



Memorial Day



Many people gathered to participate in Galena's Memorial Day ceremonies. At the Village Square, speeches were given by Roy Merchant and David Simmons as well as Big Walnut ninth grader Fred Nygren and junior Adam Collins. Eighth grader Laura Moseley sang the *National Anthem* and *God Bless America*. Participants then walked to the cemetery where sophomore Elizabeth Loar played taps and American Legion members Gene Fuller, Roy Merchant, Dick Doritty, and Lou Beacom fired a salute to veterans. Thanks to all who made this program possible. Thanks to Lenny Lepola for supplying pictures.

Galena Files Suit Against County

At their May 24 meeting, Galena Village Council confirmed their intent to file suit against Delaware County to purchase the county sewage treatment plant that serves Galena.

Village Council Solicitor Ken Molnar filed suit on June 2 to cancel the County's lease on the land and appropriate the treatment plant to Galena for \$220,000 plus approximately \$327,000 in sewer tap deposits to be returned to the Village.

At the end of March, Galena made an offer for the ten-year-old plant and County Commissioners countered with an offer of \$370,000. After a special May 12

meeting, Council countered with a second offer of \$220,000 with sewer tap deposits to be returned to the Village. Council never received a response to that offer from the County Commissioners.

Delaware County built the plant in 1994 for \$399,996 and the \$370,000 price tag is 92.5 percent of the original value. The plant is now considered aged technology and has a history of maintenance problems that have led to Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) violations. Galena considers the price for the plant very high considering it is basically halfway through its estimated life of 20 years.

Mayor Tom Hopper explained, "We have been attempting to negotiate in good faith with Delaware County for three years

to serve Galena's sewage treatment needs. They offered to increase the plant size then did nothing to move forward with that promise. Meetings have been repeatedly cancelled. The County did not notify Galena about plant violations. Correspondences have been ignored and now we receive no response to our offer. If we can't cooperate on a professional level, then our only option left is to take this issue to court. It's a shame, but we are left with no alternatives. The residents and landowners of Galena should have the right to use their land today not five or ten years from now."

Galena made the offer March 24 but the County has ignored all attempts to negotiate. Mayor Hopper followed up with a letter to County Commissioners requesting the courtesy of a reply but there was no response to the letter. "At this point, we've done everything we can do. The County is not willing to serve Galena even though this plant was built for and is used exclusively for Galena," Hopper added.

With the County unwilling to negotiate in good faith, Village Council unanimously approved a resolution on April 26 to appropriate the sewer plant and the leasehold on the land. Hopper says, "We still hope to negotiate and work something out with the County, but you have to have two people at the table. We feel like we are talking to a wall and we have to protect Galena's future and our environment. The County seems interested in neither. So, if the County stonewalls then we will be forced to take this issue to court."

Galena Garage Sale



The Village was buzzing with eager buyers and sellers at the Galena Community Garage Sale on May 22.

Girl Scout Troop 2196 (above) offered items for sale on the square and coordinated transport of leftover items for residents to Big Walnut Friends Who Share and the Kidney Foundation.

Chipper Day



Galena purchased a new chipper in May. The machine will be used to chip limbs the Village trims on Village property.

The Village will also offer free chipping services for residents on the last Monday of each month, June through September. Pile any limbs you'd like chipped at your

curb with the cut side out (not the leaf side). Only limbs approximately the diameter of your arm can be chipped. Anything larger will be left for your disposal.

If you have any questions, call the Village offices, 965-2484.

Good Clean Fun

Thanks to everyone who helped clean up our trails and waterways during the Good Clean Fun event on May 15. Thanks also to everyone who helped plant flowers around town.

Rumpke

If you received a letter from Rumpke regarding locking in your rates for next year, ignore it. The letter was erroneously sent to all Galena residents. The Village has a three-year contract with Rumpke for residential refuse services.

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.

June 9 Zoning & Planning
June 15 Parks & Special Events
June 28 Council Meeting
June 28 Chipper Day

July 13 Parks & Special Events
July 14 Zoning & Planning
July 26 Council Meeting
July 26 Chipper Day

Parade of Homes



Maronda Homes has begun construction on their model home in Heathermere. They also will have a model home at the Parade of Homes, June 12-27 at Sherman Lakes Subdivision on Africa Road, just south of Routes 36/37.

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