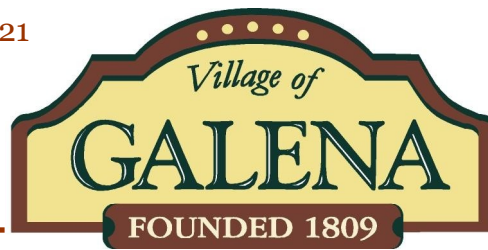


Oct. 2015



Newsletter

Halloween

Galena's Beggar's Night is Oct. 30, 6-7:15 p.m. and the popular Halloween Costume Contest will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Galena Village Hall.

Walnut Street

At their September meeting, Galena Village Council learned that estimates for complete reconstruction of the fourth and final phase of Walnut St. have soared. Village Administrator Jeanna Burrell has worked throughout 2015 with EMH&T to complete redesign of the road and prepare documents for an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant/loan application. The Village originally had planned to continue the permeable brick style road concept used in Phase 3. That section of road has not performed as engineers expected and has required a significant amount of maintenance. "We all love the aesthetics and storm water properties of Phase 3, but knowing what we know now about its maintenance problems, I cannot in good conscience recommend using brick again," Burrell explained.

Council did not have all the information it needed at its regular meeting, so they held a special council meeting on September 30 to review the Walnut St. project in detail. The Village opted to pave the 450' Phase 4 in traditional asphalt and construction estimates are now \$570,000. The 700' Phase 3 cost \$437,266 in 2013. Burrell reviewed upcoming capital projects, Village debt, the OPWC process, and various options for Phase 4 construction. Due to the high cost, Council opted not to file an OPWC application at this time and will explore milling and resurfacing the road.

Galena Brick Trail

The Galena Brick Trail grant project bids came in significantly over budget. The Village received an extension on the project to rebid it this winter.

New Restrooms

The Galena Village Hall restroom project bids came in more than \$16,000 over budget and Council voted to contribute up to \$17,000. The project is funded by a Community Development Block Grant administered by Delaware County. Rezod LLC was awarded the \$106,750 contract and will begin in October to create separate male and female Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant restrooms on the upper level and a unisex ADA restroom on the lower level.

Galena Cemetery

Since Berkshire Township has abandoned its Galena Cemetery, the Village's special counsel filed a motion with the Delaware County Common Pleas Court. The motion requested a temporary restraining order (TRO) to require the township to continue operating the cemetery until the issue of ownership is resolved. The TRO was not issued. The motion also requested a preliminary injunction asking that the township continue operating its cemetery. That motion is still pending. The Village asked the court to review the applicable laws and arguments and make a declaratory judgment as to whom should own and operate the cemetery. The Village maintains that the laws the township has cited are not applicable in this particular situation.

Burrell commented, "We really feel compassion for the families that the township has abandoned since their plot contracts are with the township, not the Village. We continue to field calls and visits from the public related to the cemetery. On behalf of families with Galena Cemetery plots, we extend a sincere thank you to Charlie Chandler who organized private mowing efforts at the cemetery. Jeff Stokes, Tom Paul, Pam Hamilton, Larry Patterson, Mike Hamilton, and others have contributed a great deal of time as well. We appreciate their passion and commitment."

State Route 3 Improvements

Council was pleased to learn that plans are beginning for adding a traffic light or roundabout at State Route 3 and Walnut St./S. Galena Rd. The Village has lobbied long-term for improved safety at this intersection. Traffic counts now warrant a traffic light and lane improvements. The Village will work with the Delaware County Engineer's Office and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) on the \$1.5 million project. ODOT has applied for federal safety study funds. The Village will apply for an OPWC grant during 2016 for the 2017 project.

Finances

Mazze reported that the Village's 2013-2014 state audit is complete. A final audit review meeting was held and the Village is awaiting the final report. She also reported that three individuals who forged checks against the Village's checking account have

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.

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| Oct. 2, 9 | Trash Days |
| Oct. 12 | Columbus Day – Offices Closed |
| Oct. 16 | Trash Day |
| Oct. 21 | Zoning & Planning Commission |
| Oct. 23 | Trash Day |
| Oct. 26 | Council Meeting |
| Oct. 30 | Last Chipper Day |
| Oct. 30 | Trash Day |
| Oct. 30 | Beggar's Night, 6-7:15 PM; Costume Party, 7:30 PM, Village Hall |

been indicted on fifth degree felonies of theft and forgery.

