

Galena Ohio News

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October 2023

**Mayor Love’s Letter**

Fall is in the air and that means it is Galena Fall Gathering time!

What is it all about you ask? The Galena Fall Gathering’s mission is to elevate lives and build unity through community improvements and charitable service.

[The Galena Fall Gathering](https://www.galenafallgathering.com/) is a community event and fundraiser that creates an opportunity to raise money for Cancer research at the James Solove Cancer Research Institute and for a new all-inclusive playground at Miller Park. Come see the playground rendition!

The funds are split equally between the Buckeye Cruise for Cancer whose funds go directly to the James Solove Cancer Research Institute and to the recently resurrected Galena Foundation that allows the village to accept charitable funds.

As a community we are in this together and by creating an amazing fun filled day we have and can continue to raise money for a charitable cause that touches all of us and to do something amazing for this community such as a new playground for all kids to play on.

The event will kick off on Saturday October 14th at 10am. This year’s theme is a tailgate to invite everyone to come watch our Buckeyes take on Purdue at noon.

The day is packed full of so much fun! See the line up. The cars are sponsored by Germaine Land Rover at Easton, and they are

bringing 30 extremely rare sports cars with a price tag no less than $750,000!! The Taste of Big Walnut promises again to be delicious with The Galena Diner, Toni’s, Big Walnut Grille, Cardinal Pizza, Sambuca’s, The Marshall Waffle Truck, SURVE, and more.

The Crafts bring so much creativity to the event with soaps, wood crafts, goodies, etc.

The Primrose of Galena Kid Zone is going to have so many fun activities with an expanded array of fun! Look out for the new bounce house! Come paint pumpkins and jump in the bounce house!

You can’t have a gathering without epic music and fun all day! We kick off the day at 10am with Level Up who are a local band that play old and current hits that will be fantastic to get our day Rockin’! 

**Sewer billing**



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Council members, Chris Durrance and Kathy Krupa are reviewing information to make a proposal to update sewer billing.

**Walnut Street Update**

Columbia Gas should be done within the next 2-3 weeks. They will have added gas service to the area. After they are finished it will take 2-3 more weeks to have the road repaved. Repaving should only take one day.

**Miller Farm’s Development Updates**

MI Homes formally provided a plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission. During the hearing on September 20th, the commission voted to recommend the development to the council.

**Facts and Fiction- Delaware County Auditor**

County Auditor George Kaitsa has a document regarding property tax updates. [Please click here for more information.](https://auditor.co.delaware.oh.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/23/2023/08/Reappraisal-3.1.pdf)

**Delaware County Sheriff**

Contributed by Chief Scowden

Delaware County remains a very safe place to live, raise your family, work, and play. However, despite our low crime rate, we are not immune to occasional crime, and we remind people to use common sense and trust your gut. If something doesn’t seem right, follow that instinct and call us. We never mind coming check it out – because your call could actually prevent a crime from happening! See something, say something…. If it is not an emergency call us at **(740) 833-2800**.

We provide the following safety reminders to help you prevent crimes against your property:

1. **Thefts from Vehicles and Stolen Vehicles** are happening entirely too much – oftentimes they are committed by juveniles from larger cities who come to Delaware County to commit these crimes. And sometimes, residents make it too easy for them to commit these crimes. Take a few simple precautions, don’t help them out!

* Always lock your vehicle – regardless of where it is parked (even in your garage).
* Take your vehicle’s key; do not leave it in your vehicle.
* Close and lock all windows and doors when existing your vehicle.
* Park in well-lit areas, when possible.
* Never leave valuables in your vehicle, or at least remove them from plain sight.
* It is also suggested to place surveillance/doorbell cameras at your residence.

1. **Phone Scams** are a very difficult crime to solve because they often occur from individuals using burner phones, and many times from outside of the United States. These criminals often prey on vulnerable populations, such as the elderly. Please follow the simple steps below to prevent yourself from becoming a victim.

* Never provide personal information over the phone to anyone you do not know.
* Hang up if the caller is making demands or asking you to send money or go get green dot cards or gift cards.
* Call us to verify whenever anyone says they are with law enforcement or the courts – we don’t call you! We make personal visits when we need to speak with you.
* Most importantly, regularly share the above pointers with your elderly loved ones – who often fall for these scams.

The Delaware County Sheriff’s Office is dedicated to providing our services to all county residents.  For more information on **your** Sheriff’s Office, please visit our website at <https://sheriff.co.delaware.oh.us>  .  Again, as a reminder, never feel you are “bothering” law enforcement when calling in an incident.  It is our job and many times our residents are our eyes and ears to curb crime.

**New Park! John Bland Park**

**Dedication Service of the park to be held on October 7th at 11:00 am.**

A group of men standing in front of a water treatment plant

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Here pictured in the center is the former mayor Don Miller (Miller Park) and on the far left is Mr. Shiver, Big Walnut High School music director and John Bland

The Village of Galena invites you to the dedication and ribbon cutting for John Bland Park on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 11 AM. The event will be held at the entrance to the park on Fescue Road between Bodkin Lane and Admiral Drive. Parking will be along Fescue Road.

The newest and largest of Galena’s parks, it is named in honor of longtime resident and well-known public servant John W. Bland. For nearly 60 years, John has been actively engaged in community activities in Galena in both the public and private realms.

He began his official community role in 1965 as a member of the village Board of Public Affairs, also known as the Water Board. This body oversaw the village’s water system. In 1973, he left the board to oversee their day-to-day operations as the water superintendent, a role that continued for 20 years until the system was sold to Del-Co. While superintendent, he engineered, constructed, and oversaw the relocation of the water tower in Miller Park in 1987 and remodeled and upgraded the water plant itself.

