



## Ice Cream Social



Residents enjoyed the Village's free ice cream social. Charlotte Karn (left) and Eldon Chambers (right) show off their balloon sculptures.

## Clark Appointed



At their August meeting, Council appointed Libby Clark to fill Jim Slifko's vacated position through 2009. Clark and her husband Mark have two daughters. She is a systems analyst for Safe Auto Insurance. Clark will serve on the Village's Annexation and Security committees. Ed Karn will replace Slifko on the BST&G Fire Board and Nancy Feole will complete Slifko's term on the Village's Zoning and Planning Commission.

## Sewer Fees

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie presented information on a potential sewer rate increase. She recommended a six percent increase for all residential and commercial customers in order to cover expenses. Galena's annual wastewater treatment plant operating expenses exceed \$155,000. Six percent would equal a \$6 increase per quarter for residen-

tial customers. Mazzie pointed out that since sewer service started in the Village in 1995, there have been no rate increases. Since Galena took over operation of its plant in March 2005, Delaware County sewer customers have had two rate increases that would have cost Galena residents \$9 per quarter.

She also explained that Galena is carrying nearly \$17,000 in customer delinquencies (excluding the more than \$100,000 owed by Berkshire Lake Campground over several years). Council directed Village Solicitor Ken Molnar to draft a rate increase ordinance.

## Sewer Plant

Bob Jablonski, representing Poggemeyer Design Group (PDG), reported on the wastewater treatment plant redesign. The plant has to be designed with membrane bioreactors due to the high standards required for output into the Big Walnut Creek that flows into Hoover Reservoir, a Columbus drinking water supply. The new technology has a short track record. The ones used in Galena's design are not working well in the field so PDG is exploring alternate membranes.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Scott Jamison reported that he is working with the Village of Sunbury on storm water system problems. He recommended that Galena set up a storm water utility to fund future repairs. Council directed staff to investigate this further.

## 70 Acres Annexed

Council accepted the annexation of nearly 70 acres of land owned by the Miller family on Route 3.

## Council Business

At their August meeting, Council adopted a Personnel Policy Manual. A resolution was passed ratifying a road improvement agreement for Joe Walker Road. A first reading was held on an ordinance requiring landlords to disclose rental occupants annually for income tax purposes.

Guest Marc Hogenbirk, with Sunbury Urgent Care, addressed Council and residents about the services offered at his facility. In addition to urgent care services, sports and work physicals are available.

Lori Gischel represented the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) and spoke to Council about the

## 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. 3	Village Offices Closed
Sept. 8	Trash Day
Sept. 12	Zoning & Planning
Sept. 14, 21	Trash Days
Sept. 24	Council Meeting
Sept. 24	Chipper Day
Sept. 28	Trash Day
Oct. 5	Trash Day
Oct. 10	Zoning & Planning
Oct. 12, 19	Trash Days
Oct. 22	Council Meeting
Oct. 22	Last Chipper Day
Oct. 26	Trash Day
Oct. 31	Beggar's Night, 6-7:15 p.m.; Costume Party, 7:30 p.m., Ruffner Park

agency's services to the Village and its residents. By representing nearly 140 communities, RITA is able to offer services that each community could not. They offer e-file and e-payment as well as 24-hour access to account information. Gischel reported that she recently canvassed businesses in Galena.

Resident Mark Brooks appeared again before Council asking to lease land the Village owns in order to add a u-shaped driveway to his home on Holmes St. Solicitor Molnar explained that Council would have to determine that the Village has no use for the land before bidding it out for lease or sale. The property contains water, sewer, and gas lines so it would be unbuildable. The Village will investigate appraisal and legal costs before proceeding.

Construction has begun on a grant-funded project to add sidewalk ramps that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Roof repairs and tuck-pointing on the Village Municipal Building are complete. Council authorized Public Service Director Dave LaValle to apply for a Public Works grant to repave Walnut Street.

## Zoning

In Zoning and Planning Commission news, informal discussions have been held with engineering firm EMH&T regarding development of the 197-acre Miller Farm at the corner of Sunbury and Vans Valley roads. A development plan will be reviewed during a Sept. 12 hearing.

During that hearing, an amended development plan will be reviewed for 13-19 W. Columbus St. The Murphy family has purchased the buildings that contained John and Betty's Toys and a medical billing company and currently contains Jule's Java and Grille. They plan to open a real estate business in the former toy store.

At the Sept. 12 hearing, the commission will review a Conditional Use request for Sambucca's Greenhouse on Walnut St. at State Route 3. The owners want to build a permanent, pergola type structure.

## Income Taxes

If you live or work in the Village, you need to pay a one percent income tax and file tax forms. Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) forms are available at the Village Offices and on-line at [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com)

## Sewer Bills

Please pay your sewer bill on time to avoid late fees. Bills two quarters past due will be certified to the County Auditor for tax liens. The late payment amount, including late fees, will be added to your tax bill until it is paid in full. If nonpayment occurs on an ongoing basis, you risk shut-off of your sewer service.

Water Quality Management handles the Village's sewer billing and payments. The August/September/October quarterly bill was mailed out August 1 and is due September 10 to avoid late fees.

## Newsletter

E-mail the Village with your mailing and e-mail addresses at [galena@embarqmail.com](mailto:galena@embarqmail.com) if you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail rather than postal mail.

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