



Annexation Approved

During their regular January meeting, Galena Village Council members approved annexation of the 1.88 acre Karn property on Joe Walker Road into the Village. The parcel was approved by Delaware County Commissioners in October.

Delaware County also approved annexation of 43 acres on Alexander Road.

Galena Trails

Council also passed resolutions to apply for Clean Ohio Trails funding for an engineering and feasibility study for extending a trail from the Genoa Trail on Plumb Road up to the Hoover Scenic Walkway on Dustin Road.

Council also agreed to apply for funding to purchase .8 acres on Harrison Street that include an old Galena Brick Yard narrow gauge rail bed and bridge over the Big Walnut Creek. This property would connect with a trail at the Walnut Creek development on Joe Walker Road.

In other trails news, congratulations to Galena area resident Michael O'Neill, past president of the Delaware County Friends of the Trail. O'Neill was presented the 2005 President's Cup at the annual Keep Delaware County Beautiful Recognition Reception. O'Neill has worked tirelessly to acquire, clear, clean and improve local trails.

The Delaware County Friends of the Trail invite you to join their efforts as they work toward cleaning and clearing the Old Stagecoach Road along the east shore of Hoover Reservoir; completing a Clean Ohio

Fund grant proposal to fund the Hoover Nature Preserve Trail; assist the Ohio to Erie Trail Fund in identifying routes between Galena and Sunbury; and working with local government officials to finish approved trails and acquire additional sections.

Check out the Delaware County Friends of the Trail at www.dcftr.org and consider joining with a \$15 membership fee.

You are also invited to attend the Central Ohio Greenway and Trail Forum, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Battelle Darby Metro Park Cedar Ridge Lodge at 1775 Darby Creek Dr., Galloway. The free workshop will cover streamside greenway setbacks and trail maintenance, operation, and safety. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided by EMH&T. To register, e-mail emiller@morpc.org by Feb. 8.

Blackhawk

Public Service Director Dave LaValle informed Council at their January meeting that a gas line is being run from the Estates at Blackhawk along Dustin Road and under Route 3.

Maronda Homes is still working to secure signatures along Joe Walker Road in order to annex the road right-of-way.

Diesel Spill

On January 3, an unknown person spilled diesel fuel along Walnut Street. The incident was reported to and investigated by BST&G Fire Department as well as the County Emergency Management Services and Health Department. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency was

notified as well and the Village had to hire a company to look into the storm sewer to determine if the spill was contained. There was no diesel pooled in the storm sewer so the spill was contained on the street surface.

Clerk's Report

Village Clerk Stephanie Paese reported that the End-of-the-Year Report for 2005 was completed and submitted to the State Auditor's Office. W-2 and 1099 statements have been mailed. Audits of 2003 and 2004 will begin the first week of February.

Sewer Planning

Poggemeyer Design Group (PDG) is preparing an Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loan application for February submission. The loan will pay for topographical survey work, a master sewer plan study, and pre-engineering work on the half-million gallon per day expansion of Galena's wastewater treatment plant.

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.

Feb. 8	Zoning & Planning
Feb. 21	Parks & Sp. Event
Feb. 27	Council Meeting
March 8	Zoning & Planning
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Parks and Special Events Committee

The Galena Parks and Special Events Committee is looking for new members. The committee plans several special events each year such as the Easter Egg Hunt, an Ice Cream Social, the Halloween Costume Party, the Christmas Tree Lighting, and Santa's Visit. They also monitor and improve the Village's parks.

Committee meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. Anyone interested in joining can contact Karin Underwood at 965-9460.

ODOT Request

The Village submitted a request to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) requesting a safety study of the State Route 3 and S. Galena Rd./N. Walnut St. intersection. In the past, ODOT has informed the Village that this intersection did not meet the threshold required for a study. The Village inquired if increased development along Rt. 3 and recent accidents and fatalities at the intersection may now qualify it for a safety study.

Boardwalk A Hit

The new 1,500 foot Hoover Reservoir boardwalk has been greeted enthusiastically with a steady stream of walkers, sightseers, and bird watchers. Many have come in hopes of catching a glimpse of the bald eagles

observed on the lake this winter.

The boardwalk can be accessed off of Front Street via area M. Be careful, the parking lot can be a bit muddy. According to the Columbus, parking lot improvements are on the way.

Car Seat Check

The Delaware General Health District has scheduled a free car seat check for 1-4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21 at the Genoa Township Fire Station, 7048 Big Walnut Rd. (at St. Rt. 3). Certified car seat technicians will check your children's car seats for proper installation. The service is highly recommended since more than 90 percent of the seats checked locally in recent years have been installed incorrectly or have other safety deficiencies.

Ohio law requires proper restraints for children up to four years old and 40 pounds. Safety experts recommend some form of child restraints until children reach 8 years old or 80 pounds.

Chicken Noodle Dinner at GUMC

The Galena United Methodist Church invites you to join them for a Chicken Noodle Dinner 4-7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11. You can eat in or carry out. The meal includes chicken and noodles, a roll, green beans, and slaw or apple sauce. The meal is only \$6.50 for adults and \$3.50 for kids. Drinks and desserts are extra.

Income Tax

Remember you can file your Village income taxes on-line at the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) at www.ritaohio.com.

E-mail Newsletter

Contact the Village if you would prefer to receive the newsletter in full color via e-mail rather than postal mail. E-mail us at galena@copper.net. Keep us updated if your postal or e-mail address changes, also.

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