



Dec. 2015

Newsletter

**Join us for an
Old Fashioned
Christmas!**

Dec. 6, 6-8 PM

Downtown Open Houses:

- The Vault**
- The Galena Diner**
- HER Realtors Murphy & Associates**
- Mudflats Bar & Grill**
- Coldwater Consulting & Journey Fellowship**

- Drop off a new toy for the USO at Murphy's, 19 W. Columbus St.
- Free Sleigh (wagon) Rides.

Journey Fellowship

- Visit Santa!
- Drop off a dozen cookies to share.
- Enjoy crafts, games, cookies, & hot chocolate.
- Free Village Holiday Ornaments (while they last).



- Free coffee cups with goodies from the Galena Historic Foundation.

**6:30 PM On
the Square**

Traditional Christmas stories, carols, & tree lighting.



**Council Hears About
Low Crime Rate**

Delaware County Sheriff Russ Martin reviewed crime rates for Galena's Village Council at their November meeting. He explained that his office is charged with law enforcement and public safety,

court support, and operating the jail. He also explained resources available online at <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/sheriff/> such as the tip line and the sex offenders registry.

A new resource, Raids Online, allows you to view real time crime updates and receive customized alerts. Enter your address, timeframe, and select all crimes at <http://www.raidsonline.com/?address=delaware,oh>. You can scroll over incidents near your home to see what the details.

Martin said incidents in the Village dipped from 41 in 2013 to only 17 in 2014 and have trended back up to 33 so far in 2015. Martin recommended tips to prevent theft including locking your doors and windows. With cars, conceal valuables in the trunk, under a seat, or covered from view. Remove all valuables from your vehicle and park it in your garage. If you cannot park in a garage, park near a light and take your garage door opener inside the house. Leave your house lights inside and out on when occupied or not.

Martin encourages residents to call his office at 740-833-2800 to report anything suspicious and be sure to note location, time, date, descriptions of persons and vehicles, and direction of travel. Always call 911 in an emergency.

You can also stay informed on their Facebook page DelawareCoSheriff, on Twitter @DelCoSheriff, and on Nextdoor.

Big Thanks!

The Village thanks Melinda Simmons, Mary Brooks, and other volunteers who made the Halloween Costume Contest another huge success.

**Administrator's
Updates**

Village Administrator Jeanna Burrell noted that the Galena Village Hall restroom project is ahead of schedule with rough plumbing, electric, heating and ventilation; framing, and drywall completed.

She also discussed ongoing repairs to the Village's Chevrolet plow truck. Brakes, steering, gas, and transmission lines have been repaired due to corrosion from the salt. Ongoing repairs are expected but having the new GMC plow truck will help when the larger truck is in for repairs. Burrell told Council it is time to start planning to replace the Chevy.

Burrell has been working with Del-Co Water Company to repair the leak at the stoplight. Del-Co

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.

Dec. 4	Trash Day
Dec. 6	Old Fashioned Christmas, 6-8 PM - Downtown Open Houses; Santa Claus at Journey Fellowship, 6:30 PM - Tree Lighting on the Square
Dec. 10	4th Quarter Sewer Bills Due
Dec. 11	Trash Day
Dec. 16	Zoning & Planning Commission
Dec. 18	Trash Day
Dec. 21**	Council Meeting
Dec. 25	Christmas - Offices Closed
Dec. 26*	Trash Day

crews have been unable to find the source of the leak and may have to start digging in order to repair it before freezing weather causes a hazardous condition.

Money Matters

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie noted that staff are drafting 2016 budget plans that will go to the Finance Committee which will forward a recommendation to Council. The Income Tax Committee will meet to review the Village's income tax ordinance overhaul to bring it into compliance with new state law changes. Beginning of the year staff and contract resolutions received a first reading.

Developments

In zoning and property maintenance news, Homewood Corporation President Jim Lipnos attended this month's Zoning Commission meeting to discuss revisions to the Miller Farm development plan. Del-Co Water has asked that a water tower be included. The developer is revising the Sunbury Road entrance and some of the street layouts. The changes will include a clubhouse and pool but will not affect density. Homewood is working on sewer line easements but due to water tower construction timeframes, the development construction will most likely not occur now until 2017. After a third reading, Council voted to extend the Miller Farm development plan three more years.

Winter Prep

Maintenance Supervisor Josh Cherubini noted that grit has been added to the brick portion of Walnut St. 2015 chipper days have ended and snow plowing equipment is being prepared for the winter. Remember, in a snow emergency (when accumulations of ice or two or more



inches of snow are expected or received in a 24-hour period) all cars are to be removed from Village streets. This accommodates faster and safer snow removal and salting. If you do not remove your car and it interferes with snow removal, it can be towed at your expense. We thank you so much for your assistance in this matter.

Wastewater News

Fourth quarter sewer bills were sent out Nov. 2 and are due Dec. 10. Residential sewer bills are \$54.45/month (\$163.35/qr.). Pay your bills in a timely fashion to avoid late payment penalties, property tax liens, and other legal actions. Payment options are noted on the Village's web site. Quarterly billing saves customers money, so paying on time is crucial according to the following calendar.

Bill Sent	For Quarter	Bill Due
Feb. 2	Feb./March/April	March 10
May 4	May/June/July	June 10
Aug. 3	Aug./Sept./Oct.	Sept. 10
Nov. 2	Nov./Dec./Jan.	Dec. 10

Staff is recommending a three percent increase in sewer bills for 2016 consistent with an Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program recommendation and Delaware County cost of living increase figures. Council will consider the rate increase as part of the budgeting process in December and January.

Galena Historic Foundation

The Galena Historic Foundation would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you to all the Foundation members and officials for their involvement and participation throughout 2015. We would like to personally thank John and Sharon Bland, John Bricker, Gene Fuller, Dave O'Neil, Dixie Rice, Jane Jackson, and Heather Adams for their volunteer efforts throughout the year. Thank you to the Village of

Galena for your continued support. We would also like to thank all the individuals and businesses who donated items or their time to the foundation.

We will be hosting our "Storytelling" event again in 2016. Look for the date in upcoming newsletters. We invite everyone to attend.

The foundation appreciates donations, whether Galena historical artifacts or monetary. You may contact President John Bland at (740) 965-2081 or email him at jwbslb@embarqmail.com.

The Foundation meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Village Hall but the December meeting will be held 12/16/14 due to the holidays.

Free Wi-Fi!

Bresco Broadband is now offering free wi-fi in Miller Park dawn to dusk. For more information on their internet services, call 614-469-9000 or visit <http://www.brescobroadband.com/>.

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BST&G Fire District	740-965-3841 www.bstgfiredistrict.org
Waste Management	866-797-9018
Cable: Time-Warner	800-617-4311
Columbia Gas	800-344-4077
Del. Co. EMS	833-2190, www.delcoems.org
Del-Co Water	740-548-7746
Dog Warden	740-368-1915
Electric: AEP	800-277-2177
Galena Post Office	740-965-2371
Health Dept.	740-368-1700 www.delawarehealth.org
Immediate Urgent Care	740-965-8305 101D W. Cherry St., Sunbury
Newsletter	Join the email distribution list by emailing administrator@galenaohio.org
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	740-833-2800
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