September 2010 Village of GALENA FOUNDED 1809 Newsletter

Trail Opens

The Village of Galena held a grand opening Sunday of its newest trail, the Walnut Creek Trail and Kane's Crossing Bridge. The multi-purpose trail and bridge over Big Walnut Creek are integral links in the Ohio-to-Erie Trail.

The trail land on Harrison St. was purchased in 2006. It had been used as a narrow gauge rail line that transported shale from VansValley Rd. to the old Galena Brick and Tile plant. The trail land in the Walnut Creek subdivision was paved and dedicated to the Village by Maronda Homes. The engineering firm of Jobes Henderson designed the Kane's Crossing Bridge over Big Walnut Creek to connect both trails. Righter Construction built the bridge and W.B. Republic, of Sunbury, recently completed the access point, bridge approaches, and trail. The projects were funded with grants and matching funds from several entities such as the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio to Erie Trail, Delaware County Friends of the Trail, Homewood, Maronda, the Village of Galena, and some funds were fronted by the Delaware County Commissioners.

Zachary Hopper (center front) had the honor of cutting the ribbon to formally open the Walnut Creek Trail and Kane's Crossing Bridge. Celebrating the moment are (l. to r.) Elizabeth Watts, Ohio to Erie Trail Fund Treasurer; David Simmons, Galena Council President; Tom Hopper, Galena Mayor; Mary Kerr, Delaware County Friends of the Trail Vice-President; Nancy Hood, Delaware County Friends of the Trail Board Member; Andrew Brenner, Delaware County Recorder and Delaware County Friends of the Trail Past President; Dave Bender, Delaware County Friends of the Trail President; and, Ron Mattox, Jobes Henderson & Associates, Vice President and bridge and trail designer.

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Ice Cream Social

The Village's annual Ice Cream Social was popular again this year as many community members enjoyed ice cream served by volunteers Karin Underwood, Carrie Simmons, Melinda Simmons, and Tresa Karn. Thanks to all our volunteers for a great event!

Children wait eagerly for balloon sculptures by Charlie Kuhl.

Galena Cleaned Up

Thanks to Greater Galena Civic Association volunteers for cleaning up trash around the Village on August 7.

Walnut St. Phase II

Galena's August Council meeting was preceded by a public meeting to review Walnut St. reconstruction plans. EMH&T Project Managers Travis Eifert and Jon Dean reviewed reconstruction plans for Phase II of Walnut St., from Holmes to High streets, set to begin in Sept. and expected to last approximately three weeks, weather permitting.

Dean explained that one lane of traffic will be maintained for most of the Walnut St. project but reclamation will require the road to be closed for a minimum five days to allow the base to cure prior to paving. He pledged to work with the Delaware County and Village to avoid the Old 3C Highway Bridge closure time frame. Updates will be noted on the Village's web site.

Eifert said they are working with Phase I contractor Decker Construction to complete a punch list. Decker was also the lowest bidder for Phase II.

Reclaimed material from the Phase II project will be used to create a 10-12 car parking lot at the old railroad depot lot across from Miller Park for trail parking. Seven trees will have to be removed from the road right-of-way, notably trees planted beside the Galena Cemetery, to make way for a wider road and sidewalks.

Del-Co Water Company is currently relocating water lines between Holmes and High streets from the west to the east side of Walnut St. This is not formally part of the paving project but is being done to avoid cutting through new pavement later. Del-Co will notify affected homeowners directly.

During their August meeting, Council approved several ordinances and resolutions regarding Walnut St. including the lowest and best bid of $239,900 from Decker for Phase II. The Village's share is five percent.

Walnut St. Phase III

Plans are in process to apply for a grant for the Phase III reconstruction of Walnut

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	Trash Day
Sept. 6	Village Offices Closed – Labor Day
Sept. 10	3rd Qrtr. Sewer Bills Due
Sept. 11*	Trash Day
Sept. 15	Zoning & Planning Commission
Sept. 17, 24	Trash Days
Sept. 27	Council Meeting
Sept. 27	Chipper Day

St. As the road gets closer to downtown Galena, it is too high and too narrow. The road has to be brought up to current safety standards for width and lowered to avoid storm water running onto private properties. Eifert said that storm sewers will need to be smoke tested to determine their exact locations. Utility poles will have to be moved. The Galena High School monument at the "point", the intersection of Harrison and Walnut streets, may need relocated so the point can be reconfigured for improved safety.

