

## Beggar's Night Moved to Oct. 28

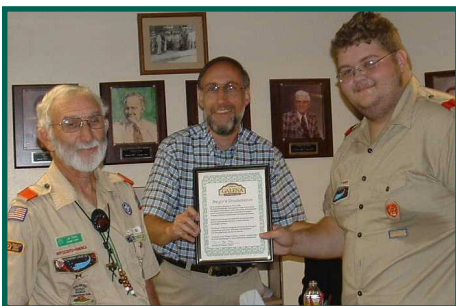
Council decided at their Sept. meeting to move the Village's Beggar's Night to Thursday, Oct. 28, 6-7:15 p.m. This date coincides with other area Beggars' Nights.

The annual Costume Contest will follow at 7:30 p.m. at Ruffner Park. Use your creativity to design the best costume and you could be the winner at this fun event. Judging is broken into age categories as well as for group costumes. Come see all the great costumes! This year's event will feature prizes, cider, and donuts, too.

## Mayor's Proclamations



Mayor Tom Hopper thanks Libby Clark for her three years of service as a Council member. Clark resigned at the September meeting because she has moved out of the Village.



Mayor Hopper recognizes Nicholas Smithberger, a member of Boy Scout Troop 300, accompanied by Scout Leader Jim Irwin (left), for earning his Eagle Scout award.

## Council Actions

Residents Rudy Rodriguez and Grace Piper attended the Council meeting to apply for the remainder of Libby Clark's term on Council. They will be interviewed prior to the October 25 Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Council passed the Village's new Master Plan after its third reading.

## Bridge Open

The Delaware County Engineer's Office has reopened the S. Old 3C Highway Bridge. Hip hip hooray!

## Hoover Trail Opens Soon

The Hoover Scenic Trail south of the Village opens in October. The trail will link from the Genoa Trail on Plumb Road, crosses Old 3C Highway on a new bridge, then runs along Hoover Reservoir and up Weise Road. The trail was a project among several entities including the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Ohio-to-Erie Trail, the Delaware County Friends of the Trail (DCFT), the City of Columbus, Preservation Parks of Delaware County, Berksire Township, and the Village of Galena.

A grant application is being prepared by DCFT for the next leg of the trail which will take the Hoover Scenic Trail across Old 3C Highway, up Dustin Rd., to join the Village's Hoover Scenic Walkway. The project, if funded, will improve the existing trail and the old railroad bridge over Little Walnut Creek.

These trails, including the Village's new Walnut Creek Trail, are all integral links in the Ohio-to-Erie Trail.



## Walnut St. Reconstruction

It looks a little like a war zone but Walnut St. is entering its second phase of reconstruction. Del-Co Water moved a

main water line and will be boring under the road to connect houses prior to the start of road work. Del-Co will notify affected homeowners directly.



The \$239,900 Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant now requires sidewalk replacement as part of the project. Trees in the road right-of-way have been removed, old sidewalks have been removed, and sidewalk replacement from Holmes to High streets should begin this week.

Decker Construction will begin the road reconstruction when the sidewalks are complete within the next two weeks. One-lane traffic will be maintained for most of the construction period but reclamation will require the road to be closed for a minimum five days to allow the base to cure prior to paving. The work is expected to last approximately three weeks, weather permitting.

Work continues on an OPWC grant for the Phase III reconstruction of Walnut St. from High to Harrison streets. Storm sewers were televised to determine their exact locations and plans have been

## 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. 1, 8, 15 Trash Days
- Oct. 20 Zoning & Planning Commission
- Oct. 22 Trash Day
- Oct. 25 Council Meeting
- Oct. 25 Last Chipper Day
- Oct. 28 **NEW DATE!** - Beggar's Night, 6-7:15 PM  
Costume Party, 7:30 PM, Ruffner Park
- Oct. 29 Trash Day
- Nov. 1 4th Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out
- Nov. 2 General Election Day

drafted to rework the intersection of Walnut and Harrison streets to improve safety.

