

July 4th Parade



Mayor Thomas Hopper was honored in the Sunbury 4th of July Parade. He and son Zachary threw candy to parade observers.



Many of BST&G Fire District's fire engines, other equipment, and mascot were showcased in the parade.

Walnut St. Phase II Funded

The \$277,875 Ohio Public Works Commission grant for Phase II reconstruction of Walnut St. has been approved and the Village is ready to bid out the project. Officials are just waiting on official signed documents awarding the grant. The project will include grinding the street's surface to create a new base and repaving from Holmes St. south to High St. New rules require the project to include new sidewalks for the same area. Work should be completed this fall.

A punch list has been developed for Phase I of the Walnut Street project to correct a few areas of concern.

Road Work

The Old 3C Highway bridge will be closed July 6 through Sept. 21 for replacement. Crews have also been conducting test drilling for the 2012 replacement of the Sunbury Rd. Bridge. Both projects are Delaware County Engineer's Office projects.

Sidewalks Grant Application

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) informed the Village of a sidewalks and trails grant program they administer. The Village submitted an initial application for \$255,000 that includes replacing existing sidewalks from the intersection of Harrison and Walnut streets north on Harrison St. and adding sidewalks where none exist up to the Village limits. The application also includes adding sidewalks on Walnut St., from 411 N. Walnut north to St. Rt. 3, and at the entrance to Miller Park. This would encompass more than 6,000 feet of sidewalks. Funding for this round of grant applications is possible in 2012 through 2019.

New Trail Progress

During their June meeting, Council passed a resolution to hire W. B. Republic of Sunbury to proceed on construction of the Kane's Crossing Trail. The project includes the following:

- Removing part of the Harrison St. guardrail;
- Adding a culvert;
- Leveling the ground near Harrison St. for permanent access on Village land;
- Building a ramp down to the trail level;
- Adding approaches to the bridge; and,
- Paving the trail.

The new trail will be an integral part of the Ohio to Erie Trail providing access over Big Walnut Creek to an existing paved trail in Galena's Walnut Creek subdivision on Joe Walker Road.



SummerFest Cancelled

The Greater Galena Civic Association has decided to cancel this year's Galena SummerFest due to the closing of the Old

3C Highway Bridge.

Ice Cream Social

The Village invites residents to its Ice Cream Social on Aug. 29, 6-8 p.m., in Ruffner Park. Take a break and come enjoy ice cream and time with your neighbors. The kids can enjoy the playground and a clown making balloon sculptures.

1829 Building Ideas

When development cooled off it also meant a slow down in the need for expanded Village offices. So, Village officials decided to offer the 1829 Building (the former Galena United Methodist Church) for sale or lease. There have been no acceptable offers, so the Village is now considering moving forward with plans to renovate the building into Village Council Chambers, offices, and possibly a community center.

If you would like to offer ideas for future community center needs and uses for the Village's 1829 Building, contact the Village with your ideas at adminassistant@galenaohio.org.

Master Plan Hearing July 26

A public hearing was held in June by the Zoning and Planning Commission on the Village's Comprehensive Master Plan. The plan was recommended for approval to Council.

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 5 Village Offices Closed
- July 9, 16 Trash Days
- July 21 Zoning & Planning Commission
- July 23 Trash Day
- July 26 Council Meeting
- July 26 Chipper Day
- July 30 Trash Day
- Aug. 2 3rd Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out

A public hearing will be held during Council's regular meeting on July 26 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

The document provides an overview of the planning process, the Village's history and background, governance, infrastructure, current land use, and the natural environment. Then the Village looks at land within and around the Village and evaluates future development potential of those areas. Based on this information, recommendations are made to carry the Village into the future with specific goals, policies, and action plans.

The Village thanks the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission for its work on supplying many maps for the document.

Seeking Donations for Veterans' Grave Markers

Resident Gene Fuller updated Council on the American Legion's efforts to mark all military graves in Eastern Delaware County. They began working with the Delaware County Veterans Association and Eastern Delaware County 4-H clubs to place bronze markers on all area veterans' graves. In 2008, they marked Revolutionary War soldiers and then War of 1812 veterans in 2009. This year, they began marking Civil War soldiers' graves and hope to complete this before next year's 150th anniversary of the Civil War. They will begin World War I in 2011 which will be a large expense due to the number of veterans. To date, \$6,500 has been spent, with \$1,800 spent in the Galena Cemetery alone.

