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Council Approves Blackhawk Plat

At their November meeting, Galena's Council heard from Homewood Corporation President Jim Lipnos about platting the third phase of the Estates at Blackhawk on Dustin Rd. This phase includes 22 lots on nearly 13 acres. There is one more phase of the development. Council passed the ordinance approving the final plat.

Bolander Recognized



Mayor Thomas Hopper (right) presented a Mayor's Proclamation to Paul Bolander (left) for his outstanding service to the Village. Bolander has served four years on Council including the Facilities, Finance, Grants, and Personnel committees. He also represented the Village on the BST&G Fire Board and has served as their president.

Holiday Festivities



Join us in lighting the Christmas tree on Galena's Village Square at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8. Bring a dozen cookies to share at the Delaware County Bank's Galena Branch, 10 Park St., and

enjoy hot cocoa, holiday stories, and wagon rides with friends and neighbors.

Santa Claus is coming to town Saturday, December 14. Make your list, check it twice, and 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 Galena Village Hall at 109 Harrison St., 10 a.m.-Noon, before he heads back to the North Pole. Your family can also enjoy a wagon ride and each child can do a craft and will receive a gift bag.



Walnut St. Repairs

The Village was finally able to meet with Walnut St. contractor Complete General Construction (CGC) on Nov. 5. Negotiations have resulted in CGC planning to reset bricks in several areas beginning December 2, weather permitting. They will rework storm water and sewer inlets that are not flush with the road. They also plan to trim high grass and return in the spring to correct landscaping problems. The Village has held their pay request since they had not returned in more than three months since the road was completed to discuss or correct the punch list of deficiencies on the road.

Residents and business owners are reminded that it is your responsibility to maintain sidewalks to ensure safe passage for everyone. Remember not to use salt or other chemicals on new sidewalks. Use sand or other grit for traction but allow the sidewalks to cure for a year before using chemicals.

Village Hall Work

W. B. Republic is progressing on work for an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access to the Galena Village Hall lower level. Work has been delayed until Columbia Gas recently moved a gas line. The rest of the sidewalk work is now in progress. Investigation into rotted wood around the entrance has revealed that the

problem is not larger than expected and can be fixed within the project's budget.

New Developments

The Village is seeing an increased interest from developers looking at local properties. In other zoning news, a new development plan was approved for SAE-MJME Family, LLC. The owners of the previous municipal building at 9 W. Columbus St. are renovating the building. They plan to remove the vestibule to return the building to its former bank building facade. The owners plan to open an art and antiques gallery.

Income Tax

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie reported that a mailing went out to all residents informing them of their income tax obligations. For years, new residents have received a welcome packet that explains the obligation and it is also noted on the Village's web site. Recently, several residents learned they were in arrears on their income tax and accruing penalties and interest. They often petition the Income Tax Committee to forgive the penalties and interest because they didn't

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 Galena Village Hall, 109 Harrison St., unless otherwise stated. Holiday changes * = trash day moves to Saturday; ** = Council meeting changes.

Nov. 28-29	Village Offices Closed - Thanksgiving
Nov. 30*	Trash Day
Dec. 6	Trash Day
Dec. 8	Tree Lighting on the Square, 7 PM
Dec. 10	4th Quarter Sewer Bills Due
Dec. 13	Trash Day
Dec. 14	Santa Claus, 10 AM-noon, Council Chambers
Dec. 18	Zoning & Planning Commission
Dec. 20	Trash Day
Dec. 16**	Council Meeting
Dec. 25	Village Offices Closed - Christmas
Dec. 28*	Trash Day

know they owed income tax. The Income Tax Committee and Council decided to send the mailing so everyone is informed. Questions should be directed to the Regional Income Tax Agency at 1-866-721-7482, or visit www.ritaohio.com.

Prep for 2014

Also in Council Chambers was John Hower, from Rinehart-Walters-Danner and Associates, making a presentation about the Village's 2014 insurance coverage through the Ohio Plan.

Council held first readings on a variety of housekeeping legislation for 2014 including employee hiring resolutions; a Galena Historic Foundation lease agreement; leasing storage space from Joe Underwood; adopting a part-time maintenance employee job description; authorizing the Delaware County Building Department to enforce residential building codes; adopting 2014 Council rules; amending bonding requirements; contracting with the City of Delaware for prosecutorial services; approving a service agreement with Professional Package Plant Services to manage the wastewater system; and, exercising a sixth year option with Big O Refuse for residential curbside recycling and trash disposal at no additional cost.

