



Galena Survives Hurricane Ike



The Village of Galena was without power for three and a half days after Hurricane Ike's record setting 75 mile per hour winds blew through town. While it was a time of great frustration and lots of work for many, it was also a time when Village residents banded together to help one another. What a great community we live in where neighbors helped neighbors clear trees and limbs and shore up damaged buildings! Many neighbors shared generators and freezers. We applaud you for being such a caring, compassionate, and close-knit community!



Village staff responded promptly to clear trees and limbs that were blocking streets and sidewalks. Chipping of limbs from residents' property is nearly completed thanks to extra effort by our maintenance staff, Mike and Pam Hamilton, as well as Public Service Director Scott Jamison, Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie, and Council President Dave Simmons who pitched in to help. The Village parks also sustained damage that will need to be cleaned up with two trees in Ruffner Park being uprooted.

A top priority was dealing with a wastewater treatment plant and lift stations without power. The Village worked with the Delaware County Emergency Management Agency and

acquired a bypass pump for one lift station and had other lift stations pumped out by a septic service company. With close monitoring of the system, there were no overflows.



Efforts to organize delivery of a truckload of ice from the State Emergency Management Agency were unsuccessful. Since residents were having difficulty finding ice, many people lost all their food. In response, the Delaware County Chapter of the Salvation Army volunteered to provide a hot meal for residents two days in a row. Village staff worked with the Sunbury Galena Police Department to notify residents. Approximately 100-150 people were served each night and Council expressed their appreciation for the Salvation Army's generosity. The next time you see a Salvation Army kettle, we hope you will remember their generosity to us. Your donation will help them help others in need in similar situations.



At the September Council meeting, Sunbury Galena Police Officer Joe Creitz reported that during the power



outage, there were two break-ins and one attempted break-in of accessory buildings in the Heathermere subdivision.

Halloween Party

Get your costumes ready because its time for Galena's Halloween Costume Contest! Beggar's Night will be Oct. 31, 6-7:15 p.m. then come on down to

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.

Oct. 3	Trash Day
Oct. 8	Zoning & Planning Commission
Oct. 10, 17, & 24	Trash Days
Oct. 27	Council Meeting
Oct. 27	Last Chipper Day
Oct. 31	Trash Day
Oct. 31	Beggar's Night, 6-7:15 pm Costume Party, 7:30 pm, Ruffner Park
Nov. 1	4th Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out
Nov. 4	Election Day

Ruffner Park for donuts and drinks and a great costume contest at 7:30 p.m.

School Bond Issue

Members of the Big Walnut School District Development Committee made a presentation at the September Council meeting about the need for a bond issue. Bob Kuederle, Mark Headlee, and Mike Mackay explained that the elementary and middle schools are at capacity. They shared details on development, enrollment projections, options for accommodating students, and recent community surveys. The preferred option is to build a new elementary school; move all 5th and 6th graders to the middle school; and, build a new middle school for 7th and 8th graders. This option would provide capacity through 2013. The bond issue's urgency also relates to the building timeline of 20 months meaning a bond issue passed this November would result in an elementary building being completed in 2010 and a middle school opening in 2011.

Council News

Council held first readings on several resolutions including withdrawing from the Eastern Delaware County Joint Recreation District; certifying revenues to the County Auditor; and, transferring budget funds. They also read resolutions supporting the Preservation Parks of Delaware County's levy and adopting Village staff job descriptions. There were not enough Council members to act on the resolutions. Council held a special meeting at 7 p.m. on Sept. 29 to complete their September business.

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reported that the Joe Walker Road reconstruction is nearing completion

and a punch list has been developed of items to be corrected. The Village submitted a Local Transportation Improvement Program grant application for repaving Walnut Street. Village officials met with U.S. Representative Pat Tiberi's staff regarding an Army Corps of Engineers' grant for the wastewater treatment plant construction.

The Gov. Willis monument has been repaired. Repairs to playground equipment were made in Ruffner Park. Autumn plants were planted on the square and at the municipal building. Several zoning violations were issued and two setback variances approved.

Sewer News

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reported that he and Mayor Hopper met with Sage Creek developers and the Delaware County Health Department regarding a planned six-lot common access drive subdivision within the Village's area-wide water quality management plan service area. The service area was approved by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in 2005 and provides for central sewer service for all properties within its boundaries. Sage Creek developers, with the county Health Departments' recommendation, plan to install on-lot septic systems in conflict with the Village's approved plan.

Sewer Bills

Fourth quarter sewer bills will be mailed out Nov. 1 and are due Dec. 10 to avoid late fees. Residential bills will be \$114.48 for the Nov./Dec./Jan. quarter. Be sure to pay on time to avoid penalties and further action. Mail payments to Water Quality Management, not to the Village offices.

Customers can also make monthly sewer bill payments at the Delaware County Bank's Galena branch. Be sure to bring your sewer bill the first time.

Newsletter

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail, just e-mail the Village with your mailing and e-mail addresses at galena@embaromail.com.

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