



Galena Grows 267 Acres Larger

At their June meeting, Galena's Council members learned that Galena is now nearly 267 acres larger. The Delaware County Commissioners gave final approval for annexation into the Village of the 69.38-acre Miller family parcels on St. Rt. 3 and the 197-acre Miller Farm at the corner of Sunbury and VansValley roads.

Sewer News

Council met in executive session during their June meeting to discuss pending litigation with the Berkshire Lake Campground. The Village filed a motion requesting Judge Krueger to remove the restraining order barring the Village from disconnecting the campground from its sewage system utility due to nonpayment of nearly \$100,000.

Council also passed a resolution to borrow \$400,000 with \$100,000 going into the sewer fund to defray ongoing operational costs. The remainder of unused funds will be placed in a fund to earn interest.

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie presented information on a potential sewer rate increase. Council looked at revenue that could be generated from a three percent to a six percent increase in monthly customer billing rates. Mazzie shared information on operational costs for the sewer system showing current revenues are inadequate to support the cost of running the system.

Council directed that additional study of the operational costs be presented at the July meeting.

Fair Housing

Cheryl Staron, Director of the Ohio Regional Development Corporation's Fair Housing Services, made a presentation on housing discrimination during the June Council meeting. She explained how someone who feels they have been denied housing in Galena due to discrimination could file a complaint through the County.

AEP Easement

The first reading was held on a resolution granting an easement to American Electric Power (AEP). They need a permanent 10-foot easement to run power lines to Joe Underwood's property for a ceramics business located there. Five feet of the easement at the property line would be on the Village's Galena Brick Trail property.

Snow Emergency Ordinance Passed

Council held a third hearing and passed a snow emergency ordinance. Cars would need to be moved from the following streets if a snow emergency is declared: Columbus, Front, Middle, West, Water, Rose, Quinn, Heathermere Drive, Heathermere Loop, Tristaine Court, Zoar, Melimare, Caleb's Court, Nesting Court, and Hawking Drive, as well as the Village's portion of Joe Walker, VansValley, Dustin, and Alexander roads.

Dog Leash Law

A second reading was held on a dog leash law. The ordinance would require owners to control their dogs

on their own property and for owners to keep dogs on leashes and clean up after them when off the owner's property.

Public Service Director's Report

Public Service Director Dave LaValle reported that a storm damaged a street light in the Estates at Blackhawk.

The Village is following up on a punch list of items for completion prior to accepting the Heathermere infrastructure. Among those are buffering trees that still need planted.

A personnel manual governing Village personnel policies was forwarded to Council for a first reading on a resolution to accept the manual.

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.

July 11	Zoning & Planning
July 13, 20	Trash Days
July 23	Council Meeting
July 23	Chipper Day
July 27	Trash Day
Aug. 3	Trash Days
Aug. 8	Zoning & Planning
Aug. 10, 17	Trash Days
Aug. 24	Trash Day
Aug. 26	Ice Cream Social, 6-8 p.m., Ruffner Park
Aug. 27	Council Meeting
Aug. 27	Chipper Day
Aug. 31	Trash Day

The Village is working with Maronda Homes and Homewood/Trinity Homes on a plan to upgrade Joe Walker Road subsequent to the Miller Farm annexation.

G. Marchi and Sons was the low bidder for the sidewalk/ramp project. The \$33,326 project will replace some limited sections of sidewalks and add ramps on Walnut Street at Miller Park as well as Harrison Street from Galena United Methodist Church to Holmes Street.

Road Closing

The Village of Sunbury is running a sewer line across S. Columbus St./S. Old 3C Highway so the road will be closed and detoured in Galena starting July 11. The closing may last through August 1.

Char-Mar Ridge Opening Soon

Preservation Parks of Delaware County will open its newest park this September. Char-Mar Ridge Preserve, located at 7741 Lewis Center Road in Genoa Township, features 128 acres of mixed habitat including woods, stream corridors, a pond, and a small meadow. The majority of the park is forested and will include a picnic area and a trail.

Glacier Ridge Trail, a 1 2/3 mile unimproved surface trail, begins at the parking lot and winds through a mature woods and along ridges formed by the Wisconsin Glacier thousands of years ago. The trail

crosses forested ravines and passes by wooded wetlands as it traverses the park. The approximate walking time is 45 minutes with moderate changes in elevation.

Future plans for the park include additional trails, an expanded picnic area, a picnic shelter, a Mothers' Memorial Garden, restrooms, and a wildlife viewing blind.

Income Taxes

If you live or work in the Village, you need to pay a one percent income tax and file income tax forms. Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) forms are available at the Village Offices and on-line at www.ritaohio.com

Sewer Bills

Please pay your sewer bill on time to avoid late fees. Bills two quarters past due will be certified to the County Auditor for tax liens. The late payment amount, including late fees, will be added to your tax bill until it is paid in full. If nonpayment occurs on an ongoing basis, you risk shut-off of your sewer service.

Water Quality Management handles the Village's sewer billing and payments. The August/September/October quarterly bill will be mailed out August 1 and is due September 10 to avoid late fees.

New Village e-mail

The Village's new e-mail address is galena@emboaromail.com. The

Village fiscal officer's e-mail is galenaclerk@embaromail.com. The Village has discontinued use of the copper.net address.

Newsletter

E-mail the Village with your mailing and e-mail addresses at galena@embaromail.com if you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail rather than postal mail.

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