

Tree Lighting



We had a great turnout for the annual Tree Lighting on Dec. 6. It was a cold night so everyone enjoyed warming up after hayrides with hot cocoa, cookies, and stories at the Delaware County Bank.

See Santa Dec. 19



Santa comes to Galena 10 a.m.-Noon on Dec. 19. Make your list, check it twice, and parents should remember to bring your camera

so you can capture that special moment when your little ones tell Santa what they'd like for Christmas.

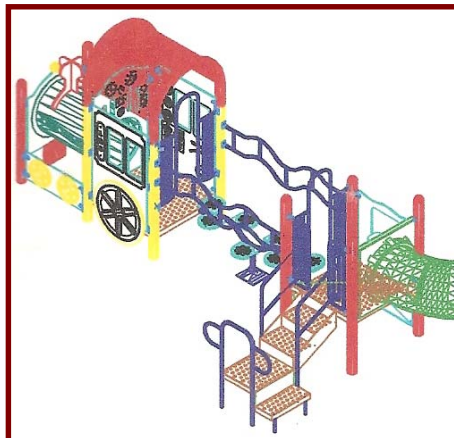
You'll find Santa in the Council Chambers (basement, side entrance) of the Village Municipal Building on the square at 9 W. Columbus St., before he heads back to the North Pole. Your family can also enjoy a free petting zoo and free hayrides and each child will receive a gift bag.

Galena Receives \$26,625 Grant

With grants for a trail bridge and Walnut Street paving, a recent grant award for parks is icing on the cake!

The Preservation Parks of Delaware County Board of Commissioners approved three Community Park Improvement Grants (CPIG) totaling \$41,449 for park facilities in Galena and in Orange and Oxford townships.

The Village of Galena will receive \$26,625 for three projects to be completed in 2010: a new jungle gym at Miller Park, a sprinkler system on the baseball diamond at Ruffner Park, and installation of concrete pads under the bleachers and a future batting cage, also at Ruffner Park.



The grant will pay for installation of phase one of a train-themed jungle gym in Miller Park, a reference to the railroad that used to run through the park.

The sprinkler system on the ball diamond will improve the playing surface and keep the dust down. The concrete will shore up the bleachers that are sinking into the hill and will provide the basis for new batting cages that the Columbus Sharks organization plans to build and donate to the Village.

Since Preservation Parks launched the CPIG program in 2001, the Park District has awarded \$582,462 in grants to help Delaware County municipalities and townships provide new recreation facilities or augment and expand

existing facilities. "We are pleased to provide funding for these community recreation needs," said Preservation Parks Executive Director Rita Au.

The parks in the Preservation Parks system are passive-use parks, but Park District officials recognize the need for all types of recreation in Delaware County, she said.

In the past, Preservation Parks has funded safe surface material under play sets in Ruffner Park and, most recently, paid for the new slides and safe surface in Ruffner Park.

Walnut St. Paving

Prior to Galena's November Council meeting, a public meeting was held to discuss the upcoming repaving of Walnut Street from Holmes St. to St. Rt. 3 with Ohio Public Works grant money. The project will include grinding the existing road to create a new base then repaving. Construction is currently being bid out and is expected to begin in March 2010 and should take one month, if the weather cooperates. The project engineer is EMH&T.

Phase 2 of the project includes repaving the road from Holmes to High Street and may include sidewalk work as well.

During the meeting, project engineer Travis Eifert also discussed the bridge rehabilitation project planned by the Delaware County Engineer's Office on S. Old 3C Highway. The bridge will be widened to 30' beginning in May 2010. Requests have been made to include a walking/bike lane, too.

