

Village Hall Progressing

Work on the new Village Hall (the former Galena United Methodist Church on Harrison St.) is progressing. A sound/recording system, new technology cabling, emergency lighting, fire exit signs and the reconfigured stage is nearly completed. Finishing touches such as paint, ceiling tiles, and flooring are in process, too.

Selling Galena's Municipal Building



Murphy and Associates Real Estate will market the current Village Municipal Building at 9 W. Columbus St. According to state law, the building must be advertised and auctioned. Ads for bids will be placed locally, in the *Columbus Dispatch*, and in the Multiple Listing Service and will run for at least five weeks.

Open houses will be held on Saturdays, 1-2 p.m., beginning October 13. The building can also be shown by appointment. Details are available by contacting Nancy Murphy at 740-965-1448 or visiting www.9WestColumbusSt.com.

Sealed bids will be accepted until noon, Monday, Dec. 3 and will be opened at that time. Village Council set a minimum bid of \$190,000 and a \$10,000 deposit is due with the bids.

The 1,064 square foot two-story brick and stone building was built in 1906. Situated on Galena's busy Village Square, it features large windows with scenic views of Big Walnut Creek, three office areas upstairs, two vaults, and a large finished downstairs.

Walnut St. Delayed

Council heard an update on the Walnut St. reconstruction project which is planned

between High and Church streets. Del-Co Water has relocated water lines and Columbia Gas is beginning to move their lines in October. The Village is preparing to bid out the project but construction will most likely begin in the spring.

AEP Public Forum Planned Oct. 10

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie has worked with Sunbury Village Administrator Dave Martin to schedule a public forum with local electric provider AEP. The meeting will give residents the opportunity to address concerns with ongoing power outage issues. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Oct. 10 in Sunbury's Council Chambers on the third floor of their town hall on the Village Square.

Beggar's Night and Costume Contest

Galena's Beggar's Night is 6-7:15 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 31, followed by the annual Costume Contest at Ruffner Park, 170 Harrison St. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: 0-4 year-olds, 5-7 year-olds, 8-10 year-olds, 11 year-olds and up, and groups.

Council Actions

During a third reading, Council passed a resolution approving the Delaware, Knox, Marion, and Morrow Solid Waste Management District plan update.

They also held a first reading on a resolution establishing a tobacco-free parks and recreation policy.

Council held a first reading on a resolution exercising the fifth year option with Big-O Refuse for municipal residential waste and curbside recycling pickup. Prices would increase to \$54.30/quarter for households with \$51.30/quarter for senior citizens.

Sewer News

Sewer Billing is on the following calendar:

Bill Sent	For Quarter	Bill Due
Feb. 1	Feb./March/April	March 10
May 1	May/June/July	June 10
Aug. 1	Aug./Sept./Oct.	Sept. 10
Nov. 1	Nov./Dec./Jan.	Dec. 10

Residential sewer bills are \$52.08/month (\$156.23/quarter). 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 penalties, property tax liens, and other legal actions. The following applies 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 \$52.08 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

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. Holiday changes * = trash day moves to Saturday; ** = Council meeting changes.

Oct. 5	Trash Day
Oct. 8	Columbus Day - Offices Closed
Oct. 10	AEP Public Forum, 7 p.m. Sunbury Town Hall
Oct. 12	Trash Day
Oct. 17	Zoning & Planning Commission
Oct. 19	Trash Day
Oct. 22	Council Meeting
Oct. 26	Trash Day
Oct. 31	Beggar's Night, 6-7:15 PM Costume Party, 7:30 PM, Ruffner Park

site at www.galenaohio.org/forms/autowithdraw.pdf. Remember that if fees increase, you need to contact your bank to authorize an increase in your automatic payments.

Get Out & Vote!

General Elections will be Nov. 6, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Village residents vote at the Galena United Methodist Church, 2777 Sunbury Road.

Register to vote by completing this form: <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/boe/files/registration.pdf> by Oct. 9. All registered voters can vote early at the Delaware County Vote Center, 149 E. Orange Rd. in Lewis Center from Oct. 2-Nov. 2. For information on hours, visit <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections/Voters/absentee/inperson.aspx>, email boe@co.delaware.oh.us, or call (740) 833-2080.

