



## Happy Holiday!



Thanks to the Parks and Recreation Committee for decorating the square and lighting the tree Dec. 7! Thanks to the Delaware County Bank for allowing us to use their lobby for refreshments! Everyone had a great time caroling. We wish you all the most wonderful holiday season!

## Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Get ready for Santa's arrival in Galena on Dec. 20, 10 a.m.-Noon, in the Village Council Chambers.

A petting zoo will be on the square, also. See you there and bring your list!

## Wastewater Treatment Plan

At the November Council meeting, Poggemeyer Design Group (PDG) reviewed the Wastewater Treatment Study Draft Report.

The study reviewed the existing wastewater system and PDG noted that Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) records show a number of violations at the current plant. The sewer lines show much higher capacity than are actually being used today.

PDG projects the Village could serve a 2,200-acre area of 4,284 additional homes. Based on potential development, they project growing from the existing 75,000 gallons per day plant to 1.7 million gallons per day (mgd).

The importance of the receiving stream as a typical watershed and a drinking water source was reviewed. Due to this, PDG feels it is important to choose a technology that can discharge the highest quality of water possible.

Alternative one is a Membrane Bioreactor and alternative two is an Orbal Oxidation Ditch. Other alternatives were explored but were not feasible. Advantages and disadvantages of the two alternatives were discussed as were cost estimates. The orbal ditch requires more space than the membrane plant.

The plant could be built in phases with many onetime costs included in phase one.

Sewer tap fees, excluding the existing homes that have already paid tap fees, will pay for the facilities. Existing fees are \$6,400

per home. Existing customers may even see lower maintenance fees and the Village would have extra revenue beyond the facility construction cost to help increase sewer line sizes.

Various treatment technologies were explained. The new technology membrane system is being used around the U.S. Membrane plant costs are dropping as they become more popular. The OEPA will approve membrane and ditch technology. Finding staff to operate either technology is not a problem.

Expanding the existing plant, which is operating at half capacity, would be a mistake because of the numerous violations already occurring with that technology. The existing package plant will not pass future OEPA requirements and will be expensive to upgrade.

Council voted unanimously to adopt a resolution that gives Mayor Tom Hopper the flexibility to act on sewer issues.

Hopper explained that for more than two years the Village has tried unsuccessfully to work with the County to get additional sewer capacity to meet the Village's needs. The Village cannot wait any longer to move forward with this lengthy process. The sewer capacity is imperative to meet the Village's land use planning goals.

Sunbury's and Galena's concerns were completely ignored in the County's Sewer Master Plan Meeting. Another meeting was scheduled to determine what the County's position is on these issues but the County cancelled that meeting. Subsequently, Mayor Hopper moved forward to withdraw the Village from the County

Sewer District by submitting a 208 plan to the OEPA to create the Village's own sewer district.

Planning will move forward with PDG on a new Village wastewater treatment plant. Hopper still hopes to cooperate with the County but must move forward to protect Galena's own interests if the County chooses not to provide the needed services.

## November Council

The draft Wastewater Treatment Plan and several other issues were discussed at Village Council's November meeting.

Several hiring resolutions received their first reading. Council passed an ordinance setting weight load limits on Walnut St. They also passed a resolution to replace specific grinder pumps.

The Zoning and Planning Commission reported that it continued hearings on the Jehnsen property and the Galena Commerce Center.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is purchasing seven flowering plum trees to plant near the cemetery.

Public Service Director Dave LaValle reported on development progress. The Heathermere subdivision road is paved and a temporary office will be installed until a model home is built. Walnut Creek Subdivision final engineering plans have been submitted.

Revisions have been made to the Village's web site.

The draft land use plan was reviewed at a December 4 meeting (excerpts are on our web site).

Phil Laurien, Delaware County Regional Planning Commission executive director, consulted with Galena while working on Sunbury's master plan. Due to both Sunbury's and Galena's displeasure with the Berkshire Parkway concept in the County Thoroughfare Plan, Sunbury decided to create a northern route to bypass Sunbury. It would start at Carter's Corner Rd. and travel across routes 61, 3/36, and 37 and intersect with Miller Paul Rd.

LaValle also reported that deteriorated maple trees at Harrison and High streets were removed as well as a large branch hanging over Ruffner Park.

## Welcome Back Mike

Mike Hamilton has returned to work from sick leave on a modified work plan. Welcome back Mike!

We owe a big thanks to Pam Hamilton for all her work filling in while Mike was ill! Thanks in advance to Tony Hamilton for filling in on snow removal duty until Mike is released for heavy equipment operation.

## Galena Receives \$35,000 Grant

The Village recently was awarded a \$35,000 grant from Delaware County. The grant also requires \$20,700 in matching funds from Galena. The \$55,700 total will be used to replace two culverts under the railroad bed.

## 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.

Dec. 20 Santa Claus, 10 a.m.-  
Noon, Village Council  
Chambers;  
Petting Zoo - Square  
Dec. 22 Village Council  
Dec. 25 Offices Closed  
Jan. 14 Zoning & Planning  
Jan. 20 Parks & Recreation  
Committee

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Enjoy the Season!

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