

May 2015**Newsletter**

Withdrawal and Cemetery Discussed

At their April meeting, Galena Village Council again tabled an ordinance to withdraw from Berkshire Township prior to going into executive session to discuss litigation.

Village Administrator Jeanna Burrell reported that she along with Mayor Thomas Hopper and Village Solicitor Ken Molnar met with Berkshire Township Trustees Chairman Rod Myers, Township Administrator/Zoning Inspector Jeff George, and Assistant County Prosecutor Mark Fowler to discuss the Galena Cemetery. In March, the township notified Burrell by certified mail that the Village had 30 days to take over cemetery operations and the township would no longer spend any money or maintain the cemetery. The township has since continued to handle burials and maintenance while both parties discuss options.

Burrell explained that Galena cannot use Village taxpayers' money to maintain a township property until some legal authority is established. She also pointed out that since the Village is part of Berkshire Township, Village property owners already pay \$16,000 in property taxes to the township each year.

Special Events

Memorial Day services start at 1 p.m. on May 25 on the Village Square.

Volunteers interested in organizing this year's Ice Cream Social should contact the Village Offices.

Streets, Lights & Storm Sewer

Burrell reported on infrastructure projects including major asphalt patching on Walnut Street and Dustin Road as well as other pothole repairs throughout the Village.

Burrell has communicated with the Ohio Department of Transportation for

a couple years and they finally repaired rough spots on Walnut St. at State Route 3.

Walnut St. Phase 4 final design is in process.

Street lights are being repaired. Homewood Corporation and Maronda Homes have been contacted about repairing lights that are still under their control.

Several storm sewer basins and lines have been cleaned out and will be repaired.

Galena Brick Trail

Final engineering is complete on the Galena Brick Trail project which should go out to bid soon. A new access to Dustin Rd. will be created and the trail will be paved on the old railroad bed from Dustin to Holmes St. including a new bridge deck over Little Walnut Creek.

Compensation Changes

The Finance Committee met to discuss revisions to Council, Zoning and Planning Commission, and the mayor's compensation. They recommended only changing the mayor's compensation prior to the election filing date. Changes cannot be made to elected officials' compensation during their term. Council held a first reading on a resolution revising the mayor's compensation.

Records Disposal

The Records Commission met to review more than 50 boxes of records slated for disposal. An accounting of the records will be sent to the Ohio History Connection then the state auditor for final determination on what can be destroyed.

Code Compliance

The Galena Commerce Center has demolished the unsafe building that caved in and are working on improve-

ments to several buildings and cleaning up the property.

Demolition of the unsafe structure at 24 Front St. has not occurred. The owner decided to sell the building rather than demolish it but the sale has not occurred. The Village will pursue the process in court along with other property maintenance violations. Several new property maintenance violations were issued.

Wastewater News

The storm water Inflow and Infiltration (I &I) Study of the sewer system is in progress. The Columbus Street lift station received a planned rebuild and a sewer line on the square had to be repaired.

Second quarter sewer bills will be mailed out May 4 for the May/June/July quarter and are due June 10.

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.

May 1	Trash Day
May 4	2nd Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out
May 5	Election Day, 6:30 AM-7:30 PM
May 8, 15	Trash Days
May 18**	Council Meeting
May 20	Zoning & Planning Commission
May 22	Trash Day
May 25	Memorial Day - Offices Closed
May 25	Memorial Day Services, 1 PM, Village Square & Cemetery
May 29	First Chipper Day (Last Fridays)
May 30*	Trash Day

Residential sewer bills are \$54.45/month (\$163.35/quarter). Quarterly billing saves customers money, so paying on time is crucial according to the following calendar. Pay your bills in a timely fashion to avoid late payment penalties, property tax liens, and other legal actions.

Bill Sent	For Quarter	Bill Due
Feb. 2	Feb./March/April	March 10
May 4	May/June/July	June 10
Aug. 3	Aug./Sept./Oct.	Sept. 10
Nov. 2	Nov./Dec./Jan.	Dec. 10

Delinquencies can result in:

- Upon one day delinquent, a ten percent late charge will be assessed.
- Thirty days or more delinquent will result in a lien being filed with 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.

Payment options include:

- Drop-off payments at the Village Hall, 109 Harrison St. during office hours Mondays-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or in our 24-hour drop box.
- Mail payments to the Village of Galena, PO Box 386, Galena, OH 43021. Call 740-965-2484 with any questions.
- 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 \$54.45 debited from your checking account on the 8th of each month. Forms are available on our web site at www.galenaohio.org/forms/autowithdraw.pdf and in our offices.

Trash Service

Big-O Refuse was recently purchased by Waste Management. The details of our exclusive residential contract including prices and pick up remain the same. The only difference will be Waste Management trucks and your billing. If you are on autopay, you need to create an online EZPay account at www.wm.com/. Questions and concerns can be directed to 1-866-797-9018.

Chipper Days

The Village offers a free monthly chipping service on the last Friday of each month, May through October.

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 seven 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, 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, the limbs will be left for your disposal. Occasionally, other priorities arise and divert us from picking up limbs on the specified day. If this occurs, we will pick up your limbs at our earliest convenience.

Warbler Walk

The Big Walnut Nature Club invites you to its Warbler Walk at 8 a.m., May 16. We'll meet at the Boardwalk parking lot on Front St. We'll walk to see the Prothontary Warblers, learn about their habitat, and how the program on Hoover is helping to save this beautiful species. For more information, contact BWNatureClub@gmail.com or visit www.BWNatureClub.webs.com.

School Levy

Todd Yarrington addressed Council promoting the Big Walnut Schools levy. The levy will actually lower taxes for existing property owners as new homes are built. More information is available at <http://www.eaglepride.org/>.

Residents are invited to meet with Superintendent Steve Mazzi, Assistant Superintendent Angie Pollock, and Treasurer Terri Day at 7:30 a.m. on May 19 at the Galena Diner.

Flea Market

The Galena Historic Foundation will hold the first annual Galena Flea Market July 4th at Miller Park. Spaces are 20' x 20' for \$20 advanced registration or \$35 on the day of the event. This event is held rain or shine and includes a community yard sale. Applications are available at the Galena Village Hall, at <http://www.galenaohio.org/link.html#orgs> under the Galena Historic Foundation, or by contacting Dave O'Neil at 740-965-9913 or oil-city@columbus.rr.com.

Summerfest

Summerfest is August 22. Last year, 7,000 people attended and enjoyed music, food, a beer garden, arts, crafts, businesses, nonprofit groups, and a Kid Zone. Anyone interested in being a vendor, should contact Grace Piper at ttreef-frog@embarqmail.com or 614-769-3993. Sponsor questions can be directed to GalenaSummerfest@gmail.com. More information and application forms are available at www.GalenaSummerfest.com.

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In an emergency, dial	911
BST&G Fire District	740-965-3841 www.bstgfiredistrict.org
Waste Management	866-797-9018
Cable: Time-Warner	800-617-4311
Columbia Gas	800-344-4077
Del. Co. EMS	833-2190, www.delcoems.org
Del-Co Water	740-548-7746
Dog Warden	740-368-1915
Electric: AEP	800-277-2177
Galena Post Office	740-965-2371
Health Dept.	740-368-1700 www.delawarehealth.org
Immediate Urgent Care	740-965-8305 101D W. Cherry St., Sunbury
Newsletter	Join the email distribution list by emailing administrator@galenaohio.org
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	740-833-2800
Sunbury Post Office	740-965-2471
Wastewater Plant	740-513-9943
Lift Station Emergencies	740-972-8646