

Memorial Day Services



Robert Burr, left, and Esther Armbrust, right, spoke at the Memorial Day event.

In a mad dash to avoid rain, the Village's Memorial Day Ceremonies were moved from the square to the new Village Hall. It was the first public special event held in the new building and, by all accounts, it worked out great.

The event kicked off with the singing of the national anthem by Big Walnut High School senior Allison Dawson. Council member David Simmons offered opening remarks and Village Mayor Thomas Hopper presented a memorial wreath.

The featured speaker was Robert Burr, a lifelong Delaware County resident and Korean War veteran. The youth speaker was high school senior Esther Armbrust whose grandfather was a Marine veteran of Iwo Jima.

The weather cleared and participants walked to the Galena Cemetery where Simmons gave a historical presentation about veterans in the cemetery. The Sunbury Veterans of Foreign Wars provided the honor guard, a three-volley salute, and taps.



As always, we thank Roy Merchant and Dave Simmons for organizing the event!

Walnut Street Progresses

At their June meeting, Galena's Council was updated on the Walnut Street reconstruction project which began May 20. The road has been excavated; a temporary access road installed; new storm water catch basins and pipes installed at Church St. and at High St.; curbs were

poured; driveway aprons were installed; and fabric and two layers of gravel have been installed. Several issues have been uncovered including a soft spot (undercut) with tree roots that was found in Walnut St. at Church St. and had to be removed. Storm water line issues were researched and a different connection was made at High St. In the process, two unknown Columbia Gas lines were discovered and have to be dealt with. A concrete retainer will be poured at either end of the road to retain the bricks and that section of the



road will not be usable for a week while the concrete cures. Brick is being delivered and setting will begin soon. *Work is progressing on rebuilding Walnut St. with pervious pavers.*

Village Hall Improvements

Council reviewed a variety of projects and voted to move forward with Village Hall improvements. An abatement company will be hired to remove insulation and bat dung from the attic above the Council Chambers. Wood, vapor barrier, and new insulation will be added to keep the insulation away from the pressed tin ceiling. The building, built in 1829, will get a metal roof and new downspouts and gutters. Drainage improvements will be made around the building as well. According to Village Administrator Jeanna Burrell, "Council invested in this building and these improvements will protect that investment long-term. The building is a treasure to this community and we want to do this right." Operating funds and some of the funds from the sale of the municipal building on the square will fund the projects.

Burrell reported that Miller Watson Architects has completed a topographical survey and are finishing construction drawings and bid documents for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project that will create Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access to the

lower level. The project should go out for bid in July and be completed this summer.

The Village was unable to get construction drawings completed in time to submit a CDBG application for 2014. So, staff submitted an application to replace the east stairs which are in poor condition and add concrete parking across the front of the building. This would create another ADA parking spot closer to the new lower level ADA entrance.



Greater Galena Civic Association Vice President and Summerfest Chairperson Jane White was in Council Chambers to discuss Summerfest which will be held August 24 in conjunction with Sunbury Sizzle and Sounds. This year's Summerfest, which attracts thousands to the Village, will feature free pony rides in the KidZone as well as music, arts and crafts vendors, community organization booths, food, and beer. Council passed legislation approving the closing of the streets around the square and a festival agreement. Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor should email Jane White at jane@themudflats.com and anyone interested in becoming a vendor should email Grace Piper at ttreeffrog@embarqmail.com.

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 Galena Village Hall, 109 Harrison St., unless otherwise stated. Holiday changes * = trash day moves to Saturday; ** = Council meeting changes.

June 28	Chipper Day, Trash Day
July 4	Independence Day - Offices Closed
July 6*, 12	Trash Days
July 17	Zoning & Planning Commission
July 19	Trash Day
July 22	Council Meeting
July 24	Historic Foundation Mtg., 7:30 PM
July 26	Chipper Day, Trash Day

Zoning Updates

Zoning and Property Maintenance Inspector Dave LaValle has been very busy. A rezoning hearing for Sambucca's Nursery which was first held in April was continued again. The Zoning and Planning Commission approved an amended development plan for CDP Properties to lease to Pizzaburg for a carryout and delivery pizza place. It will be located between Wise Heating and Cooling and Phil's Collision Repair on Harrison St. and will open in the fall.

LaValle has also been working with Coldwater Creek Consulting on their sidewalk and parking improvements in the downtown area.

Work continues with Maronda Homes and the Walnut Creek Homeowners Association on corrections needed to infrastructure and open space in the Walnut Creek development and deeding those properties over to the Village.

