



## Council Organizes



Your 2010 Council includes (front l. to r.) Mayor Tom Hopper and Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie (back row l. to r.) Roberta Miller, Nancy Feole, Chris Underwood, David Simmons, Libby Clark, and Paul Bolander.

The Galena Village Council met twice in January to organize for 2010 and to handle regular monthly business.



Council member David Simmons (left) was elected president and members (second from left, center, and right) Libby Clark, Paul Bolander, and Chris Underwood were sworn into office.

Council again elected David Simmons as its president. Newly elected Council member Paul Bolander and re-elected members Libby Clark, Chris Underwood, and Simmons were sworn in to four-year terms by Mayor Tom Hopper. Committees and a calendar of events for the year were also established. Stan Swisher was re-appointed to a three-year term on the Zoning and Planning Commission.

Resolutions were passed hiring personnel and awarding a three-percent salary increase in 2010. Employees received no increases in 2009. Hired for 2010 were Scott Jamison, public service director, wastewater superintendent, zoning and property maintenance official, and flood plain administrator; Jeanna Burrell, administrative assistant; Jeff Stokes, maintenance supervisor; Sally Hopper, Zoning and Planning clerk; Marty

Mazzie, fiscal officer; Michelle Dearth, assistant fiscal officer; and Ken Molnar, village solicitor.

## Levy Goes to Ballot

Council held a third reading and passed a resolution to place a two-mill tax levy on the May ballot. The tax will cost Village residents \$5.11/month or \$61.26/year per \$100,000 in property valuation. This levy would replace the current two-mill levy that expired in 2009 but is collected through 2010. The levy would begin being collected in 2011 and would bring \$35,890 into Village coffers to cover operating expenses.

## Snow Plowing

The Village's snowplow truck developed a transmission leak during the latest snowstorm and repairs took longer than expected. The Village thanks Delaware County crews for plowing and salting Village streets while the truck was being repaired.

Last year, residents were great about voluntarily moving their vehicles when there were snow emergencies. This helped Village personnel immensely in being able to clear your streets safely and efficiently.

So, just a reminder, the mayor may declare a snow emergency if:

- more than 2" of snow falls within a 24-hour period; and,
- additional snow is expected; or,
- ice accumulates to the point it impairs safe movement of traffic.

Vehicles would need to be moved from the following streets if a snow emergency is declared: Columbus, Front, Middle, Water, West, Rose, Quinn, Heathermere Drive, Heathermere Loop, Tristaine Court, Zoar, Melimare, Caleb's Court, Nesting Court, and Hawking Drive, as well as the Village's portion of Joe Walker, Vans Valley, Dustin, and Alexander roads.

Residents should also be respectful of others and not shovel or plow your snow into the streets or sidewalks. It is also your responsibility to keep the sidewalks in front of your property cleared for everyone's safety.

If you are over 60 years old and need assistance with shoveling snow, contact the Council for Older Adults at 740-363-6677. Free services are provided by teens who need community projects and are assisted by adult supervisors.

Hang in there, spring arrives in approximately six weeks!

## Construction

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reported that the grant application for Walnut Street Paving Phase 2 has been recommended for funding by the District 17 Integrating Committee. The final decision to fund the project is the responsibility of the Ohio Public Works Commission. Phase 1 construction should begin in March.



The Righter Company started construction on the Kane's Crossing Trail Bridge on Harrison Street.

Columbia Gas will begin utility work March 1 through the end of April on gas lines in preparation for the Old 3C Highway bridge construction this summer. Local traffic will be maintained during their work.

## 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. 1 1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out
- Feb. 5, 12 Trash Days
- Feb. 17 Zoning & Planning Commission
- Feb. 19 Trash Day
- Feb. 22 Council Meeting
- Feb. 26 Trash Day
- March 5 Trash Day
- March 10 1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter Sewer Bills Due

## Tax Time

With tax time upon us, readers should be certain they live or work within the Village's municipal boundaries as opposed to just having a Galena mailing address. You can see our boundaries on our web site at [www.galenaohio.org](http://www.galenaohio.org) on our home page.

If you live or work within the Village, there is a one percent income tax. Be sure to file your municipal income tax returns with the Regional Income Tax Authority (RITA). 2010 tax forms are available at the Village offices (hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.) or also online at [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com). Assistance is also available at 1-800-860-7482.

## Sewer Bills

First quarter sewer bills were mailed out Feb. 1. 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](http://www.galenaohio.org) under local links/sewers.

## Electronic News

The Village's newsletter will go all electronic soon and can be received by e-mail or on the Village's website at [www.galenaohio.org](http://www.galenaohio.org) under Current Events. Residents can notify the Village with their e-mail addresses to be placed on an e-mail distribution list. Residents who do not have electronic access should contact the Village at 965-2484 or [adminassistant@galenaohio.org](mailto:adminassistant@galenaohio.org) to be placed on a newsletter mailing list as soon as possible to avoid interruption in service.

## Car Seat Safety

The Delaware General Health District will offer a free car seat safety check at 3-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 17 at the Genoa Township Fire Department, 7049 Big Walnut Rd, Galena, OH. Protect your child by making sure your child's car seat is installed properly. This event is by appointment only, so call the Health District Offices at 740-368-1700.

## Neighborhood Health Center

The Delaware General Health District will offer a free neighborhood health clinic the second Tuesday of each month at the Sunbury United Methodist Church, 100 W. Cherry St. in Sunbury. The next one is Tuesday, February 9, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Services include free screenings such as blood pressure, blood sugar, vision, hearing, weight check, and colo-rectal kits as well as nutrition information and nursing consultation. Adult and childhood immunizations and cholesterol screenings

are offered at low costs. Adult and childhood immunizations and vision and hearing screenings are offered **only** with prior appointments. Please contact the Health District at 740-203-2040 24 hours prior to the Neighborhood Health Center date to make an appointment for these services.

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<b>In an emergency, dial</b>	<b>911</b>
<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,	965-3805
<b>Mayor Tom Hopper</b>	965-1024
<b>Phone: Embarq</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
<b>Sunbury Post Office</b>	965-2471
<b>Wastewater Plant</b>	740-602-1234
Lift Station	
Emergencies	740-972-8646
<b>Water Quality Mgt.</b>	614-781-9376
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