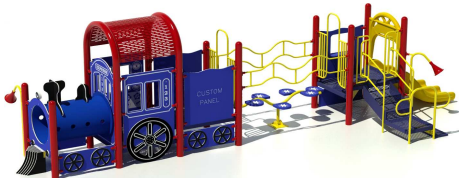
The American Legion is seeking donations to continue their efforts. Fuller said the markers are \$24 each then flags are added each memorial day. If residents would like to donate, they may send checks to the American Legion Post 457, P.O. Box 173, Sunbury, OH 43074 and mark the check for flag holders. If you have questions, contact Fuller at 740-965-2111.

Parks News

In parks news, the Village would like to thank Sambucca's Greenhouse for again donating flowers to the Village that have been planted around town.

The Village has also pressure washed and stained the Miller Park Gazebo and repaired its roof.

The installation of the new Miller Park train-themed jungle gym has been delayed due to excavation issues.



Chipper Days

Chipper Days are here again! The Village offers the free monthly chipping service for your convenience on the fourth Monday of each month, May through October.

When placing limbs at the curb, please follow these guidelines:

- Stack limbs in a straight pile
- Cut side toward the street;
- No longer than 4 feet;
- 4" limbs or smaller; and,
- No more than 7 days before Chipper Day.

This service is only for tree limbs. Please **do not include** the following:

- Rose, thorny or shrub limbs;
- Grass clippings or garden debris (tomato vines, corn stalks, etc.);
- Firewood or stumps;
- Rocks;
- Wire, metal, or other foreign matter;
- Limbs or other materials left by contractors, and,
- Tied, bundled limbs.

The safety of our staff is very important so, if the above items or other hazardous items are found while picking up limbs, the material will be left for your disposal. Thank you so much for your assistance.

Mulch First at 725 N. Kintner Parkway in Sunbury also accepts limbs for free. For more information contact them at 740-965-6482.

Sewer News

Village Council agreed to purchase its own utility billing software. The Village will now handle its own sewer billing beginning with the August bill.

Third quarter sewer bills will be sent out August 2 and are due by Sept. 10. 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 the Village of Galena, PO Box 386, Galena, OH 43021. Call us with any questions at 740-965-2484.
- 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 each month. Forms are available in the Village offices and on the village's web site under local links/sewers: <http://www.galenaohio.org/link.html#sewer>.

Village Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie told Council that letters will be sent out to residents who are late paying bills explaining their options. Village Solicitor Ken Molnar will send out letters to those who are several quarters late on their bills explaining potential legal action including property tax liens and lawsuits to recover overdue payments. In extreme cases, sewer service could be disconnected.

Council also passed an ordinance to increase the Village's sewer inspection fee to \$250 to cover increasing engineer's costs for this service.

Rain Barrel Workshops

The Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) hosts rain barrel workshops each summer. You are invited to attend an upcoming rain barrel workshop at the Community Library in Sunbury on July 13th at 7 p.m.

These workshops teach you where you can purchase rain barrels, how to purchase the right one, and how they can actually save you money. You'll learn how to conserve water and reduce your impact on the environment. You'll get tips on how to landscape to hide your rain barrels.

To register for this workshop call Delaware SWCD at 740-368-1921. The workshops are free, but registration is recommended so an accurate number of handouts can be made and enough seating is arranged.

Rain barrels can be purchased from the Delaware SWCD for \$60, with proceeds going to the Delaware SWCD/Dick OKeefe Scholarship Program.

Electronic News

The newsletter is available online or can be e-mailed directly. Contact adminassistant@galenaohio.org to be added.

Village Contacts

Village Offices	740-965-2484
FAX	740-965-5424
Thomas Hopper:	mayor@galenaohio.org
Scott Jamison:	servicedirector@galenaohio.org
Marty Mazzie:	fiscalofficer@galenaohio.org
Jeanna Burrell:	adminassistant@galenaohio.org
Jeff Stokes:	maintenance@galenaohio.org
web:	www.galenaohio.org
In an emergency, dial 911	
BST&G Fire Dept.	965-3841
Big-O Refuse	888-924-2446
Cable: Time-Warner	800-617-4311
Columbia Gas	800-344-4077
Del-Co Water	548-7746
Dog Warden	368-1915
Electric: AEP	800-277-2177
Galena Post Office	965-2371
Health Dept.	740-368-1700
	www.delawarehealth.org
Immediate Urgent Care,	101D W.
Cherry St., Sunbury,	965-8305
Mayor Tom Hopper	965-1024
Phone: Embarq	800-407-5411
RITA (income tax)	800-860-7482
web:	www.ritaohio.com
Sheriff	833-2800
Sunbury Post Office	965-2471
Wastewater Plant	740-602-1234
Lift Station	
Emergencies	740-972-8646