



Wastewater Plan Study Begins

At its July meeting, Galena Village Council approved a contract with Poggemeyer Design Group to create a Wastewater Treatment General Plan.

Poggemeyer will study present and future wastewater treatment needs, capacity, and improvement costs. The \$7,800 study will be complete in 45 days.

Delaware County owns and operates the Village's Wastewater Treatment Plant located beside Ruffner Park. The County currently controls the use of the plant and taps are limited.

The Village owns the sewer line collection system. If the Village adds to the plant, the County would still operate it but the Village would control its use and therefore, control the Village's destiny.

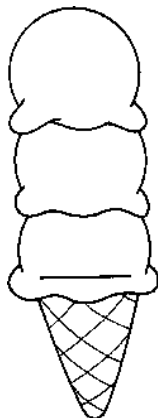
Because of the demands for additional taps to accommodate areas already within the Village as well as contiguous areas interested in joining Galena, Mayor Hopper said it is imperative that the treatment plant project move ahead immediately.

Hopper said there are more financing options available to the Village, including grants and developer assistance, than in the past when upgrades have been discussed.

Ice Cream Social

Boy, are our faces red! We reported an incorrect date for the Village's Ice Cream Social in the last newsletter. Sorry about the confusion.

The Ice Cream Social will be held 6-8 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 24 at Ruffner Park, rain or shine. Come on out and enjoy free ice cream and great neighbors!



Galena Bike Race & Art Show

The Second Annual Galena Grand Prix Bike Race and Art Show will be held on Sept. 27. The event will feature children and adult bike races, a cross country foot race, and artist exhibits.

Galena Parks and Recreation Committee Co-Chair Susie Kossmann said the event will include something for the whole family. Children can participate in a Bicycle Safety Program, a Children's Obstacle Course, and Bicycle Safety Inspections conducted by the Sunbury Galena Police.

Children's races will also be held. There will be categories for ages 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-12, and 13-15. Distances will vary by age with ages 4-5 racing 50 yards up to 13-15 year-olds racing approximately two miles.

Adults can participate in All-Terrain Bike Races. The races will start and finish at the Village Square and the course will run on pavement and in the grass at Ruffner Park.

The Beginner class is open to anyone and will go several laps on the course for a total of six miles.

The Sport Division is an amateur class comprised of weekend warriors and those just getting into the sport. Entrants are required to have a racing license for this ten mile race.

The Professional Division will feature a 15 mile race.

Organizer Tim Tyler, of Team Columbus, said spectators will get to see lots of racing since racers run several laps around the two-mile course. An announcer will keep you informed of all course action.

A 5K cross country foot race will be open to anyone interested.

Anyone interested in registering for the event can do so at www.teamcolumbus.org. Click on the race list and the Galena Grand Prix. You can register until the day of the event.

Local artists will be invited to exhibit and sell their wares around the square. For anyone interested in exhibiting, contact

Susie Kossmann at 965-6660.

The Galena Post Office will offer a special cancellation stamp in honor of the event again this year.

Look for more details in next month's newsletter and at www.teamcolumbus.org.

Subdivision Progress

Heathermere gravity sewers are complete. The N. Walnut St. water line extension is also finished. The development's final plat has been received.

Village officials met with Conie Construction and their engineering firm EMH&T to discuss sewer design changes for the Walnut Creek Subdivision planned on Joe Walker Road. After a previous location agreement, the County Sanitary Engineer requested lift station and sewer design changes to accommodate growth east of the Village. Since Maronda Homes had already incurred engineering costs, Village officials decided to honor their prior agreement. The sewer lift station will stay in its southern location and Maronda will increase a 3" force main to 4" where it crosses Big Walnut Creek to Harrison St. The Village may extend a 6" pipe at the time of construction to accommodate future growth. Maronda will also pay half the cost to purchase an auxiliary generator.