Zoning & Property Maintenance

In Zoning and Property Maintenance news, Dave LaValle reported that Sambuca's Greenhouse is still not in compliance with the Village's zoning resolution and the Fifth District Court of Appeals' ruling. The property at 24 Front St. with long-term property maintenance violations has been sold and the new owner intends to demolish the dilapidated structure and build a new home on the site. Several other violators have made significant progress toward compliance.

Wastewater News

In the Wastewater Report, it was noted that there has been some smell from the plant due to low flows that have caused the pH to drop. Cycling the aeration blower on and off helps the plant regain some alkalinity while the blower is off. The odor occurs when the blower first comes on and everything initially gets stirred up. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes.

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie noted that 11 liens were sent to the Delaware County Auditor for overdue sewer bill collection on property taxes. A number of people responded to the lien notice letter and paid their accounts current.

Third quarter sewer bills were due Sept. 10. Fourth quarter bills go out Nov. 2. Residential sewer bills are \$54.45/month (\$163.35/quarter).

Berkshire Township

In his Delaware County Regional Planning Commission report, Mayor Hopper noted that Berkshire Township is proposing increasing its density to a potential of 15 units per acre around the I-71 interchange. He noted that the reasons given the Village for the effort to merge the township with Galena included maintaining rural character with lower densities than the Village of Sunbury offers and protecting the Big Walnut Schools from high apartment densities.

Internet Service

It was noted that Bresco Broadband can offer wireless internet, email, gaming, Hulu, and Netflix in the Galena area. They can quickly have equipment installed on the water tower in Galena if there is enough interest. Visit their web site for details and prices. They will gauge interest by the number of people completing the request for information at <http://www.brescobroadband.com/residential/contact.html>.

Reminders

October 30 is the last Chipper Day of the season. Refer to our web site for acceptable and unacceptable items: <http://www.galenaohio.org/link.html#trash>.

Please be aware that the dumpster at the wastewater plant is for official Village use only. This is not a public dumping area nor is the parking lot or brush pile. Due to ongoing illegal dumping, the area is under surveillance and violators can be prosecuted. If you have large amounts of trash or large items, call Waste Management to schedule a special pick up.

Electronics and tires only will be collected at the Delaware County Fairgrounds on Oct. 3. For more information, visit <http://www.dkmm.org/special-collection-events>.

Remember that open burning, except for preparing food, is prohibited by state law within the Village boundaries. Burning leaves or trash is a very hazardous practice that risks property damage and can adversely affect breathing.

Be environmentally responsible and compost your leaves, weeds, and grass clippings. Use your leaves as mulch around flowers and shrubs and it will compost and add nutrition to the soil. You can pile it up in a corner and let it compost and then use it to amend your garden in the spring. You can also chop it when you mow in a bagger for faster composting. If you mow over the leaves a couple times, they will provide nutrition for your lawn as well. For more information, visit <http://www.dkmm.org/how-to-compost>.

If someone is burning within the

municipal boundaries, call 911 and BST&G will respond.

Next Door Galena

Stay up on events with your neighbors by going online at <https://villageofgalena.nextdoor.com/> and request to join.

Galena Historic Foundation

The Galena Historic Foundation thanks *The Sunbury News* and Community Library for their generous donations. Contact President John Bland at (740) 965-2081 or email jwbslb@embarqmail.com for information. Join them on fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Galena Village Hall.

Health Expo Oct. 29

SourcePoint will host a Health and Wellness Expo, 3-7 p.m., on Oct. 29 at 800 Cheshire Rd. The event offers free health screenings, free flu shots, alternative medical practitioners, caregiver-focused exhibitors, fitness and wellness demonstrations, healthy snacks, and door prizes.

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| Waste Management | 866-797-9018 |
| Cable: Time-Warner | 800-617-4311 |
| Columbia Gas | 800-344-4077 |
| Del. Co. EMS | 833-2190, www.delcoems.org |
| Del-Co Water | 740-548-7746 |
| Dog Warden | 740-368-1915 |
| Electric: AEP | 800-277-2177 |
| Galena Post Office | 740-965-2371 |
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| RITA (income tax) | 800-860-7482, www.ritaohio.com |
| Sheriff | 740-833-2800 |
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