



Costume Winners

The Village of Galena held its annual Halloween Costume Contest Party on Oct. 30 in Ruffner Park.



Winning the 0-4 age group were (left to right) Matt Kirsch, 1st place; Kayla Hildebrand, 3rd place; and, Natalie Holcomb, 2nd place.



Winners of the 5-7 year-old group were (left to right) Taylor Barker, 2nd place; Hannah Dearth, 1st place; and, Iain Kirsch, 3rd place.



In the 8-10 year-old division, the winners were (left to right)

Chase Williams, 1st place; Morticia Hamilton, 3rd place; and, Victoria Williams, 2nd place.



Winning the 11 and Up category were (left to right) Tiffany Eldridge, 3rd place; Ali Betrone-Harpst, 2nd place; and, Arianna Grimm and Fred Nygren, 1st place.

Thanks to everyone who participated and the Galena Parks and Recreation Committee for organizing this fun event.

October Council

Galena's engineering firm, Poggemeyer Design Group (PDG), is nearing completion of its Wastewater Treatment Plan study for the Village and reported on progress to Council.

Robert Jablonski, PDG engineer, discussed various meetings that have taken place with Delaware County, Columbus, and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency officials.

Jablonski showed a map of approximately 2,200 acres of potential tributary to the Village's sewage treatment system. He also discussed various treatment technology options.

Construction continues to progress at the new Heathermere

subdivision in Galena. Curbs have been installed and roads will be paved soon in the development behind Arrowhead Golf Course. Trucco Construction has repaired ditch work along Walnut Street that eroded after water lines were installed.

Walnut Street load limits were discussed and Council approved an exemption to the five-ton limit for County snow removal trucks. A new load limit ordinance received its first reading.

Galena resident Mark Brooks, a home remodeling contractor, was appointed to fill John Harpst's term on the Galena Zoning and Planning Commission.

Council held the second reading on a resolution to formalize the Village's policy on sewage system grinder pump replacements. The resolution proposes that the Village maintain these systems rather than maintenance being the residents' responsibility.

Council also discussed options to handle the Village clerk duties while Clerk Ed Collinsworth is deployed next year on active military duty. Solicitor Ken Molnar is investigating options.

Planning

At the Oct. 22nd meeting, we resumed our Land Use Planning by discussing goals, policies, initiatives, and value statements. The following are draft statements.

Our Values

What citizens like about Galena:

- Historic New England character;
- Open spaces and natural resources; and,
- Recreational and trail opportunities.

What citizens dislike:

- Traffic;
- Rental properties;
- Industrial development;
- The proposed thoroughfare; and,
- Urban blight.

Suggested Overall Goals

- Preserve and enhance the economic, social, physical, cultural, and aesthetic qualities and character of the existing physical environment of the Village.
- Expand the existing Village limits, allowing for responsible and balanced growth that will spread the cost of municipal services among a larger population and provide a greater diversity of living, working, and commercial areas for Village residents.
- Advance a community image that is true and consistent with the historical context of the Village.
- While maintaining a sense of community scale, strategically develop centers of employment and commerce to strengthen the local tax base and provide convenient access to goods and services for local residents.
- Encourage and require future development to take place in a manner that protects environmental assets such as open spaces, wetlands and woodlands.
- Encourage the development of non-motorized transportation systems, while protecting the capacity of the existing transportation network to provide for the safe, fast, and efficient

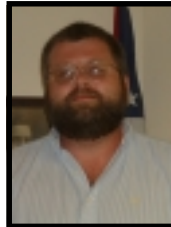
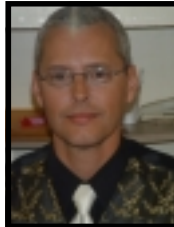
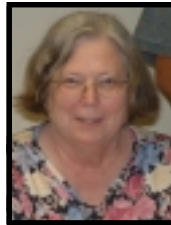
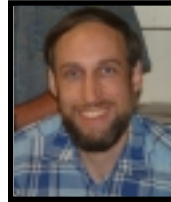
movement of people and goods.
g) Develop local infrastructure and Village facilities and services, which are adequate for the Village's current and projected needs.

Upon completion of the Village's Wastewater Treatment General Plan, we will determine how, when, and where the Village can or should grow and we'll have valuable information to continue with Land Use Planning.

For the complete draft plan, contact the Village Offices or visit our website.

Council Elections

Mayor Tom Hopper (top right), Clerk Ed Collinsworth (below), and Council Members Roberta Miller (middle right) and Tony Hamilton (bottom right) were re-elected to four-year terms on November 4. Congratulations!



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Galena Dates

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

- Nov. 24 Village Council
- Dec. 4 Land Use Planning
- Dec. 10 Zoning & Planning
- Dec. 16 Parks & Recreation Committee
- Dec. 22 Village Council

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