



Happy New Year!

Santa Came to Galena!



Santa poses for a photo op with Zachary Hopper (center) and Christopher Underwood (right) after the children gave him their Christmas wish lists.

We had a great turnout of more than 50 children when Santa touched down in Galena to hear wish lists in person. Families also enjoyed a petting zoo and free hay rides. The weather even cooperated to drop some snow to complete the holiday atmosphere.



Local families enjoyed free hay rides when they came to visit Santa in Galena.



The petting zoo is a perennial favorite, too.

Newsletter Going All Electronic

The Village is moving to electronic-only distribution of its monthly newsletter since its printing and fulfillment company, Pelican Publications, notified the Village that it is going out of business. Residents can notify the Village at adminassistant@galenaohio.org with their e-mail addresses to be placed on an e-mail distribution list. The newsletter is also available on the Village's website at www.galenaohio.org under current events. Any residents who do not have electronic access, should contact the Village to be placed on a mailing list as soon as possible to avoid interruption in service.

Thanks Sunbury Galena PD!

Galena bid farewell to Sunbury Galena Police Officer Joe Creitz at their December meeting. Creitz has served as liaison between the police department and the Village. Council and staff members thanked the department for its many years of service to the Village. Council opted not to renew the safety services contract due to budgetary concerns. The Village will be served by the Delaware County Sheriff's Office after Dec. 30.

Thanks Ed Karn

Council also thanked Ed Karn for his many years of service to the Village. Karn is completing his second eight-year stretch on Council and served on the Zoning and Planning

Commission in between his Council service. Karn opted not to run for re-election.

Levy Discussed

Council members also discussed placing a two-mill, four-year replacement tax levy on the May 2010 ballot. The levy would cost residents \$61.32 per \$100,000 in property valuation. The levy would start in January 2010 and begin being collected in 2011. This is the same millage as the existing levy that expires at the end of 2009 but is still collected in 2010 since property tax collection is always a year behind.

Council Actions

During other business, Council held second readings on personnel appointment resolutions for 2010 and passed an ordinance vacating a landlocked alley.

A Successful 2009

Public Service Director Scott Jamison recapped 2009 for Galena Village Council at their end-of-the-year meeting. The big news of the year was the celebration of Galena's bicentennial. Many people volunteered time and worked with the Greater Galena Civic Association to host the Galena Summerfest 2009. The jazz and blues fest was a big success and there is talk of planning an annual event.

The Village has been very successful at landing grant awards this year with more than \$350,000 awarded. Galena has begun

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. 2*	Trash Day
Jan. 5	6 PM, Council Organizational Meeting
Jan. 8, 15	Trash Days
Jan. 20	Zoning & Planning Commission
Jan. 22	Trash Day
Jan. 25	Council Meeting
Jan. 29	Trash Day
Feb. 1	1st Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out

construction of the Kane's Crossing trail bridge over the Big Walnut Creek and will add bridge approaches and trail work to the \$148,000 Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) grant. Work will also begin in the spring on the \$190,999 Ohio Department of Transportation grant for Phase I of repaving Walnut St. from St. Rt. 3 to Holmes St. New slides and safe surface material were installed in Ruffner Park with a nearly \$16,000 Preservation Parks of Delaware County grant.

The Village has already applied for another grant for Phase II paving of Walnut St. and has received a \$26,625 Preservation Parks grant for a new jungle gym in Miller Park, concrete under bleachers and a future batting cage in Ruffner Park, and an infield sprinkler system on the ball diamond for 2010.

The Village evaluated its options with its 1829 Building, the former Galena United Methodist Church. Architects reviewed needed improvements to make the building compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Basic upgrades would cost \$50,000 with another \$50,000 in renovations to turn the building into Village offices. The Village marketed the building for sale or lease but received no bids. With more recent interest, the building will be advertised again. The Village will look into short- and long-term refinancing options for the facility. The Village's current municipal building is at full office capacity.

The Village signed a new management agreement with Jeff Dutiel and his Columbus Sharks organization for the use of the Jeff Dutiel Field of Dreams ball field in Ruffner Park. Dutiel's organization has made thousands of dollars in improvements to the facility in return for first right of use.

Jamison also serves as the Village's wastewater treatment plant operator. He has been working with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency on an Energy Star audit of the plant to improve efficiency and lower costs. The year-long study has been extended into a second year. The Village will also look into

short- and long-term refinancing options for a new wastewater treatment facility to be built when development increases.

New Flood Insurance Rate Maps were received from ODNR and incorporated into zoning and planning procedures.

There have been very few new homes built in the Village with only three in progress during 2009. However, many of the homes in the older part of the Village have sold this year. The staff has focused on cleaning up several properties through zoning and property maintenance violations to enforce those codes and prevent decay of properties.

The Village entered a new residential trash hauling contract with Big-O Refuse this year.

Karin Underwood chaired the Special Events Committee again this year and carried out successful events for an Easter egg hunt, ice cream social, Halloween costume contest, tree lighting, and Santa Claus coming to town. The Village appreciates all her hard work and all her volunteer assistants.

Sewer Costs

Just a reminder that one of the factors that influence increasing sewer fee payments is how much grease, trash, and phosphorus have to be cleaned from filters, pumps, and waste water. Throwing trash, grease, and food down the drain, has a huge impact on this. Keep your bills low by using your trash can instead of your drain. Thanks.

Sewer Bills

First quarter sewer bills are 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 under local links/sewers.

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