Village Administrator Jeanna Burrell reported on financial planning assumptions that were developed for the Finance Committee for the 2014 budget including the following:

- Most accounts have healthy carry-overs from 2013;
- Income and other taxes are on the upswing;
- Maintaining capital outlay (reserves) in the sewer and general funds;
- Giving employees a three percent raise;
- Hiring an additional maintenance employee for approximately 10 hours per week flexibly scheduled to assist with plowing, mowing, and other duties;
- No increase in sewer service fees;
- Applying for a Community Block Development Grant to create more ADA restrooms in the Village Hall;
- Improving Village Hall security;
- Purchasing a new copier machine;
- Purchasing or leasing a new tractor;
- Replacing some street signs; and,
- Paving the Galena Brick Trail from Dustin to Holmes St. and improving the Little Walnut Creek bridge with an Ohio Department of Natural Resources grant.

Wastewater News

The Village received a new generator for its wastewater treatment system and thanks American Showa for its help with the delivery. A backup pump is being

delivered this week as well. Further research into the grease buildup in downtown sewer lines from local restaurants shows that the Village's sewer use ordinance requires commercial entities to regularly have their grease traps cleaned and they are required to provide the Village with receipt copies. Letters will be sent requesting that information. Conducting regular inspections was discussed as well.

Residential sewer bills are \$53.64/month (\$160.92/quarter). Since the Village bills quarterly to save customers money, paying on time is crucial. Be sure to pay your bills in a timely fashion to avoid late payment penalties, property tax liens, and other legal actions. Sewer billing is on the following calendar:

Bill Sent	For Quarter	Bill Due
Feb. 1	Feb./March/April	March 11
May 1	May/June/July	June 10
Aug. 1	Aug./Sept./Oct.	Sept. 10
Nov. 1	Nov./Dec./Jan.	Dec. 10

The following applies for delinquencies:

- Upon one day of being delinquent, a ten percent late charge will be assessed.
- Thirty days or more delinquent will result in a lien being filed, including administrative fees and costs, and a lawsuit may be filed to collect overdue fees.
- At 100 days past due, the sewer service will be terminated. Once terminated, the property owner will have to pay a reconnection fee as well as all past due fees.

There are several payment options:

- Drop-off payments at the Village Hall, 109 Harrison St. during office hours Mondays-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4p.m. or in our 24-hour drop box on the building.
- 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 \$53.64 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 at www.galenaohio.org/forms/autowithdraw.pdf. Remember that if fees increase, you need to contact your bank to authorize an increase in your automatic payments.

Del-Co Work

Del-Co Water Company is currently putting in new water lines along Walnut St. downtown and at the intersection of Walnut and Harrison streets. Their contractor also placed a new fire hydrant on the square in the wrong location. It will be relocated when a new Village

water tap is installed on the square to separate the Village's water source from the previous municipal building.

Galena Nature Club

The Galena Nature Club discussed a list of needs including Osprey warning signs; sign installation; monitoring forms and a reporting process; Warbler box building, repairs, and installation; trash pickup and habitat improvement; access to a canoe and a boat; educational signs; power point or DVD presentations about the Galena area's natural resources and specific programs on each species; and spotting scopes. The group needs to recruit and educate members.

The Hoover Christmas Bird Count is Dec. 14. If you are interested, contact Lee McBride at leemcbride50@yahoo.com or show up at Hoover Dam at 8 a.m.

Future meetings will be on the third Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m. at the Galena Village Hall. The next meeting is Dec. 19. For more information, contact Jeanna Burrell, 740-965-1914, burrellj@embarqmail.com.

Historic Foundation

Join the Galena Historic Foundation at the next meeting on Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., at the Galena Village Hall. For more information or to donate items, contact John Bland at (740) 965-2081 or email him at jwbslb@embarqmail.com.

Electronic News

Get our newsletter by email by contacting adminassistant@galenaohio.org.

Important Contacts

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In an emergency, dial	911
BST&G Fire District	965-3841 www.bstgfiredistrict.org
Big-O Refuse	888-924-2446
Cable: Time-Warner	800-617-4311
Columbia Gas	800-344-4077
Del. Co. EMS	833-2190, www.delcoems.org
Del-Co Water	548-7746
Dog Warden	368-1915
Electric: AEP	800-277-2177
Galena Post Office	965-2371
Health Dept.	740-368-1700 www.delawarehealth.org
Immediate Urgent Care	965-8305 101D W. Cherry St., Sunbury
Phone: Century Link	800-407-5411
PUCO	614-466-3292, 800-686-PUCO (7826) www.puco.ohio.gov
RITA (income tax)	800-860-7482, www.ritaohio.com
Sheriff	833-2800
Sunbury Post Office	965-2471
Wastewater Plant	740-513-9943
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