



New Eagle Scouts Recognized



Galena Mayor Thomas Hopper (center) presented Mayor's Proclamations recognizing Eagle Scouts Andrew Hopper (left) and Alex Ulery (right).

At the Village of Galena's January Council meeting, Mayor Thomas Hopper awarded Mayor's Proclamations to two new Eagle Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 387. Mayor Hopper's son, Andrew Hopper, completed a Chimney Swift tower in the Village's Miller Park. Alex Ulery made landscaping improvements at the Northeast Church of Christ. Congratulations!

Transportation Plan

Maria Schaper, from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), presented the draft 2016-2040 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan which includes Delaware County. She said more than 1,000 draft and candidate projects were submitted for the plan. Village Administrator Jeanna Burrell, Delaware County Friends of the Trail representative Dave Bender, and Ohio to Erie Trail Executive Coordinator Lisa Daris all advocated for inclusion of the Ohio to Erie Trail on the plan as well as the importance of keeping bicyclists off state routes 3 and 61. Bender also

advocated including the trail that will be built along the new Sunbury Parkway. Schaper said MORPC is accepting public comment on the plan through April 15 then it will be finalized in May.

Trail Moves Forward

Burrell said many organizations are due a huge thanks for assisting the Village in bridging the funding gap for its Ohio to Erie Trail project which has regional and statewide significance. In particular, she thanked the Delaware County Friends of the Trail (DCFT), the Ohio to Erie Trail Fund, Preservation Parks of Delaware County, the Delaware County Commissioners, Delaware County Foundation, and the Sunbury-Galena Rotary Club. DCFT launched a Go Fund Me campaign to raise money for trail efforts and the group will do additional labor. The contract should be awarded soon to pave the trail from Dustin Rd. to Holmes St. and build a new wooden bridge deck over Little Walnut Creek.

Additional funds contributed included:

- \$34,000 – Village of Galena
- \$14,000 – work to be completed by Delaware County Friends of the Trail
- \$ 6,000 – Delaware County Friends of the Trail
- \$15,000 – Ohio to Erie Trail Fund
- \$12,000 – re-designated from Preservation Parks (CPIG)
- \$ 7,755 – Delaware County Commissioners
- \$ 5,000 – Delaware County Foundation
- \$ 2,500 – Sunbury-Galena Rotary
- \$ 2,360 – Go Fund Me
- \$ 330 – CT Consulting

Council agreed to re-designate grant funds from Preservation Parks of Delaware County from a ball field irrigation system to the trail. Council dis-

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 4 Trash Day
- March 10 1st Quarter Sewer Bills Due
- March 11 Trash Day
- March 15 Election Day, 6:30 AM-7:30 PM
- March 16 Zoning & Planning Commission
- March 18 Trash Day
- March 21** Council Meeting
- March 25 Trash Day
- March 26 Easter Egg Hunt, 1 PM, Ruffner Park

cussed further revising its budget to fund the completion of the irrigation system which has been a multi-year effort aimed at cutting down on dust.

Council approved resolutions to move forward with another grant application to pave the trail on the railroad bed north of Holmes St. It is anticipated that the developer of the planned Arrowhead Lakes Estates will pave a section of the trail from Heathermere north to Sunbury. These projects will connect the Ohio to Erie Trail through Galena.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Village's Easter Egg Hunt will be at 1 p.m., March 26, at Ruffner Park, 152 Harrison St. Volunteers from Journey Fellowship will coordinate the event again this year.

Ruffner Ball Field

Council approved an agreement with the Columbus Sharks to manage the Ruffner Park ball field from April through July. In return for improvements to the field and paying electric costs, they have preferential scheduling of the field. The public can use the field for free when practices and games are not scheduled. Check the schedule at www.ruffnerpark.com.

Hunting Exceptions

Exceptions were granted for hunting on agriculturally zoned properties that are 40 acres or more. Council grants this exception to the Ohio Basic Code each year but land owners must apply for the exception to be granted for their property. Otherwise, firing of weapons within municipal boundaries is prohibited.

Sewer Fees Due

First quarter sewer bills were sent out Feb. 1 and are due March 10. Please note that rates have increased. If you pay your bill online, be sure to change the amount. Residential sewer bills are \$56.08/month (\$168.24/quarter). You can still pay your bill at the Delaware County Bank in Galena until April 1st, then you can pay at the Sunbury branch.

Pay your bills in a timely fashion to avoid late payment penalties, property tax liens, and other legal actions.

Payment options are noted on the Village's web site. Quarterly billing saves customers money, so paying on time is crucial according to the following calendar.

Bill Sent	For Quarter	Bill Due
Feb. 1	Feb./March/April	March 10
May 2	May/June/July	June 10
Aug. 1	Aug./Sept./Oct.	Sept. 10
Nov. 1	Nov./Dec./Jan.	Dec. 10

Pretty For Prom

Journey Fellowship, 70 N. Walnut St., is offering free prom dresses, shoes, and jewelry on March 4, 6-9 p.m., and March 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. High school girls just need a high school ID. You can contribute items at Sunbury Cleaners, 23 W. Granville St., Sunbury.

Free Income Tax Help

The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) offers free taxpayer assistance on a walk-in basis at their local office, 760 Lakeview Plaza Blvd. #400, Worthington, OH 43085. Extended hours are offered Feb. 27-April 16 on Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-Noon. Bring W2s from all employers, Form 1099s, federal Form 1040, federal Schedules C, E & F, federal Forms K-1, 2106, and 3903 (if applicable), and addresses and dates for each location you resided during 2015.

Extended hours are also offered for free phone assistance Feb. 22-March 24 at 1-800-860-7482.

More information is available at www.ritaohio.com.

Historic Foundation Days Gone By

You are invited to the third annual Galena "Days Gone By" Storytelling event on March 5, 1 PM, in the Galena Village Hall 109 Harrison St. Guest speaker Polly Horn will highlight historic moments with a visual presentation.

There will be a silent auction and light refreshments. Bring your old Galena pictures, memorabilia, and stories. Order your pre-sale Galena t-shirt for \$25 for pick up at the Foundation's April meeting. Thank you

for helping keep Galena's history alive for future generations.

Flea Market

It's not too early to register for the July 4th Flea Market. It's only \$25 to reserve your 25' x 20' space. The Flea Market will be at Miller Park, 268 N. Walnut St., 8 AM-4 PM. You can find forms in the Village Hall foyer. You can find the Galena Historic Foundation on facebook or contact them at 740-965-2081 or jwb-slb@embarqmail.com.

Big Walnut Nature Club

Join the Big Walnut Nature Club for their upcoming events:

- March 17 Chimney Swift Tower Maintenance**, 7 PM, Village Hall & Miller Park
- April 23 Earth Day Clean Sweep**, 9 AM, Area N (near 45 S. Walnut St.);
- Lunch**, Noon at the Galena Diner;
- Eagle Outing**, 1 PM

Contact the club at bwnatureclub@gmail.com or visit them at www.bwnatureclub.webs.com.

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