The Preserve at Blackhawk, formerly known as the Woods at Blackhawk, has been purchased by Homewood Corporation from Countrytime. Final engineering is being completed by Homewood's engineering firm EMH&T. The development agreement has been received by the Village as have fees for 44 sewer taps.

The County also recommended changes to Blackhawk's lift station location. The previous developer had spent more than a year and a half negotiating sewer line placement with Columbus. The City recently approved location of sewer lines through the Hoover Nature Preserve. Given this, the Village agreed to maintain its previous agreement with the developer, and if the lift

station size needs increased, the Village would share in that cost.

Village Council

At its July meeting, a resident presented a petition to Village Council signed by several residents asking for resolution to noise problems on N. Walnut St. The petitioner explained that residents had been plagued by fire works noise since May. One neighbor found 90 spent fireworks in her yard and the petitioner presented spent fireworks found at Miller Park. Repeated calls to the Sunbury Galena Police have not been effective in ending the problem.

Mayor Tom Hopper urged each resident to continue calling police with each incident. Hopper met with Police Chief Pat Bennett who visited the residences. The noise seems to have abated.

Council also discussed that the Sunbury Galena Police Department's contract with the Village expires Sept. 23. While there have not been many complaints about service, Council was disappointed at the department's ongoing absence at recent Council meetings.

Council discussed a news article stating that Sunbury Council has held several readings of the Galena contract which includes rate increases. Galena's Council has never seen or discussed this contract. Sunbury also has never billed for any of the Police Department's services under the current year's contract.

Council made a list of 14 items to be discussed and Mayor Hopper followed up with Police Chief Pat Bennett.

Village Clerk Ed Collinsworth informed Council that he may be on military deployment for eight months beginning January 2004. The Village will need to train someone on the Universal Accounting Network (UAN) system in order to pay invoices during Collinsworth's absence.

Public Service Director Dave LaValle reported that the Village's insurer, Ohio Risk Management, recently completed an audit of Village procedures related to risk and insurance issues. Eight recommendations for improvement were received.

Of special note, Council discussed safety concerns with the Village's golf cart which is used by the Ruffner Park baseball leagues. While limited to adults, several children have been caught riding the cart around town and Maintenance Supervisor Mike Hamilton had to confiscate the vehicle. Changes and a course of action were discussed and will be addressed with the baseball leagues.

Council also thanked John Harpst for his many years of service to the Village on the Zoning and Planning Commission and as Village Mayor. He resigned from Zoning and Planning because he is moving out of the Village. Anyone interested in completing Harpst's term should contact Mayor Hopper.

Our Laws

According to state laws noted in the *Ohio Basic Code*, "No person shall possess fireworks in the municipality" . . . and " . . . no person shall discharge, ignite, or explode any fireworks in this municipality."

The code also addresses disorderly conduct. "No person shall recklessly cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to another, by doing any of the following: . . . 2. Making unreasonable noise or an offensively coarse utterance, gesture, or display, or communicating unwarranted and grossly abusive language to any person; . . ."

Please respect your neighbors.

Galena Web Site

Construction is nearly complete! The Village should have a new web site soon. The site will feature information about Council,

administration, and committees. Also listed will be Village statistics, service provider information, Village history and pictures, meeting dates, Council agenda and minutes, special events information, a parks reservation form download, newsletters, news releases, maps, and links to county sites and the Village Zoning Code.

The Galena News

To be added to The Galena News mailing list, e-mail us at galena@midohio.net or call us at 965-2484 with your address.

Galena Dates

The following are Galena Village Council and committee meeting dates as well as other local events. All meetings are at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Village Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St., unless otherwise stated. All Village meetings are open to the public.

Aug. 19	Parks & Recreation Committee
Aug. 24	Ice Cream Social, 6-8 pm, Ruffner Park, FREE!
Aug. 25	Village Council
Sept. 10	Zoning & Planning
Sept. 16	Parks & Recreation Committee
Sept. 22	Village Council
Sept. 27	Galena Grand Prix Bike Race & Art Show

Village Contacts

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BST& G Fire Department	965-3841
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