November 2011 Newsletter

Village of GALENA

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Costume Contest Winners

Princesses, ghouls, storm troopers, and many more costumed characters showed up in record numbers at the Village of Galena's annual Halloween Costume Party. The rain stopped just in time for a nice evening of hot cider and donuts, neighbors catching up with each other, and lots of great costumes. Judges chose winners in five categories. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated!

In the 0-4 year-olds category, winners were (l. to r.) Cayden Capuano as the Mad Hatter (first place); Gracie McKay as a peacock (second place); and, Marilyn Kirsop as a horse and rider (third place).

In the 5-7 year-olds category, winners were (l. to r.) Grant Fuller as Mario (first place); Clayton Becker as Dracula (second place); and, Elly Croft as Rapunzel (third place).

In the 8-10 year-olds category, winners were (l. to r.) Christopher Underwood as a McDonald's milkshake (first place); Jayden Thomas as a dead biker (second place); and, Amy Young as a kitty cat (third place).

In the 11 years and up category, winners were (l. to r.) Madeline Bragalone as a paper doll (first place); Emily Bennett as a laundry basket (second place); and, Anna Underwood as a bag of jelly beans (third place).

In the Groups category, the winners were (front row, l. to r.) Brynn Drewyor as Curious George and Grant Drewyor as the Man in the Yellow Hat (first place); the X-Men: Rachael Vance as Storm, Joseph Noblet as the Hulk, and Jeremiah Noblet as Woverine (third place), and (back row, l. to r.) Angie and Andy Parson as Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf (second place).

Trash/Recycling Contract Renewed

At their October meeting, Galena Village Council held a third reading and passed a fourth year extension on its residential trash and recycling contract with Big-O Refuse. Beginning in January, residents will pay $51.66 per quarter. Side door service will be $52.66 per quarter and senior citizen service will be $48.66 per quarter.

Walnut St. Grant Submitted

EMH&T submitted an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant application on behalf of the Village for Phase 3 reconstruction of Walnut St. from High to Church streets. If the grant is approved, the road will be widened from 17' to 22', will include curbs, will feature sidewalks on the west side, will eliminate all on-street parking, and will be constructed in 2012 with permeable pavers to better manage storm water.

Watershed Planning News

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) delivered draft

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.

Nov. 1	4th Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out
Nov. 4	Trash Day
Nov. 8	General Election Day
Nov. 11	Trash Day
Nov. 11	Veterans Day – Offices Closed
Nov. 16	Zoning & Planning Commission
Nov. 18	Trash Day
Nov. 24-25	Village Offices Closed - Thanksgiving
Nov. 26*	Trash Day
Nov. 28	Council Meeting

maps from the Big Walnut Watershed Planning Partnership (BWWPP). The BWWPP has spent the past year developing criteria for priority agricultural, conservation, and development areas that were used to develop draft maps. Galena staff will review and revise the Village's maps and return them to MORPC.

No Weapons Discharge in Village

Residents are reminded that no weapons of any kind may be discharged within the Village's municipal boundaries according to the Ohio Basic Code. Codified ordinance section 137.09 E reads "No person shall discharge any BB gun, air gun or firearm or make use of any sling, bow and arrow, or crossbow within the corporate limits of the municipality."

Compost Your Leaves Please

With fall clean up chores, residents are also reminded that open burning is prohibited within the municipal boundaries. See http://epa.ohio.gov/portals/47/facts/openburn.pdf for more information. Composting leaves is recommended rather than burning which releases toxic fumes and can make breathing very difficult for people with allergies.

Spruce Up

It's also a good time to clean up around your house. The Village's Property Maintenance and Zoning codes requires that all buildings be kept in good repair and there should be no trash or debris on your property nor unlicensed, inoperable vehicles stored in view from another property or the road.

Vote!

Galena residents are reminded to vote on Nov. 8, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., at the new location at the **Galena United Methodist Church, 2777 Sunbury Road**.

Two Village Council seats are open for the next four years. Incumbent Nancy Feole is on the ballot.

Running for Big Walnut School Board are Lurley Hernandez, Robin Justice, Mindy Meyer, and Andrew Wecker.

Running for one Berkshire Township trustee seat are Ron Hobelman and Bill Holtry. Running for township fiscal officer is Melody George.

A one-mill, five-year renewal operating levy is on the ballot for the Delaware-Morrow Mental Health and Recovery Services Board.

Statewide Issue 1 is a Proposed Constitutional Amendment to increase the maximum age at which a person may be elected or appointed judge, to eliminate the authority of the General Assembly to establish courts of conciliation, and to eliminate the authority of the Governor to appoint a Supreme Court Commission.

Statewide Issue 2 is a Referendum on new law relative to government union contracts and other government employment contracts and policies.

Statewide Issue 3 is a Proposed Constitutional Amendment to preserve the freedom of Ohioans to choose their heath care and heath care coverage.

For more specifics on candidates, issues, and ballot language, visit http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/electionsIssueProcBallotBdBallotBoard.aspx#Issues.

Don't forget your ID! All voters must bring acceptable identification to the polls in order to verify their identity. Acceptable ID includes a current and valid photo ID; military ID; or a copy of a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a voter registration acknowledgement notification mailed by the Board of Elections, that shows the voter's name and current address (including from a public college or university). Voters who do not provide one of these documents at the polling place will still be able to vote a provisional ballot, and may provide such ID to the Board of Elections within the 10 days following Election Day. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of ID, including a Social Security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation statement swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot.

Wastewater News

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reported temporary repairs were made on the Columbus St. wastewater lift station downtown. Parts for permanent repairs have been received and gradual upgrades will be made. The Geobag Sludge Dewatering project is progressing. The Fine Screen Project engineering is progressing toward a Permit to Install application to the Ohio EPA.

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie reported nearly $9,000 in long-term sewer delinquencies with an additional nearly $1,000 in short-term (30-day) delinquencies.

Fourth Quarter sewer bills will be sent out November 1 and are due December 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 penalities, property tax liens, and other legal actions. The following is in effect 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 $50.56 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.

Holiday Events

Mark your calendars so you don't miss Galena's tree lighting on Dec. 4 and Santa Comes to Town on Dec. 17.

Electronic News

The newsletter is available online or can be emailed directly to you by contacting adminassistant@galenaohio.org.

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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
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