

*Addendum to the Timeline of Significant Genesee County Government Events
for the Years 1993-2020*

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July 14, 1993. In Resolution Number 197 of the Genesee County Legislature “Mr. Jay Gsell . . . is appointed County Manager for the County of Genesee effective August 15, 1993 . . .”

May 11, 1994. Resolution Number 150 of the Genesee County Legislature called for the purchase of “a suitable headstone for any family member interred under Section 148 of the Municipal Law of New York State,” which stipulated that New York counties “provide for the burial of indigent veterans, their spouses, children and parents . . .”

January 1, 1995. The Genesee County Drug Task Force arrested twelve individuals. They were charged with selling cocaine and marijuana. This was the largest Drug-based arrests by the county’s Task Force to that date. In this same year, the Genesee Community College Foundation holds its first annual fund raising campaign. This proves to be instrumental in the eventual creation of a network of satellite campuses in three neighboring counties.

June 28, 1996. Ground was broken for the Genesee County Courts Facility.

September 5, 1997. The new Genesee County Courts Facility was opened.

April 21, 1998. As a result of fifty years of conservation work, the Whaley Farm in Pavilion was awarded the Genesee County Soil and Water’s 1997 Farmer of the Year Award.

July 18, 1998. The Grand Opening of the Genesee County Interpretive Center took place. Wilfred S. Brooks, a County Legislator from District Number 1, offered the opening remarks. The Center is in the first county forest in the State of New York.

January 13, 1999. In Resolution Number 21, the Genesee County Legislature established the Genesee county Bicentennial Committee in order to coordinate the celebration of the county's 200th Anniversary on March 30, 2002.

January 26, 2000. The Genesee County Chamber of Commerce was designated as the county's official Tourism Agency for the fiscal year 2000-2001 as a result of the Genesee County Legislature's Resolution Number 30.

January 10, 2001. Upon the endorsement of both the Genesee County Democratic and Republican Committees, the Genesee County Legislature designated *The Daily News* to be the official Genesee County newspaper for 2001.

September 11, 2001. The Batavia International Peace Garden was dedicated. Two Japanese exchange students from Genesee Community College were in attendance. One commented that since World War II the "Japanese always peace." State representative Steve Hawley reminded the audience that this day (September 11th) was also "very, very special for a number of reasons."

March 27, 2002. In Resolution Number 105, the Genesee County Legislature approved an agreement with New York State regarding the Mass Destruction Program. Pursuant to the agreement the Emergency Management Coordinator was identified as the SPOC (single point of contact person) responsible for both equipment inventory and the verification of county compliance with the State's Weapons of Mass Destruction Program. This pertained to equipment designed to respond to acts of terrorism.

October 26, 2002. The Genesee County Bicentennial time capsule was closed and sealed for fifty years. Stored in the Genesee County History Department, it was set for reopening in 2052, on the county's 250th birthday.

April 9, 2003. The Genesee County Legislature issued a proclamation recognizing Crime Victim's Week in Genesee County.

September 22, 2004. The Genesee County Emergency Management Office recommended the creation of a Genesee Region Citizens Corps Council whose objectives included the promotion of homeland security in Genesee County.

March 9, 2005. The Genesee County Legislature and Mercy Flight, Inc. of Buffalo entered into an agreement to provide air medical transfer service in Genesee County.

April 12, 2006. The Genesee County Legislature and the Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council entered into an agreement for a program fashioned to Promote art and music appreciation in the county.

June 19, 2006. Genesee County Manager Jay Gsell pledged twenty participants from Batavia Rotary, along with twenty county employees, to the Genesee County Red Cross “Metga Blood Drive.”

January 24, 2007. The Genesee County Legislature entered into an agreement with Avtex of Bloomington, Minnesota, for an enhanced 911 system so as better serve the residents of Genesee County.

September 23, 2008. The Genesee County Legislature, in resolution Number 330, authorized a continuation of the STOP-DWI plan for 2009, designed to reduce the number of inebriated drivers in the county via law enforcement, education, and rehabilitation.

February 25, 2009. In an effort to promote Genesee County homeownership programs for those of low and moderate income in Genesee County, the Genesee County Legislature agreed to support the Path Stones Corporation’s application to the New York State Housing Trust Fund.

March 26th, 2009. The Genesee County Legislature votes to remove the county from home nursing care. The two “certificates of need” were sold to Home Care of Rochester for \$1.4 million.

May 12, 2010 the Genesee County Legislature entered into a contract with the Genesee County Agricultural Society to help defray the costs associated with 4-H judging expenses and 4-H premiums.

December 14, 2011. Pursuant to Resolution Number 447, the Genesee County Legislature approved the Grievance and Notification Procedure under the authority of the Americans with Disabilities Act, designed to promote employment, services, and programs covered by that Act.

December 12, 2012. In order to continue to cultivate the role played in county life by the Holland Land Office Museum, a registered National Historic Landmark, the Genesee County Legislature entered into an agreement with the Holland Land Purchase Society with the objective of presenting various programs for a public interested in preserving, interpreting, and displaying the culture and history of Genesee County.

June 12, 2013. The Genesee County Legislature entered into an agreement with The Friends of the Batavia Peace Garden for the lease of 142 square feet of space at Engine House Three in Batavia. The Batavia Peace Garden is a popular attraction in the county.

April 9, 2014. The Genesee County Chamber of Commerce and the County Legislature entered into an agreement to promote the Business Education Alliance, which was designed to offer programs and services designed to facilitate the formation of partnerships between the business community and local schools.

April 22, 2015. As a result of the Genesee County Legislature's Resolution Number 146, the County entered into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to install, and loan where necessary, Mutualink equipment.

June 17, 2015. The Genesee County Legislature approves the sale of the Genesee County Nursing Home to Premier Healthcare Management LLC, for \$15.2 million.

September 12, 2015. Comprised of farmers, municipal leaders, business owners, residents, lawmakers, environmental professionals, and students, the Green/Genesee/Smart Genesee (GGSG) began in order to create methods and resources designed to shape land and energy use in Genesee County.

December 17, 2015. The Genesee County Chamber of Commerce named The New P.W. Minor shoe manufacturer as the 2016 Business of the Year.

May 11, 2016. The Genesee County Legislature, in Resolution Number 166, agreed to allow the Old Courthouse to be used as a site for the filming of the movie *Marshall*.

In March of this same year Genesee County Manager Jay Gsell received the

Wolcott Humphrey Award for his outstanding community service.

August 9, 2017. The 2017 Genesee County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan was adopted by the County Legislature. It was fashioned to address agricultural issues important to Genesee County, such as the protection and care of agricultural resources.

February 28, 2018. The Genesee County Legislature calls upon the State of New York to implement fairer Internet sales tax collection practices. Modified Internet sales tax collection practices would have the effect of allowing for a fairer competitive marketplace that takes into account all New York based retailers, including those vendors not selling goods online.

November 13, 2019. In Resolution Number 463 the Genesee County Legislature hired the Napoli Shkolnik law firm to represent the County in litigation addressing harm to the county resulting from the opioid epidemic.

December 5, 2019. Leadership Genesee graduated its 19th class in a ceremony at Terry Hills Country Club. Dedicated to community service and the development of an individual's leadership potential, the organization began in 2001.

June 10, 2020. The Genesee County Legislature meets electronically through a Zoom video conference as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the state Federal bans on large meetings.