Sunbury Rd. Bridge



The Delaware County Engineer's project to replace the Sunbury Rd. Bridge seems to be progressing well. Massive beams were transported and installed.

Infrastructure Survey

Village staff started an Existing Conditions Survey in the Village. This will provide information for a long-range capital plan; short-term needs; a sign inventory; information on storm water inflow and infiltration (I & I) into the wastewater collection system; storm water system issues; conditions of roads, sidewalks, street lights, and trees in the right-of-way; and, property maintenance and zoning concerns.

Village Maintenance

In his maintenance report, Josh Cherubini explained that he is instituting a mowing plan. Select areas will not be mowed to improve erosion control, restore wildlife habitat, and to slow water runoff which improves water quality. He elaborated that this is not a "Do Nothing Approach." Some areas may be mowed once or twice a year to keep the prairie or grassland type of habitat and to maintain homeowners' natural views such as at the Walnut Creek Trail. Some areas will be managed to encourage natural regenera-

tion of native trees, shrubs and wildflowers such as in Ruffner Park. Cherubini has begun spraying to remove invasive species including Bush Honeysuckle and Garlic Mustard.

Many heavy lifting and moving tasks could not be completed due to the two-month loss of the Kubota tractor while it was being repaired. This included moving gravel to fix pot holes, emptying trash, and mulching. We appreciate your patience with these delays.

Chipper Days

The first chipper day of the year netted five dump truck loads so it often takes us several days to weeks to get all the limbs picked up in addition to the time-consuming task of spring mowing. Residents are reminded to be sure that your limbs meet the Village's requirements or they will not be picked up. The list can be found on the Village's web site on the Local Links page, under services/trash and recycling.

Sewer News

There have been several wastewater treatment plant and pump issues related to power failures. Walnut Street lift station pumps have had to be pulled and repaired due to rags being flushed into the system. Residents and business owners are reminded not to flush items such as dental floss, feminine hygiene products, diapers, or rags. The cost for these repairs directly affects your bills.

The Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system has been completed at the wastewater treatment plant and lift stations. The system allows computer monitoring of the systems. Dale Davis is researching a generator and a backup pump to purchase with the Ohio Public Works Commission zero percent loan that also pays for the SCADA system.

Residential sewer bills are \$53.64/month (\$160.92/quarter). Since the Village bills quarterly to save customers money, paying on time is crucial. Be sure to pay your bills in a timely fashion to avoid late payment penalties, property tax liens, and other legal actions. Sewer billing is on the following calendar:

Bill Sent	For Quarter	Bill Due
Feb. 1	Feb./March/April	March 11
May 1	May/June/July	June 10
Aug. 1	Aug./Sept./Oct.	Sept. 10
Nov. 1	Nov./Dec./Jan.	Dec. 10

The following applies for delinquencies:

- Upon one day of being delinquent, a ten percent late charge will be assessed.
- Thirty days or more delinquent will result in a lien being filed, including administrative fees and costs, and a lawsuit may be filed to collect overdue fees.
- At 100 days past due, the sewer service

will be terminated. Once terminated, the property owner will have to pay a reconnection fee as well as all past due fees.

There are several payment options:

- Drop-off payments at the Village Hall, 109 Harrison St. during office hours Mondays-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4p.m. or in our 24-hour drop box on the building.
- 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 \$53.64 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 at www.galenaohio.org/forms/autowithdraw.pdf. Remember that if fees increase, you need to contact your bank to authorize an increase in your automatic payments.

Fiscal Matters

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie presented legislation for an amended financial certificate. This information needs revised and communicated to the County Auditor to reflect the \$180,821.50 income from the municipal building sale. Council approved allocating \$60,000 to the street fund; \$60,821.50 to the general fund for Village Hall repairs; and, \$60,000 to the general fund in the capital outlay account.

Electronic News

Get our newsletter by email by contacting adminassistant@galenaohio.org.

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BST&G Fire District	965-3841 www.bstgfiredistrict.org
Big-O Refuse	888-924-2446
Cable: Time-Warner	800-617-4311
Columbia Gas	800-344-4077
Del. Co. EMS	833-2190, www.delcoems.org
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	965-8305 101D W. Cherry St., Sunbury
Phone: Century Link	800-407-5411
PUCO	614-466-3292, 800-686-PUCO (7826) www.puco.ohio.gov
RITA (income tax)	800-860-7482, www.ritaohio.com
Sheriff	833-2800
Sunbury Post Office	965-2471
Wastewater Plant	740-513-9943
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