



The Village's bicentennial celebration, the Galena Summerfest 2009, was a big hit. More than 3,000 attended throughout the all-day festival.



Kids enjoyed fire trucks, a helicopter, face painting, bubbles, games, nature displays, and a ventriloquist.



Neighbors socialized over good food, drinks, and music.



And, there was plenty of shopping for everyone.



And, last but not least, the event was a celebration of Galena's bicentennial. Dave Simmons conducted a historical tour of the

Village and residents could view an historical exhibit room in the Dustin Inn.



Thanks to the Greater Galena Civic Association, Village staff and Council, vendors, sponsors, and the many, many volunteers who made this celebration possible.

Ice Cream Social



Even though Sunday, August 30th, felt more like a hot chocolate day than an ice cream day, many neighbors attended Galena's annual Ice Cream Social at Ruffner Park. The ice cream was great and the balloons are always a big hit. Thanks to Karin Underwood and her team of volunteers for making this annual event a success!



Baseball Diamond

At their August meeting, Village Council discussed a new agreement for use of the Jeff Dutiel Field of Dreams ballpark in Ruffner Park. The Village-owned ball diamond was renamed several years ago in honor of Dutiel whose Columbus Sharks organization has raised tens

of thousands of dollars and spent countless volunteer hours transforming Galena's ball field into one of the nicest in Central Ohio.

Residents had been in Council the past few months raising concerns about the ball field's ownership and operation. According to Mayor Thomas Hopper, the field was in pretty bad shape when Dutiel began scheduling games there. Dutiel, his volunteers, sponsors, and the Village have raised funds to install new fence, dugouts, lighting, a flagpole, a scoreboard, and a press box as well as repair the concession stand and items damaged by storms.

Dutiel's group maintains the field and has made many improvements. In return, Dutiel's ball teams have first priority in scheduling the field. Residents can use the field for free any time that it is not scheduled for team practices and games. The schedule is available under current events on the Village's web site at www.galenaohio.org or at Dutiel's web site: www.ruffnerpark.com.

Council held a first reading on a new usage agreement that will include Dutiel paying for a portion of the summer electric bill for the field and affirming a 10:30 p.m. lights out policy.

Grant Funds

Grant funding has been confirmed to pave a portion of Walnut Street.

Jobs Henderson was chosen to design the Big Walnut Creek bridge to connect the Kane's Crossing Trail and the Walnut Creek Trail. This project is grant funded and includes matching funds from several entities.

The trail south of town to link the Genoa Trail with Galena's Hoover Scenic Walkway is progressing as well.

The Village also applied for 2010 Preservation Parks of Delaware County grants to replace a jungle gym in Miller Park and make Ruffner Park ball diamond improvements.

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. 4 Trash Day
- Sept. 7 Village Offices Closed
- Sept. 9 Zoning & Planning Commission
- Sept. 12* Trash Day
- Sept. 10 3rd Quarter Sewer Bills Due
- Sept. 11, 18, 25 Trash Days
- Sept. 28 Council Meeting
- Sept. 28 Chipper Day
- Oct. 2, 9 Trash Days

Jennings Honored



Photo courtesy of Lenny Lepola

Nathan Jennings was honored as the firefighter of the year for the BST&G Fire District. Jennings works and volunteers for the department in addition to his full-time job as a firefighter and paramedic in Mansfield. He coordinates BST&G's annual open house and many fire prevention and education programs. Congratulations and thanks for all you do!

Maintenance News

The Village's new maintenance staff has been working hard to catch up on various projects. They have been painting the municipal building and Ruffner Park facilities and sprucing up landscaping around the square in preparation for the Galena Summerfest.

Holmes St. Zoning

Mayor Hopper discussed changing Holmes Street zoning at the August Zoning and Planning Commission and Council meetings. The homes along the street, originally owned by the Galena Brick and Shale Tile Company, are zoned planned industrial. Due to this zoning, residents have difficulty with set backs and other requirements for their homes and accessory buildings.

Selling or Leasing Church Building

Council went into executive session at their August meeting to discuss real estate. They decided to actively advertise the old Galena United Methodist Church building on the real estate market. Council set a minimum lease of \$2,200 per month for three years or a minimum purchase price of \$275,000.

Sewer Bills

During their August meeting, Council passed a resolution to add tax liens against several properties whose owners were behind two quarters on their sewer bills.

Third quarter sewer bills are due Sept. 10. Sewer fees are set up on a quarterly billing cycle to save money. Residential bills are \$121.35 per quarter. Be sure to pay on time to avoid penalties and further action.

Customers have several options for payment:

- Mail payments to Water Quality Management at 161 S. Liberty St., Powell, OH 43065. Call them with any questions at 614-781-9376.
- 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 \$40.45 debited from your checking account at any bank on the 8th of the month. Forms are available in the Village offices and on the village's web site www.galenaohio.org under local links/sewers.

Fall Chores

As the leaves start to fall, remember that open burning is prohibited within municipal boundaries without a permit. Fires are illegal and hazardous and create smoke that is very unhealthy to breathe. Find a spot in your yard to pile your leaves and weeds. By next spring you'll have great composted soil to improve

your gardens. Remember, chipper days continue through October.

Newsletter

To receive the newsletter via e-mail, just e-mail the Village with your mailing and e-mail addresses at adminassistant@galenaohio.org.

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