



Galena Bids Farewell to LaValle



Council members congratulate retiring Village of Galena Public Service Director Dave LaValle. Pictured are (front row, l. to r.) Mayor Tom Hopper and LaValle and (back row, l. to r.) Assistant Fiscal Officer Michelle Dearth; Council members Roberta Miller, David Simmons, and Chris Underwood; Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie; and, Council members Nancy Feole and Libby Clark.

Galena Council bid farewell to Dave LaValle during his final Village Council meeting. LaValle retires from a career spanning 38 years in the land planning profession with ten years in Galena. He became the Village's public service director in 1998 providing a full range of municipal zoning, planning, and management services including zoning inspections, zoning and property maintenance code enforcement; coordination with engineering consultants; review of development proposals, annexations, and rezoning petitions; grant work; and, capital improvement projects.

A graduate of Port Clinton High School, LaValle earned a bachelor's degree in Earth Science and Geography, with a minor in Geology and a master's degree in Geography from Bowling Green State University.

In 1970, he joined the Ottawa Regional Planning Commission in Port Clinton, Ohio as the director. He then took a position with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in Columbus where he was a Division of Planning section leader. He subsequently moved to the Division of Water and worked on the Ohio Land Capability Assessment Program, the Erie Islands Plan, Cesar Creek Plan, Big Darby Watershed Plan, and Alum Creek Land Use Plan.

In 1976, LaValle became the Licking County Regional Planning Commission executive director. In 1987, he became the community development consultant, housing rehabilitation specialist/inspector, and grant coordinator for the City of Mount Vernon. He has also served as a private planning consultant.

From 1998 to 2001, LaValle was employed as a Delaware County Department of Code Compliance zoning inspector providing planning and zoning services for five townships. He served as Kingston Township's zoning inspector from 2001 to 2006.

LaValle became certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners in 1978. He has also been a longtime member of the American Planning Association and the Ohio Planning Conference. He is a lead risk assessor/ inspector certified by the State of Ohio.

LaValle is a private pilot and member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the Knox County Experimental Pilots Association (EAA). He plans to increase his flying time in retirement.

Council and Mayor Tom Hopper thanked LaValle for his outstanding service to the Village. The Village will hold an open house for LaValle noon-4 p.m. on March 11 at the Village Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St. Friends and colleagues are invited to attend and bid LaValle farewell.

Development News

Maronda Homes is in the process of turning over the public spaces in the Heathermere subdivision to the Village. A lien waiver and two-year maintenance bond are in the process of being executed and then the Village will conditionally accept the public spaces for maintenance.

Utility relocation is beginning in preparation for the developer to repave Joe Walker Road.

Zoar Development has dramatically revised its proposed downtown development plans. The existing building at Columbus and West streets will be demolished and four buildings will be built on Columbus Street between

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.

March 4	Election Day
March 7	Trash Day
March 10	1 st Quarter Sewer Bills Due
March 11	Noon-4 p.m., Open House for Dave LaValle
March 12	Zoning & Planning Commission
March 14	Trash Day
March 21	Trash Day
March 22	Easter Egg Hunt, 1 pm, Ruffner Park
March 24	Council Meeting
March 28	Trash Day

Middle and West streets. Since the plans changed so much, new ads were placed and neighboring property owners will be notified. A Zoning and Planning Commission public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on March 12.

Council Recognizes Eagle Scout Lacy

Mayor Hopper also recognized Troop 300 Boy Scout Marcus Lacy on achieving Eagle Scout status. Lacy's project culminated in improved public access, recreation, and safety at the Westerville Model Aeronautics Association's remote control flying field near Alum Creek State Park.



Mayor Tom Hopper awards Marcus Lacy a Mayor's Proclamation recognizing his achievement of Eagle Scout status.

Pictured (l. to r.) are Lacy, Mayor Hopper, Boy Scouts Troop 300 Leader Jim Irwin, and Lacy's mother, Chris Lacy.

Village Refinances

In other Council business, Council approved legislation to refinance the \$325,000 purchase of the Galena United Methodist Church building for Village administrative offices and \$385,000 for debt service on its existing wastewater treatment plant.

Snow Procedures

The Village thanks residents for voluntarily complying with the snow emergency signs. Moving cars off those streets has greatly assisted the Village in its snow removal efforts. Remember to keep your sidewalks clear, also.

Sewer Bills

Village Sewer Bills were mailed out February 1st and are due to Water Quality Management by March 10 to avoid late fees. The bills will be \$114.48 for the February, March and April quarter. Be sure to pay on time to avoid penalties and further action.

You can simplify your bill payment by checking with your bank about setting up an automatic payment procedure for your sewer bill. Be sure to use the correct address. Sewer bills should be mailed to Water Quality Management at 9976 Brewster Lane, Suite 150, Powell, OH 43065. Please do not send or bring payment to the Village offices. You can also pay your bill monthly as long as it is paid in full by the due dates.

Easter Egg Hunt

Local children are invited to hunt Easter eggs and treasure at Galena's annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 22, at Ruffner Park in Galena. The event begins at 1 p.m. sharp and is over in the blink of an eye so be prompt!

The Easter Egg Hunt is divided into age groups for infants-4 year olds, 5-7 year olds, and 8-10 year olds. Ages 11-14 can participate in a scavenger hunt.

Library Events

A six-week beginning course in American Sign Language starts March 4,

7-8 p.m. and costs \$12. A Book Discussion Group will meet on first Thursdays starting March 6, 7-8 p.m. at the library.

For more information and to pre-register, contact Community Library at 740-965-3901 or stop in at 44 Burrer Drive in Sunbury.

Newsletter

E-mail the Village with your mailing and e-mail addresses at galena@embarqmail.com if you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail rather than postal mail.

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