Eifert presented three options for residents to consider regarding off-street parking. The consensus of those attending was Option Two that provides eleven parking spaces on the east side of Walnut St. chosen in part due to the difference in elevations from one side of the street to the other. The houses in the area are close to the road but the road right-of-way is actually 55 feet.

Council authorized the mayor to apply for grants for Phase III of Walnut St.

Sidewalks

Council authorized the mayor to apply for sidewalk grants for the rest of the Village and for park equipment. The Village received approval from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to proceed with an application for funding the replacement and construction of sidewalks throughout the Village beyond those associated with the Walnut St. project. If approved, this would provide for safer movement Village-wide where no sidewalks currently exist or are in disrepair.

Bridge Opens Soon

The Delaware County Engineer's Office plans to reopen the S. Old 3C Highway Bridge in mid- to late-Sept. Council and Mayor Hopper wish to thank Rob Reilly from the Delaware County Engineer's Office for adding flashing signs notifying travelers that Walnut and Harrison streets are open to downtown. EMH&T Engineer Travis Eifert and Hopper also noted that Reilly has been very good to work with on the bridge replacement project and communication has improved markedly.

Council also wishes to thank the Delaware County Sheriff's Office for increased visibility in the Village that has resulted in slower, safer traffic.

Council Actions

Council approved an ordinance to extend the Miller Farm development plan for two more years. This allows Homewood Corporation more time to formally plat the development and begin construction on the 193-acre parcel.

Council held a second reading on the Village's new Master Plan. Feedback has been positive but Council allowed the ordinance to stand for a third reading.

Council promoted Jeanna Burrell from Administrative Assistant to Assistant Service Director. The move was in recognition of Burrell's work handling public relations including news releases, newsletters, and the Village's web site as well as writing and revising a variety of key documents such as the Master Plan, Subdivision Code, and Zoning Code. She will also play a greater role in strategic planning and grant writing.

Chipper Days

The Village offers a free monthly chipping service on the fourth Monday of each month, May through October.

When placing limbs at the curb, no more than one week ahead, please follow these guidelines:

- Stack limbs in a straight pile
- Cut side toward the street;
- No longer than four feet;
- Four" limbs or smaller; and,

This service is only for tree limbs. Please **do not include** the following:

- Rose, thorny, or shrub limbs;
- Grass clippings or garden debris (tomato vines, corn stalks, etc.);
- Firewood, stumps, or rocks;
- Wire, metal, or other foreign matter;
- Limbs or other materials left by contractors, and,
- Tied, bundled limbs.

If the above or any other hazardous items are found while picking up limbs, all material will be left for your disposal. Thank you so much for your assistance.

Mulch First, 725 N. Kintner Parkway, Sunbury also accepts limbs for free. For more information call 740-965-6482.

Sewer Info

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reported that the energy audit he has been conducting at the wastewater treatment plant in conjunction with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) is complete. A 30 percent reduction in energy usage has been measured consistently. At current rates, this equals a cost reduction of approximately $5,000 per year. Expenses for the year long project totaled just over $8,000. American Electric Power's GridSmart program should reimburse 50 percent of the study's cost. The OEPA may use this model project to reduce energy consumption at treatment plants across Ohio.

Village Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie reported to Council that she is now handling the Village's sewer billing and the first round of bills were sent out. Reminder notices were sent to several residents who sent their checks to the old billing company.

Mazzie reported that 20 residents are now paying their bills through automatic debits. She said two residents with large account delinquencies had contacted her to set up payment plans. Council approved a resolution to certify several delinquent accounts to the County Auditor. The amounts owed will be added as liens to the property owners' tax bills. Legal action is in process against chronically overdue property owners.

Late payments incur late fees and potential legal action including property tax liens and lawsuits to recover overdue payments. In extreme cases, sewer service could be disconnected.

Third quarter sewer bills are due by Sept. 10. Residential bills are $121.35 per quarter. Be sure to pay on time to avoid penalties and further action. There are several payment options:

- 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 $40.45 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 under local links/sewers.

Electronic News

The newsletter is available online or can be e-mailed directly. Contact admin assistant@galenaohio.org to be added.

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Dog Warden	368-1915
Electric: AEP	800-277-2177
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