

Galena Recognizes Eldon Chambers



Mayor Tom Hopper (left) awards a proclamation to longtime resident Eldon Chambers (center) recognizing his many years of service to the Village of Galena as Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie observes (right).

At the Village of Galena Council's May meeting, Mayor Tom Hopper presented a Mayor's Proclamation to Eldon Chambers for his long-term service to the Village. Chambers served on Council and was a long-term member of the Parks and Special Events Committee. He lived in Galena his entire life and attended the Galena School (now the Big Walnut Administration Building) for 11 years. He was in the first graduating class of the consolidated Big Walnut Schools.

Chambers is especially fond of preserving the Village's history. Thank you Eldon for all your contributions to making Galena a great place to live and work!

Memorial Day Ceremonies

The Village of Galena invites you to attend its Memorial Day Ceremonies on May 30. Events begin at 1 p.m. on the Village Square with the singing of the national anthem by Big Walnut High School student Alexandria Mayhew. The Village will present a memorial wreath at the G & T Club World War II memorial. Featured speakers will be Kim and Mark Walker who both served in the Operation Desert Storm war. The student speaker will be Brooke Perkins, a local home schooled student.

After presentations on the square, participants will proceed to the Galena Cemetery where Galena Village Council

member David Simmons will give a historical presentation about Civil War veterans in the cemetery. The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8736 will offer a three-volley salute and taps.

The American Legion Post 457, Big Walnut Historical Society, and the Sunbury Halter and Saddle 4-H Club have completed placing bronze markers/flag holders on all veterans' graves from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War. They intend to continue the project to mark all Big Walnut area veterans' graves in local cemeteries for all wars. The bronze markers cost \$28.75 each. You may send donations toward markers to the American Legion Post 457, PO Box 173, Sunbury, OH 43074.

Walnut Street

Ohio's record-breaking spring rains have caused delays in Galena's Walnut St. reconstruction. The Village received a 90-day project extension from the Ohio Public Works Commission. Work between Holmes and High streets was expected to begin in early May and be completed by June 1st. The new schedule is still undetermined due to the continuing wet weather.

Personnel

Village Council held readings on three personnel related resolutions. One establishes the position of part-time village administrator and another resolution appoints Public Service Director Scott Jamison to the position. Both were passed as emergencies on the first reading. They were necessary to better structure administration of the Village's public utilities.

The third resolution sets pay for the mayor. The mayor's pay had been nominally structured as a figurehead and current Mayor Tom Hopper devotes many more hours to the job. The resolution to change the pay must be passed prior to the candidate filing deadline for the next four-year term.

Audit Complete

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie reported that the Village passed its biennial state audit with flying colors. Thanks to Mazzie and Assistant Fiscal Officer Michelle Dearth for such a great job throughout the year and in working with the auditors to prepare and provide all the information required!

Zoning & Planning

In the Zoning and Planning Commission report to Council, Mayor Hopper said property owners on Holmes and Harrison streets abutting the Galena Commerce Center were invited to share informal input on rezoning the area. Residents are in a Planned Industrial District that requires them to file development plans and complicates many common residential uses.

Village Council held a second reading on extending the development plan and platting for the last phase of the Estates at Blackhawk development on Dustin Road.

An increase in new home construction has been observed in the Village with three zoning permits issued this year in Maronda Homes' Walnut Creek subdivision on Joe Walker Rd. Two property maintenance violations in Galena were issued in May as well.

The Village filed a grant application with the Ohio Water Resources Council for technical support in developing a smart growth subdivision code. Galena has also lined up two OSU city and regional planning student interns.

No Trail Grant

The Village was notified by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources that uncertainty in Ohio's budget has caused

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.

May 30	Memorial Day - Offices Closed
May 30	Memorial Day Services, 1 PM, Village Square & Cemetery
June 4*	Trash Day
June 10	2nd Quarter Sewer Bills Due
June 10	Trash Day
June 11	Summerfest Committee, 10 AM, Murphy's
June 15	Zoning & Planning Commission
June 17, 24	Trash Days
June 27	Council Meeting
June 27	Chipper Day

the suspension of Clean Ohio Trail Fund grants for the year. Galena and the Delaware County Friends of the Trail had applied for a grant to complete a portion of the Ohio to Erie Trail on the old railroad bed from Dustin Rd. through Miller Park to the north end of the Galena Commerce Center.

