



Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Make your list and check it twice, and you better be nice, because Santa Claus is coming to town! Don't miss a chance for your little ones to tell Santa what's on their list. Be sure to bring your camera so you can treasure that special moment forever.

Santa Claus will stop by the Village Municipal Building in the basement Council Chambers (on the Square at 9 W. Columbus St., side entrance), 10 a.m.-Noon, Saturday, Dec. 16.

You can also enjoy a free petting zoo and free hayrides.



Tree Lighting

More than 150 people turned out for our tree lighting event on Dec. 3.

A huge thanks goes out to Russell Dearth and Terry Thompson for braving a wet November day to put lights on the tree. We also owe a thank-you to the Village Parks and Special Events Committee and the Delaware County Bank for hosting the hot cocoa and cookies reception for the tree lighting. A special thanks to Mike and Pam Hamilton and Scott Jamison for building the deck on the hay wagon and to Mike for driving so we could offer free hay rides!

John Bland is Galena's Hometown Hero



Pictured at the award ceremony are (l. to r.) Kerry Curry, Fifth Third Bank Westerville branch manager; Hometown Hero John Bland; B 107.9 Morning Host Jim Hunter; Doug Lay, Franklin County Veterans Service Agency; and, Galena Mayor Tom Hopper.

The Village honored John Bland as its Hometown Hero on November 16. Bland was awarded a plaque from the Franklin County Veterans Service Agency, Fifth Third Bank, and B 107.9 Classic Top 40 during a live B 107.9 radio broadcast at Julie's Java & Grill.

John Bland has been a Galena resident for 43 years. He has been a fixture in the Village recognizable by his compassionate volunteerism coupled with his strong work ethic. He has served in official capacities for the Village for nearly 40 years.

Bland was elected to the Board of Public Affairs to manage Galena's water utility from 1967-1973. He worked both as the Village Maintenance Superintendent overseeing streets, parks, and grounds and as Superintendent of Public Water for 22 years from 1973-95. He then became Village Administrator from 1995 until his retirement in 1997.

Bland was everyone's "go to guy" to get work done from plowing snow to ensuring a clean, reliable drinking water supply. He was responsible for remodeling the Village's old pump house, building the Miller Park water

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.

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| Dec. 13 | Zoning & Planning |
| Dec. 15 | Parks & Sp. Event |
| Dec. 16 | Santa Claus Comes to Town, 10 a.m., Council Chambers, Hay Rides, |
| Dec. 18 | Council Meeting |
| Dec. 25 | Village Office Closed |

tower, adding residential water meters, and remodeling the Village Council Chambers. Bland built the Ruffner Park shelter house and was instrumental in constructing the Hoover Scenic walkway overlook deck. He wired the public square for lights and decorations and was even known to climb the pine tree to decorate it for Christmas.

Bland is an excellent handyman having also worked as a general contractor since 1976.

In 1967, he helped found a softball league in the Village in which 24 teams played annually. The league is still active today as is Bland who plays in the 60+ softball league for the Delaware County Bank Team. And, he plays basketball, too.

Bland is always ready and willing to help those in need. He has been a member of the Village Parks and Special Events Committee since 1997. He is a Galena historical buff and has collected a great deal of Village historical accounts and artifacts and hopes someday to establish a Galena museum. Bland takes pride in his Village and his work and continues to assist the Village and provide inspiration to everyone.

Fiscal Officer

At its November meeting, Village Council discussed changing its clerk position to a fiscal officer position. The Village has had acting clerks since Clerk Ed Collinsworth was assigned to active duty in Kosovo and subsequently resigned upon moving out of the Village.

The clerk position would be up for election in the fall of 2007, so Village Solicitor Ken Molnar recommended making the change now. The fiscal officer would be an employee rather than elected. Molnar explained that Council could also change the residency requirement for the position. No action was taken.

Church Events

Bring your family and celebrate Christmas at Galena United Methodist Church. Experience favorite carols and the traditional Christmas story that will rekindle your holiday spirit. Recapture the wonder of Christmas this year!

- Dec. 10, 17, 24 – Advent Services, 10:30 a.m.
- Dec. 17 – Annual Christmas Presentation: *Manger Mail*, 10:30 a.m.
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service: Candlelight, Carols, and the Christmas Story, 7:30 p.m.

Election Results

The Village's two mill property tax replacement operating levy passed in the November election with a vote of 110 (60.44%) in favor and 72 (39.56%) against.

Flu Shots

Flu shots are in ample supply this year. The Delaware General Health District has flu shots for \$8.50 and Flu Mist (for those 5-49) for \$8. Stop by the Health District Clinic at 3 W. Winter St. in Delaware for walk-in

clinics weekdays 7:30-9 a.m. and Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m. A flu shot clinic will also be held Dec. 13, 1:30-4 p.m.

E-mail Newsletter

E-mail the Village with your mailing and e-mail addresses at galena@copper.net if you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail rather than postal mail.

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