Council Meeting

At the November Council meeting, guests included Dave Conley and John Hower. Conley

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. 4	Trash Day
Dec. 6	Tree Lighting on the Square, 7 pm
Dec. 9	Zoning & Planning Commission
Dec. 10	4th Quarter Sewer Bills Due
Dec. 11	Trash Day
Dec. 18	Trash Day
Dec. 19	Santa Claus, 10 am-noon, Council Chambers
Dec. 21	Council Meeting
Dec. 24-25	Village Offices Closed
Dec. 26*	Trash Day

represents the Robert W. Baird & Company. He discussed the Ohio Capital Asset Financing (CAF) Build America Program that offers interest rates of less than two percent. Hower, represents Rinehart Insurance Agency, and he reviewed insurance coverage for the Village.

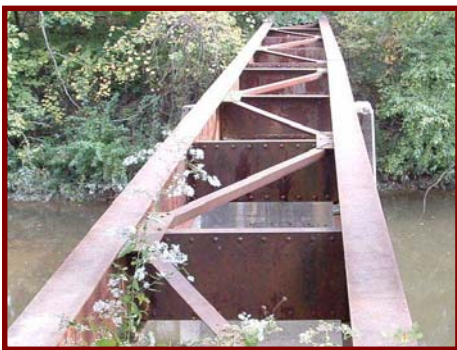
Council held first readings on personnel appointment resolutions for 2010.

Council members learned that no bids were received on the village-owned church building and the building needs roof repairs.

At their December meeting, Council plans to discuss a replacement tax levy for 2010.

Council changed some upcoming meeting dates. The December Council meeting will move to Dec. 21. The 2010 Organizational Meeting will move to January 5. Village Offices will be closed Dec. 24-25.

Trail Bridge



In November, Council approved resolutions related to engineering services and construction bidding for the approach and trail work for the Kane's Crossing Bridge and Trail and for the Walnut Street bidding. By going with the less expensive uncovered trail bridge, approaches to the bridge and trail work also can be accomplished on the Kane's Crossing Trail Bridge over the Big Walnut Creek. The grant for 80 percent of the costs up to \$148,000 was

awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to the Village in April 2009.

Heathermere Speed

Residents from the Heathermere Subdivision have called the Village Offices to protest a resident's proposal to install speed bumps in the development.

Holiday Concerts

The Central Ohio Symphony will present its annual holiday concerts on Sunday, December 13, at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. in Gray Chapel on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan. The Symphony will perform two identical concerts of festive, seasonal music. In addition to the orchestra, the concerts will also feature the Young Strings, the youth orchestral program for the Symphony, and Capriccio!, an adult chorus based in Worthington.

Tickets for the concert are available at Buehler's Fresh Foods, the Beehive Bookstore, the Arts Castle, and through the Symphony. Prices are \$20/adult; \$17/senior; \$6/student; and \$4/child. Ticket may be ordered online at www.centralohiosymphony.org or through the Symphony office at 740-362-1799.

Sewer Bills

Fourth quarter sewer bills are due Dec. 10. Sewer fees are set up on a quarterly billing cycle to save money. Residential bills are \$121.35 per quarter. Be sure to pay on time to avoid penalties and further action.

Customers have several options for payment:

- Mail payments to Water Quality Management at 161 S. Liberty St., Powell, OH 43065. Call them with any questions at 614-781-9376.
- Set up monthly sewer bill payments with no additional fees at the Delaware County Bank's Galena branch. Bring your sewer bill with you the first time.
- Set up automatic payments to have \$40.45 debited from your checking account at any

bank on the 8th of the month. Forms are available in the Village offices and on the village's web site www.galenaohio.org under local links/sewers.

Newsletter

To receive the newsletter via e-mail, just e-mail the Village with your mailing and e-mail address at adminassistant@galenaohio.org.

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Cable: Time-Warner	800-617-4311
Columbia Gas	800-344-4077
Del-Co Water	548-7746
Dog Warden	368-1915
Electric: AEP	800-277-2177
Galena Post Office	965-2371
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	www.delawarehealth.org
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Sunbury/Galena Police	965-3946
Sunbury Post Office	965-2471
Wastewater Plant	740-602-1234
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