Immediately following, John served as Village Administrator from 1995-1998. His official role with the village also included terms on the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Sewer Committee, charged with planning the village’s first sewage treatment system.

John was also involved in many village-sponsored projects in a less formal capacity. He built the shelter house and restrooms in Ruffner Park around 1975. He helped acquire the land on which Miller Park stands. John transformed the foundation for an old railroad water tower on the Thomas W. Hopper Legacy Trail into an observation deck. When that trail was first created in the 1990s, he also established a new deck system on the old railroad bridge over Little Walnut Creek. And, before the village hired a tree company to put lights on the evergreen in the middle of the Village Square, he even climbed to the top of the tree to install Christmas lights.

He remodeled the building that houses the Galena Diner. He restored the ceiling in council chambers at the Galena Village Hall when it was still owned by the Methodist Church by removing a dropped ceiling and devising ingenious methods for filling the innumerable holes in a way that it not even perceptible from the floor level. He built the ADA handicap ramp on the building. More recently, John repaired the plaster walls in council chambers and replaced the door stoop in the exterior door of chambers.

John’s commitment to the village did not stop there. As early as 1960, he started a softball league in Ruffner Park that operated until an agreement was finalized with Jeff Dutiel in the 1990s. In 2012, John’s concern for preserving the history of the village resulted in his helping to found the Galena Historic Foundation and led to the establishment of a museum in the ground level of the village hall, a project again overseen by John. In 2006, WVMX, the adult hits FM radio station in Westerville, Ohio, named John Bland a “Home Town Hero.”

When the idea to name the, as yet undeveloped, parkland in honor of John was brought forward by Councilman Zach Hopper the full council enthusiastically agreed. Please join the Mayor and Council of the Village of Galena in celebrating the dedication of John Bland Park.

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Oct. 7 Heritage Day, 11 AM – 2 PM

Oct. 9 Columbus Day – Offices Closed

Oct. 14 Galena Fall Gathering

Oct. 18 Planning & Zoning Commission

Oct. 23 Council Meeting

Oct. 31 Trick or treat, 6:30-8:30 PM

Nov. 7 General Election Day,

Nov. 10 Veterans Day – Offices Closed

Nov. 15 Planning & Zoning Commission

Nov. 20 Council Meeting

Nov. 23-24 Thanksgiving – Offices Closed

Dec. 3 Christmas @ Journey 6-7 PM

Santa Claus & Tree Lighting

on the Square, 7:30 PM

Dec. 18 Council Meeting

Dec. 20 Planning & Zoning Commission

Dec. 25 Christmas – Offices Closed

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Trunk or Treat: 6:00 -7:15PM   
Costume Contest 7:30-8:30PMCome for the Treats, Games and really awesome decorated Trunks! Stay for the costume contest! AWESOME PRIZES, multiple categories ... be sure to pre-register! Pre-Register by texting COSTUME to (740) 921-1008

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| **Medical & Police Emergencies:** | 911 |
| **BST&G Fire District:** | 740-965-3841 |
| **Delaware County Sheriff:** | 740-833-2800 |
| **Immediate Urgent Care:** | 740-965-8305 |
| 101D W. Cherry Street, Sunbury |  |
| **Dog Warden:** | 740-368-1915 |
| **Galena Village Offices:** | 740-965-2484 |
| **Galena Mayor:** | 614-531-2117 |
| **Galena Cemetery:** | 740-965-2484 |
| **Galena Sewer or** | 740-972-8646 |
| **Lift Station problems:** | 740-971-1921 |
| **Water (Del-Co):** | 740-548-7746 |
| **Trash Collection (Waste Mgt.):** | 866-797-9018 |
| **Electricity (AEP):** | 800-277-2177 |
| **Natural Gas (Columbia Gas):** | 800-344-4077 |
| **Cable (Spectrum):** | 855-472-8553 |
| **Telephone (Century Link):** | 800-407-5411 |
| **County Health Department:** | 740-368-1700 |
| **Galena Post Office (Zip 43021):** | 740-965-2371 |
| **Income tax questions (R.I.T.A.):** | 800-860-7482 |

**Village of Galena Contacts**

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| **Fiscal Report** | | | | | | | |
| **Fund Name** | **01/01/2023 Fund Balance** |  | **YTD Revenue** |  | **YTD Expenditures** |  | **Ending Balance 8/31/2023** |
| General | $ 1,349,015.21 |  | $ 1,186,388.30 |  | $ 485,696.16 |  | $ 2,085.842.84 |
| Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair | $ 293,811.43 |  | $ 65,369.04 |  | $ 40,723.78 |  | $ 318,456.69 |
| State Highway | $ 23,690.82 |  | $ 5,437.56 |  | $ - |  | $ 29,128.38 |
| Cemetery | $ 12,542.57 |  | $ 4,828.00 |  | $ 9,127.25 |  | $ 8,243.32 |
| Parks and Recreation | $ 11,375.92 |  | $ - |  | $ - |  | $ 11,375.92 |
| Other Capital Projects/FEMA | $ 63,785.51 |  | $ 47,682.55 |  | $ - |  | $ 111,468.06 |
| Sewer Operating | $ 2,292,737.60 |  | $ 274,485.87 |  | $ 359,480.97 |  | $ 2,207,742.50 |
| **Total** | **$ 4,046,959.06** |  | **$ 1,584,191.30** |  | **$ 423,555.04** |  | **$ 4,772,257.71** |