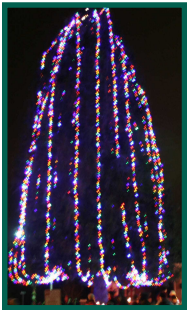


## Join us for Tree Lighting Dec. 5



Galena's Tree Lighting event will occur on the Village Square at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 5. Bring a dozen cookies to share at the Delaware County Bank's Galena Branch at 10 Park St. We'll enjoy hot cocoa and holiday stories with friends and neighbors.

Free hayrides will be offered, too.

A huge thanks to Fisher Tree Service for decorating our tree again this year and to Karin Underwood and all our Special Events Committee volunteers for all their hard work throughout the year bringing us top notch events!

## Santa Arrives Dec. 18



Santa will drop by Galena on Dec. 18, 10 a.m.-noon., to hear all your little ones' wish lists. Be sure to bring your cameras and stop by Council Chambers at the side basement entrance of the Municipal Building on the square at 9 W. Columbus St. Santa has a goodie bag for all the children. There are hay rides to enjoy while you wait for Santa. Dress warm!

## Galena Receives Parks Grant

At their November Village of Galena Council meeting, Council learned that the Village received nearly \$41,000 from Preservation Parks of Delaware County's Community Parks Improvement Grant. The grant will fund purchase of Phase II of the Miller Park train-themed playground equipment; site preparation and installation of Phase I and II; drilling a well at the Ruffner Park Jeff Dutiel Field of Dreams to supply the infield sprinkler system; and, building a well house and tank for the water well.

## Village Joins Big Walnut Watershed Partnership

Council passed a resolution to formally join the Big Walnut Watershed Planning Partnership. The partnership, organized by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, includes entities from Morrow, Delaware, and Franklin counties that are working to develop a strategic plan for balanced growth across the watershed. Assistant Public Service Director Jeanna Burrell is serving on the partnership as well as on its steering committee.

## Getting Ready For Snow

The daylight is shorter, the nights are colder, and while we hate to admit it, winter is upon us.

At their November meeting, Council passed a snow emergency ordinance that replaces a previous ordinance and includes all Village streets. In the case of ice or two or more inches of snow, residents must move their vehicles off Village streets to accommodate safer plowing. Those who don't, risk having their vehicles towed.



Village staff would like to remind you that each property owner is responsible

for keeping their sidewalks maintained in good order and usable by all. So, be sure to keep your sidewalks clear of snow, ice, and other debris. Remember, snow from your driveway or sidewalk should not be placed in the road.

Those property owners with new sidewalks on Walnut St. should remember that the concrete requires a few years to cure and harden properly. You should not use any chemicals on them this winter to thaw ice. Using sand to add grit is OK.

## Walnut St. Work

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reported on the progress of the Phase II Walnut St. project. The road has been patched; the sidewalks are completed; finish grading and seeding is complete; retaining walls were installed in areas of varying elevations; and, storm water improvements are completed. Road restoration work will begin again in the spring.

## Building 1829

Jamison and Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie are investigating financing options for Building 1829 (the old Galena United Methodist Church) as well as the existing sewer plant and new sewer plant design work. The staff plans to investigate grant funding options for Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades needed at Building 1829. Jamison discussed moving forward with renovation plans at Building 1829 with the possibility of

## 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. 3 Trash Day
- Dec. 5 Tree Lighting on the Square, 7 pm
- Dec. 10 4th Qtr. Sewer Bills Due
- Dec. 10 Trash Day
- Dec. 15 Zoning & Planning Commission **Cancelled**
- Dec. 17 Trash Day
- Dec. 18 Santa Claus, 10 am-noon, Council Chambers
- Dec. 20 Council Meeting
- Dec. 24 Village Offices Closed
- Dec. 24, 31 Trash Days

moving municipal offices and council chambers there, then marketing the existing municipal building for sale.

## BST&G Hires Asst. Fire Chief

The Village would like to congratulate Jeff Wilson who has been hired as BST&G Fire District's new assistant fire chief. Wilson will be BST&G's first permanent, full-time staff member.

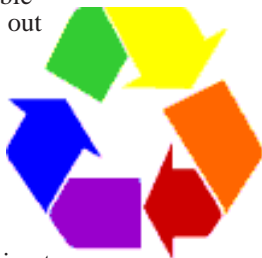
## Tree Disposal



Because the Village must switch out the chipper and chipper box on our truck in order to haul salt, we cannot offer chipping services for your Christmas trees. However, Mulch 1st will accept Christmas trees free after the holiday. You may drop them off at 725 Kintner Parkway in Sunbury. Call them at 965-6482 for hours or more information or visit them at [www.Mulch1st.com](http://www.Mulch1st.com).

