

## Burrell Recognized for Gold Award



Mayor Thomas Hopper (right) presents a Mayor's Proclamation to Tessa Burrell (left) in recognition of earning her Girl Scouts Gold Award.

At the Village of Galena's February Council meeting, Mayor Thomas Hopper presented a Proclamation recognizing Tessa Burrell for earning her Girl Scouts Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. The proclamation recognized her outstanding leadership, character, and motivation and exceptional community service. Burrell has been a member of Galena Girl Scouts Troop 1569 since Kindergarten.

For her Gold project, she and her family logged 300 hours making improvements at a local equine therapy stable. She created and framed a welcome sign and map. To acquaint riders with the horses, Burrell created color-coded picture frames with stories of each horse and shapes with each horse's picture placed on its stall and in the tack room with that horse's tack equipment. She reorganized and painted the tack room, organized grooming tools, and a picture explaining how to groom a horse was created. She painted ground poles and created wooden alphabet letters for use during lessons.

## Council Action

State Representative Margaret Ann Ruhl was a guest at the Council meeting. She explained that her four-county district has been redrawn into the 68th District that includes Knox County and the six Eastern Delaware County townships. She is running for re-election and her prior experience includes being a county and city auditor. She is aware of the local

routes 71/36/37 intersection concerns and she has been a strong advocate for continuing the third lane on Route 71 north of Sunbury. Construction will begin on the third lane expansion this summer.

Under committees, the Village appointed Roberta Miller to the Records Commission, Mayor Hopper to the Income Tax Review Committee, and Scott Jamison will serve on the Summerfest Committee.

## Village Hall

The Galena Village Hall renovation project was awarded to Good Home Maintenance for \$56,500. Work is underway to create a bathroom, improve the basement stairwell, and improve the northern fire escape exit. The project should conclude April 9. A variety of issues have been discovered during renovations that will have to be corrected including termites, electrical problems, and an unsupported structural beam.



Renovation work is progressing on the new Galena Village Hall.

## Parks

Assistant Public Service Director Jeanna Burrell reported on parks projects. The third phase of the Miller Park train playground equipment will be installed in March. Work continues on finding a water source for the Ruffner Park ball field irrigation system. Council held a first reading on an ordinance to establish park rules.

## Easter Egg Hunt

The Special Events Committee is working on the Easter Egg Hunt planned for April 7. Local children are invited to hunt Easter eggs and coins at Ruffner Park, located at 170 Harrison St., in Galena. The event begins at 1 p.m. sharp. Be there ahead of time because the children snap up those eggs in the blink of an eye. We never know if it will rain, snow, or shine but the event goes on regardless.



More than 2,200 eggs will be prepared with 10,000 pieces of candy and pennies. The hunt will be divided into age groups for infants-4 years old, 5-7 years old, and 8-10 years old. The 5-7 year olds and 8-10 year olds also can participate in a coin and candy toss. Ages 11-14 can participate in a scavenger hunt for 25 presidential dollars.

One child in each age group will be lucky enough to find a special egg to win a grand prize Easter basket loaded with goodies. Each child will receive a gift, too. Children can also visit with the Easter bunny.

## 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.

\* = trash day moves to Saturday due to holiday.

\*\* = Council meeting moves due to holiday.

- March 2 Trash Day
- March 6 Primary Election Day, 6:30 AM-7:30 PM
- March 10 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Sewer Bills Due
- March 9, 16 Trash Day
- March 21 Zoning & Planning Commission, Zoning Fees Hearing
- March 23 Trash Day
- March 26 Council Meeting, Possible Zoning Fees Hearing
- March 30 Trash Day

# Summerfest 2012

Summerfest will again be organized by the Greater Galena Civic Association in conjunction with Sunbury's Sizzle and Sounds festival. Volunteers are needed and information is available at [www.discovergalenaohio.com](http://www.discovergalenaohio.com).

## Get Out & Vote!



BST&G chairman and Council member Paul Bolander said the fire district's levy is on the March ballot. He urged everyone to get out and vote. The five-year three-mill levy includes a two-mill renewal and a new one-mill operating levy that comprises BST&G's entire operating budget.

Galena's polling place is now at the Galena United Methodist Church, 2777 Sunbury Rd. Polls are open 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., March 6. You can also enjoy a homemade meal for lunch and dinner, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., on election day. Noodles are served beginning at 4 p.m.

