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## Big Walnut Watershed

David Rutter, from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, presented details of the Big Walnut Watershed Planning Partnership's Balanced Growth Plan during the July Village Council meeting. Rutter explained that various townships, municipalities, and stakeholders spent the past two years drafting the voluntary, incentive-based plan for the Big Walnut Watershed spanning Morrow, Delaware, Franklin, Licking, and Fairfield counties.

The main emphasis of the plan is clean water and it designates priority agriculture, conservation, and development areas. Rutter emphasized "It's an all carrot, no stick approach." Communities can incorporate recommendations into their local comprehensive plans and utilize incentives for conservation and development initiatives. Following the presentation Council passed a resolution of support for the plan.

## Walnut Street

EMH&T Engineer Travis Eifert was also in Council to discuss the Walnut St. reconstruction projects. During a public meeting on July 16 Eifert shared information about road survey results with the public. He explained that the sidewalk will either be in its current location on the west side of the road or closer to the road and the road will be wider. After public feedback at a previous public meeting, it was decided that there would be no on-street parking.

Following the meeting, those interested walked the entire length of Phase 3 and 4 of the project with Eifert to identify potential curb cuts for each lot. The public chose the English Iron Spot brick for the street which will feature storm water friendly permeable pavers.

The Walnut St. project is being funded through the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). The total Phase 3 project from High to Church streets is \$437,266 including a grant for \$250,000 with a \$137,266 30-year, zero percent loan. The Village is also matching \$50,000 toward the survey and design of both Phase 3 and 4 from High to Harrison streets. Council approved accepting the grant/loan and advertising for bids.

Construction will begin in September and run through December. Del-Co

Water and Columbia Gas will do utility work prior to the road construction. Del-Co will place new lines on the east side of the road; will design and build in August; and, will contact residents soon.



Summerfest will be August 25, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. featuring more than 60 food, craft, art, business, and non-profit vendors.

We'll have awesome blues bands on our main Village Square stage:

1-3 p.m.: Ray Fuller and the Bluesrockers,  
3:30-5:30 p.m.: Miss Lissa & Company,  
6-8 p.m.: Hurricane Jerry & the Stormfront, and  
8:30-10:30 p.m.: The Sean Carney Band.

The Ruffner Park KidZone will include bounce houses and a stage featuring the Shazzbots, Annie's Jam Band, and the Ohio Youth Entertainers Stage Show. Additional festivities include a caricature artist, face painter, Ohio State Highway Patrol helicopter landing, balloon artist, a chainsaw artist, and more.

The Village will again offer free parks, trails, and historical wagon tours. There will be a Chimney Swift program at 8 p.m. at the Galena Village Hall (former Galena United Methodist Church) at 109 Harrison St.

A free shuttle will provide round trip service from the main parking area at the Galena United Methodist Church to the Village Square. Free shuttles will also run between Summerfest and Sunbury's Sizzle and Sounds festival all day.

Information is available at [www.discovergalenaohio.com](http://www.discovergalenaohio.com) or contact Jane White at Mudflats Bar and Grill, 740-965-5700 or [jane@themudflats.com](mailto:jane@themudflats.com). Volunteers can sign up at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090D4DA8AC22A57-galena/4005291](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090D4DA8AC22A57-galena/4005291).

Event sponsors include Del Mar Distributing, Life Builders, Kroger, Wise Heating & Cooling, The Delaware County Bank, Marzetti, Sysco, Feazel Roofing, Wizard Wraps, Big O Refuse, Murphy & Associates Real Estate, Mudflats Bar & Grill, Paul Peterson Company, Sunbury Big Walnut Chamber of Commerce, Todd &

Heidi Voss, Complete General Contractors, The Sunbury News, and the Village of Galena.

Be sure to check out our vendors: Cool Tie Dye, LYP Jewelry, Bobbie Williams, Mary Kay, Tupperware, Pressed Flower Art, Tastefully Simple, Jan Smith Jewelry, RubyBluJewelry, Animal Hospital of Polaris, Tamaz Jewels, Jewelry Hitts by Gretchen, Wright Obsession, Lanny's Crafts, Richard Gullett, Trade Justice Mission, The Wood Butcher, Amish Goods, Dan Foster Caricatures, Jack Cantley Chainsaw Art, Fun Face FX, Capital City Day Lighting, Devcon- Home Security, and Verizon.

Come hungry because we have awesome food vendors including Dan's Deli, Maggie's Concession, Step Above Concessions, Graeter's Ice Cream, Funnel Of Love, Payton's Concession, Narrow Country Road, BW Boys Soccer Boosters, Mudflats Pizza, Galena Diner, Phatt Wraps, Myranda Mae's BBQ, and Miller Italian Ice.

You can gather information at our non-profit booths: Delaware Soil & Water Conservation District, Delaware County Sheriff's Office, The Bank, Wise Heating & Cooling, Preservation Parks of Delaware County, and Habitat for Humanity.

## Ice Cream Social

Village residents are invited to the annual Ice Cream Social, 6-8 p.m., August 26 in Ruffner Park.