## Sidewalks

A grant application was submitted to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) for replacement and construction of sidewalks throughout the Village where no sidewalks currently exist or are in disrepair. The request totaled nearly \$1.9 million by the time all Ohio Department of Transportation specifications had been satisfied.

## WWTP Grant

An OPWC grant application has also been prepared for improvements to the wastewater treatment plant; to purchase a bypass pump; and, to repair the Walnut Street lift station. In related news, a Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) consultant met with Village staff to begin a sewer fee study. An orientation meeting will be held on October 18 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

## Parks Grant

A grant application was also submitted to Preservation Parks to fund Phase II of the Miller Park playground equipment; site preparation and installation of Phase I and II; and, digging a well, adding a storage tank, and building a well house for the Ruffner Park ball diamond irrigation system.



## Sewer Info

Fourth quarter sewer bills will be sent out Nov. 1. Residential bills are \$121.35 per quarter. 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 \$40.45 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.

## Last Chipper Day

We hate to admit that summer is over, but it's time to switch out the chipper box

on the truck for the snow removal equipment for the winter. This means the final Chipper Day of 2010 will be Monday, October 25.

When placing limbs at the curb, no more than one week ahead, please follow these guidelines:

- Stack limbs in a straight pile
- Cut side toward the street;
- No longer than four feet;
- Four inch limbs or smaller; and,

This service is only for tree limbs.

Please **do not include** the following:

- Rose, thorny, or shrub limbs;
- Grass clippings or garden debris (tomato vines, corn stalks, etc.);
- Firewood, stumps, or rocks;
- Wire, metal, or other foreign matter;
- Limbs or other materials left by contractors, and,
- Tied, bundled limbs.

If the above or any other hazardous items are found while picking up limbs, all material will be left for your disposal. Thank you so much for your assistance.

Mulch First, 725 N. Kintner Parkway, Sunbury also accepts limbs for free. For more information call 740-965-6482.

## Big Walnut Schools

Leah Rond, from the ABC Committee, appeared before Council to discuss the Big Walnut Schools' \$4.5 million, five-year emergency operating levy. She explained that when the financial crisis hit the country, our school board reacted aggressively and cut \$5 million to keep our schools strong. Rond admitted that times are tough for many families including her own since she lost her job 15 months ago. She implored the community not to let this ruin our children's opportunities or our property values.

Rond told Council that we educate our children for nearly \$600 less than the state average and \$500 less than the federal average and still maintain an excellent rating. Since Delaware County is considered a high income area, the funding our school district receives from the state is reduced. We must make up the difference locally to preserve the quality of our children's education.



Big Walnut Schools Superintendent Steve Mazzi was also present to explain the school district's 2009-10 state report card. The school district again received an excellent rating by meeting 26 out of 26 state indicators, making adequate yearly progress, and meeting value-added measures. Big Walnut is ranked among the top of the excellent rated schools in Ohio and Ohio ranks fifth in the nation for the quality of its education. Mazzi explained that it's important to provide a variety of course offerings, opportunities, and chances for our children to succeed and compete successfully for scholarships and jobs.

## Household Hazardous Waste

You can drop off your household hazardous waste at the Delaware County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Ave., Delaware 43015 on Saturday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Accepted items include:

- **Electronics** - cell phones, computers, monitors, and other components;
- **Flammables** - adhesives, flares, gasoline, kerosene, lighter fluid, motor oil and filters, propane cylinders (20 # max.), and turpentine;
- **Corrosives** - acids, caustics, car batteries, drain cleaners, household batteries, and pool chemicals;
- **Reactives** - ammunition (50 cal. or less), cyanide, fertilizers, and pool chlorine; and,
- **Toxics or Poisons** - ammonia, anti-freeze, bleach, brake fluid, insect killers, mercury, rat poison, transmission fluid, and weed killers.

No televisions or paint will be accepted. No tires will be accepted without payment (\$1-25 depending on size). For more information on unacceptable items, visit

[www.delawarehealth.org](http://www.delawarehealth.org).

## Electronic News

The newsletter is available online or can be e-mailed directly. Contact [adminassistant@galenaohio.org](mailto:adminassistant@galenaohio.org) to be added.

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