

Bridge Work Detours Cause Concerns

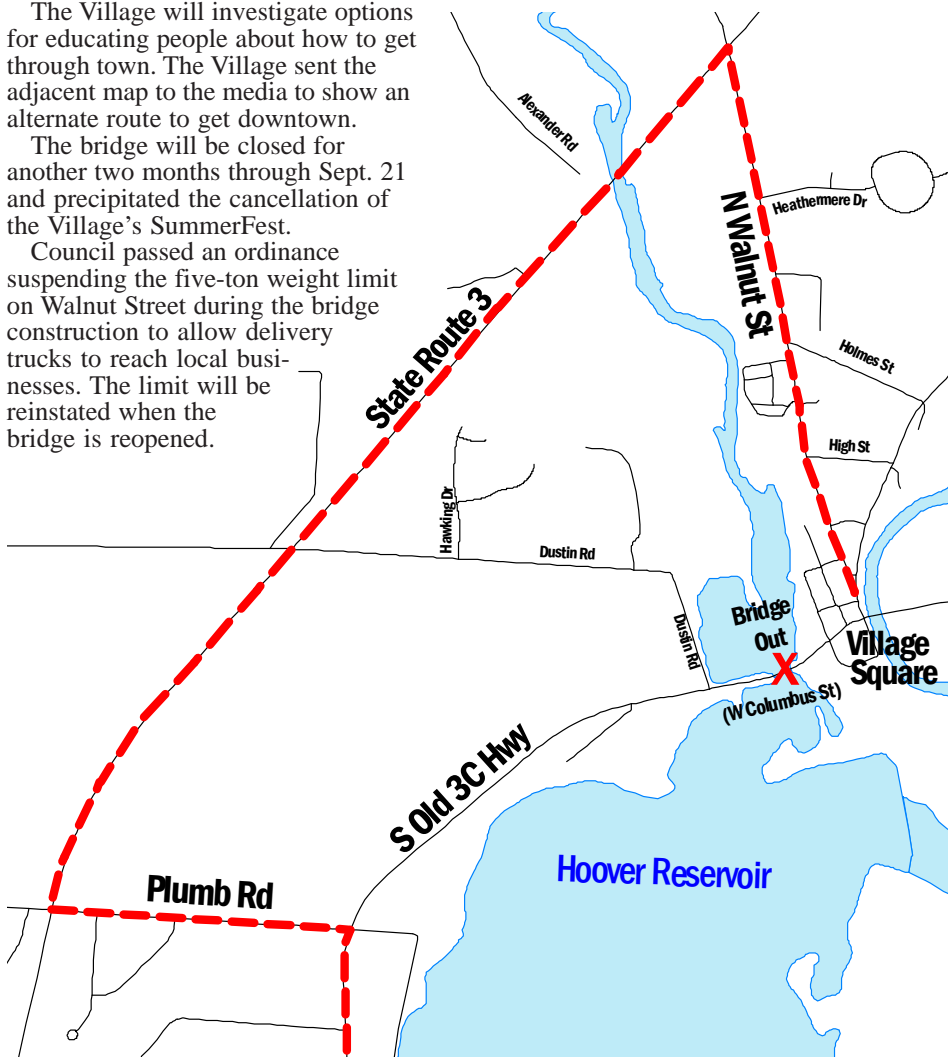
During the Village of Galena's July Council meeting, Council members discussed ideas for dealing with the traffic detour resulting from the three-month closure of the S. Old 3C Highway Bridge. Mudflats Bar and Grill Owner Jane White expressed frustration that business at both downtown restaurants had decreased because people think you can't get to downtown Galena. She has purchased signs letting people know that downtown businesses are still open and accessible.

Mayor Tom Hopper explained that the bridge replacement is a Delaware County Engineer's Office project and state laws require the county to detour on county or state roads. They are detouring from S. Old 3C Highway to N. Old 3C Highway.

The Village will investigate options for educating people about how to get through town. The Village sent the adjacent map to the media to show an alternate route to get downtown.

The bridge will be closed for another two months through Sept. 21 and precipitated the cancellation of the Village's SummerFest.

Council passed an ordinance suspending the five-ton weight limit on Walnut Street during the bridge construction to allow delivery trucks to reach local businesses. The limit will be reinstated when the bridge is reopened.



Master Plan Progress

Council held a public hearing on the Village's new Master Plan. Minor revisions will be made before Council holds a second reading on the ordinance to adopt the plan.

In related business, Council passed an ordinance revising the Village's zoning

map. When the map was approved in 2008, one property's zoning was not reflected properly. The revised map corrects that so that all zoning districts are reflected accurately.

Ice Cream Social

The Village invites residents to its Ice Cream Social on Aug. 29, 6-8 p.m., in Ruffner Park. Take a break and come

enjoy ice cream and time with your neighbors. The kids can enjoy the playground and a clown who makes balloon sculptures.



Charlotte Karn enjoys ice cream and a balloon sculpture hat at the 2007 Ice Cream Social.

