

109 Harrison St., Galena OH 43021



Village Hall Projects



The Village Hall sports a new metal roof.

The installation of a new metal roof on the Village Hall is nearing completion. Two bids were received for the project to add Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access to the building's lower level. The Delaware County Commissioners will select a contractor and award the bid for the Community Development Block Grant project this fall. The Village is still gathering bids on a drainage improvement project for the building.

Galena Historic Foundation

If you'd like to get involved with the Galena Historic Foundation, the group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Galena Village Hall. Upcoming meetings are on Sept. 25 and Oct. 23.

The foundation is open to anyone interested in Galena's history. The group leases a room in the Galena Village Hall and is collecting Galena historical items.

Current members include Dave and Heather Adams, John and Sharon Bland, John Bricker, Gene Fuller, Jane Jackson, Estel and Vi Miller, Dave and Melissa O'Neil, Grace Piper, and David Simmons.

Check them out on facebook at Galena Historic Foundation, Inc. For more information, contact John Bland at 740-965-2081 or jwbslb@embarqmail.com.

Limb Pickup Days

The Village has two more limb pick up days on Sept. 27 and October 25 before switching the truck over to winter equipment.

Household Hazardous Waste Event Oct. 5

It's that time of year to clean out and safely dispose of your household hazard-

ous waste. Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 5, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Residents (no businesses, schools, or religious organizations) can drop off their scrap tires, flammables, corrosives, toxics/ poisons, reactive materials, and electronics. For a list of acceptable items and which are free or have a fee, visit <http://www.delawarehealth.org/files/files/HHW.pdf>.

Coyote Program Oct. 10

Council member Dave Simmons has arranged for an expert from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to give a program about coyotes at 7 p.m. on October 10 at the Galena Village Hall. Gary Comer, ODNR assistant wildlife management supervisor, will provide information on urban coyote and human interaction.



Comer holds a master's degree in wildlife science and worked for the Ohio State University as an extension educator in water quality and natural resources; as a county extension director; and as a Sea Grant extension educator before joining ODNR's Division of Wildlife.

For more information about coyotes, visit http://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/wildlife_damage/content/printable_version/coyote_Dec2011.pdf.

New Nature Club

The first meeting of Galena's new nature club will be held at 7 p.m., October 17, at the Galena Village Hall. Join us as we determine what our focus and activities will be. If you are interested, contact Jeanna Burrell at 740-965-2484 or adminassistant@galenaohio.org.

Sambuca's Rezoning

At their September meeting, Galena's Council received a Zoning and Planning Commission recommendation to rezone the Sambuca Greenhouse property on Walnut St. Council set a public hearing date for 6 p.m. on Oct. 28, prior to the next Council meeting. The recommendation lists a variety of conditions to be met with the rezoning. Last winter, the Zoning and Planning Commission opted not to file a violation against the property

in return for the property owner filing to rezone the property which has grown well beyond its original agricultural and residential uses.

In other zoning news, Council discussed the Berkshire Township outlet mall referendum that Village residents will vote on this fall. A court status conference was held on property maintenance violation cases at 39-51 Middle St.

The Village continues to work to clear the open space ownership deeds at the Walnut Creek development. Mortgage liens on the property have been released. Residential deed restrictions on the property still need corrected. Village staff will do a second punch list walk through on open space drainage improvements with developer Maronda Homes.

Halloween

The Village's Beggar's Night will be Thursday, October 31, 6-7:15 p.m. followed by the annual Costume Contest at 7:30 p.m. in Ruffner Park.

Dust off your creativity and get busy on an awesome costume. Prizes will be awarded for first through third places in ages 0-4, 5-7, 8-10, and 11 and older as well as for groups (any ages). Cider and donuts are served, also. Volunteers are

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.

Sept. 27	Chipper Day, Trash Day
Oct. 4, 11	Trash Days
Oct. 10	Coyote Program, 7 PM
Oct. 14	Columbus Day - Offices Closed
Oct. 16	Zoning & Planning Commission, 7 PM
Oct. 17	Nature Club, 7 PM
Oct. 18	Trash Day
Oct. 22	Galena Historic Foundation, 7:30 PM
Oct. 25	Trash Day, Last Chipper Day
Oct. 28	Sambuca Rezoning Hearing, 6 PM
Oct. 28	Council Meeting, 7 PM
Oct. 31	Beggar's Night, 6-7:15 PM Costume Party, 7:30 PM,

welcome to arrive at 3 p.m. to assist with decorations.



