

Rita Au Retires



Village of Galena Mayor Tom Hopper awards a Mayor's Proclamation to Preservation Parks of Delaware County Executive Director Rita Au recognizing her 25 years of service.

At the Village of Galena's March Council meeting, Mayor Tom Hopper read a Mayor's Proclamation recognizing Preservation Parks of Delaware County Executive Director Rita Au who is retiring after 25 years of service. Hopper said, "Rita has provided the vision and leadership to establish a county-wide park system creating parks within 30 minutes of all Delaware County residents including Galena's. She also administers the Community Parks Improvement Grants (CPIG) program. The Village of Galena has received more than \$100,000 in CPIG assistance to upgrade its parks. The Village has improved its parks with new equipment that has dramatically improved Galena's park system for the enjoyment of all area residents."

Street & Building Work

Corrections and warranty work on the brick portion of Walnut St. should begin soon. Punch list work should also begin shortly on external Village Hall grading and landscaping. Lighting improvements for the building are also in the works.

Council approved a \$4,500 contract with Miller Watson Architects for pre-design, design development, and probable cost estimates for additional Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) restrooms for the Galena Village Hall. The work is in preparation for applying for a Community Development Block Grant.

Sunbury Lions Club Celebrates 75 Years



Village of Galena Mayor Tom Hopper awards a Mayor's Proclamation recognizing the Sunbury Lions Club's 75 years of service. Pictured are (front row, l.-r.) Mayor Hopper, Donna Evans, Eileen Brenner, Bob Brenner, Don Lettie, (back row, l.-r.) Glenn Evans, John Nicks, and Marvin Monroe.

Hopper also recognized the Sunbury Lions Club which is celebrating its 75th anniversary. Hopper said, "The Lions have had a strong impact on the entire Big Walnut area through 75 years of community service. The Lions Club's motto is "We Serve" and its members adhere to values including liberty, intelligence, safety, and service." The club is a community-focused organization that provides individual eye care, monetary support to community organizations and programs, and support to International Lions projects and programs.

Easter Egg Hunt April 19



Galena's Easter Egg Hunt will be at 1 p.m. sharp, April 19, at Ruffner Park. Let's hope for shorts weather!

Cleanup Day April 26

The Greater Galena Civic Association and the Big Walnut Nature Club will host a Cleanup Day on April 26. Volunteers are needed and should meet at the Galena Village Hall at 10 a.m. sharp to get supplies and directions.

Trail Improvements

Village Administrator Jeanna Burrell met with representatives from the City of Columbus and Delaware County Friends of the Trail to discuss the upcoming Galena Brick Trail project. Council authorized acceptance of a Clean Ohio

Galena Dates

The following are Village Council and committee meeting dates as well as other local events. Village meetings are open to the public and are at 7 p.m. in the Galena Village Hall, 109 Harrison St., unless otherwise stated.

Holiday changes
 * = trash day moves to Saturday;
 ** = Council meeting changes.

April 4, 11	Trash Days
April 16	Zoning & Planning Commission
April 18	Trash Day
April 19	Easter Egg Hunt, 1 PM, Ruffner Park
April 25	Trash Day
April 26	Cleanup Day, 10 AM, GVH
April 28	Council Meeting

Trail Fund grant for the trail from Dustin Road to Holmes Street on the old railroad bed and committed the Village's match for the project. Delaware County will act as fiscal agent and project manager. Funds will be contributed according to the following pledges:

Pres. Parks of Del. Co.	\$ 30,000
DCFT	\$ 18,500
Village of Galena	\$ 11,000
Clean Ohio Trails Fund	\$214,944
(75% reimbursement of project total)	
In-kind labor DCFT	\$ 6,148
In-kind supplies DCFT	\$ 6,000
TOTAL PROJECT	\$286,592

Fiscal Matters

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie reported that a post-audit conference was held with the State Auditor's Office and the final 2011-2012 audit results were received. Council received additional financial statements to review and approve as a recommendation of the audit. Mazzie is also researching public records retention policies. Council approved permanent 2014 appropriations of \$1,168,168.99.

Zoning News

A sign plan modification was approved for The Galena Vault, the Village's former municipal building at 9 W. Columbus St. The Galena Commerce Center owners are working on a new development plan and the Mudflats Bar and Grill is proposing sign modifications. The zoning compliance date for Sambuca's Nursery and Greenhouse is March 25. Several properties have been forwarded to the Village solicitor for legal remedies to bring them into compliance with the Village's property maintenance code.

