



## Holiday Events



Residents who braved the wet weather enjoyed soup at the Galena United Methodist Church then gathered to share cookies, hot cocoa, and a special story and enjoyed caroling with their neighbors in the Delaware County Bank lobby. They kicked off the holiday season by lighting the Village tree.

A huge thanks to Karin Underwood, Teresa Karn, Russell Dearth, Terry Thompson, Dave Simmons, Mike Hamilton, Pam Hamilton, and Scott Jamison for their hard work on the event, tree, and hay wagon. Thanks to Martha Lee for supplying her wonderful Galena ornaments and to the Delaware County Bank for hosting the reception. If you couldn't come and would like an ornament, stop by the Village offices.

Santa will visit Galena 10 a.m.-noon on Dec. 15 in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Children can bring their lists and visit with Santa. (Parents should bring their cameras.) There will be a petting zoo and free hay rides, too.

Happy holidays to everyone!

## Rezoning Hearing

At their November meeting, Galena Council held a continuation of the public hearing and a second reading on the rezoning of the Miller Farm at Vans Valley and Sunbury roads to a Planned

Residential District (PRD). The hearing was continued from October to allow the developers to meet with local property owners.

Homewood Corporation and adjacent property owners signed an agreement on screening, utility location, fencing, building materials, and increasing southern lots to a minimum of 100' wide.

Genoa Township resident and former zoning inspector, Leslie Warthman, spoke against the development on behalf of a few Berkshire and Genoa township residents on the southern border of the proposed development. Three township residents south of the development spoke out against it as well. No residents of the Village spoke for or against the development.

Council closed the public hearing portion of the meeting and will hold a third reading for Council deliberation only on the rezoning application at their Dec. 17 meeting.

## Downtown Plans

The Village received an Amendment to a Development Plan from Zoar Developers, LLC, the new owner of 46 W. Columbus St. Zoar plans to remodel the existing house at the corner of Columbus and West streets into a restaurant with carry out/delivery services and limited seating for 12-15 people. The firm also plans to build approximately 2,200 square feet of commercial space for lease at the corner of Columbus and Middle streets. The plan will be reviewed by the Village's Zoning and Planning Commission on Dec. 12.

## Trails Progress

Mary Kerr, representing Delaware County Friends of the Trail, addressed Council. Her organization plans to apply for a grant to build a bridge over Big Walnut Creek to link the proposed Kane's Crossing Trail with the Walnut Creek Trail. The Village would contribute \$40,000 to the project over a two-

year period and will explore multiple sources for funding the project. Girders already exist over the creek from the abandoned Galena brickyard narrow gauge train tracks.

Kerr also said that 80 percent of the Ohio to Erie Trail is complete. Galena is a key component in linking the Genoa portion of the trail to trails north to Centerburg and Mt. Vernon.

## Playground Grant

The Village was awarded a \$9,475 grant from Preservation Parks of Delaware County. The grant, along with Village funds, will allow construction of safe surface material under the Ruffner Park slide and tot swing area. A previous grant paid for safe surface material under the merry-go-round.

## 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. 2 Tree Lighting, 7 p.m., Village Square & Delaware Bank

Dec. 7 Trash Day

Dec. 12 Zoning & Planning

Dec. 14 Trash Day

Dec. 15 Santa Claus Comes to Town, 10 a.m.-Noon, Council Chambers

Dec. 17 Council Meeting

Dec. 21 Trash Day

Dec. 25 Village Office Closed

Dec. 28 Trash Day

### January Dates are Tentative

Jan. 1 Village Office Closed

Jan. 3 Council Organizational Meeting

Jan. 4 Trash Day

Jan. 9 Zoning & Planning

Jan. 11, 18, 25 Trash Days

Jan. 28 Council Meeting

## Sewer Rates Increase 6%

Council held a third reading and passed an ordinance increasing sewer rates by six percent. Residential rates will increase from \$108 to \$114.48 per quarter for the first quarter of 2008 (February, March and April). Bills will go out February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Snow Emergency

While you probably don't want to think about snow, it is December. Snow Emergency No Parking signs have been received and will be installed.

The mayor may declare a snow emergency if:

- more than 2" of snow falls within a 24-hour period; and,
- additional snow is expected; or,
- ice accumulates to the point it impairs safe movement of traffic.

Vehicles would need to be moved from the following streets if a snow emergency is declared: Columbus, Front, Middle, Water, West, Rose, Quinn, Heathermere Drive, Heathermere Loop, Tristaine Court, Zoar, Melimare, Caleb's Court, Nesting Court, and Hawking Drive, as well as the Village's portion of Joe Walker, Vans Valley, Dustin, and Alexander roads.

## First Readings

Council held first readings on resolutions transferring funds and appointing personnel for 2008. A first reading was held on an amended development agreement to provide for developer-funded widening and improvement of Joe Walker Road. Council also heard a first reading on hiring

Poggemeyer Design Group to update the Village's 2004 Land Use Plan that was never adopted.

## Developments

The last new house in the Heathermere development has been sold. The final inspection of the development is in the works.

Final plans for Joe Walker Road improvements have been received. Legislation will be needed to lower the speed limit on the dead end road from 55 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour.

## LaValle Retiring

Village Public Service Director Dave LaValle has announced he will retire in April 2008. He has met with the Village Personnel Committee to study replacement options. Council went into executive session during their November meeting to discuss personnel hiring.

## WWTP Plans

Village officials and engineers visited a Portage County Zenon Membrane Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) to observe the facility's operation, design, and construction. The plant is designed similarly to the plant being designed for Galena.

## EDCJRD

Council member Roberta Miller reported on the Eastern Delaware County Joint Recreational District (EDCJRD). Many new members have been appointed to the board and officer elections are upcoming. Galena supplied a Village parks, trails, and open space inventory.

## Facilities

The Village's Facilities Committee is meeting regularly to determine priorities and needs for the Galena United Methodist Church building that the Village owns.

## Newsletter

E-mail the Village with your mailing and e-mail addresses at [galena@embarqmail.com](mailto:galena@embarqmail.com) if you would prefer to receive the newsletter in color via e-mail rather than postal mail.

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