

Galena Museum Grand Opening



On Oct. 7, a long-term dream of many local residents came true with the grand opening of the Galena Historic Foundation Museum. Celebrating the ribbon cutting are (l.-r.) John Bricker, Jane Jackson, Sharon Bland, Forrest Hale, John Bland, Jim Cantrell (partially hidden), Jesse Rice, Duane Yarnell, Dixie Rice, Dave O'Neil, and Gene Fuller.

Talk of a museum started years ago with the extensive collection John Bland had amassed over the years. The Galena Historic Foundation was born to house Bland's collections and those of many others who have since contributed items significant to Galena's history. Volunteers began meeting, fund raising, and planning. The Village leased them an office in the Village Hall lower level which rapidly filled up with historic items. So, in 2016 Bland began to renovate a large lower level room in the Village Hall. After significant work, John, his wife Sharon, and other foundation volunteers began moving artifacts in and a museum was born. Thanks to everyone who made it a reality!

The museum will be open to the public on the first and third Saturdays of each month, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Entry is at the lower level entrance on Harrison St. Tours can also be arranged by appointment by contacting John or Sharon Bland at (740) 965-2081 or at jwbslb@embarqmail.com.

The Galena Historic Foundation's meetings are on the fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Galena Village Hall at 109 Harrison

Street. New members are always welcome. The foundation appreciates any Galena historical artifact or monetary donations. Like them on Facebook: <https://m:facebook.com/GalenaHistoricFoundationInc>.

Halloween Oct. 31

Journey Fellowship is planning events for October 31. They are hosting a party with a free community dinner; a live performance by Galena band, The Coolers; a photo booth; and, Make and Take kids crafts 5-7:30 p.m. at 70 N. Walnut St.

The Village's Beggar's Night is 6-7:15 p.m. followed by the annual Costume Contest with cider and donuts at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall at 109 Harrison St.

Galena Moves to Create NCA

At the Village of Galena's October Council meeting, Caleb Bell, from Bricker and Eckler, explained the details and process of creating the Galena New Community Authority (NCA). Bell explained that Delaware County

has 11 NCAs, the most of any county in Ohio. They are all developer driven

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.

- Nov. 1 4th Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out
- Nov. 3 Trash Day
- Nov. 7 Election Day, **VOTE!** 6:30 AM-7:30 PM
- Nov. 10 Veterans Day – Offices Closed
- Nov. 10 Trash Day
- Nov. 15 Zoning & Planning Commission
- Nov. 17 Trash Day
- Nov. 23-24 Village Offices Closed - Thanksgiving
- Nov. 25* Trash Day
- Nov. 27 Council Meeting

so Galena's will be unique in that it is driven by the municipality.

The Galena NCA will be a special 10-mill tax development tool assessed on new developments that will provide 40 percent of the tax for schools; 40 percent for the Village; and, 20 percent for the developer. Four-mills will go to the schools for 20 years to help with infrastructure to accommodate new children from the development. Four-mills will go to the Village in perpetuity to assist with infrastructure, parks, facilities, maintenance, and administrative costs. The developer can use two-mills to offset costs – for example upsizing sewer lines for future development beyond the developer's property. The Village will appoint members to the NCA board which will function independently. Council voted to move forward with filing the petition to create the NCA and set a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Nov. 27.

On The Ballot

Get out and vote Nov. 7 at the Galena United Methodist Church, 2777 Sunbury Road! Running for four Galena Council seats are Kathy Krupa, Bob Molter, David Simmons, and David Walker. The Village's four-year replacement two-mill property tax levy is on ballot. It equals \$.20 for each \$100 in valuation.

On election day, the church will be selling food 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Lunch starts at 11 a.m. with homemade soups, sandwiches, and pies. The chicken noodle dinner runs 4-7 p.m. You can eat in or carry out and there will be a bake sale with pecan rolls!

Walnut Street

Council heard results of a safety study conducted on Walnut St. from Church to Harrison streets. The study was a result of complaints about parked cars being sideswiped. The study found inconsistencies in southbound widths and striping and recommended enforcement of cars not parking on the sidewalk and parking only in the direction of traffic.

Council decided to add signage and striping to prohibit parking within 20 feet of the Water St. intersection. This will be evaluated to determine if further changes are needed.

Marshall Hired for WWTP

Village Administrator Jeanna Burrell hired Dr. Thomas Marshall to conduct a peer review of the wastewater treatment plant design and subsequently hired him as an owner's agent to work with IBI Group to complete the design. Marshall is a professional engineer certified as a Class IV wastewater operator with extensive international water and wastewater operations, research, educational, planning, and construction expertise. Council hired Marshall on staff as its environmental engineer.

Infrastructure

Ohio Public Works Commission grant applications were filed for the State Route 3 traffic light and lane improvements project and to repair the brick portion of Walnut St.

Burrell is working with engineers on problems with the Galena Brick Trail bridge deck.

Delaware County's 911 system successfully activated the Village's tornado siren and monthly tests will occur on the first Wednesday of each month at noon.

Fiscal Matters

In Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie's report, it was noted that letters were sent out regarding 17 delinquent sewer accounts. The Fiscal Office is working on personnel and budgeting plans for 2018. A Personnel Committee meeting was held.

Zoning & Planning

Zoning staff continue working with engineers on the final engineering for Ross Estates on Old 3C Highway and Arrowhead Lake Estates planned for farm land north of the Heathermere subdivision and east of Arrowhead Lakes Golf Course.

Staff have been working long-term on bringing the Sambuca's Greenhouse into compliance with its development plan. Work continues to bring five property maintenance violations into compliance.

Maintenance

Maintenance staff completed foundations at the cemetery. Mowing and trimming continues. Playgrounds are being mulched and trails are cleared regularly. Crack sealing was completed in Heathermere and pot holes are being patched. Street lights are inspected monthly.

Chipper Days

October 27 is the last Chipper Day of the year. Believe it or not, it's time to outfit our trucks for winter.

This service is only for tree limbs. Hazardous or other items will be left for your disposal.

Weather Alerts

You can sign up for severe weather text and email alerts and text, email, and phone calls for local emergencies such as hazardous material spills or escaped convicts in the area. Carrier texting rates apply. To get notifications, sign up at <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736726768#/signup>.

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www.bstgfiredistrict.org

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Columbia Gas 800-344-4077

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