Village Maintenance

New part-time maintenance employee Levi Koehler is going through orientation. Snow and ice removal continues to be a challenge. Ongoing, heavy usage of the dump truck has triggered several repairs on brakes, batteries, and gauges. Potholes have been cold patched on several streets and two dead ash trees were removed.

Summerfest

Council held a first reading on an agreement with the Greater Galena Civic Association for this year's Summerfest event to be held August 23. Details will be worked out in the next several months on the liquor license, event insurance, road closings, and security procedures.

Ball Field & Boardwalk

Council approved a management agreement for the Ruffner Park ball field with the Columbus Sharks.

The City of Columbus' Boardwalk is closed due to buckling from ice pressure and the city hopes to make repairs and reopen the Boardwalk in early spring.

BST&G & Code Red

In fire district news, Dave Adams reported that BST&G celebrated Richard Fisher's 40 years of service with the district. Adams urged residents to sign up for Delaware County Code Red emergency notifications by visiting <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/index.php/codered>.

Wastewater News

There has been significant progress on an investigation into downtown sewer line grease problems. Grease trap cleaning receipts have been received from both downtown restaurants. The Village will coordinate with the owners to have the Village's wastewater treatment operator inspect their grease traps. The Delaware General Health District has offered information and support as well.

Residential sewer bills are \$53.64/month (\$160.92/quarter). Since the Village bills quarterly to save customers money, paying on time is crucial. Be sure to pay your bills in a timely fashion to avoid late payment penalties, property tax liens, and other legal actions. Sewer billing is on the following calendar:

Bill Sent	For Quarter	Bill Due
Feb. 1	Feb./March/April	March 11
May 1	May/June/July	June 10
Aug. 1	Aug./Sept./Oct.	Sept. 10
Nov. 1	Nov./Dec./Jan.	Dec. 10

The following applies for delinquencies:

- Upon one day of being delinquent, a ten percent late charge will be assessed.
- Thirty days or more delinquent will result in a lien being filed, including administrative fees and costs, and a lawsuit may be filed to collect overdue fees.
- At 100 days past due, the sewer service will be terminated. Once terminated, the property owner will have to pay a reconnection fee as well as all past due fees.

There are several payment options:

- Drop-off payments at the Village Hall, 109 Harrison St. during office hours Mondays-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4p.m. or in our 24-hour drop box on the building.
- Mail payments to the Village of Galena, PO Box 386, Galena, OH 43021. Call us with any questions at 740-965-2484.
- Set up monthly sewer bill payments with no additional fees at the Delaware County Bank's Galena branch. Bring your sewer bill with you the first time.
- Set up automatic payments to have \$53.64 debited from your checking account at any bank on the 8th of each month. Forms are available in the

Village offices and on the Village's web site at www.galenaohio.org/forms/autowithdraw.pdf. Remember that if fees increase, you need to contact your bank to authorize an increase in your automatic payments.

Village Tax Levy

The Village will have a four-year, two-mill replacement property tax levy on the May ballot. The Delaware County Auditor estimates the cost to homeowners would be \$70 per \$100,000 of home valuation. The levy would generate \$37,903 per year in critical operating funds for the Village.

Big Walnut Nature Club

The Big Walnut Nature Club had their first outing and spotted one eagle nesting on Hoover Reservoir and two nearby.

The birds are on their way! Prothonotary Warblers, Osprey, and Chimney Swifts migrate into the area during early April into May. Water levels on Hoover remain high presenting challenges for nest box and platform maintenance.

If you want to make a difference in nature, join us on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Galena Village Hall. For more information, contact Jeanna Burrell, 740-965-1914, burrellj@embarqmail.com.

Help clean up the environment and improve natural habitats during Galena Cleanup Day on April 26 at 10 a.m. at the Galena Village Hall, 109 Harrison St.

Electronic News

Get our newsletter by email by contacting administrator@galenaohio.org.

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Big-O Refuse	888-924-2446
Cable: Time-Warner	800-617-4311
Columbia Gas	800-344-4077
Del. Co. EMS	833-2190, www.delcoems.org
Del-Co Water	548-7746
Dog Warden	368-1915
Electric: AEP	800-277-2177
Galena Post Office	965-2371
Health Dept.	740-368-1700 www.delawarehealth.org
Immediate Urgent Care	965-8305 101D W. Cherry St., Sunbury
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PUCO	614-466-3292, 800-686-PUCO (7826) www.puco.ohio.gov
RITA (income tax)	800-860-7482, www.ritaohio.com
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