



**Feb. 2017**  
LEGISLATION

**Newsletter**

## Sewer Expansion

At the Village of Galena's regular January Council meeting, Council voted to apply for a \$480,000 wastewater treatment plant design loan through the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA). IBI Group's Kevin Wood explained differences between design and construction loans offered by OWDA and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA). Both offer five-year design loans which can roll into long-term construction loans with a 20-year OEPA loan or a 30-year OWDA loan. Council opted for the OWDA loan which could roll into a \$4.8 million loan to design and construct a 250,000 gallons per day membrane bio reactor plant beside the Village's existing plant which is nearing capacity. A new plant will be needed to serve the more than 400 new homes already planned; more than 140 homes currently going through rezoning; and, a great deal of development pressure on the horizon.

## Trail Grant

The Village opted to re-apply for an Ohio Department of Natural Resources Clean Ohio Trail Grant to fund \$131,000 in trail improvements for the next section of the Ohio to Erie Trail.

## Sewer Use Fees Increase 3%

Council increased sewer use fees three percent beginning February 1. Single residential fees will increase from \$56.08 per month to \$57.76 per month.

First quarter sewer bills will be mailed out Feb. 1 and are due March 10. Residential sewer bills are \$57.76 /month (\$173.28/quarter).

If you bank online, be sure to notify your bank of the change in payment amount. 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. Now you can opt to pay your bill online with a credit card or by echeck. There is a small service fee but in most cases it is less than a late fee or other charges you could incur if your payment was delayed. The service fee is \$3 per \$100 utility bill.

You can view and print your utility bill online. To register go to: [www.billpay.ubmaxonline.com](http://www.billpay.ubmaxonline.com) or [www.ub-pay.com](http://www.ub-pay.com).

We offer email billing to save time and money for the utility and keep your costs lower. Please check the email bill box on your bill stub when you send it with payment.

## MS4 Application

The Village hired IBI to work on a storm water management plan as part of the Village's Phase II Storm Water Rules for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permit application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

## New Hires

Council hired Suzanne Rease for the new 15-hour per week position of deputy fiscal officer and Cody Hale as a part-time maintenance employee.

Rease has a bachelor's degree in accounting and experience as a commercial lending assistant with the Delaware County Bank.

Hale is studying diesel mechanics and construction technology and has worked as a construction assistant.

Council also re-appointed Larry Buell as cemetery consultant.

## Finances

In staff reports, Council heard that Berkshire Township has paid the \$6,000 cemetery settlement to the Village but did not transfer a trust fund by the court deadline.

The Village's financial books for 2016 were closed and 2017 were opened.

## Arrowhead Rezoning Recommended for Approval

The Zoning and Planning Commission recommended conditional approval for the Arrowhead Lake Estates development planned for 71 acres of the Fuller-Davis properties between Arrowhead Lakes Golf Course and Old 3C Highway at the northern municipal boundary with Sunbury. The development plan for 88 single-family homes and 54 condominiums will be forwarded for a Feb. 27 public hearing at Village Council.

## Council Actions

Council also dealt with a series of housekeeping legislation and passed resolutions to contract with the City of Delaware for prosecutorial services; using the Delaware County Building Department for building code enforcement; authorizing an online portal agreement with the Regional Income Tax Authority; revising employment contracts for Marty Mazzie and Levi Koehler; and, revising the budget legislation.

## 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.

Feb. 1	1 <sup>ST</sup> Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out
Feb. 3, 10	Trash Days
Feb. 15	Zoning & Planning Commission
Feb. 17, 24	Trash Day
Feb. 20	President's Day – Offices Closed
Feb. 27	Council Meeting

## Thank You Walnut Creek

The Village thanks the Walnut Creek Homeowners Association for their \$370 donation for Village parks and trails!

## Nature Club Meeting Jan. 29

You are invited to join the Big Walnut Nature Club at their 2017 organizational meeting at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 29 at the Galena Village Hall, 109 Harrison St.

Club team leaders include Team Swift: Jeanna Burrell; Team Osprey: Dan Hall; Team Warbler: Charlie Bombaci; Team Trash: Craig Ebersold; and Team Bluebird: Sue Daly. Team leaders will discuss plans for clean up days, recycling, the Warbler Walk, Osprey Day, Swift Night Out, other special events, and maintenance projects on the Prothonotary Warbler boxes and Osprey platforms. Sue Daly will lead the club's efforts to take on maintenance and monitoring of the Hoover Nature Preserve bluebird trail along Little Walnut Creek near Golf Course and Cheshire roads.

Club members and other volunteers worked in October while the mudflats were exposed and dry to straighten the leaning Osprey platforms near the Hoover Boardwalk. The nests on the platform were removed to deter geese from nesting on the platforms as they did in 2016. Members had a "Rock Party" constructing cages and filled them with rocks to shore the platform poles up against the effects of ice. As the ice and water move, they move the poles resulting in them leaning.

The club applied for a Columbus Audubon grant for buoys to surround the poles. The buoys would warn boaters to stay clear of the nesting areas. Getting close to the nests can scare the parents away and leave eggs or chicks vulnerable to weather and predators causing the nest to fail.

To get involved, visit their web site at [www.bwnatureclub.webs.com](http://www.bwnatureclub.webs.com) or contact [bwnatureclub@gmail.com](mailto:bwnatureclub@gmail.com) or follow them on facebook.



*Big Walnut Nature Club Team Osprey Leader Dan Hall removes an Osprey nest to prevent geese from taking over the platform this spring.*

## 4th Annual Galena "Days Gone By" Storytelling Event

You are invited to the Galena Historic Foundation's (GHF) fourth annual Galena "Days Gone By" storytelling event at 1 p.m., March 4 in the Village Hall, 109 Harrison St., Galena, OH 43021.

Guest speaker Paul LaRue will teach local history by way of our Galena Cemetery. Come join your neighbors and friends for some light refreshments and share your Galena stories, pictures, and memorabilia. There will also be a Silent Auction during the event.

It is never too early to register for the July 4th Flea Market. It is only \$25 to reserve your 25' x 20' space. The Flea Market will be at Miller Park 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Contact the GHF if you need a form to reserve your space. Or you can find forms at the Village Hall at the informational desk located at the front door.

GHF meetings are on the fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Galena Village Hall at 109 Harrison Street. New members are always welcome.

The foundation greatly appreciates any Galena historical artifact or monetary donations.

Contact Vice President John Bland at [\(740\) 965-2081](tel:740-965-2081) or email him at [jwbslb@embarqmail.com](mailto:jwbslb@embarqmail.com) for more information.

## Volunteers Needed

The Delaware County Volunteer Center, Connections, is looking for volunteers, especially those 55+. Help out with Meals on Wheels by being a kitchen assistant, medical transportation volunteer, insurance assistant, or delivering meals. Or, help at Grace Clinic in Delaware, A Place of Warmth at Zion, the Common Ground Free Store, or with Friends of the Delaware County District Library. If you have a few hours to spare, contact 740-363-5000 or [cdennis@helplinedelmor.org](mailto:cdennis@helplinedelmor.org) or [badams@helplinedelmore.org](mailto:badams@helplinedelmore.org). Visit [ConnectionsVolunteerCenter.org](http://ConnectionsVolunteerCenter.org) for more information.

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Galena Post Office 740-965-2371

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