

## Annual Ice Cream Social a Hit!

The Village's annual Ice Cream Social was fun as always. Everyone enjoyed visiting with neighbors, playing at the playground, marveling at the balloon sculptures, and, of course, eating every last drop of the great ice cream! As always, a big thanks goes to Karin Underwood and our awesome Special Events Committee.



## Halloween Events

Beggar's Night is Thursday, October 27, 6-7:15 p.m. followed by our annual Costume Contest at 7:30 p.m. in Ruffner Park. This year's event will feature prizes, cider, and donuts, too.

Use your creativity to design the best costume and you could be the winner at this fun event. Judging is broken into age categories as well as for group costumes. Come see all the great costumes!

Volunteers are needed to help the Special Events Committee decorate the shelter house on October 27. Contact the Village Offices if you can help.



## Walnut St. Grant Application

At their September meeting, Galena Village Council heard from Travis Eifert, from EMH&T, about options for the Walnut St. grant application. Council voted to move forward with an Ohio

Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant application for Phase 3 reconstruction from High to Church streets. The road will be constructed with permeable pavers to better manage storm water. Eifert explained that traditional pavement would be more expensive because the Village would have to construct a larger storm water system. The permeable pavers allow water to percolate through into the ground water rather than forcing it to run off. The road will be widened from 17' to 22', will include curbs, and will feature sidewalks on the west side. At a previous input meeting, residents reached a consensus to eliminate all on-street parking.

Tentative figures include a total project cost of \$437,266 with a grant application for \$250,000 of the cost. The Village would request a zero percent loan for \$137,266 and would contribute a match of \$50,000. The Village has been awarded two previous grants to reconstruct Walnut St. from State Route 3 to High Street. The street is one of three main arteries that converge at the Village Square in a critical eastern Delaware County intersection. The area experiences a huge amount of pass through traffic.

## BOE Moves Polling Place

Council also learned that for the first time in 202 years, Galena residents will not have a polling place within the Village. Council was surprised to learn that the

Delaware County Board of Elections (BOE) moved the Village's election location to the Galena United Methodist Church at 2777 Sunbury Road. The Village was not consulted about the decision nor given an opportunity to address concerns. In notifying Galena of the change, the BOE stated that the Council Chambers are not Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. The Village's architect assured staff that the building is ADA compliant.

## 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.

Oct. 7	Trash Day
Oct. 10	Columbus Day – Offices Closed
Oct. 14	Trash Day
Oct. 19	Zoning & Planning Commission
Oct. 21	Trash Day
Oct. 24	Council Meeting
Oct. 24	Last Chipper Day
Oct. 27	Beggar's Night, 6-7:15 PM Costume Party, 7:30 PM, Ruffner Park
Oct. 28	Trash Day
Nov. 1	4th Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out

## Bldg. 1829

Can you name that building? The Village needs a formal name for the former Galena United Methodist Church. Village staff have informally been calling it Building 1829, referring to the date it was built. The Village plans to use the building for municipal offices and council chambers. The facility will be available for community use as well.

Ideas for names have included the Galena Village Hall, the Galena Towne Hall, and the Village of Galena Municipal Offices. Residents are asked to submit ideas for naming the building to Village staff prior to October 24 for Council's consideration.

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie reported that the building has been refinanced with a 20-year loan. Miller Watson Architects are working with \$87,000 to design ADA restrooms and other improvements that will go out to bid soon. Early estimates came in above budget so the Village will develop a long-range master plan for improvements. Staff may apply for a Community Block Development Grant for ADA improvements in 2012.

## Parks Grant Submitted

The Village submitted a Community Parks Improvement Grant application to Preservation Parks of Delaware County for the third phase of the train playground equipment in Miller Park, a well house for the Ruffner Park ball field irrigation system, and cutting down the height of swing sets in both parks.

## Trash Contract

Council held a second reading on a resolution to extend a fourth year option for its residential trash/recycling contract with Big-O Refuse for 2012.