## Recycling

Galena has a long history of offering curbside recycling. Big-O Refuse collects an average of 1,760 pounds of recycled material from the Village each week. We are keeping more than 92,000 pounds of recyclable materials per year out of landfills. This figure doesn't include the peak recycling period of the year which is after Thanksgiving and Christmas.



It's always exciting to get new electronic gifts, but what to do with your old ones is always a challenge. Cell phones and peripherals may be taken to the Columbus Zoo, Sims Recycling, Delaware County Victims Services, the Delaware General Health District's Friends For Life or the Delaware County Sheriff's Office. Electronics are accepted at Sims Recycling and Best Buy. For computer recycling locations, visit [www.ohiodropoff.com](http://www.ohiodropoff.com). Senior citizens (ages 60+) can call Keep Delaware County Beautiful at 740-368-1700 for free computer and appliance pick up.

Be sure to break down and recycle your gift boxes and paper and thanks for your efforts!

## Sewer Info

Council held a second reading in November on a sewer use ordinance to revise the existing ordinance to allow sewer service termination and eviction via

the court system for non-payment.

Fourth quarter sewer bills were sent out Nov. 1. Residential bills are \$121.35 per quarter. Payment is due Dec. 10. There are several payment options:

- Mail payments to the Village of Galena, PO Box 386, Galena, OH 43021. Call us with any questions at 740-965-2484.
- 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 each month. Forms are available in the Village offices and on the village's web site under [local links/sewers](#).

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reports that grease was cleaned from sewer lines on 900 feet of Walnut St. as well as West and Columbus streets.

## Zoning

The December meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission has been cancelled.

## Senior Services

For many older adults, snow shoveling can be a difficult or impossible task. Do you or someone you know need help with snow shoveling? We have youth in our community who wish to perform service projects and will be assisted by an adult supervisor to complete your chore requests. You must furnish the tools necessary to complete the job. This service is free to all people 60 years old or older in Delaware County. If you have questions or would like to sign up for this service, please call the Council for Older Adults of Delaware County at (740) 363-6677 or (800) 994-2255.

According to the Council for Older Adults of Delaware County's web site, the Ohio Department of Development offers several programs to help low-income residents pay their utility bills and improve the heating efficiency of their homes. These programs include:

- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) usually consists of a credit on the heating bill account each year.
- HEAP Emergency Crisis Program (E-HEAP) assists households whose source of energy has been disconnected or are threatened with disconnection, or who have less than a ten-day supply of bulk fuel.
- Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP PLUS) is a special payment plan that requires eligible customers to pay a portion of their household income each month to maintain utility service.
- Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) reduces the energy use by providing insulation, air leakage reduction, heating system repairs, health and safety inspections and testing as

well as other services.

Applications are available at the Center for Older Adults, 800 Cheshire Rd, Delaware.

## Flu Vaccines

The Flu ends with U! Reduce your chances of getting sick this winter or passing illness to those around you. Everyone 6 months and older should get the flu vaccine.

## Symphony Concerts

The Central Ohio Symphony will present its holiday concerts on December 12, 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., in Gray Chapel on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan. The orchestra will perform two identical concerts of festive, seasonal music. The concerts will also feature the Young Strings, the youth orchestral program of the Symphony, and the Capriccio! Jazz Chorus, featuring Central Ohio singers.

Tickets are available at the Symphony Source Office, 24 E. Winter Street, Delaware. Prices are \$20/adult, \$17/senior, \$6/student, and \$4/child. Tickets may also be ordered by calling the Symphony at 740-362-1799 or online at [www.centralohiosymphony.org](http://www.centralohiosymphony.org).

## Electronic News

The newsletter is available online or can be e-mailed directly. Contact [adminassistant@galenaohio.org](mailto:adminassistant@galenaohio.org) to be added.

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<b>BST&amp;G Fire Dept.</b>	965-3841
<b>Big-O Refuse</b>	888-924-2446
<b>Cable: Time-Warner</b>	800-617-4311
<b>Columbia Gas</b>	800-344-4077
<b>Del-Co Water</b>	548-7746
<b>Dog Warden</b>	368-1915
<b>Electric: AEP</b>	800-277-2177
<b>Galena Post Office</b>	965-2371
<b>Health Dept.</b>	740-368-1700
	<a href="http://www.delawarehealth.org">www.delawarehealth.org</a>
<b>Immediate Urgent Care</b>	101D W. Cherry St., Sunbury, 965-8305
<b>Mayor Tom Hopper</b>	965-1024
<b>Phone: Century Link</b>	800-407-5411
<b>RITA (income tax)</b>	800-860-7482
web:	<a href="http://www.ritaohio.com">www.ritaohio.com</a>
<b>Sheriff</b>	833-2800
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