



Galena Acquires Sewer Plant



The Village of Galena took possession of the Donald Miller Wastewater Treatment Plant from Delaware County on April 22. To operate the plant, Village Council voted at their April 25 meeting to set sewer service fee rates and hire a plant operator.

Council hired Scott Jamison, of Jamison Environmental Consultants, to operate the wastewater treatment plant. Jamison is a Class 3 operator. Delaware County officials placed restrictions in the lawsuit settlement agreement against hiring any county employees to operate the plant, so other operators were explored.

Village Council set a sewer fee schedule for residential, commercial and industrial users. The schedule spells out equivalency factors for various types of sewer service uses and the fees associated with each. The basic residential fee stays similar to that charged under county operation. Delaware County insisted on handling billing for the next

quarter but has agreed to reimburse the Village for any fees collected.

The Village is working with its consultants to develop procedures for sewer line inspection services.

Delaware County employees will continue to operate the plant until the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency permit is transferred to the Village. As we go to press, we have just learned that the permit to operate has been transferred to the Village.

The permit to operate the plant expires June 30 and the Village has already applied for a renewal of the permit as well as a permit to expand the wastewater system up to one-half million gallons per day capacity. Ultimately, the system may expand to two million gallons per day capacity.

Trail Ribbon Cutting

The Delaware County Friends of the Trail (DCFT) held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the new Galena Brick Trail on April 23. DCFT has worked with the Galena Commerce Center to acquire the property and clear the title. The Village will close on the property soon.

Thanks to the many people who helped clean and clear the Galena Brick Trail, the Hoover Scenic Walkway and the Hoover Nature Preserve Trail on Old Stagecoach Road beyond Weise Rd.

Volunteers collected nearly 500 pounds of trash including car parts and a TV. They also mulched hundreds of pines planted on the east side of the new Galena Brick Trail and broadcast multiple bags of native prairie seeds over top soil.

Everyone's efforts bring closer to reality a continuous 13-mile trail through Eastern Delaware County that will be part of the Ohio to Erie Trail.

Ruffner Park

Federal Emergency Management Agency officials visited Galena to inspect flood damage in Ruffner Park.

Galena has received a check for overtime used during snow emergencies this past winter.

Galena Dates

Mark Your Calendar! The following are Galena Village Council and committee meeting dates as well as other local events. All Village meetings are open to the public and are at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Village Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St., unless otherwise stated.

- May 11 Zoning & Planning
- May 14 Galena Community Garage Sale
- May 17 Parks & Sp. Events
- May 23 Council Meeting
- May 30 Chipper Day
- May 30 Memorial Day Services, 1 p.m., Village Square & Cemetery
- June 8 Zoning & Planning
- June 21 Parks & Sp. Events
- June 27 Council Meeting
- Chipper Day

Tornado Sirens

The tornado siren that serves the Village has not been functioning properly. The unit was serviced and is operating satisfactorily as confirmed at the Wednesday noon test.

Garage Sale

Galena's Community Garage Sale is scheduled for May 14. Enjoy the bargains!

Memorial Day Services



The Village will hold a Memorial Day Service at 1 p.m., Monday, May 30 at the Village Square. Following the ceremony at the square, participants will walk to the cemetery for the completion of the program.

Developments

Public Service Director Dave LaValle reported on subdivision development in Galena. He informed Council that Integrity Boring Co. has had difficulty completing the sewer force main to the Estates at Blackhawk on Dustin Road. They have run into large boulders under Little Walnut Creek as well as concerns with proximity to the Berkshire Township cemetery. A meeting was held on April 27 between the developer, the Village, and Berkshire Township to discuss concerns.

The Heathermere development beside Arrowhead Golf Course has some erosion problems around the detention pond that the developer will address. The construction company is also installing a storm sewer to help with runoff across Walnut St.

Litter Hotline

The Delaware General Health District announced the creation of a new hotline to report littering. If you observe littering in Delaware County, report it by calling 1-866-383-1024. Callers should report the date, time, and location of the littering and describe the offender and their vehicle, including license number. Calls will be received by the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and will be kept confidential. Warning letters will be sent to the littering suspects.

Chipper Days



Council set the fourth Monday of each month as chipper pick-up day in the Village during the summer beginning May 23. Please have your brush and limbs at the curb, cut side out if you would like chipper services.

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