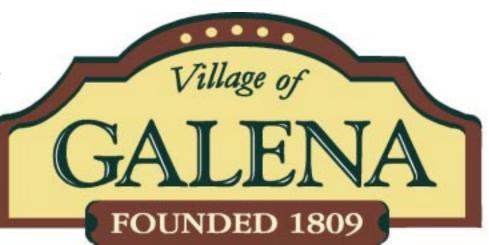
July 2005 Newsletter



Council Holds Special Meetings

Due to a lack of a quorum at their regular June 27th meeting, Galena Village Council held special meetings on June 30th and July 6th.

Sewer Plant News

An ordinance setting sewer service fees was passed after a second reading at the July meeting. It establishes quarterly billing beginning with a due date on August 10. It also sets a 10 percent late fee. After a second reading, a resolution was also passed as an emergency to establish a Columbus bank account for the Village into which Water Quality Management, Inc. can deposit sewer fees they collect for the Village.

Scott Jamison, the Village's wastewater treatment plant operator, reported to Council about the plant's operations. He reported that the trash trap has been cleaned and he is ordering and installing equipment to get the plant updated. He also has arranged for the City of Delaware to accept bio-solid sludge from the plant.

Council also heard an update from Bob Jablonski, of Poggemeyer Design Group, about his investigation into possible future improvements to the wastewater collection system.

Annexation

A resolution on accepting the annexation of 16.839 acres on Dustin Road from Berkshire Township into the Village had a second reading in July. The annexation has already been approved by the Delaware County Commissioners. A hearing was also held on rezoning the property from

Berkshire Township Agricultural to a Village Planned Residence district. The property would be included in the Estates at Blackhawk development currently under construction. The Galena Planning and Zoning Commission recommended conditional rezoning approval for this property.

Joe Walker Road Agreement

Maronda Homes and Trinity Homes (Homewood Corporation) have reached a mutual agreement on Joe Walker Road improvements. Homewood has notified the Village that once this agreement is completed, they will submit the 192.5-acre Miller Farm property for annexation into the Village. A second reading was held in July on a resolution accepting the agreement between Maronda Homes and Homewood Inc. regarding Joe Walker Road improvements. The resolution states that Village Council will not impose any additional fees for improvements upon Joe Walker Road undertaken by Maronda Homes.

Development News

Public Service Director Dave LaValle reported on subdivision development in Galena. He informed Council that the wastewater treatment force main being run under Little Walnut Creek is nearly completed by the developer for the Estates at Blackhawk on Dustin Road. Six zoning permits have been issued for the subdivision.

Heathermere developer Maronda Homes has installed a new storm sewer to ease flooding problems across Walnut Street.

Trash Rate Increases

Waste Management has notified the Village that House Bill 66 proposes to increase landfill fees for solid waste haulers. Waste Management plans to pass this cost on to Galena customers at approximately \$.24 per month.

Commercial Rapid Entry Locks

The Village's representative to the BST&G Fire District, Jim Slifko, reported to Council that the fire board will require all commercial customers to install rapid entry lock box systems. Businesses will have 18 months to comply with this new requirement.

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.

July 19 Parks & Sp. Events
July 25 Council Meeting
July 25 Chipper Day
Aug. 10 Zoning & Planning
Aug. 16 Parks & Sp. Events
Aug. 22 Council Meeting
Chipper Day
Aug. 28 Ice Cream Social,

6-8 pm, Ruffner Park

FEMA Funds

The Village received \$13,474 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to repair the Jeff Dutiel Field of Dreams ball diamond at Ruffner Park. It was damaged during the winter flooding.

Chipper Days

Remember to have your brush and limbs, cut side out, at the curb on the fourth Monday of each month if you would like chipper services in the Village.

Church Services

You are invited to join the Galena United Methodist Church (GUMC) for summer worship at 10 a.m. August 14 at Ruffner Park. Bring a dish to share for a picnic to follow. Special guest Louise Zeigler will play the dulcimer.

Galena Cat's Meow

The Galena United Methodist Church is offering a Cat's Meow series of buildings in Galena.

The first in the series, the church, is available for \$18. The second in the series is also now available featuring the Galena Public School.

Other buildings featured in the series will be the Shale Tile & Brick Company, the Railroad Depot, the Municipal Building, and the Dustin House

For more information, contact Loa Ransom at 740-965-9386 or lransom@copper.net.

Ice Cream Social

Come one, come all to the GUMC Ice Cream Social, 4-8 p.m., Saturday, July 23 at the church, 109 Harrison St. Sandwiches, sides dishes and gourmet ice cream will be served.

The Cat's Meow pieces of the church and the school will be available for purchase and a numbered Galena Public School piece will be auctioned. If you would like to bid but cannot be present, contact Carrie Simmons at 614-596-2262 or flower753@columbus.rr.com.

Galena Ice Cream Social in August

Mark your calendar and plan to join the Village Parks and Recreation Committee for the Village's annual Ice Cream Social, 6-8 p.m., August 28, in Ruffner Park.

Few Mosquitoes

Few mosquitoes have been bothering Delaware County residents so far this summer.

Delaware General Health District personnel have been trapping mosquitoes for several weeks in locations around the county. Most traps have yielded fewer than 10 mosquitoes per night, and some haven't caught any.

None of the mosquitoes trapped here or dead birds collected locally this year have tested positive for West Nile virus.

Residents should continue taking steps to prevent mosquitoes and to protect themselves against mosquito bites. Empty standing water out of gutters and vessels, and treat large areas of standing water with larvicide to prevent mosquitoes from breeding.

Mosquito fogging might start in the District's more densely populated areas later this month. Mosquito populations generally peak in late July and August.

Residents can check fogging schedules at the Health District Information Line, 740-203-2015.

If you don't want fogging at your home, call 740-368-1700 and ask to be on the "no-fog list."

E-mail Newsletter

Contact the Village if you would prefer to receive the newsletter via email rather than postal mail.

If you have a new neighbor, pass on an old copy so they can sign up, too.

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