



## Holiday Festivities

Village officials would like to wish you the merriest of holiday seasons!

Galena's Parks and Special Events Committee invites you to join them in lighting the Christmas tree on Galena's Village Square at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 5. Bring a dozen cookies to the Delaware County Bank's Galena Branch to share and enjoy hot cocoa with friends and neighbors. Free hayrides will also be offered.



Bring the little ones to meet Santa 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 18 in Council Chambers in the basement of the Village Mu-



nicipal Building. Free hayrides and a petting zoo will also be featured.

You are also invited to attend Galena United Methodist Church's Children's Christmas Program at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 12 and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 7:30 p.m.

## Possible Annexations

At their November meeting, Galena Village Council considered two pre-annexation agreements for two parcels totaling 209 acres.

Property owner Trinity Homes plans to request annexation for a 192-acre parcel known as the Miller Farm at Sunbury and VansValley roads.

Trinity is also requesting to annex 17 acres on Dustin Road that would extend the 32.3 acre, 44 lot Estates at Blackhawk subdivision currently under construction. An additional 26 lots are tentatively planned which will require a revised development plan to be submitted and reviewed.

Council voted unanimously to approve the agreements. The land would remain in Berkshire Township, just as all of Galena currently is, so the township still collects tax revenue.

## New Developments

A meeting was called by County Engineer Chris Bauserman to discuss the Joe Walker Road project. The County Engineer will not approve the Joe Walker Road plans as submitted by EMH&T and is holding Maronda Homes responsible for the roadway restoration. County building permits will be held up until the Berkshire

## Galena Dates

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

- Dec. 5 Christmas Tree Lighting on the Square, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 8 Zoning & Planning
- Dec. 16 Parks & Sp. Events
- Dec. 18 Santa Comes to Town.  
10 am-Noon,  
Council Chambers
- Dec. 27 Council Meeting
- Jan. 3 Council Organizational Meeting
- Jan. 12 Zoning & Planning
- Jan. 18 Parks & Sp. Events
- Jan. 24 Council Meeting

Township road is reconstructed to County residential street standards. Berkshire Township has not yet submitted the resolution necessary to start the process to lower the speed limit on the dead end road from 55 to 25 miles per hour.

The water line for the Estates at Blackhawk is partially installed. A new water main from Rome Corners Road along the north side of Dustin Road is being installed. The sanitary collection lines are installed for the first phase of the development. The sewer force main directional bore from the development to Walnut Street is underway. Curbs have been installed for part of the development. The streets have been graded and compacted, gravel for the base is being hauled in, and paving is expected soon.

At Heathermere on Walnut Street, Maronda Homes is negotiating an easement with Stan Fox to provide for maintenance to the new storm water drainage system to be installed across his property. Sidewalk installation is continuing. The Village has issued six zoning permits this month with two more in the works. Five or six houses completed to date at Heathermere have been sold.

## Sewage Treatment Plant Lawsuit

The Village's attorneys filed a Motion for Summary Judgment on the Issue of whether the Village has the authority to appropriate

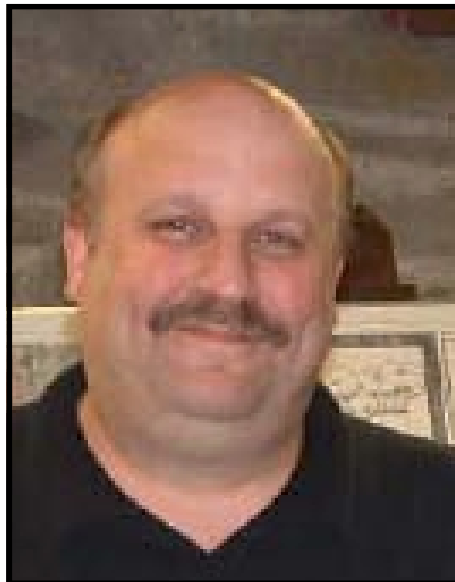
the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

On November 19, Assistant County Prosecutor Leah Sellers deposed Mayor Hopper and Paul Brock, an engineer from Poggemeyer Design Group representing Galena. Delaware County Sanitary Engineer Jack Smelker has yet to be deposed by Village attorneys.

The lawsuit is scheduled for trial before Judge Markus on February 3rd and 4th, 2005. Council also met in executive session to discuss lawsuit details.

## Welcome Back

Village Council welcomes Ed Karn back. Ed resigned his seat on Council when he moved out of town. He has moved back and agreed to complete Betsy Hildebrand's term on Council



when Betsy moved out of town. His term is effective November 2004 through November 2005.

Karn owns and operates Allen's Coin Shop in Westerville. His wife, Teresa, has been an active member of the Galena Parks and Special Events Committee.

## Other Council Business

Council renewed insurance for Village property and liability for 2005 through the Ohio Plan.

A resolution accepting 2.7 acres of land intended for a trail remains tabled pending the purchase by the Ohio to Erie Trails Fund. When purchased, the land will be donated to the Village by the Fund. A second reading was held on a resolution to submit a grant application to the Clean Ohio Trail Fund. Delaware County Friends of the Trail cleaned up several Galena trail areas.

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