



## Walnut St. Project Moving Forward

At the Village of Galena's February Council meeting, a resolution was passed to proceed with the Walnut St. reconstruction process. The road project has been bid out and the resolution allows the mayor to accept bids for sidewalk and road work. Bids will be accepted March 4. A resolution also passed authorizing EMH&T to manage the construction and inspections for the project. Utility relocations occurred last fall. Reconstruction of the road with permeable brick pavers and new sidewalks between High and Church streets should begin in April.

## Sunbury Road Bridge Project



In other road work, the Delaware County Engineer's Office has awarded the Sunbury Rd. Bridge replacement project in downtown Galena to Complete General Construction. Plans had included April through November construction while maintaining one-way traffic into town. Complete General is proposing complete lane closure for four months, then two-way traffic, with an earlier construction completion date. Village staff were gathering input from local businesses and other affected entities. Council also approved a temporary utility easement on the square for AEP related to line relocations for the bridge construction.

## Municipal Building for Sale or Lease

The Village also hired HER Murphy and Associates to market its municipal building on the square at 9 W. Columbus St. The Village is advertising for bids as required by law and bids are due by noon on March 12. The bidding will include offers to purchase the two-story masonry building for a minimum of \$190,000 or to

lease it for minimum of \$1,100 per month with the lessee also paying taxes, insurance, and utilities. Council also vacated the road right-of-way for the building foyer.

Information is available by contacting Nancy Murphy at 740-965-1448 or at [www.9WestColumbusSt.com](http://www.9WestColumbusSt.com).



## Easter Egg Hunt

The Special Events Committee is working on the Easter Egg Hunt planned for March 30. 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.



Volunteers are welcome to come early to help distribute eggs.

## Ohio to Erie Trail Grant



The Delaware County Friends of the Trail have submitted a revised application for a Clean Ohio Trails Fund grant to pave a section of the Galena Brick Trail and improve the Little Walnut Creek Bridge. This would complete a section of

## 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.

- March 1, 8 Trash Days
- March 11 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Sewer Bills Due
- March 15 Trash Day
- March 20 Zoning & Planning Commission
- March 22 Trash Day
- March 18\*\* Council Meeting
- March 29 Trash Day
- March 30 Easter Egg Hunt, 1 PM, Ruffner Park

the Ohio to Erie Trail through the Village from Dustin Rd. to Holmes St. Mayor Hopper and Administrator Jeanna Burrell attended a Delaware County Commissioners meeting to support the project. The commissioners agreed to front the funding and manage the project.

## Development Upswing

During our economic recession, much of new home building ceased. In the Village, we saw a shift to existing home sales, especially in the older parts of the Village.

Now, new home development seems to be back on the upswing. For the past couple years, Maronda Homes has submitted one or two new home permits each month. Their Walnut Creek development on Joe Walker Road is approaching build-out with only a few lots left. A variety of large developments are moving forward in Genoa Township, also.

The Village is also meeting with Homewood Corporation to discuss its Blackhawk development on Dustin Rd. and its 200-acre Miller Farm development on Sunbury Rd.

## Property Maintenance Compliance

Under code compliance in Property Maintenance Official Dave LaValle's report, the Delaware County Building Department will pursue legal remedies for a house at 37 High St. that has a hole in the basement wall which is causing the structure to collapse. The Village has filed suit in court to gain property maintenance compliance at 51 Middle St. Other inspections related to complaints are in process as well.

To keep your property in compliance, you can do the following:

- ensure that your gutters and downspouts are attached and in good repair and working condition;
- keep your exterior surfaces painted, repaired, protected from the elements, and maintained in a safe, weather tight condition so they don't decay or deteriorate;
- make sure your sidewalks are in good condition, cleared of ice, snow, and leaves, and are not blocked and passable at all times;
- do not allow junk or trash to accumulate outside and be sure that garbage is not accessible to dogs, cats or other animals;
- all motor vehicles should be licensed and operable or kept out of view from the roadway and adjoining properties;
- commercial or industrial materials should be kept out of view from the roadway and adjoining properties;
- lawns and bushes should be trimmed

and well kept;

- keep windows and other exterior surfaces in good repair; and,
- prevent infestation by insects, termites, and rodents.

Thanks for your help in keeping the Village looking good.

## Maintenance News

Under maintenance, Josh Cherubini's report detailed snow and ice removal on roads, trails, and sidewalks; repairs in the Village Hall; cleaning up the maintenance building; equipment maintenance and repairs; and, flower bed clean up. Council voted to hire Cherubini as a regular employee for the balance of 2013 with a \$1/hour pay increase. He had been hired for a 90-day probationary period and underwent a successful background check.

## Sewer News

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 \$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 at [www.galenaohio.org/forms/](http://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.

## Car Seat Inspections

The Delaware General Health District is offering car seat inspections, 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, March 12 at BST&G Fire Station at 350 W. Cherry Street in Sunbury. Another one will be held 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, May 14 at the Genoa Township Fire Station at 7049 Big Walnut Road. Be sure your child is safe. Call ahead to schedule an appointment at 740-368-1700.

## Tornado Safety

Follow these tips during tornado season:

**In a house with a basement:** Avoid windows. Get in the basement and under some kind of sturdy protection (heavy table or work bench), or cover yourself with a mattress or sleeping bag.

**In a house with no basement, a dorm, or an apartment:** Avoid windows. Go to the lowest floor, small center room, under a stairwell, or in an interior hallway with no windows. Crouch as low as possible to the floor, facing down; and cover your head with your hands.

**In the open outdoors:** If possible, seek shelter in a sturdy building. If not, lie flat and face-down on low ground, protecting the back of your head with your arms. Get as far away from trees and cars as you can.

For more information, go to <http://bstgfiredistrict.org/bstg/safety/tornado-safety-tips/>.

## Electronic News

Get our newsletter by email by contacting [adminassistant@galenaohio.org](mailto:adminassistant@galenaohio.org).

## Important Contacts

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In an emergency, dial	911
BST&G Fire District	965-3841 <a href="http://www.bstgfiredistrict.org">www.bstgfiredistrict.org</a>
Big-O Refuse	888-924-2446
Cable: Time-Warner	800-617-4311
Columbia Gas	800-344-4077
Del. Co. EMS	833-2190, <a href="http://www.delcoems.org">www.delcoems.org</a>
Del-Co Water	548-7746
Dog Warden	368-1915
Electric: AEP	800-277-2177
Galena Post Office	965-2371
Health Dept.	740-368-1700 <a href="http://www.delawarehealth.org">www.delawarehealth.org</a>
Immediate Urgent Care	965-8305 101D W. Cherry St., Sunbury
Phone: Century Link	800-407-5411
PUCO	614-466-3292, 800-686-PUCO (7826) <a href="http://www.puco.ohio.gov">www.puco.ohio.gov</a>
RITA (income tax)	800-860-7482, <a href="http://www.ritaohio.com">www.ritaohio.com</a>
Sheriff	833-2800
Sunbury Post Office	965-2471
Wastewater Plant	740-513-9943
Lift Station Emergencies	740-972-8646