



Parks Progress



The Miller Park Galena Brick Train is installed. Installers are working through a punch list. The last phase of the train playground will be an 8' spiral slide.

New batting cages have been completed at the ball field. Both projects were made possible through Preservation Parks of Delaware County's Community Parks Improvement Grants.



The Ruffner Park teeter totters also have been relocated to a safer location.

Park Rules

After a third reading, Council passed new park rules for the Village's parks and trails system. The rules specify that parks and trails are open dawn to dusk. Among the rules are that no motorized vehicles are allowed beyond the parking lots. The rules ban jumping from bridges or other high locations into the water. No alcohol, illegal drugs, or unlicensed weapons are allowed in the parks. Parents are responsible for their children and pet owners must keep pets on leashes and clean up after them.

Galena Approves Traffic Ordinances

At its April meeting, Village Council tackled a variety of ordinances. With fishing season in full swing, a variety of parking and loitering issues have developed. Council passed an ordinance prohibiting loitering on or obstructing the Sunbury Rd. Bridge. There is no sidewalk on the bridge and fishermen stand on the bridge or the narrow curb to fish causing a

hazard to themselves and motorists.

Council declared a no parking zone within 100 feet of the intersection of West and Water streets. Cars are parking on the road obstructing traffic including emergency vehicles.

They also passed an ordinance prohibiting parking in front of the municipal building at 9 W. Columbus St. Parking there obscures the stop sign on Columbus St. at Walnut St. The ordinances go into effect immediately.

Zoar Development



Public Service Director Scott Jamison discussed numerous meetings and a hearing that were held on revisions to the Zoar Development Plan on the Village Square. The original plan (shown above) involved tearing down the house at 46 W. Columbus St. and building four new storefronts. Now, the developer wants to keep the house, sell it with a lot split, and build three storefronts on the remaining property at the corner of Middle and Columbus streets. The plan would look similar to the original plan shown above with the deletion of the fourth storefront on the left where the house will remain. Lack of on-site parking and rear access are two of the issues to be resolved. The Zoning and Planning Commission hearing on the issue was continued to allow the developer time to address some of the plan's deficiencies.

Zoning Fees Increase

Council passed an ordinance increasing zoning fees that had been discussed in a Zoning and Planning Commission hearing and a Council hearing in March. The changes will go into effect in 30 days.

Memorial Day

We welcome you to join the Village's Memorial Day services that begin on the Village Square at 1 p.m., Monday, May 28. Council member David Simmons will offer opening remarks. Big Walnut High School seniors Katie Berger will speak and Alexandria Mayhew will share her singing talent. The Honor Guard will be members of the Col. Benson Hough Post 415 of the American Legion. Following remarks on the square, participants will proceed to the cemetery where Simmons will share historical information and the Honor Guard will fire a 21-gun salute.

Walnut Street

The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) has approved the Village for a total of \$387,266 for funding of the Walnut St. Phase 3 project. The total project to reconstruct Walnut St. in permeable pavers from High to Church streets is estimated to cost \$437,266. Of that, \$250,000 would be a grant; \$137,266 would be a zero interest loan; and, \$50,000 will be the local share. The Village cannot start on the project until agreements are signed this summer. Construction will not begin until after Summerfest on August 25.

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.

Holiday changes * = trash day moves to Saturday; ** = Council meeting changes.

May 2 2nd Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out

May 4, 11 Trash Days

May 16 Zoning & Planning Commission

May 18 Trash Day

May 21** Council Meeting

May 25 First Chipper Day (Last Fridays)

May 25 Trash Day

May 28 Memorial Day

Offices Closed
Memorial Day Services,
1 PM, Village Square &
Galena Cemetery

Village Hall

Galena Village Hall renovations are behind schedule due to structural issues that had to be worked around during the rough plumbing stage. The finish work on the project should conclude in early May.

Following the project will be minor repairs such as cabling, flooring, and painting. Council reviewed technology bids to add voice, data, and coaxial cabling to the building as well as create a sound and recording system in the new Council chambers. Council approved moving forward with the work. Council also authorized staff to apply for Community Block Development Grant Formula Funding to make the Harrison Street entrance to the lower level American With Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible.

Other News

The BST&G Fire District will hold its annual open house June 9th, 12-3 p.m.

Jamison contacted AEP regarding switching streetlights to LED for cost savings. He will also pilot one LED street light in the Heathermere development.

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie reported that the Village's 2011 Financial Report is ready and available for review.

Mazzie and Council member Nancy Feole attended public records training.

Council's next meeting will be on May 21 instead of the traditional fourth Monday due to Memorial Day.

Solicitor Ken Molnar is working on establishing a Galena Foundation to manage historical displays. Two volunteers are needed to serve on the Foundation Board. Contact the Village office if you are interested.

Chipper Days Are Back

The Village of Galena offers a free monthly chipping service for your convenience on the last Friday of each month, May through October. The first chipper day of 2012 is May 25.

When placing limbs at the curb, please follow these guidelines:

- Stack limbs in a straight pile;
- Cut side toward the street;
- No longer than 4 feet;
- 4" limbs or smaller; and,
- No more than 7 days before Chipper Day.

This service is only for tree limbs.

Please **do not include** the following:

- Rose, thorny or shrub limbs;
- Grass clippings or garden debris (tomato vines, corn stalks, weeds, etc.);
- Firewood or stumps;
- Rocks;
- Wire, metal, or other foreign matter;
- Limbs or other materials left by contractors, and,
- Tied, bundled limbs.

The safety of our staff is very important so, if the above items or other hazardous items are found while picking up limbs, the limbs will be left for your disposal. Thank you so much for your assistance.

We also encourage you to go green and compost weeds, leaves, and grass clippings for later use to amend your soil.

Sometimes, there are too many limbs to pick up in one day or circumstances require us to refocus our efforts. If your limbs are not picked up on the designated day, we will pick them up at our earliest convenience. Thanks for your patience.

Residents can also take limbs smaller than 20" in diameter to Mulch First, 725 Kintner Parkway, in Sunbury for a fee.



The Greater Galena Civic Association's (GGCA) Summerfest Committee is working hard to plan for an awesome Aug. 25 festival. This exciting event will again include live music, the KidZone, local organizations, a beer garden, and food, art, and commercial vendors.

The group is currently firming up sponsors, advertisers, vendors as well as participants for the KidZone. Local youth organizations are invited. Contact greatergalena@gmail.com and find out more at the GGCA's web site at www.discovergalenaohio.com.

The Summerfest Committee is excited to announce its phenomenal band line-up:
1-3 PM: Ray Fuller & the Bluesrockers
3:30-5:30 PM: Miss Lissa & Company
6-8 PM: Hurricane Jerry & Stormfront
8:30-10:30 PM: Sean Carney Band

Miss Lissa has won several Blues Challenges and represented Cincinnati in the International Blues Challenge (IBC) in Memphis in 2011. The others are Columbus-based bands that have all performed or judged at IBC.

This year's Summerfest will again be a collaborative effort with the Sunbury Sizzle and Sounds event being held the same day. Festival visitors can shuttle back and forth between the events.

Volunteers are welcome to attend the next meeting at 10 a.m., May 12, at Murphy's Real Estate, 19 W. Columbus St., on the square.

Wastewater News

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reported that the wastewater geobag was operational March 8 and has dewatered 18,000 gallons of biosolids. The project has saved \$3,200 so far.

Second quarter sewer bills will be sent

out May 1 for \$52.08/month (\$156.23/quarter) for residential customers. Payments are due June 10.

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.

Electronic News

Get our newsletter by email by contacting adminassistant@galenaohio.org.

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