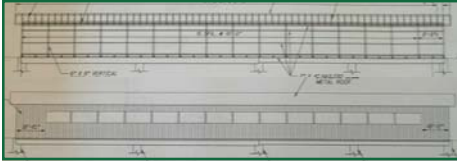




Bridge Designs



The engineering firm of Jobs Henderson has designed two versions of the Big Walnut Creek Bridge to connect the Kane's Crossing Trail with the Walnut Creek Trail. This project is grant funded and includes matching funds from several entities. One version of the bridge design is a deck with handrails and another version is an historic style covered bridge. Advertising for construction bids is in progress.

HOA Concerned About Speeding

Rob Koch represented the Heathermere Homeowners Association (HOA) to request that speed bumps be added in the Heathermere subdivision and that parking be allowed on one side of the streets only. Koch said the HOA is willing to pay for the speed bumps. Mayor Hopper informed Koch that the speed bumps come with some liability. Hopper also asked that the HOA gather signatures on a petition so Council can gauge the number of homeowners in favor of the proposals.

Village Ball Park Use Agreement

Council held a second reading on a new agreement for use of the Jeff Dutiel Field of Dreams ballpark in Ruffner Park. The agreement gives Jeff Dutiel and the Columbus Sharks organization first dibs on using the field in return for maintaining and improving the ball diamond. Residents may use the field for free any time that the Sharks are not scheduled on it. The new agreement requires lights to be out at 10:30 p.m. The Sharks will pay for their share plus fifteen percent of the electric costs at the field from April 1 through August 31. They will contribute supplies for the bathroom during

that period, too. The Sharks cannot make changes to the field without Village officials' approval. A few residents were in Council Chambers to object to the agreement even though Dutiel and the Sharks have raised tens of thousands of dollars and spent countless volunteer hours transforming Galena's ball field into one of the nicest in Central Ohio.

The following is a list of improvement the Columbus Sharks have made to the Village's ball park over the years:

- Installed new fence at no cost to the village;
- Installed backstop labor only - village paid for material;
- Installed new lighting - Village paid for the lights;
- Built dugouts at no cost to the Village;
- Installed new flagpole at no cost to the Village;
- Built pressbox at no cost to the Village;
- Built scoreboard at no cost to the Village;
- Field maintenance-no cost to the Village-roll it, aerate it, fertilize it annually;
- Use own equipment for all maintenance;
- Built up batter's box with special material at no cost to the Village;
- Built up pitcher's mound with special material at no cost to the Village;
- Replaced the concession stand roof at no cost to the Village;
- Repainted the concession at no cost to the Village;
- Rewired the concession stand at no cost to the Village;
- Installed new gutters on the concession stand at no cost to the Village;
- New vinyl siding on the press box at no cost to the Village;
- Built a new stairway on the pressbox at no cost to the Village;
- Installed a new door on the pressbox at no cost to the Village;
- Prepares the ballfield for each game at no cost to the Village;
- Paid \$4250 Village's share of storm damage to repair ballfield after winter storm;
- Paid \$1106 Village's share of storm damage to repair ballfield after wind storm

Village Business

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reported to Council that a grant application was being prepared to request funding for the second phase of paving on Walnut Street from Holmes Street south to High Street. This phase would require new sidewalks in order to comply with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). This will significantly increase the cost of the project.

Several property and zoning violations have been issued. Some properties have come into compliance but two properties were referred

to the Village Solicitor for further action.

Several housekeeping resolutions were approved by Council to move money between accounts. A resolution to hire Pam Hamilton as a seasonal employee had been tabled several times during the year. It was untabled for a third reading. No action was taken so the resolution died.

Halloween Costume Contest



The days are getting shorter and the nights are getting cooler. That can only mean one thing – it's fall. And that means it's time for the Village's spooktacular Halloween Costume Contest! Use your creativity to create the best costume and you could be the winner at this fun event on Saturday, October 31. Judging is broken into age categories as well as for group costumes.

Beggar's Night will be 6-7:15 p.m. and the party will start at 7:30 p.m. in Ruffner Park. Come see all the great costumes! This year's event will feature hayrides, cider, and donuts, too.

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. 2, 9	Trash Days
Oct. 14	Zoning & Planning Commission
Oct. 16, 23	Trash Days
Oct. 26	Council Meeting
Oct. 26	LAST Chipper Day
Oct. 30	Trash Day
Oct. 31	Beggar's Night, 6 – 7:15 pm; Costume Party, 7:30 pm, Ruffner Park

Council Learns About School Levy

At their September meeting, the Village of Galena Council and residents heard details about the Big Walnut School's emergency operating levy. Local parent Mindy Meyer was in Council to discuss details of the school's financial situation and the need for a levy.

Meyer explained that income and property tax revenues dropped drastically due to the poor global economy and left the district with a large deficit. She explained that eighty percent of the school district's budget is personnel. The schools have already made cuts and cannot, by law, operate at a deficit.

Meyer said that the school board wants to maintain the excellent rating the schools have earned but will need to make additional cuts if more income is not generated.

During the question and answer session, Meyer said they are considering closing the smallest elementary school in order to have funds to operate the new elementary school. This will put the growing student population back at maximum capacity in the elementary schools.

For more information, visit the school's web site at www.bigwalnut.k12.oh.us.

Vote Nov. 3!

Remember to vote Nov. 3, 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The polling place for the Village is in the basement (Council Chambers) of the Municipal Building at 9 W. Columbus St. (side entrance).

Your candidates for Village Council are Paul Bolander, Elizabeth Clark, David Simmons, and Chris Underwood.

Issues on the ballot will include:

- A 6.7-mill five-year emergency tax levy for the Big Walnut Schools;
- A one-mill five-year additional tax levy for the Community Library;
- A .4-mill one-year additional county-wide tax levy for construction and acquisition of an

- outdoor warning siren system; and
- A .1-mill one-year additional county-wide tax levy for maintenance and operation of an outdoor warning siren system.

If you need to vote absentee, visit the Delaware County Board of Election's web site at: <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/boe/absentee.asp> to print a form to request your absentee ballot.

Fall Chores



As the leaves start to fall, remember that open burning is prohibited within municipal boundaries without a permit. Fires are illegal and hazardous and create smoke that is very unhealthy to breathe. Find a spot in your yard to pile your leaves and weeds. By next spring you'll have great composted soil to improve your gardens.

Trim up your trees and remember, the LAST chipper day is October 26.

Sewer Bills

Fourth quarter sewer bills will be sent out Nov. 4th. Sewer fees are set up on a quarterly billing cycle to save money. Residential bills are \$121.35 per quarter. Be sure to pay on time to avoid penalties and further action.

Customers have several options for payment:

- Mail payments to Water Quality Management at 161 S. Liberty St., Powell, OH 43065. Call them with any questions at 614-781-9376.
- 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 \$40.45

debited from your checking account at any bank on the 8th of the month. Forms are available in the Village offices and on the village's web site www.galenaohio.org under local links/sewers.

Newsletter

To receive the newsletter via e-mail, just e-mail the Village with your mailing and e-mail addresses at adminassistant@galenaohio.org.

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