## 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. Holiday changes \* = trash day moves to Saturday, \*\* = Council meeting changes.

Aug. 1	3rd Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out
Aug. 3, 10	Trash Days
Aug. 15	Zoning & Planning Commission
Aug. 17, 24	Trash Days
Aug. 25	Summerfest, 11 AM-11PM
Aug. 26	Ice Cream Social, 6-8 PM, Ruffner Park
Aug. 27	Council Meeting
Aug. 31	Trash Day

## Chimney Swift Programs

Dick Tuttle is offering a chimney swift program at 8 p.m., August 10, at the Galena Village Hall, 109 Harrison St. He is also offering the program again at 8 p.m. during Summerfest.

## Galena Village Hall

Progress is being made in the ongoing renovations at the new Galena Village Hall (former Galena United Methodist Church). Time has been spent gathering estimates for a variety of maintenance projects. Asbestos in the mechanical room will be removed. Work will proceed on updating the emergency and exit lighting and hallway electrical updates. A laptop was purchased for the Council Chambers sound/recording system. Stage reconstruction is in process.

In a related measure, Council held a first reading on an ordinance regarding selling its current Village Municipal Building at 9 W. Columbus St.

## Council Actions

Council passed a resolution for a service agreement with Professional Package Plant Services (PPPS) to run the wastewater treatment system. They passed a resolution moving David LaValle from deputy zoning inspector to zoning inspector. He is also the property maintenance inspector and floodplain administrator. Jeanna Burrell will continue in the interim village administrator position.

In other business, Council passed an ordinance declaring a no parking zone and a parallel parking zone at S. Walnut St. and Columbus St. Parking there obscures the stop sign and blocks the road.

## Storms & Clean Up

Wow - four major storms and many fallen trees and limbs! We hope everyone is safe after the June 29, July 1<sup>st</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and July 26 storms. We thank everyone who came out to help their neighbors clear away limbs.

Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Stokes has been busy picking up your limbs on an ongoing basis.

We are expecting 8,000 or more guests for Summerfest so let's spruce up our yards a bit and show everyone what a great place Galena is to live!

The Village offers a free chipping service for your convenience from May through October. We will pick up your limbs at our earliest convenience.

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,
- Do not place limbs in the street or blocking sidewalks.

This service is only for tree limbs. Please **do not include** the following items that will not be picked up:

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

## Zoning News

Zoning Inspector Dave LaValle reported that three zoning permits for new homes were issued and one is pending in the Walnut Creek subdivision on Joe Walker Rd. The lots have been selling rapidly in the development and only six lots are left. An accessory building permit was issued and a minor subdivision/lot split was approved.

LaValle also reported on property maintenance complaints and investigations. LaValle said he will work with property owners and residents informally to get inferior conditions corrected before issuing formal violation notices.

## Sewer News

The SCADA electronic system is being installed on the wastewater system. The fine screen project is on hold. Preventive maintenance was conducted on blowers and the UV system was repaired. The decant tubes were inoperable when Jason Watts began operating the plant so they were repaired. Watts plans to change chemicals used to save money.

Third quarter sewer bills will be sent out August 1 for \$52.08/month (\$156.23/quarter) for residential customers.

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. 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:**

- 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 \$52.08 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](http://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.

## Postmaster Farewell

We bid a fond farewell to Galena Postmaster John Ballentine who retired August 1<sup>st</sup> after 35 years with the U.S. Postal Service. We wish him the best.

On his retirement Ballentine said, "I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to each and every one of you for allowing me to serve as your postmaster. Health issues with my aging parents require more of my time and attention and retirement was the most practical option. The fantastic friends I've made in Galena will guarantee that I have warm memories to last forever. Remember, 'postmasters never retire, they just lose their zip!' Thank you for your patronage, generosity and welcoming me into your lives. Please continue to give your full support Rebecca Long, the Officer-in-Charge. Best wishes to all!"

## Electronic News

Get our newsletter by email by contacting [adminassistant@galenaohio.org](mailto:adminassistant@galenaohio.org).

## Important Contacts

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In an emergency, dial	911
BST&G Fire District	965-3841 <a href="http://www.bstfiredistrict.org">www.bstfiredistrict.org</a>
Big-O Refuse	888-924-2446
Cable: Time-Warner	800-617-4311
Columbia Gas	800-344-4077
Del. Co. EMS	833-2190, <a href="http://www.delcoems.org">www.delcoems.org</a>
Del-Co Water	548-7746
Dog Warden	368-1915
Electric: AEP	800-277-2177
Galena Post Office	965-2371
Health Dept.	740-368-1700 <a href="http://www.delawarehealth.org">www.delawarehealth.org</a>
Immediate Urgent Care	965-8305 101D W. Cherry St., Sunbury
Phone: Century Link	800-407-5411
PUCO	614-466-3292, 800-686-PUCO (7826) <a href="http://www.puco.ohio.gov">www.puco.ohio.gov</a>
RITA (income tax)	800-860-7482, <a href="http://www.ritaohio.com">www.ritaohio.com</a>
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