Chipper Days

Chipper days are the fourth Monday of each month in the summer. Limbs no longer than 4 feet and no bigger than 4" in diameter should be stacked at the curb, cut side out with no other materials, and should not be bound. Residents can also take limbs smaller than 20" in diameter to Mulch First, 725 Kintner Parkway, in Sunbury for a small fee.

Sewer Info

Jamison reported to Council that the Walnut St. lift station is inoperable again most likely due to another clog in the line. Repairs will require the pump station to be bypassed and sewer use in the area to be inaccessible for 4-6 hours.

Jamison also reported on progress in the installation of a geobag system to filter solids and reduce sludge hauling costs. He is working with engineers on a fine screen project, too.

Mazzie reported on sewer payments that are more than \$6,500 in arrears due to foreclosures and bankruptcies. Property liens will most likely only recover a fraction of this.

Jamison and Hopper attended a state 208 (wastewater) planning meeting held by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). MORPC recently completed research for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

They also attended an American Electric Power public meeting to discuss the siting and installation of substations between Joe Walker Rd. and St. Rt. 37 along Big Walnut Creek.

Second Quarter sewer bills are due June 10. Since the Village bills quarterly to save customers money, paying on time is critical. Be sure you pay your bills in a timely fashion to avoid late payment penalties, property tax liens, and other legal actions.

There are several payment options:

- 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 \$50.56 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](#).

COA Festival

The Council for Older Adults Summer Festival will be Saturday, June 11, Noon-8 p.m. Don't miss this entertaining event for the whole family held at the Center for Older Adults, 800 Cheshire Road, Delaware. Admission and parking are free!

The event features live bands all day, free attractions, and a pig and corn roast.

The entertainment schedule includes the bands In Full Swing, Thrown to the Curb, Erica Blinn, Grass A Hol, 3C Highway, and headliner Delyn Christian and The Fret Shop Band. The bands cover a wide range from swing, blues, jazz, and soul to country, folk, bluegrass and rock.

The event also includes woodcarving demonstrations (noon-2 p.m.), the Unplugged Elastic Band (2-4 p.m.), craft sales, and demonstrations. A health fair will be offered noon-4 p.m., a business expo, and a Kidz Zone with a bounce house, obstacle course, kids train, Dr. Eldoonie, and clowns.

For more information visit: <http://councilforolderadults.org/special-events/summerfestival.html>.

Relay For Life

The local American Cancer Society's (ACS) Relay For Life will be held 6 p.m., June 10, through noon, June 11 at Big Walnut High School.

Relay For Life is ACS' signature overnight event to raise funds for research, education, advocacy, and patient services. The theme is "Cancer Takes No Holidays, So Neither Do We".

Opening ceremonies begin at 6 p.m. honoring all cancer survivors who take the first lap around the track. The second lap includes caregivers and the third lap includes local, county, state, and federal officials/dignitaries, and ACS/Relay For Life partners, staff, relay committees, and team captains.

The event will feature teams and activities involving holidays. Activities include a silent auction to raise funds for the more than 22 teams in the relay, entertainment, food, fun, games, trick or treat at 9 p.m., an Easter egg hunt at 9 a.m., a dunk tank, a bounce house, and a Ms. Relay contest.

You can purchase luminaries to honor those who lost their battles with cancer. You can sponsor team members as they run throughout the night to beat cancer.

For more information, contact Christine Mills at 888-227-6446, ext. 3300 or e-mail her at christine.mills@cancer.org or visit www.RelayForLife.org/bigwalnut.

Summerfest

Summerfest will be Aug. 27, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. in downtown Galena and admission is FREE! The Greater Galena Civic Association's (GGCA) Summerfest Committee is firming up sponsors, advertisers, and

vendors. Non-profit organizations are invited to set up booths as well. Historical displays will be featured. Participants such as local youth organizations are being recruited for the KidZone. The Ohio Highway Patrol helicopter will fly in.

Interested parties can contact greatergalena@gmail.com and can find out more about Summerfest at www.discovergalenaohio.com.



Live Music:

Hurricane Jerry & the Stormfront
(Special Guest Saxman Walker)
The Scotty Bratcher Band
Third Degree Sideburn
The Willie Phoenix Band

Volunteers are welcome to attend the next meeting on June 11, 10 a.m., at Murphy's Real Estate, 19 W. Columbus St., on the square.

Electronic News

The newsletter is available online or can be e-mailed directly by contacting adminassistant@galenaohio.org.

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Del. Co. EMS	833-2190 www.delcoems.org
Del-Co Water	548-7746
Dog Warden	368-1915
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