



City Manager Updates – October 2025

Goal 1: Ensure Fiscal and Organizational Stewardship of City Resources

Highlights: Two Police Officer transfers in process · Sergeant promotion pending Civil Service results · Community Vitality Coordinator posting expected in October · \$85K PFAS settlement received for Water Department · Castle Street reconstruction community meeting

Our hiring efforts continue with two Police Officer lateral transfers under review, both of whom have accepted contingent offers pending background checks. Civil Service approval for the Community Vitality Coordinator position is expected in early October. Results from the Police Sergeant exam are still pending, which is likely to result in an internal promotion. This promotion would create a new officer vacancy we plan to fill this winter.

The City remains part of a national PFAS class action lawsuit against chemical manufacturers. To date, Geneva has received two settlement payments totaling \$85,000, which will be directed to the Water Department to support chemical treatment initiatives.

The Castle Street Reconstruction Project received three bids ranging from \$4M to \$5.2M. Following review, Villager Construction was awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. A community meeting on this project is being held on October 2, 2025 at City Hall from 5:30 – 6:30pm.

Training and professional development remain a focus. Officers and detectives attended school safety, threat prevention, and death investigation trainings. The City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and Special Events Coordinator will attend the 2025 ICMA Conference this October. Costs are reduced through ICMA student and new ACM discounts, as well as grant funding for travel.

Dock replacement and Long Pier stabilization planning continues, with state partners currently reviewing proposals. Funding is anticipated through a combination of DRI allocations and a prior City bond match.

Finally, Chief Eveland will relocate outside the City within the next 90 days. In alignment with Council policy, the City Manager has approved this request as the new residence is within a reasonable commute. **Goal 2: Promote Economic Development within the City**

Highlights: Dunkin' Donuts construction is progressing with a targeted 2025 opening, DRI streetscape closeout work has started, quarterly economic development meetings among BID/LDC/IDA/City partners are launching, the OEO development team continues community engagement with meetings on October 11 and 22, and the City is monitoring electricity capacity issues in coordination with NYSEG and state officials.

Work has resumed on the Dunkin' Donuts site, and construction is moving forward. While the official opening date has not yet been announced, it is currently targeted for 2025.

Closeout work on the DRI streetscape project has begun downtown. A detailed calendar of activities, including any expected traffic interruptions, will be shared as we are able.

The BID, LDC, IDA, and City will soon begin holding quarterly economic development meetings to ensure ongoing coordination among these partners and with Ontario County. The new BID Executive Director and LDC Chair will take the lead on organizing these meetings as part of the 2024 Economic Development Strategy.

The development team for the OEO site recently met with approximately 20 individuals to discuss project plans. The next opportunity to engage with staff supporting this work will be on October 11 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the final Farmer's Market of the year. Community members are encouraged to stop by and share feedback on this downtown housing project. A formal community meeting will also be held on October 22 at 6 p.m. at Bozzuto.

Electricity capacity remains a concern for new development. At the September IDA meeting, Ryan Davis from Ontario County Economic Development provided an update on the County's work with NYSEG to address insufficient infrastructure to support growth. The City has engaged with Senators Helming and Gillibrand's staff on these concerns. While projects currently working with NYSEG have been told power will be available, previous experience in Canandaigua shows that challenges can arise as projects near completion, potentially affecting supply and costs. Council will consider a resolution at the October meeting similar to the one recently passed by Canandaigua, urging NYSEG and the NY Public Service Commission to increase electric generation capacity in the County.

Goal 3: Increase and Sustain Intergovernmental Relations with City Partners

Highlights: The City will receive 100 additional composting caddies for income-qualified seniors, the first annual Chusid Symposium on Place brought ~100 attendees to Geneva, the County approved a Priority Services Agreement for municipal offices, the Mayor and County Supervisors met to discuss budgets and shared fire services with a follow-up in November, and the Municipal Health Insurance Consortium announced an 18% rate increase for 2026.

