December 2005
Newsletter

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Boardwalk Progress

The City of Columbus expects to complete the Hoover Boardwalk by the end of December (weather permitting).

Council Re-elected

Congratulations to Council members Ed Karn, Chris Underwood, David Simmons, and Jim Slifko who were re-elected to four year terms beginning in January 2006.

Santa Arrives December 17!

Santa Claus is coming to town! He's arriving in Galena Saturday, December 17.

Make your list and check it twice and bring your camera so you can capture that special moment when your little ones tell Santa what they'd like for Christmas.

You'll find Santa in the basement of the Village Municipal Building on the square at 9 W. Columbus St. from 10 a.m. until noon, before he heads back to the North Pole. You can also enjoy a free petting zoo and free hayrides.

Mullins Annexation

Council approved an ordinance specifying municipal services for 43 acres on Alexander Road and State Route 3. Larry Mullins has applied with Delaware County to annex the land into the Village. By Ohio law, Council had 20 days from that filing to approve a service agreement for the property.

Clerk Progress

Acting Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Paese reported that bill payments are now current. Council approved reallocation of funds among accounts. Data is still being entered to bring the Village's Universal Accounting Network (UAN) computer system current.

Trails

Mary Kerr represented Delaware County Friends of the Trail before Galena Village Council regarding application for a Clean Ohio Fund Grant for $521,250 with 25 percent matching funds from local entities. The funds would extend the Genoa Trail from Plumb Road to Dustin Road. Galena's share would be $7,702.50 for design and engineering services.

Heathermere Completion

The Heathermere development is nearing completion with the zoning permit for one of the final homes in process. Erosion and sedimentation problems continue to need developer attention. Landscaping and screening work needs completed as well.

Blackhawk

In the Estates at Blackhawk, a culvert was installed too close to the street and needs to be revised. Curb

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.

Dec. 14	Zoning & Planning
Dec. 15	Parks & Sp. Events
Dec. 17	Santa Claus Comes to Town. 10 am-noon, Council Chambers
Dec. 19	Council Meeting
Jan. 2	Tentative Council 2006 Organizational Meeting
Jan. 11	Zoning & Planning
Jan. 17	Parks & Sp. Event
Jan. 23	Council Meeting

and sewer installation has begun in Phases B and C.

Walnut Creek

Delaware County has approved the lift station for the Walnut Creek Subdivision so sanitary sewer connections can begin. Maronda Homes has contacted adjoining residents on Joe Walker Road and secured their support to annex the Joe Walker Road right-of-way. This will allow the Village to change the speed limit from 55 to 25 mph and the developer can begin road improvements.

Playground Grant

A $5,395 grant was received from the Preservation Parks of Delaware County for safe surfacing around the Ruffner Park merry-go-round.

Sewer News

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) ran the public notice ad beginning the 30-day public input process for the expansion permit for Galena's wastewater treatment plant.

After meeting with the Berkshire Campgrounds' owners in August, the Village has received no information from the owners about their OEPA permits, inspections, and other details about how their sewer system was connected into the Village's system.

Galena Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Scott Jamison reported a backflow preventer failed and was replaced and water service to the wastewater treatment plant has been restored.

Approval was received from Republic Waste to dispose of waste material in their Pine Grove Landfill.

A new building was constructed to house phosphorous treatment chemicals and feed pumps.

Jamison attended the Water Environment Federation's annual conference in Washington, D.C. and gathered information on the technology proposed for the Village's new wastewater treatment plant. He also accompanied Village Mayor Tom Hopper and Public Service Director Dave LaValle on a tour of a Michigan membrane bioreactor wastewater treatment plant.

SCADAtech upgraded the automatic emergency notification system at the wastewater treatment plant. The system includes a motion detector connected to an emergency call list so authorities will be alerted to unauthorized entry and other system concerns.

Don't forget that sewer bills for the billing quarter November, December, and January are due Dec. 10 to avoid a late payment penalty. Checks should be made to the Village of Galena but mailed to Water Quality Management at 1251 Dublin Rd., Columbus, OH 43215-7000.

December Trash Pick-up

Waste Management notified the Village that trash collection will be on Fridays the weeks of Christmas and New Year's.

GUMC

The Galena United Methodist Church (GUMC), 109 Harrison St., Galena, invites you to the following holiday events:

- Toy Story 3 (the Prequel), 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 18.
- Christmas Eve candlelight and caroling services, 7:30 p.m.
- Christmas day program, 10:30 a.m.

E-mail Newsletter

Contact the Village if you would prefer to receive the newsletter in full color via e-mail rather than postal mail.

If you have a new neighbor, pass on an old copy so they can sign up, too.

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Lift Station Emergencies	740-369-8613
AEP	800-277-2177
Columbia Gas	800-344-4077
Waste Mgt.	800-343-6047
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