



Tree Lighting



Local residents enjoyed sampling neighbors' cookies; warming up with hot chocolate; singing holiday carols; and, catching up with each other's lives. The pinnacle of the evening was the lighting of

the tree on the Village Square.

Thanks to everyone who attended and everyone who contributed to make this annual tradition a success, especially The Delaware County Bank for hosting the event.

Santa Comes to Galena

Santa Claus is coming to town – Galena to be specific – on Dec. 20. He'll be in Council Chambers 10 a.m.-noon at 9 W. Columbus St. (Municipal Building side entrance) to listen to children's Christmas lists. Be sure to bring your camera. Each child will also receive a gift bag. While they are waiting to see Santa there will be a petting zoo and holiday hay rides.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will also be present, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., so you can give the gift of life. If you donate blood, you will be eligible to sign up for a AAA Roll Up Your Sleeve and See America Raffle. You could win a \$100 gas card or a \$2,000 travel voucher.

CAD Standards Reviewed

At the November Village of Galena Council meeting, amendments to the

Subdivision Code of 2006 were introduced. The amendments include construction and development standards for Common Access Drives (CADs). The proposed CADs can include two frontage lots with three rear lots on a paved road without curbs or gutters. The standards require a minimum 60' wide easement and must be designed by a professional engineer. The hearing for approval was continued until the December 15th Council meeting.

New Municipal Building Plans

Council President David Simmons, who also serves as the Facilities Committee Chairman, reported that the Facilities Committee met and reviewed architects' qualifications. The Committee recommended hiring Miller/Watson Architects for \$11,750 to begin electronic mapping and conceptual design work on the old church building. The Village purchased the building and plans to convert it into municipal offices and council chambers.

Bicentennial Plans

Council also established a Bicentennial Committee to plan events celebrating the Village's bicentennial in 2009. The Committee consists of Council President Dave Simmons, Councilman Chris Underwood, and Administrative Assistant Jeanna Burrell. Council welcomes other Village residents to join the committee by contacting the Village Offices at 965-2484.

Council Actions

At Village Council's November meeting, John Hower, insurance representative for Rinehart, Walters, Danner, and Associates, presented details for the Village's 2009 insurance policy. The cost of the coverage increased \$204 to \$6,990.

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie presented a first reading of a temporary \$700,000

budget for 2009.

Council passed a resolution adopting an identity theft policy to comply with a new federal law.

Council also held first readings on personnel hiring policies for 2009 for the following:

- Scott Jamison as Public Service Director, Zoning and Property Maintenance Official, and Flood Plain Administrator;
- Jeanna Burrell as Administrative Assistant;
- Marty Mazzie as Fiscal Officer;
- Michelle Dearth as Assistant Fiscal Officer;
- Mike Hamilton as Maintenance Supervisor;
- Pam Hamilton as Maintenance Employee;
- Sally Hopper as Zoning and Planning Commission Clerk; and,
- Kenneth Molnar, Solicitor.

Hurricane Ike

Public Service Director Scott Jamison attended a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) meeting in Ostrander and met with representatives of FEMA in the Village to fill out claim

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. 10	4th Quarter Sewer Bills Due
Dec. 10	Zoning & Planning Commission
Dec. 12	Trash Day
Dec. 15	Council Meeting
Dec. 19	Trash Day
Dec. 20	Santa Claus, 10 am-noon, Council Chambers
Dec. 25-26	Village Offices Closed
Dec. 27*	Trash Day

forms. The Village's insurance company sent a check for \$6,638.04 to cover Hurricane Ike damages. FEMA claims were filed for the remaining \$13,055.86.

Sewer News

Mayor Tom Hopper attended the Delaware County General Health District Board meeting. The Health Board held a hearing and ultimately approved on-lot sewage treatment systems for the Sage Creek Section Five six-lot common access drive subdivision. The subdivision is within the Village's Area-Wide Water Quality Management Plan service area approved by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) in 2005. This plan provides for central sewer service for all properties within its boundaries and the Health District's approval is in conflict with the Village's OEPA approved plan.

Sewer Bills

Fourth quarter sewer bills are due Dec. 10 to avoid late fees. Residential bills will be \$114.48 for the Nov./Dec./Jan. quarter. Be sure to pay on time to avoid penalties and further action. Mail payments to Water Quality Management, not to the Village offices. Customers can also make monthly sewer bill payments at the Delaware County Bank's Galena branch. Bring your sewer bill the first time.

Trash Bids

The Village received solid waste hauling and recycling bids from four companies. A bid-opening meeting was held in November. Bids are still being evaluated.

Foreclosures

In this economy, home foreclosures have been ongoing. Many foreclosures can be avoided. If you are concerned about continuing to meet your mortgage obligations, there are agencies that can help you. The sooner you seek help, the better your chances of avoiding foreclosure. Contact one of these agencies:

- Consumer Credit Counseling Service, 614-552-2222;
- Columbus Housing Partnership, 614-221-8889;
- Columbus Urban League, 614-275-4663;
- Homes on the Hill, 614-275-4663; or,
- Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, 614-228-2663.

Car Seat Safety

Make sure your child's car seat is installed safely at the Car Seat Check, 3-6:30 p.m., Feb. 17, at the Genoa Township Fire Department, 7049 Big Walnut Rd. Call the Delaware General Health District at 740-368-1700 to make your appointment.

Library Events

The Community Library offers the following:

- Beginners yoga class, 9-10:20 a.m., Saturdays or 5:30-6:50 p.m., Wednesdays; \$7/class.
 - Knitters Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays.
 - Sunbury Book Club, 7:30 p.m., 2nd Wednesdays.
 - Thursday Book Group, 7-8 p.m., 1st Thursday of the month.
 - Knit and Crochet Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., 2nd Thursdays.
 - Donate mittens on the Mitten Tree for Big Walnut Friends Who Share.
- For more information or to register

for events, contact Community Library, 740-965-3901, 44 Burrer Dr., Sunbury.

Newsletter

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail, just e-mail the Village with your mailing and e-mail addresses at galena@embaromail.com. You'll receive a color version of the newsletter in a .pdf format earlier than the print version is distributed.

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