



Holiday Festivities

More than 150 people turned out for the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremonies on Dec. 5. Thanks to the Delaware County Bank's Galena Branch for hosting the reception and Martha Lee for creating this year's Galena ornaments.



On Dec. 18, approximately 75 people came out to share their wish lists with Santa. The little ones received a goody bag from Santa and enjoyed hayrides and a petting zoo.



Trails Progress

Michael Hooper, from the City of Westerville, addressed Galena's Village Council during their December meeting regarding cost estimates to build trails.

Galena has been working with the Delaware County Friends of the Trail to complete a trail from the end of Genoa Township's trail at Plumb Road that will require going down Plumb Road, across Old 3C Highway, along Wiese Rd., across Old 3C Highway again, and up Dustin Road where it would join Galena's existing Hoover Scenic Walkway. Where the walkway ends, the trail would cross Walnut Street and go through Miller Park where it would cross Holmes Street and progress along the proposed Galena Brick Trail.

Hooper detailed the geography along the proposed routes including the challenges of building a 10' wide asphalt trail with 2'-4' of clearance on each side. All of this would require Berkshire Township, the City of Columbus, Delaware County, and the Village of Galena to work together. Hooper estimates the total cost to complete the nearly 1.5 mile trail would be \$1,275,444.

Following Hooper's presentation, Council removed from the table and passed a resolution accepting the Galena Brick Trail land with conditions that Village Solicitor Ken Molnar would handle the transaction after three liens on the land have cleared. A legal description and deed has been prepared. The 2.7 acres of land is being purchased by the Ohio to Erie Trails Association from the Galena Commerce



Center and will be donated to the Village.

A resolution to submit a grant application to the Clean Ohio Trail Fund was tabled pending more specific construction estimates. Hooper also suggested Council apply for grant funding from the federal Recreation Trail

Galena Dates

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

- Jan. 12 Zoning & Planning
- Jan. 18 Parks & Sp. Events
- Jan. 24 Council Meeting
- Feb. 9 Zoning & Planning
- Feb. 15 Parks & Sp. Events
- Feb. 28 Council Meeting

Program. Mayor Tom Hopper pledged the Village's cooperation in working toward grant funding but noted that the Village has limited funds to contribute.

New Trash Service

Council held a first reading in December and a second reading at their January 3 meeting on an ordinance to award the Village's residential solid waste and recycling collection services to Waste Management of Canal Winchester. The ordinance was passed at the January meeting.

Residents will pay \$34.98 per quarter for the service. Residents are paid up for the quarter through January 31 with Rumpke and should not pay any additional bills. Rumpke service will end January 26.

The new Waste Management service will begin February 4.

Council Organizes for 2005

At its January 3 meeting, Village Council elected David Simmons as president. New Council member Ed Karn was sworn into office. Council also adopted appropriations for 2005.

Committee appointments for 2005 were made. Denny Morris was reappointed to a three-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Filling Betsy Hildebrand's resigned positions will be Jim Slifko on the Security

Committee and Ed Karn on the Grants Committee and the Finance Committee.

The 2005 Calendar was approved. Council will continue to meet on the fourth Monday of each month with the exception of the December meeting which will be held on December 19.

Personnel Reappointments

At its January 3 organizational meeting, Council reappointed several Village employees as follows:

- Dave LaValle, Public Service Director and Zoning Inspector;
- Sally Hopper, Zoning Clerk;
- Mike Hamilton, Maintenance Supervisor;
- Pam Hamilton, Maintenance Employee; and,
- Jeanna Burrell, Administrative Assistant.

Council also reappointed Ken Molnar as Village Solicitor.

Possible Annexations

Village Council had expected to receive annexation applications at their December meeting for the 192-acre parcel known as the Miller Farm at Sunbury and VansValley roads and 17 acres on Dustin Road. Neither application was received so those items were struck from the agenda.

New Developments

Public Service Director Dave LaValle reported that residents are beginning to move into the new Heathermere subdivision on Walnut Street and a final zoning certificate of compliance will be needed for completed houses.

Sewage Treatment Plant Lawsuit

The Village is still awaiting a judge's ruling on its Motion for Summary Judgment on the issue of whether the Village has the authority to appropriate the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

On December 13, Delaware County Sanitary Engineer Jack Smelker gave his deposition.

The lawsuit is scheduled for trial before Judge Markus on February 3rd and 4th. Council also met in executive session to discuss lawsuit details.

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