Walnut St. Phase II

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reported that the Phase II reconstruction of Walnut St. is being advertised for bidding. The project will include grinding the street's surface to create a new base and repaving from Holmes St. south to High St. Jamison explained that seven trees in the road right-of-way will have to be removed. State rules require ten-foot lanes so the road and berm will be at least 22 feet wide. New state rules also require

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.

- July 30 Trash Day
- Aug. 2 3rd Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out
- Aug. 6 Trash Day
- Aug. 7 Clean-up Day, 9 a.m., Village Square
- Aug. 13 Trash Day
- Aug. 18 Zoning & Planning Commission
- Aug. 20 Trash Day
- Aug. 23 Council Meeting
- Aug. 23 Chipper Day
- Aug. 25 Big Walnut Schools Start
- Aug. 27 Trash Day
- Aug. 28 Summerfest CANCELLED
- Aug. 29 Ice Cream Social, 6-8 p.m., Ruffner Park

new 48" sidewalks for the same area. Work is expected to be completed this fall.

Galena Clean Up Day Aug. 7

The Greater Galena Civic Association is hosting a Village clean-up event on August 7. Those interested in helping should meet at the Village Square at 9 a.m.

Miller Farm

Council held a first reading on an ordinance to extend the Miller Farm development plan for two more years. The rezoning and development plan were approved in 2007 giving the developer three years to begin construction. With the bad economy, Homewood Corporation has requested an extension to begin construction on the 193-acre parcel on Sunbury Rd. within the next two years.

Parks News

In Park news, W. B. Republic is progressing on construction of the Kane's Crossing Trail. Access from Harrison Street has been developed and approaches to the bridge have been completed. The trail bed has been prepared and is ready for paving. The new trail will be an integral part of the Ohio to Erie Trail providing access over Big Walnut Creek to an existing paved trail in Galena's Walnut Creek subdivision on Joe Walker Road.

The installation of the new Miller Park jungle gym will be delayed until next year due to budget constraints. Estimates for excavation and installation were much higher than expected.

Jamison also reported that the Hoover Scenic Walkway deck was vandalized and a police report was filed.

Residents are reminded that motorized vehicles are prohibited in Village parks including all trails.

Income Down

Village Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie reported to Council that municipal income tax receipts are down more than \$40,000 from July of 2009. This is due primarily to refunds to people who paid Galena income taxes but did not actually live or work within the Village. She also detailed a decrease of more than \$30,000 in bank interest payments since 2007. Together, this is a \$70,000 decrease in income.

Trash Fees

Trash fees increased in July to \$46.90/month. This fee increase is part of the Village's three-year contract with Big-O Refuse that allows for annual increases.

This is the second year of the contract.

School Days

It's hard to believe that summer is winding down already, but Big Walnut Schools will start their 2010-11 school year on August 25. Please protect our children and be extra cautious around the bus stops.

Osprey News

Volunteers installed two Osprey nesting platforms on Hoover Reservoir near the Hoover Boardwalk. The original platform fledged three Osprey, beginning around July 4. The parents and young should hang around through August and into the first half of September. Platforms along Hogback Road on Alum Creek Lake have fledged five young from two platforms and two Osprey nestlings are due to leave their nest in Delaware Lake in mid-August. So, you still have an opportunity to see these magnificent "fish hawks".

Chipper Days

The Village offers a free monthly chipping service for your convenience on the fourth Monday of each month, May through October.

When placing limbs at the curb, please follow these guidelines:

- Stack limbs in a straight pile
- Cut side toward the street;
- No longer than 4 feet;
- 4" limbs or smaller; and,
- No more than 7 days before Chipper Day.

This service is only for tree limbs. Please **do not include** the following:

- Rose, thorny or shrub limbs;
- Grass clippings or garden debris (tomato vines, corn stalks, etc.);
- Firewood or stumps;
- Rocks;
- Wire, metal, or other foreign matter;
- Limbs or other materials left by contractors, and,
- Tied, bundled limbs.

The safety of our staff is very important so, if the above items or other hazardous items are found while picking up limbs, the material will be left for your disposal. Thank you so much for your assistance.

Mulch First at 725 N. Kintner Parkway in Sunbury also accepts limbs for free. For more information contact them at 740-965-6482.

Sewer Info

Beginning with the August billing, Galena will now handle its sewer billing.

Third quarter sewer bills will be sent out August 2 and are due by Sept. 10. Residential bills are \$121.35 per quarter. Be sure to pay on time to avoid penalties and further action. Customers have several options for payment:

- 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 \$40.45 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 under local links/sewers: <http://www.galenaohio.org/link.html#sewer>.

Village Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie sent out letters to residents who are late paying bills explaining their options. Village Solicitor Ken Molnar sent out letters to those who are several quarters late on their bills explaining potential legal action including property tax liens and lawsuits to recover overdue payments. Legal action is in process against chronically overdue property owners. In extreme cases, sewer service could be disconnected.

Following an executive session, Council approved a resolution to hire Bott Law Group to investigate the possibility of creating a regional sewer district.

Electronic News

The newsletter is available online or can be e-mailed directly. Contact adminassistant@galenaohio.org to be added.

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