To vote absentee, complete this application: <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/boe/files/11-A.pdf> and submit it no later than noon, Nov. 3. A ballot will be mailed to you. All absentee ballots must be post-marked no later than Nov. 5 and received by the county board of elections by Nov. 16, 2012.

For complete ballot details, visit <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/boe/index.html>. For a voter information guide, visit http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/upload/publications/election/vig_2012.pdf.

Fall Chores

We hate to admit that summer is over, but it will soon be time to prepare the truck for winter snow removal. We will continue to pick up limbs for chipping until Friday, November 2nd.

When placing limbs at the curb, 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.

What should you do with all your fallen leaves? Remember, it is illegal in Ohio to

have open burning within the municipal boundaries. It is dangerous to breathe and can threaten people and properties.

What to do with your leaves, weeds, spent plants, and grass clippings? Compost them! According to www.ehow.com, you just need a bare spot in your yard where you have room to pile up the waste during the composting process. Place your compost heap in an area protected from direct sunlight and heavy rain, as exposure to these extreme elements can inhibit the composting process. Make two heaps when possible, so you can begin building a new heap while the first is still completing the composting process.

Place a 2- to 4-inches thick layer of tree branches or chopped brush over a 5-by-3-foot area. The branches allow air to circulate under the compost heap. (You can also just pile it on the ground.)

Pile your composting materials on top of the branch scaffolding. Use equal parts leaves and grass clippings or green plant materials. This ratio gives the heap the proper ratio of carbon- and nitrogen-producing materials. Build up the pile until it is approximately 3 feet tall.

Sprinkle a shovelful of healthy garden soil on top of the compost heap so the microbes can help speed the process.

Mix all the composting materials, except the branch scaffolding, together with a pitchfork until they are thoroughly combined. Form the pile so it has a slight depression in the center.

Spray the pile with water until the materials are as moist as a wrung-out sponge. Check the moisture in the pile every two or three days and provide additional water to maintain this moisture level.

Turn the compost pile every two to four weeks with the pitchfork. Add water before turning, if necessary. Regular turning speeds up the composting process but isn't necessary.

Compost heaps take up to 12 months to produce finished compost, but frequent turning can finish the compost in as little as two months.

The compost is finished and ready for use once all the materials break down and resemble a nearly black, soil-like substance.

Do not add dairy, meat or greasy foods to the compost pile because these break down slowly and may attract pests.

By next spring, you will have free, nutrient-rich soil to amend your gardens.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off

You can drop off your household hazardous waste at the Delaware County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Ave., Delaware 43015 on Saturday, Oct. 20, 9

a.m.-1 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, fire extinguishers, 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, visit http://www.delawarehealth.org/Environmental/PDF/2012_HHW_Flyer_Final.pdf.

The Flu Stops With U!

It's time for your flu shot. The Delaware General Health District will offer flu shot clinics as follows:

- **October 10** (Wednesday), Sunbury Village Square, 51 E. Cherry St., Sunbury, 4- 6:30 p.m.
- **October 17** (Wednesday), Genoa Township Hall, 5111 S. Old 3C Hwy., Westerville, 2- 5 p.m.
- For a schedule of other times and locations, visit http://www.delawarehealth.org/Adult/PDF/Public_Flu_Clinics_2012.pdf.

Electronic News

Get our newsletter by email by contacting adminassistant@galenaohio.org.

Important Contacts

Village Offices	740-965-2484, FAX 740-965-5424
web:	www.galenaohio.org
Thomas Hopper:	mayor@galenaohio.org 965-1024
Marty Mazzie:	fiscalofficer@galenaohio.org
Jeanna Burrell:	adminassistant@galenaohio.org
Jeff Stokes:	maintenance@galenaohio.org
In an emergency, dial	911
BST&G Fire District	965-3841 www.bstgfiredistrict.org
Big-O Refuse	888-924-2446
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
Electric: AEP	800-277-2177
Galena Post Office	965-2371
Health Dept.	740-368-1700 www.delawarehealth.org
Immediate Urgent Care	965-8305 101D W. Cherry St., Sunbury
Phone: Century Link	800-407-5411
PUCO	614-466-3292, 800-686-PUCO (7826) www.puco.ohio.gov
RITA (income tax)	800-860-7482, www.ritaohio.com
Sheriff	833-2800
Sunbury Post Office	965-2471
Wastewater Plant	740-513-9943
Lift Station Emergencies	740-972-8646