

Galena Recognizes Volunteers



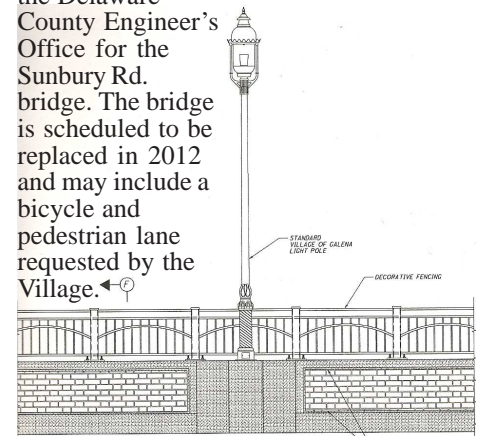
Mayor Tom Hopper (center) awarded Mayor's Proclamations to Martha Lee (left) and Karin Underwood (right) for their exceptional service to the Village.

Village of Galena Mayor Tom Hopper recognized two long-term volunteers with Mayor's Proclamations at the February Council meeting. Hopper recognized Martha Lee for twenty-four years of creating ornaments for the Village's Tree Lighting events. Each hand-painted ornament depicted important landmarks and historical aspects of Galena and were distributed to participants at the annual event. Hopper also commended Karin Underwood for her many years of organizing special events for the Village. Underwood and her committee organize the Village's Easter Egg Hunts, Ice Cream Socials, Halloween Costume Contests, Tree Lightings, and Santa Visits for Village residents. Hopper said that both women have contributed immensely to the betterment of the Village and its residents. He thanked them for giving so generously of their time and talents to enrich the Village.

Jamison thanks the Delaware County Engineer's Office for helping out with snow removal during the week that a hinge on the Village dump truck broke. The truck was out of commission while it was repaired.

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency conducted a compliance inspection of the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The Village expects to receive a "Draft Permit" and the plant was reclassified from a Class 2 to a Class 1 facility. Jamison also reported on a variety of maintenance issues with lift station pumps, electrical damage to a programmable logic controller, and blower motor failures. The Village was notified that it will receive a zero interest loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for cost-saving plant improvements. The Village is also finalizing a thirty-year loan that consolidates the debt for the purchase of the existing WWTP and the design of a new WWTP.

The Village selected its preference from several bridge designs proposed by the Delaware County Engineer's Office for the Sunbury Rd. bridge. The bridge is scheduled to be replaced in 2012 and may include a bicycle and pedestrian lane requested by the Village.



Playground



Assistant Public Service Director Jeanna Burrell reports that playground equipment for Miller Park is being installed and should be completed in March.

Infrastructure

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reports that the Village will have to patch potholes on Walnut St. prior to Decker Construction's reconstruction on Phase 2 of Walnut St. expected to begin in late April or early May. The project will require Walnut St. traffic to be detoured across Holmes St. to Harrison St. and back over to Walnut St. at High St. Construction will be completed by June 1st. The remainder of the Walnut Street reconstruction will be separated into two phases and the Village can reapply for grant funding in September. Phase 3 will include the section from High to Church streets and Phase 4 will be from Church to Harrison streets.

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.

- March 4 Trash Day
- March 10 1st Qtr. Sewer Bills Due
- March 11 Trash Day
- March 16 Zoning & Planning Com.
- March 18 Trash Day
- March 21 Council Meeting
- March 25 Trash Day

Bldg. 1829

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie reports that the Village is refinancing a one-year note on its Building 1829 (the former Galena United Methodist Church). Bricker and Eckler and Robert W. Baird and Co. personnel will continue to shop for a better, long-term rate to finance the building. The \$400,000 note includes funds to bring the building into Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. Council voted to move forward with hiring Miller Watson Architects to develop drawings and a bid package to determine specific renovation costs. Miller Watson will meet with the Village Facilities Committee.

Limb Pick-Ups

The Village will offer two limb pick-up days on March 11 and 25. This will allow residents to dispose of limbs from the ice storm. Limbs no longer than 4 feet and no bigger than 4" in diameter should be stacked at the curb, cut side out with no other materials, and should not be bound.

Residents can also take limbs smaller than 20" in diameter to Mulch First, 725 Kintner Parkway, in Sunbury for a small fee.



**Saturday, August 27th,
11 a.m.-11 p.m.
on the Galena Square
featuring**

- Live Music
- Kids Zone
- Arts Vendors
- Food Vendors
- Beer Garden
- And much more!

Summerfest is back after a one-year hiatus during the Old 3C Bridge construction. Planning for this year's event is in full swing. Village representatives Dave Simmons, Chris Underwood, and Jeanna Burrell met with the Greater Galena Civic Association's Summerfest Committee to plan for the Aug. 27th festival.

The group is currently firming up sponsors, advertisers, and vendors. Interested parties can contact Jane White at Jane@themudflats.com. The next meeting is March 19, 10 a.m., at Murphy's Real Estate, 19 W. Columbus St., on the square. Volunteers are welcome!

Sewer Payments

The Village is in the legal process of shutting off a resident's sewer service due to long-term lack of payment. This will result in eviction from the home and will require payment of the Village's expenses as well as reconnecting the line. Be sure you pay your bills in a timely fashion to avoid late payment penalties, property tax liens, and other legal actions.

First quarter sewer bills are due March 10. 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 \$50.56 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](#).

It's Tax Time!

It's tax time! Due to the Washington DC Emancipation Day holiday being observed on April 15, the Internal Revenue Service has moved its filing deadline to April 18. This is also the due date for filing your municipal income tax forms with the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA).

Forms are available in the Village offices and at www.ritaohio.com. A variety of services are online such as step-by-step calculations, electronic filing and transfer of refunds, and payment by credit card or electronic debit.

Remember, if you live or work within the Galena municipal boundaries, you must pay the Village's one percent income tax. Check our web site for boundaries that are much smaller than the Galena mailing area. The Village does not have reciprocal agreements with other taxing entities.

To file electronically, you will need social security numbers for you and your spouse, W-2 forms, 1099 forms and Federal Schedules C, E & F, date of move for residents who moved in 2010, and bank routing and account numbers for fast refunds or to pay electronically.

BST&G News

BST&G Fire District reports 64 runs for January with an average response time of 6:14. Station improvements included bathroom tile work, installation of a new computer server, and quoting out concrete for the front pad and bay floor repairs. The ladder bucket control had to be replaced and all plugs/receptacles on our trucks were standardized to match mutual aid departments. Check out the district's new web site at: www.bstgfiredistrict.org.

Generator Dangers

It's been a wild winter and many people used generators during the February ice storm and other power outages. Many people went to hospitals across Ohio with carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning from their generators and three people died. Be sure to keep gasoline powered generators outside, far away from your house!

Household Hazardous Waste

The Delaware Knox Marion Morrow (DKMM) Solid Waste District has scheduled hazardous waste drop off days.

Spring events include a Trash Bash on Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds, 195 S. Main St., Mt. Gilead, 43338. The event includes a pharmaceutical take back and document shredding.

There will also be a drop off event Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Whirlpool Corporation, 1300 Marion-Agosta Rd., Marion, 43302.

There is a charge for tires and no paint will be accepted. For information, visit http://www.delawarehealth.org/News/PDF/HHW_EEI12508.pdf.

Electronic News

The newsletter is available online or can be e-mailed directly. Contact [admin assistant@galenaohio.org](mailto:adminassistant@galenaohio.org) to be added to the monthly distribution list.

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