

GGC Meeting, Tues, 4/21/26, Welcome Center conference room, 5:30pm

Present: ____

A, Call to Order

Motion to approve March Minutes: __, 2nd:__

B, Correspondences

C, Reports/Updates/Discussions

1, volunteer sign-up for the GRRP; JA created a google sheet sign-up; please share via email, social media, etc.

2, RC: GARDEN PROTECTION ACT (Senate Bill S879A/Assembly Bill A2122A):

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S879/amendment/A> and
<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A2122/amendment/A>

Read bill text: <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S879/> and

<https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?term=2025&bn=A02122>

See also <https://westernnewyork.wildones.org/legislative-call-to-action-for-ny-native-food-gardeners/>

The GGC is leaning towards supporting this. RC offered to draft a letter/action item for it.

3, RC attended the Albany rally.

4, Faith-based climate change film: <https://vimeo.com/879865715>

5, Schyler County Nuclear power plant proposed: the SLG meeting was 4/9/26, here's the recording: <https://senecalakeguardian.org/nuclear-in-flx-forum/>

6, AH: there was a cleanup at Loomis woods April 18 with the HWS Day of Service students.

7, RC: MZ

8, JS made available a copy of the YA book he wrote. PW will hand it off to MC.

9, Sustainable Prosperity, JS talked to Amie, who wants to include it in the new Master Plan but doesn't have any specific action on it at this point. JS willing to host a series of workshops and invite CC, Chamber of Commerce, et al. Other organizations could table at it.

10, Worm wranglers: JS, MC, AH, JA, and PW are fostering vermiculture colonies to raise for the GRRP. JF gave approval. Want ~1 million worms/trench. JS purchased red wigglers and provided canvas totes. After ~6 weeks, divide the colony and give some of the worms to another worm foster parent and/or GRRP. Who else is willing to raise some? Should we all convene at the GRRP on June 2nd with our colonies and have Jim demo scooping them out? Geneva's municipal water has chlorine, so it's best to either use rainwater, or let the tap water stand in an open container for 24 hrs to let the chlorine escape before using on red wigglers (or plants!)

11, JA: the GGC was approved to table at the farmer's market to talk about the GRRP and host a compost drop off site. (And sign up GRRP volunteers?)

12, JA: your cardboard is now welcome at the State St Community Garden, flattened and tucked neatly behind the Little Free Farm Stand (wedged in so that the wind won't blow it away). Removing the tape and labels would be greatly appreciated!

D, Motion to adjourn: __, 2nd: __

E, Announcements:

1, Ontario County's mattress recycling program has a Geneva pick-up this Saturday morning 8-11am. Have your old mattresses and box springs recycled for free. Sign up ends today, 4/15!

Go here for details and sign up:

<https://ontariocountyrecycles.org/DocumentCenter/View/837/April-Mattress-Event-Flyer-2026>

If you can help on Saturday morning, please email Mark Venuti supervisor@townofgeneva.ny.gov. Brunch at the bagel shop for volunteers after!

2, The Geneva BID will sponsor an Earth Day Clean-Up Wed, 4/22/26, 1pm-3pm (rain date Fri 4/24/26).

3, Naomi Smith of ReUse Systems, Inc., needs volunteers for ReUse's Pop-Up Sale (Eaton furniture, etc.) Fri 4/24 3-6pm & Sat 4/25 9am-2pm 122 N Genesee St GEDC. Who's in? Please email Naomi directly: naomi@reusesystemsinc.org or info@reusesystemsinc.org

They also plan to go there Sunday 4/12, 10a-12p to clean and assemble items, if anyone handy would like to join, let her know. Here's the breakdown of volunteer times:

10a-12p April 12 Sunday

2-6pm April 24 Friday

9am-12pm April 25 Saturday

12-2pm April 25 Saturday

In February they started a newsletter and are trying to bulk up the subscribe list. People can also sign up on the website (www.reusesystemsinc.org) in the top menu>Subscribe button or in the footer section. Here are the links for the [February](#) & [March](#) editions.

4, City Council Strategic Plan Feedback:

<https://www.cityofgenevany.gov/m/newsflash/home/detail/236>

5, JH: If you are interested in participating in the 2026 Garden Walk, please fill out the Doodle Poll below so we can solidify a date and time. Please select all dates and times that you could be available, not just a single preferred time. The free version of Doodle maxes out at 10 options, so afternoon timeslots later in June were left off. If you know anyone who wants to participate in the neighborhood, please send them Julia's way!

<https://doodle.com/group-poll/participate/dPKEkRwb>

6, Abby Hellauer Geiger is stocking the Geneva Public Library seed library w seed-starting kits and seeks donations of potting soil, cardboard tp tubes for "pots", seed trays, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Wallace, Chair, Secretary