program, and funds this year will go toward the painting of the church.

4. Completing a walking path between David Walley's Resort, Hot Springs and Spa and the town in conjunction with The Nature Conservancy. Plans are complete and the county, which has made this project a high priority, has taken the lead.
5. Completing research on the expansion of the town's boundaries, including benefits and costs, has been continued into the 2010-2011 fiscal year's priorities.

Other projects completed or planned to be completed in 2009-2010, which are not part of ongoing maintenance, include:

- **Town Hall-Raycraft Hall:** Plumbing replaced in the restrooms; interior and exterior painted with an insulating paint that keeps the building cooler in summer and warmer in winter; new town hall sign installed; walls of restrooms and a portion of front of the hall replaced.
- **Town Fire House (Genoa Community Center):** New entrance added to welcome visitors; town offices painted; plan developed to replace and reinforce the back entrance railing for safety reasons.
- **Town Park:** Sprinkler system and fencing repaired and replaced.
- **Town Church:** Carpet cleaned and repaired.
- **Streets:** Sign posts repaired and replaced; study completed that determined Genoa's dirt roads have favorable strength and structural characteristics and there is no reason to import more road base or other materials.