The City will receive 100 additional composting caddies from Ontario County for distribution to income-qualified seniors. In partnership with the Town, this program provides free curbside compost pickup for seniors throughout Geneva. A mailing with program details will be sent in the coming weeks.

The City Manager welcomed approximately 100 attendees to Geneva for the first annual [Chusid Symposium on Place](#), hosted by the Christopherson Center. The event took place at the Dove Block, one of eight Central New York sites recognized for its work in economic development, heritage, climate resiliency, and equity, celebrating place-making and community-building efforts.

The Board of Supervisors approved a Priority Services Agreement with certain municipalities in Ontario County. This cost-sharing agreement supports municipal offices located within the County and, while not mandated, is provided annually to participating municipalities with County buildings.

City leadership, including the Mayor, County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator, Supervisors Kennedy and Pruett, Assistant City Manager, and City Manager, held a quarterly meeting to discuss budget priorities and cost reduction strategies. The meeting also covered challenges facing the County's fire districts, including the recent dissolution of the Fisher's Fire Department, and lessons for shared services. The next meeting is scheduled for November.

The Municipal Health Insurance Consortium held its annual meeting to review the future of collaborative health insurance. The 2026 rate for the City's health insurance plans will increase 18%. The City offers Platinum and Silver plans to employees, with both plan offerings and employee contributions determined as negotiated benefits.

Goal 4: Develop and Implement Strategies to Create and Continue Dynamic Communications

Highlights: The October Community Conversation will be held on October 10 at 8:30 a.m. at Monaco's with Director Venuti, providing residents an opportunity to ask questions and share feedback. The City Manager also joined Finger Lakes Morning Radio to discuss the City Budget. Videos highlighting the City of Geneva are now live.

The next Community Conversation will take place on Thursday, October 10, at 8:30 a.m. at Monaco's, earlier than originally scheduled. These monthly conversations provide a dedicated forum for residents to engage directly with City leadership, ask questions about City operations, share feedback, and learn about ongoing projects and initiatives. Director Venuti will join the discussion to provide insights into current departmental priorities and upcoming initiatives. [Here is a link to share the invite.](#)

In addition, the City Manager participated in an interview with Paul on Finger Lakes Morning Radio to discuss the City Budget. The conversation covered the 2026 budget process, cost-saving measures, infrastructure projects, and key priorities for the year ahead. Residents can listen to the interview [here](#). These public-facing efforts are part of the City's ongoing commitment to transparency and community engagement.

In partnership with CGI Digital, the city is excited to share a new way to experience Geneva! Our City Video Tour highlights the people, places, and services that make our community a vibrant place to live, work, and visit.

From local businesses and recreation opportunities to public services and community life, this video series is your inside look at everything Geneva has to offer. Watch the videos here: <https://cityofgenevany.gov/>

Goal 5: Enhance the Quality of Life for City Residents

Highlights: Halloween Trick-or-Treating will be held on October 31 from 6–8 p.m., temporary political signs are regulated under the City's zoning code, staff are reviewing sidewalk repair policies and preparing long-term recommendations, property repairs and demolitions are underway at Madias and 175 Genesee Street, DPW is completing Downtown Revitalization, water/wastewater treatment plant upgrades, and miscellaneous maintenance, and Police Department statistics for August 2025 show continued public safety

The City will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. with traditional Trick-or-Treating throughout Geneva.

Political signs fall under the City's temporary sign regulations. A temporary sign is defined as one not intended for use beyond 60 days and not permanently attached to a building, structure, or the ground. Temporary signs must:

- Conform to the standards of the applicable sign type.
- Not be displayed for more than 60 days in a 120-day period, with the possibility of two additional 60-day extensions upon written request to the CEO.

Code Enforcement Officials (CEOs), which include our four-member licensed team including the Building and Zoning Coordinator, oversee compliance with these regulations.

Staff continue to address both immediate concerns and process needs under the current sidewalk repair policy and moratorium. Recommended long-term policy changes are being prepared for Council consideration. A discussion on this topic is scheduled for the October Council meeting to clarify the moratorium and review different scenarios staff has begun evaluating.

