



## Ice Cream Social



The Parks and Special Events Committee held another successful ice cream social on August 27. The purpose of the event is to give Galena residents a chance to meet new neighbors and reconnect with old neighbors. More than 80 residents attended and enjoyed ice cream, camaraderie, balloon sculptures, and playing on the playground.



## Council Approvals

At the Village of Galena's August Council meeting, Council adopted revised subdivision regulations and a new three-year police contract with Sunbury. They also approved a pre-annexation agreement with Roger and Kim Miller for 21.516 acres on State Route 3 and certified budget amounts and tax levies to the county auditor.

## Church Offered to Village

Realtor Rick Helwig represented the Galena United Methodist Church and proposed various financing methods to persuade Council to purchase the church building for Village administrative offices. A new church is under construction on Sunbury Road.

## YMCA

Council held a second reading on a resolution authorizing membership in the Eastern Delaware County Joint Recreation District aimed at building a YMCA in the Big Walnut School district area. Galena would appoint a representative to serve on the district board. Council members expressed concerns about non-elected officials having taxing authority. Village Solicitor Ken Molnar will research the issue further.

## Village Purchases Trail Land

The Village concluded the purchase of the Kane's Crossing property on Harrison Street with \$70,000 from the Ohio to Erie Trail Fund. The .8 acre property includes half of an old

narrow gauge rail bridge over the Big Walnut Creek. It will eventually become part of the Village's trail system that connects to the other half of the bridge and trail through the Walnut Creek subdivision on Joe Walker Road.

## Delinquent Sewer Accounts

After several efforts to collect on past due sewer bills, Council passed an emergency resolution certifying twelve delinquent sewer service accounts to the county auditor. These accounts are to be sent to the county auditor by September 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be added to January tax bills.

Council was informed that a letter was sent to terminate sanitary sewer service to Berkshire Lake Camp-ground effective October 1. The Village previously filed a lawsuit

## 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.

Sept. 13	Zoning & Planning
Sept. 19	Parks & Sp. Event
Sept. 25	Council Meeting
Sept. 25	Chipper Day
Oct. 11	Zoning & Planning
Oct. 17	Parks & Sp. Event
Oct. 24	Council Meeting
Oct. 24	Chipper Day
Oct. 26	Beggar's Night, 6-7:15 p.m., Costume Contest, 7:30 p.m., Ruffner Park

against the campground which was referred for mediation.

## New Developments

Public Service Director Dave LaValle reports that Trinity Homes has corrected drainage problems at the Estates at Blackhawk on Dustin Rd and zoning permit issuance has resumed. Only one lot remains without a home at the Heathermere subdivision on Walnut Street. Home construction is progressing at the Walnut Creek subdivision on Joe Walker Road. Erosion and sedimentation issues there are still being investigated.

## Municipal Improvements

The re-roofing of the Municipal Building is nearly complete.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliant ramp project on the Village Square is complete and, with project changes, the Village saved \$3,382 with a final cost of \$6,618 to the Village. The balance of the cost will be covered by a formula grant. The Village has also applied for a 2006 grant to fund additional ADA improvements.

## Sidewalks

Residents are reminded to keep public sidewalks clear so all residents can safely pass. This is especially important with school starting.

Please keep low overhanging branches and low growing vegetation trimmed back. Sweep off accumulated gravel and debris. Remember not to park on or too close to the sidewalks, either. Thanks for your cooperation in making our sidewalks safer for everyone.

## Hazardous Waste, PC and Tire Day

Clean up your garages and yards today and plan to drop off your household hazardous waste, old personal computers, and tires at Delaware County's Amnesty Days. Drop off your material at the Delaware County Fairgrounds 9 a.m.-3 p.m., October 28.

## Library Events

- Thursdays Weekly Game Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m., free
- Sept. 14 Monthly Knit & Crochet Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., free
- Sept. 14 Menopause, 7-8 p.m., adults/teens, free
- Sept. 25 Antique Appraisal Night 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$5/item
- Sept. 28 Jewelry Beading Get Together, 7-8:30 p.m., free
- Oct. 2, 9, & 16 Sock Knitting, 7-9 p.m., adults/teens, \$10 fee
- Call the Library for more information or to register at 740-965-3901

## E-mail Newsletter

Contact the Village if you would prefer to receive the newsletter in full color via e-mail rather than postal mail. E-mail us at galena@copper.net with your mailing and e-mail addresses. Keep us updated if your postal or e-mail address changes.

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