



Santa Claus is a Big Hit

Santa arrived in Galena on Dec. 20 and gathered wish lists from lots of little ones.



Thanks to Natalie Crow for providing the petting zoo beside the Village Municipal Building. It was also popular with the kids!



The event was coordinated by the Galena Parks and Recreation

Committee. Thanks to everyone who made it possible.

Wastewater Treatment Plan

On December 1, Galena submitted an Area Wide 208 Wastewater Treatment Management Plan to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA).

The plan updates population projections, establishes a plan to protect gained environmental quality, State Natural Resource waters, drinking water supplies, and wetlands. The plan establishes methods of development for noncritical areas in an environmentally protective manner.

Council also voted unanimously at its December 22 meeting to cancel the County's lease for the sewage treatment plant. Galena owns the 2.5 acres of land where the plant sits and leases it to the County. It is hoped that this action will lead to negotiations on a sewer service agreement for either the County to provide the services the Village needs or for the Village to move forward with providing sewer services.

Council Meetings

Galena's insurance plan was reviewed at the December meeting.

The Delaware General Health District made a presentation on their priorities which include: communicable diseases, immunizations, children's health, protecting food and water supplies, and early death. Brochures about their services and programs are available at the Village Office.

Several hiring resolutions received their final reading and approval. Village staff drafted resolutions to make staff positions and benefits more consistent. A Personnel Committee comprised of Council members Roberta Miller, Betsy Hildebrand, and Jim Slifko reviewed the resolutions and recommended changes. Reappointed to their positions for 2004 were Dave LaValle, public services director; Mike Hamilton, maintenance supervisor; Sally Hopper, Zoning and Planning Commission clerk; Pam Hamilton, maintenance employee; and Jeanna Burrell, administrative assistant.

Public Service Director Dave LaValle attended the Sunbury Master Planning Committee meeting to update them on Galena's master plan, sewage treatment, and other development issues.

LaValle reported to Council about efforts to get the new Walnut Creek intersection with Joe Walker Road approved. The dead end Joe Walker Road has a 55 mile per hour speed limit and this rating requires a certain intersection design. Council voted unanimously to send a letter to Berkshire Township Trustees asking that they lower the speed limit.

Galena's Land Use Plan Draft was reviewed and comments were made back to Poggemeyer Design Group for revision.

Snow Removal

A variety of events have led to the need for a new Village maintenance truck. The plow on the existing truck was recently damaged beyond repair. The 19-year-old truck is not in good shape,

either. Council approved the purchase of a new, smaller truck better suited for Galena's narrow side streets. Bid requests have just gone out for the new truck.

In the meantime, Sunbury helped the Village out for a couple weeks with emergency snow removal. Genoa Township has agreed to provide snow removal services until the new Village truck arrives.

New Trees

The Parks and Recreation Committee purchased and planted seven flowering Newport Plum trees near the cemetery. Thanks to John Bland, Mike Hamilton, and Pam Hamilton for planting them.

Zoning & Planning

The Zoning and Planning Commission conditionally approved the development plan for a multi-family use in the Jehnsen building beside the Post Office. The plan must be revised to include a legal description, 6 head-in parking spaces, as well as revisions to porch, screening, and landscape plans.

The Commission also conditionally approved the Galena Commerce Center's change in use request. The Commission requested code compliance information on fuel storage facilities and an electrical service panel.

Galena Dates

Mark Your Calendar! The following are Galena Village Council and committee meeting dates for 2004 as well as other local events. All meetings are at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Village Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St., unless otherwise stated. All Village meetings are open to the public.

Jan. 5	Council Org. Meeting
Jan. 14	Zoning & Planning (2 nd Wednesdays)
Jan. 20	Parks & Recreation (3 rd Tuesdays)
Jan. 26	Council Meeting (4 th Mondays)
Feb. 11	Zoning & Planning
Feb. 17	Parks & Recreation
Feb. 23	Council Meeting
March 10	Zoning & Planning
March 16	Parks & Recreation
March 22	Council Meeting
April 10	Easter Egg Hunt, 1 pm, Ruffner Park
April 14	Zoning & Planning
April 20	Parks & Recreation
April 26	Council Meeting
May 12	Zoning & Planning
May 18	Parks & Recreation
May 24	Council Meeting
May 31	Memorial Day Services, 1 pm, Village Square & Cemetery
June 9	Zoning & Planning
June 15	Parks & Recreation
June 28	Council Meeting
July 14	Zoning & Planning
July 20	Parks & Recreation
July 26	Council Meeting

Aug. 11	Zoning & Planning
Aug. 17	Parks & Recreation
Aug. 23	Council Meeting
Sept. 8	Zoning & Planning
Sept. 21	Parks & Recreation
Sept. 27	Council Meeting
Oct. 13	Zoning & Planning
Oct. 19	Parks & Recreation
Oct. 25	Council Meeting
Oct. 28	Beggar's Night, 6 - 7:15 pm Costume Party, 7:30 pm, Ruffner Park
Nov. 10	Zoning & Planning
Nov. 16	Parks & Recreation
Nov. 22	Council Meeting
Dec. 5	Christmas Tree Lighting on the Square, 7 pm
Dec. 8	Zoning & Planning
Dec. 18	Santa Claus 10 am-noon, Council Chambers
Dec. 21	Parks & Recreation
Dec. 27	Council Meeting

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