



Village Square Improvements



G. Marchi and Son, LLC completed construction of American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps around the Village Square. A few sidewalks also had to be replaced to comply with standards for appropriate access. The project cost the Village \$10,000 with the balance of the \$29,137 project to be paid through a federal Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant.

McNichols Roofing will soon begin replacing the roof covering of the Village Municipal Building.

Galena Discontinues Campground Sewer Service

Following an executive session at their July meeting, Galena Council voted unanimously to suspend sewer service to the Berkshire Lake Campgrounds and Party House. They now have \$44,686.69 in overdue fees owed to the Village for sewer service.

YMCA

Martin Forman and Rick Eyman attended the July Council meeting accompanied by Paul Weber from the Central Ohio YMCA to discuss the formation of the Eastern Delaware County Joint Recreation District.

Council held a first reading of an ordinance to establish the district which is necessary in order to get a levy on the ballot to build a Big Walnut area YMCA. Upon establishment of the district, Galena would appoint a representative to a three-year term on the District Board of Trustees.

A public meeting will be held to further discuss the district's creation at 7 p.m., August 17 at the Sunbury United Methodist Church.

Ice Cream Social



Village residents are invited to the Village's free ice cream social, 6-8 p.m., August 27 at Ruffner Park. Come enjoy some great ice cream with your neighbors and the kids can enjoy free balloons.

Annexation

A first reading was held on an ordinance for a pre-annexation

agreement with Roger and Kim Miller for 21.516 acres on State Route 3.

Blackhawk Permits Suspended

Council voted to suspend issuance of zoning permits to Trinity Homes pending the correction of a drainage swale problem on Hawking Drive in the Estates at Blackhawk. The Village has been working to get the problem corrected for nine months. In the week following the Council meeting, Trinity Homes submitted plans which were approved by the Village's engineers. Subsequently, the zoning permits were released.

Property Tax

Council voted unanimously to place a two-mill replacement property tax levy on the November ballot. This will replace the two-mill levy that expires this year.

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 basement of the Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St., unless otherwise stated.

Aug. 9	Zoning & Planning
Aug. 15	Parks & Sp. Event
Aug. 27	Ice Cream Social, 6-8 p.m., Ruffner Park
Aug. 28	Council Meeting
Aug. 28	Chipper Day
Sept. 13	Zoning & Planning
Sept. 19	Parks & Sp. Event
Sept. 25	Council Meeting
Sept. 25	Chipper Day

Ospreys Banded

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources banded three Osprey chicks on the Hoover Boardwalk in Galena during July. The platform nest is visible from the Boardwalk.



Photo courtesy of Jim Martin

Police Contract

A first reading was held on a three-year police services contract with the Sunbury Galena Police Department.

The contract would cost the Village \$70,000 during the first year, \$73,000 the second year, and \$76,000 during the third year. This would cover protection services 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The contract anticipates 10 percent or less annual increases in benefits costs. If those costs exceed 10 percent, the Village would pay an additional \$1,000 per year.

Court appearances and crime scene work overtime would not exceed 150 hours per year which would be billed at actual costs and would be above and beyond the base contract.

Sewer News

Clerk Marty Mazzie reported that only four of the 16 people notified about paying delinquent sewer bills brought their bills current. The other twelve will be processed by the Village solicitor for the overdue amounts to be added to their tax bill.

Council also authorized surveying the property boundaries for the land around the existing wastewater treatment plant.

New Subdivision Regulations

The Village Planning and Zoning Commission held a hearing on revised subdivision regulations on July 12. They voted to recommend approval of the new regulations. Council will hold a public hearing on the regulations at their August meeting.

Free Carnival

Galena United Methodist Church invites you to its carnival, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., August 19, featuring free food, games, and prizes.

E-mail Newsletter

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