2011 contest winners show off their creativity.

Infrastructure

The Village is working with EMH&T to submit a grant/loan application to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for the final phase of the Walnut St. reconstruction. This previous pavers section includes rebuilding the Walnut St. intersection at Harrison Street into a "T" to meet current safety standards. Village Administrator Jeanna Burrell noted that a punch list walk through occurred on the Phase 3 Walnut St. work just completed to define deficiencies that need corrected.

Burrell reported on several infrastructure issues. She is working with Columbia Gas on fixing a sink hole. Work continues with Trinity Homes and Maronda Homes to get street lights repaired in the Blackhawk and Walnut Creek subdivisions. Delaware County crews repaired the VansValley and Joe Walker roads guard rail that was destroyed in a car accident. The Delaware County Engineer's Office expects the Sunbury Rd. Bridge to open to two-way traffic on September 30th. Total bridge completion is expected in late October.

The BST&G Fire District will conduct a practice burn for training at 37 High St. Neighbors will be notified when a date is selected.

Fiscal Matters

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie reported that she has begun work on the 2014 budget. Council scheduled a Finance Committee meeting to review the proposed budget at 6:30 p.m., November 12.

Mazzie reported on interest income for the Village. The rates have changed from a high of 5.3 percent that netted the Village nearly \$31,000 in income in 2007 to a low of .19 percent netting less than \$2,000 in 2009. Rates have recovered since 2009 but only to .35 percent. 2012 interest income was less than \$1,800 because banks have also instituted fees.

Council passed a resolution accepting the amounts and rates of the county Budget Commission for existing tax levies. Council also passed a resolution transfer-

ring funds between accounts.

1% Village Income Tax

At their September meeting, Council reviewed a draft letter to be sent to all residents informing them about their one percent income tax obligation to the Village. No other cities have reciprocal agreements with the Village so residents who live in the Village but work elsewhere still are required to pay the Village's income tax. Anyone working in the Village is required to pay the tax as well. Check out our municipal boundaries map on our web site to be sure you are actually within the Village. The Galena mailing addresses are a much larger area than the Village boundaries. If you are outside the Village, you do not owe our income tax.

Check with your employer because many payroll systems only accommodate the city where you work and the school system. If they do not accommodate the Village's income tax, contact the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) at 800-860-7482 or visit www.ritaohio.com. They can bill you quarterly for estimated taxes. If taxes aren't paid in a timely manner, late fees and interest penalties are applied. RITA handles all income tax collections and refunds for the Village.

Sewer News

Council discussed the concept of no longer maintaining four residential grinder pumps that were installed when the entire sewer system was created in 1995.

Sewer use ordinance requirements for commercial grease traps were discussed.

Council also discussed investigating inflow and infiltration (I & I) issues in the Village's sewer system. Connecting stormwater or sump pump and downspout systems to the sanitary sewer system is illegal and the Village would like to investigate to find and disconnect illegal stormwater connections.

Residential sewer bills are \$53.64/month (\$160.92/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. Sewer billing is on the following calendar:

Bill Sent	For Quarter	Bill Due
Feb. 1	Feb./March/April	March 11
May 1	May/June/July	June 10
Aug. 1	Aug./Sept./Oct.	Sept. 10
Nov. 1	Nov./Dec./Jan.	Dec. 10

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:**
- Drop-off payments at the Village Hall, 109 Harrison St. during office hours Mondays-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4p.m. or in our 24-hour drop box on the building.
- 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 \$53.64 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 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.

Fall Clean Up

Consider composting garden debris and leaves. Burning leaves poses health hazards, is dangerous, and is illegal.

Electronic News

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

Important Contacts

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Josh Cherubini:	maintenance@galenaohio.org
Dave LaValle:	codecompliance@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