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**GENESEEE VISION TOWN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

GENESEEE'S VISION IS UP TO YOU

As reported last month, the Vision Committee has been gathering information to answer a key visioning question: "Where are we now?" Data collected will be presented in a Vision White paper delivered to residents prior to the April 16th Town Meeting.

The purpose of the Town Meeting is to give the community an opportunity to provide input on the current state of Genesee and start a conversation on a desired future state.

A key component of the Town Meeting will be discussion and agreement on core community values, the fundamental principles that will guide decisions related to the future of Genesee.

In addition to presentations on demographics, an analysis of curb appeal, activities, and amenities, and comment on environmental advantages, a consultant from GreenPlay will provide an assessment of Foundation facilities including usage and costs. GreenPlay will also comment on trends in community recreation to stimulate thinking.

Residents will have additional opportunities to provide input by participating in one of four groups scheduled for:

- Wednesday, April 23 9:00 a.m. Vista
- Saturday, April 26 1:00 p.m. Oxley
- Tuesday, April 29 9:00 a.m. Vista
- Thursday, May 1 7:00 p.m. Vista

The Vision Committee meets the third Wednesday of the month in the small Vista Conference Room. The April 16 committee meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. All residents are welcome to attend.

Anne Sherwood (720.746.1725)

Vision Committee Chair

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GENESEE VISION INITIATIVE

Visioning guides the community through a collaborative and creative process that leads to common values and a shared vision of the future. Key visioning questions to consider:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be?
- How do we get there?

The Vision Committee is currently in the “Where are we now?” phase in preparation for delivering a “White Paper” to residents in April. The purpose of the “White Paper” is to provide information/data on the current state of Genesee and generate discussion of a desired future state – “Where do we want to be?”

Opportunities for resident input via town meetings, focus groups, and a survey will take place the last two weeks of April. A key outcome will be clarification and agreement on common values – the core principles and fundamental beliefs that guide a community driven planning process.

Work in progress includes the following:

- Facility Assessment: Cost to maintain; usage studies; site surveys; comparable community analysis.
- Demographic Survey: Current residents; projected newcomers.
- Lifestyle Analysis: Curb appeal; activities; amenities.
- Environmental Advantages: Existing utility usage; incentives for more efficient usage; green guidelines for construction.

The Foundation Board has approved a contract with GreenPlay, a professional consulting firm with experience in assessing facilities and creating feasibility and conceptual studies.

The Vision Committee meets the third Wednesday of the month from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in the small Vista Conference Room. All residents are welcome to attend.

Anne Sherwood (1725)

Vision Committee Chair

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GENESEE DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY

Kudos from the Vision Committee to the 58 residents who served as block captains. They had the task of gathering demographic data that will give us a composite of who currently lives in Genesee. And a big thanks to the community for taking time to answer

the survey questions. The results will be used throughout the visioning process.

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Last November, Anita Livingston chaired the final meeting of the 2007 Vision Committee. She thanked Chair Gary McKay and committee members for their efforts to lay a foundation for the creation of a Genesee vision.

In December, the Board approved the 2008 Vision Initiative charter which calls for a collaborative process to engage the community in developing a shared vision of the future. The ultimate goal is to insure that Genesee remains a premier mountain community.

The Vision Initiative charter outlines the scope of work and expected outcomes for 2008 and 2009. The charter also spells out the initiative organizational structure. (The entire charter can be viewed on the Foundation website:
www.geneseefoundation.org/Board/Governance/BoardandCommittees/VisionCommitteeCharter)

The following individuals have been appointed to the nine-member Steering Committee:

- Anne Sherwood, Chair
- Anita Livingston, Vice Chair
- Fred Coester
- Annette Cole
- Emily Henderson
- Scott Jacobs
- Ann Lenane
- Andrew Stirrat
- Bruce Strand

The Steering Committee held an organizational meeting in January to launch an ambitious plan of work. Future meetings will be posted on the website. All residents are welcome to attend.

Much of the work will be accomplished by subcommittees addressing the following areas: Environment, Facilities, Infrastructure, Lifestyle, Marketing. If you are interested in working on any of Vision Initiative subcommittees, please contact Anne Sherwood by email at arsherwood@comcast.net or by telephone at 720.746.1725.

In April, the Steering Committee will deliver a Vision “white paper” to residents for review and comment. The “white paper” will propose core community principles; define themes for a preferred future state; and outline facilities projections and concepts. Community feedback sessions such as Town Hall meetings, neighborhood gatherings, and focus group sessions will be conducted. Following analysis of community input, the Committee will issue a second “white paper” in July followed by another round of community feedback sessions. A final Genesee Vision Brochure will be issued in October.

We look forward to hearing from all of you during the 2008 visioning process.

Anne Sherwood (1725)
Board of Directors