



Bicentennial Event

Galena Summerfest Chairperson Jane White addressed Council at their June meeting to provide details of the bicentennial celebration scheduled 10 a.m.-11 p.m., August 29.

The event, being organized by the Greater Galena Civic Association, will take place on the Village Square. Plans include food vendors, arts and crafts vendors, a kids' area, live blues music, and a bier garden. Entertainment will include the Delyn Christian & Fret Shop Band, the Inner City Blues Band, Hurricane Jerry & Stormfront, and the Frank Harrison Group.

Council President Dave Simmons is working on a Galena historical exhibit with items from local collectors as well as historical tours around town. Areas of historical significance would have signs for a self-guided tour along with possibly one guided tour in the afternoon.

Roads into the Village would be closed except to local and emergency traffic only so the square is pedestrian friendly during the event. Village Council also committed \$750 toward police protection for the event.

Sponsors making the event possible include the Greater Galena Civic Association, the Mudflats Bar and Grill, the Big Walnut Veterinary Clinic, The Delaware County Bank, Kroger, Michelle Parson, Cliff Hood, Dr. Don Mann Veterinarian, Sysco Central Ohio, and Delmar Distributing.

If you would like to volunteer or sponsor the event, contact Jane White at 740-965-5700 or e-mail her at jane@themudflats.com.

Trail Progress

Also in Council Chambers in June was Dave Bender, president of the Delaware County Friends of the Trail (DCFT). He explained that DCFT received a \$542,000 Clean Ohio Fund grant in 2006 with the Village and many other entities offered matching funds. This grant will help complete the trail connection from the Genoa Trail on Plumb Road to the Hoover Scenic Walkway on Dustin Road.

Right-of-Way access has been negotiated. The design work is complete and soil borings, archeological investigations, and wetlands reviews are complete. The project will be bid out in July, awarded in August, and asphalt construction should be completed in September or October 2009.

The route, which will be completed in phases, will run parallel to Plumb Road. A pedestrian bridge will cross Old 3C Highway, then the path runs up Weiss Road. It will cross back over Old 3C near Dustin Rd. and run parallel to Dustin then connect to the Village's Hoover Scenic Walkway on the old railroad bed.

Council had previously approved \$7,700 toward the project in 2006. At the June meeting, they approved moving funds to the appropriate account to pay their share of the project on Dustin Rd.

Sale or Lease of Old Church

Also at the June meeting, Council held a third reading and passed a resolution to sell or lease the former Galena

United Methodist Church building at 109 Harrison St. The Village will hire a realtor or auctioneer. The property can be marketed traditionally but state law requires the Village to solicit sealed bids for the sale or lease.

Possible Levies

Council held second readings on two levy resolutions. Galena's Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie is recommending allowing the current two-mill levy to expire and replacing it with a new three-year two-mill levy. This option increases the Village's income but would mean only a \$.51 increase per month per \$100,000 property value for Village residents.

Council also held a second reading on a resolution to put a 4.8-mill levy on the ballot this fall for extra police protection services. The Village of Sunbury and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office have both submitted bids to provide additional protective services for Galena. Residents have expressed concerns about speeders but the brief amount of time the existing contract allows for patrol does not significantly impact the problem. Although residents already pay taxes for the Sheriff's Office, the department would respond to calls only and does not sit in the Village checking for speeders.

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 3, 10	Trash Days
July 15	Zoning & Planning Commission
July 17, 24	Trash Days
July 27	Council Meeting
July 27	Chipper Day
July 31	Trash Day
Aug. 3	3rd Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out

Walnut Street Grant Application

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reported that evaluation of Walnut Street is complete. Core samples indicate that the roadbed is in very poor condition. Since it was originally dirt, then tar and chipped, then paved, it does not have a good base. To bring the road up to current standards will cost more than originally expected. The proposed project would be constructed in phases. Phase I from State Route 3 to Holmes St. would cost \$224,970. The Village has unsuccessfully applied for grants to repave the heavily traveled road that serves traffic from the Village and several townships. A new grant application was submitted to the District 17 Public Works Integrating Committee with \$33,971 coming from the Village.

New Slides

A 6' slide, a toddler slide, and rubber safe surface material should be installed the week of June 22 at Ruffner Park. The project was made possible by a Preservation Parks grant.

Sewer Bills

Third quarter sewer bills will be sent out Aug. 3. 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 614-547-0484.

- 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 on the 8th of the month. To set this up, contact Village Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie.

Osprey Update

Local bird enthusiast Dick Tuttle reports that there are three nestlings on one of the Osprey platforms visible from the Hoover Boardwalk. Through mid-July, the Osprey parents will be feeding their very hungry babies, making it the best time to watch our Galena fish hawks. Remember, these birds are protected and should not be approached.

Gas Leaks

You should know the signs of a natural gas leak:

- **Smell** – To help you smell a leak from a gas line or appliance, a familiar odor similar to sulfur or rotten eggs is added to natural gas.
 - **See** – Near a gas leak, you might see blowing dirt, bubbling water, or an unusual area of dead vegetation.
 - **Hear** – A leaking pipeline might make a hissing sound you can hear.
- If you notice any of the above signs, do not try to stop or repair the leak yourself or use anything that might create a spark, such as smoking or a cell phone. Instead, leave the area immediately and call 911 or Columbia Gas at 1-800-344-4077.

Newsletter

To receive the newsletter via e-mail, just e-mail the Village with your mailing and e-mail addresses at adminassistant@galenaohio.org.

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