## Wastewater News

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reported problems with the Columbus Street wastewater lift station downtown. A pump was replaced but did not function properly so a bypass pump is in use. A project to upgrade the pump station will include plumbing modifications, new motor starters, circuit breakers, pump bases, and pumps.

Work on the wastewater geobag project is moving forward. A concrete pad was built to support a roll off container that will house the dewatering membrane. A fine screen project installation design is in progress, too.

Fourth Quarter sewer bills will be sent out November 1 and are due December 10. Since the Village bills quarterly to save customers money, paying on time is crucial. Be sure to pay your bills in a

timely fashion to avoid late payment penalties, property tax liens, and other legal actions. The following is in effect for delinquencies:

- Upon one day of being delinquent, a ten percent late charge will be assessed.
- Thirty days or more delinquent will result in a lien being filed, including administrative fees and costs, and a lawsuit may be filed to collect overdue fees.
- At 100 days past due, the sewer service will be terminated. Once terminated, the property owner will have to pay a reconnection fee as well as all past due fees.

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](#).

## Chipper Days

If it's time for Halloween, that must mean it's fall. If it's fall, then it means the end of Chipper Days since we will have to prepare to have salt in the truck. The last Chipper Day of the year will be October 24.

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.

If your limbs are not picked up on Chipper Day, it may be due to other priorities for the staff. We will pick them up as soon as we can. Thanks for your patience.

## Electronic News

The newsletter is available online or can be emailed directly to you by contacting [adminassistant@galenaohio.org](mailto:adminassistant@galenaohio.org).

## New Property Tax Values

The Delaware County Auditor's Office will host informal meetings on property values in October to discuss with their staff your new property value or any issue. The following local neighborhood meetings will be held:

- Oct. 11, 5-8 p.m., Berkshire Township Hall, 201 N. Galena Rd., Sunbury; and,
- Oct. 21, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Genoa Baptist Church, 7562 Lewis Center Rd., Westerville.

New property market values are available at [www.co.delaware.oh.us/auditor](http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/auditor) and each property owner will

receive a letter in late September.

Current Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV) values are set by state law separately. A farm value meeting will be held Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Delaware Area Career Center.

If you miss these informal meetings or disagree with your property valuation, you may file a complaint after Jan. 1, 2012. Appraisals and comparable sales figures may be helpful in this process.

## On the Ballot

Andy Wecker and Mindy Meyer were guests at the September Village Council meeting. Both are running for the two open spots on the Big Walnut Schools Board of Education and discussed their involvement in prior bond issue and levy campaigns. Both want to ensure that the current operating levy lasts the five years promised to voters.

Two Village Council seats are open for the next four years. Incumbent Nancy Feole is on the ballot for another term.

Learn more about local candidates on the ballot on Thursday, October 20, 7:30 p.m. at Big Walnut High School Cafeteria.

## Cruise-In

The Sunbury Galena Rotary Club will host its annual Cruise-in on the Sunbury Village Square Oct. 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. More than 300 cars are expected.

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[www.bstgfiredistrict.org](http://www.bstgfiredistrict.org)

**Big-O Refuse** 888-924-2446

**Cable: Time-Warner** 800-617-4311

**Columbia Gas** 800-344-4077

**Del. Co. EMS** 833-2190

[www.delcoems.org](http://www.delcoems.org)

**Del-Co Water** 548-7746

**Dog Warden** 368-1915

**Electric: AEP** 800-277-2177

**Galena Post Office** 965-2371

**Health Dept.** 740-368-1700

[www.delawarehealth.org](http://www.delawarehealth.org)

**Immediate Urgent Care**, 101D W.

Cherry St., Sunbury, 965-8305

**Phone: Century Link** 800-407-5411

**RITA (income tax)** 800-860-7482

web: [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com)

**Sheriff** 833-2800

**Sunbury Post Office** 965-2471

**Wastewater Plant** 740-602-1234

Lift Station

Emergencies 740-972-8646