



## Council Celebrates Sewer Permit



Council members Roberta Miller, Ed Karn, Chris Underwood, Mayor Tom Hopper, President Dave Simmons, Jim Slifko, and Nancy Feole show off Galena's OEPA permit to expand its sewer plant.

## Sewer Permit Received

At their December meeting, Galena Council members celebrated the Village's permit to expand its wastewater treatment system to an additional 500,000 gallons per day. The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit was received from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) after it reviewed the application and held a 30-day public input period. The permit is effective January 1, 2006.

Council passed temporary 2006 budget appropriations for nearly \$1 million. Up to \$34,000 of those funds will be spent to have the Village's engineering firm, Poggemeyer Design Group (PDG), begin planning for the half-million gallon per day expansion of Galena's wastewater treatment plant. PDG will conduct topographical survey work, a master sewer plan study, and develop an Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loan application. Council also passed a

resolution to guarantee repayment of the OWDA loan.

## Organizational Meeting

At their January organizational meeting, Galena Council members elected Dave Simmons to serve as Council president again. Employees reappointed included Sally Hopper, Zoning and Planning Commission clerk; Michael Hamilton, maintenance superintendent; Pam Hamilton, maintenance employee; David LaValle, public service director; Jeanna Burrell, administrative assistant; and Michelle Dearth, acting assistant clerk/treasurer. Ken Molnar was reappointed as solicitor. Mark Brooks was reappointed to a three-year term on Galena's Planning and Zoning Commission along with other committee appointments.

## Annexations

On December 19, Council passed an ordinance to supply temporary

sewer service to the Allen and Charlotte Karn property on Joe Walker Road. Karn's property is pending annexation into the Village.

A resolution was passed January 5 as an emergency measure for the Village to agree to maintain parts of Alexander Road where it abuts the Mullins property, if the property is annexed. Concerns about this were raised during recent annexation hearings at the county level.

## Boardwalk Opens

The boardwalk we've featured the past two months is now complete and open to nature lovers. The 1,500 foot boardwalk, built by the City of Columbus was completed at the end of December.

Parking lot grading and improvements still need completed. A gate has been installed that will be closed in case of high water.

The boardwalk is handicap accessible. The boardwalk will attract bird watchers when the water is low during

## 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.

Jan. 11	Zoning & Planning
Jan. 17	Parks & Sp. Event
Jan. 23	Council Meeting
Feb. 8	Zoning & Planning
Feb. 21	Parks & Sp. Event
Feb. 27	Council Meeting

migration times since the Hoover mud flats are prime feeding areas. When the water is high, the boardwalk is sure to be a hit with fisherman.

A grand opening is planned for this spring. Columbus is seeking additional funding for 700 more feet of boardwalk.

## Santa Visits Galena Kids!

Santa Claus arrived in Galena December 17 to the delight of many area children. As you can see below, kids had their lists ready! Parents were able to take photos of their children with Santa and the children enjoyed a free petting zoo and free hayrides.



## Heathermere

No new zoning permits will be issued for the Heathermere development until as-built drawings are received for final zoning compliance.

## Blackhawk

In the Estates at Blackhawk, a variety of projects still need restoration work including the sewer force main opening on Walnut Street, drainage and erosion problems east of the development entrance, and excavation along the railroad right-of-way. Homewood has granted an additional ten-foot easement to the Village for maintenance of the sewer lift station on Caleb's Court. The Village has not yet received engineering revisions regarding relocation of the sewer force main by the cemetery.

## Walnut Creek

Maronda Homes continues to work toward Joe Walker Road right-of-way annexation for the Walnut Creek Subdivision.

## Income Tax

The new year means its time to start thinking about filing your income taxes. The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) handles income taxes for the Village. This includes anyone who lives or works within the Village limits (not just a Galena mailing address).

RITA invites residents and employers to use their fast, simple, secure and free E-FILE and E-PAYMENT services.

You'll enjoy paperless filing with immediate confirmation. There are easy calculations of taxes or refunds based on W2 wages and other income. You can file even if you moved

in 2005.

You can choose electronic transfer of refunds into your checking or savings account. You can pay by electronic checking or savings debit card or by credit card. And, you can file as early as you like and set up the electronic payment for anytime before April 15.

Check it out at [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com) or 800-860-7482.

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