Also on the ballot is an issue for Mudflats Bar and Grill at 31 West Columbus St. seeking a D-6 beer, wine and mixed beverage liquor license for Sunday sales.

Galena is now in the 12th congressional District, 68th House District, and 19th Senate District. A list of primary election candidates can be found at <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/boe/files/candidates.pdf>.

## Coyotes

Mayor Hopper attended an urban coyote seminar sponsored by Delaware City. There are concerns about growing numbers of coyotes living in urban areas. Seminar leaders recommended not allowing coyotes to get too comfortable around people. If you see coyotes, make noise and scare them off. If residents have concerns, they should contact a private wildlife control company. For more information visit <http://ohioline.osu.edu/w-fact/pdf/0004.pdf>.

## Stay Safe

The bronze plaque was stolen off of the Sunbury Rd. bridge. Anyone with any knowledge of this incident should contact the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

Residents are reminded that there have been robberies in the area. You should lock your doors and windows and close your garage doors. Any residents interested in starting a neighborhood watch

group can contact the Sheriff at 740-833-2886 or [community@co.delaware.oh.us](mailto:community@co.delaware.oh.us).

## Wastewater News

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reported that the wastewater geobag project is nearing completion. This bio-solids dewatering system should be operational soon.

Jamison also said that the wastewater fine screen project is moving forward with a Permit to Install received from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. An application for a building permit has been submitted to the Ohio Department of Commerce for a building to protect the system from weather.

First Quarter sewer bills were sent out February 1. The bill is at the new rate of \$52.08 per month (\$156.23/quarter) for residential customers. Anyone doing automatic payments should adjust their payment amounts.

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. 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:
- 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 \$52.08 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](#). Remember that if fees increase, you need to contact your bank to authorize an increase in your automatic payments.

## Winter Chores

Check out Mulch 1st's web sites for a video about how and what to prune and what not to prune on your shrubs and trees before winter is over: <http://www.mulch1st.com/podcasts.html>.

And looking ahead, April showers may bring May weeds. Check out this information on how to control your weeds: <http://mulch1st.com/files/>

[AprilShowersMayWeeds.pdf](#).

Don't forget, the Village's first chipper day will be in late May. Until then, Mulch 1st at 725 Kintner Parkway in Sunbury accepts yard waste for a small fee. Check their hours before you go at 965-6482.

## Big-O Scholarships

The Big "O" Refuse Scholarship award will be available again for 2012 graduating seniors. Interested seniors attending high schools in a Big "O" service area should contact your high school guidance counselor or Big "O" Refuse at [media@bigorefuse.com](mailto:media@bigorefuse.com). The student should have at least a 2.5 GPA, a good work ethic, and a strong need for funding support.

## Big-O Trash Facts

How long does it take items to decompose in a landfill? Plastics take 500 years. Aluminum cans take 500 years. Organic materials take six months. Cotton, rags, and paper take six months. Recycle for a better tomorrow!

## Electronic News

The newsletter is available online or can be emailed directly to you by contacting [adminassistant@galenaohio.org](mailto:adminassistant@galenaohio.org).

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<b>In an emergency, dial</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>BST&amp;G Fire District</b>	965-3841 <a href="http://www.bstgfiredistrict.org">www.bstgfiredistrict.org</a>
<b>Big-O Refuse</b>	888-924-2446
<b>Cable: Time-Warner</b>	800-617-4311
<b>Columbia Gas</b>	800-344-4077
<b>Del. Co. EMS</b>	833-2190 <a href="http://www.delcoems.org">www.delcoems.org</a>
<b>Del-Co Water</b>	548-7746
<b>Dog Warden</b>	368-1915
<b>Electric: AEP</b>	800-277-2177
<b>Galena Post Office</b>	965-2371
<b>Health Dept.</b>	740-368-1700 <a href="http://www.delawarehealth.org">www.delawarehealth.org</a>
<b>Immediate Urgent Care, 101D W.</b>	
<b>Cherry St., Sunbury,</b>	965-8305
<b>Phone: Century Link</b>	800-407-5411
<b>PUCO</b>	800-686-PUCO (7826) 614-466-3292, <a href="http://www.puco.ohio.gov">www.puco.ohio.gov</a>
<b>RITA (income tax)</b>	800-860-7482 web: <a href="http://www.ritaohio.com">www.ritaohio.com</a>
<b>Sheriff</b>	833-2800
<b>Sunbury Post Office</b>	965-2471
<b>Wastewater Plant</b>	740-602-1234
<b>Lift Station</b>	
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