Property Complaints

- Madias Property: Coordination with NYSEG for utility shut-offs is underway. Sessler Corporation has been selected as the contractor, and demolition will begin once utilities are disconnected.
- 175 Genesee Street: Contractors will begin repairs to stabilize this long-condemned property, with the goal of achieving a structurally sound and occupied building. Community members with questions or concerns are encouraged to reach out.

DPW Repairs and Improvements

- Downtown Revitalization Initiative: Work on milling and paving for 5 & 20 is expected to begin Monday, September 22.
- Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants: Rebuilt high-lift pump #2 installed at the Water Treatment Plant; motor replaced for high-lift pump at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Miscellaneous Repairs/Maintenance: Staff repaired school zone warning lights at West North Street, replaced fuses at Lakefront light poles, installed loitering signs at the bus station, completed shade structure installations, and performed additional maintenance tasks.

Police Department – August 2025 Statistics

- Calls for Service: 2,981 | Year-to-Date: 24,632
- Mental Health Calls: 15 | Year-to-Date: 133
- Domestic Incidents: 52 | Year-to-Date: 348
- Overdoses: 8 | Year-to-Date: 55
- Property Checks: 1,480 | Year-to-Date: 11,861
- Parking Tickets Issued: 144 | Year-to-Date: 1,168
- Traffic Tickets Issued: 112 | Year-to-Date: 1,122
- Motor Vehicle Accidents: 32 | Year-to-Date: 226
- Overtime Hours: 301.25 | Year-to-Date: 1,811.5

Upcoming City Meetings and Events

- ✓ October 7: City Council Special Meeting on Budget – 6pm
- ✓ October 9: Memorial Dedication for Frank Quartaro – 2pm
- ✓ October 10: Community Conversation with Director Venuti – 8:30am at Monaco's
- ✓ October 14: City Council Special Meeting on Budget – 6pm
- ✓ October 21: City Council Special Meeting on Budget – 6pm

October Monthly Data for the City of Geneva, NY

Item	Amount	Source
Population	12,573	2023 – 5-Year ACS
Number of Households	4,878	2023 – 5-Year ACS
Households with children	898	2023 – 5-Year ACS
Number of students who attend college in Geneva	1,744	2023 – Data USA
Poverty rate	18.3% or 1,870 people	2023 – 5-Year ACS
Number of owner-occupied homes	49.2% or ~2,399 homes	2023 – 5-Year ACS
Number of commercial properties	714	Assessment Department
Number of rental units in the City	50.8% or ~2,476 units	2023 – 5-Year ACS
Number of homes sold in September 2025	13	Realty Trac
Number of Active Listings for Residential Sale as of 8/31/2025	34	RealtyTrac
Number of Active Listings for Commercial Sale as of 8/31/2025	7	LoopNet
Short Term Rentals as of 9/30/2025	100 (+3 since September '25)	Rentalscape
Active Short-Term Rental Permits as of 9/30/2025	88 total (58 complete, 30 in process)	Rentalscape
Number of STR not in compliance as of 9/30/2025	12	Rentalscape
2025 Total Assessed Value	\$729,466,885	Assessor's Office
2025 Tax Rate	\$12.16	2025 City Budget
2025 City of Geneva General Budget	\$20,898,780	2025 City Budget
General Fund - Fund Balance as of 9/1/2025	\$5,319,895	Finance Department
2025 City of Geneva Water Budget	\$3,316,999	2025 City Budget
Water Fund – Fund Balance as of 9/1/2025	\$1,665,667	Finance Department
2025 City of Geneva Sewer Budget	\$5,534,798	2025 City Budget
Sewer Fund – Fund Balance as of 9/1/2025	\$2,428,784	Finance Department
2025 Overtime Budget (All Departments)	\$452,100	2025 City Budget
Overtime Expended as of 9/30/2025	\$299,682	Finance Department
Total Cash (All Accounts) as of 9/30/2025	\$25,158,151	Finance Department
Sales Tax Revenue Received as of 9/30/2025	\$2,822,464	Finance Department Variance from 2024: -\$3,375