



Mayor Love's Letter

There are so many exciting things happening in the village of Galena! The village will once again be the host of two exciting events, **The Son of Thurman Burger Bash and the Galena Fall Gathering!**

The Burger Bash event is one of the BEST PELOTONIA TRAINING RIDES! The Son of Thurman Burger Bash Ride offers great rides with 60-, 40- and 20-mile routes and for the price of a Ride and Lunch ticket you get breakfast, lunch and a few refreshing beers along with music provided by a fabulous DJ! All riders will enjoy Bagels, Muffins and Coffee before their ride. Routes are timed to bring everyone back for a great lunch featuring the famous Son of Thurman burgers served buffet style. The Burger Bash has raised \$25,000 in two years, and all profits go to the James Cancer Hospital and Solve Research Institute. There is a growing number of participant riders every year! This year's event will take place on July 15th. To sign up you can go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/son-of-thurman-burger-bash-ride-to-cure-cancer-tickets-639859345527>

The planners of the second annual **Galena Fall Gathering** fundraiser are putting together a game day tail gate event on **October 14th, 2023**, that showcases all that Galena has to offer - our past, our present and the remarkable things to come. It will be packed with memorable experiences that are accessible to residents and visitors of all ages. This includes live music, local food, crafts, cars, and an exciting line-up of events to bring us all together at the center of it all.

Let the Fun Begin: Come One, Come All!
Kick Off Opening Ceremony at noon.

Enjoy Exotic car show, Kids' Zone featuring games and more. Live music kicked off by **AJ Angelo**. Enjoy local foods from a Taste of Big Walnut. Walk and shop featuring local vendors, 50/50 raffles, Queen of Hearts, Duck Pond and more! Granddaddy of 'Em All Rockin' Eve (5 - 11 p.m.)

Live music showcasing The Fabulous Johnson Brothers and Headliner North to Nashville. Enjoy local food from a Taste of Big Walnut. Walk and Shop featuring local vendors; Fall and Holiday Crafts. Exotic Car show; Live and Silent Auction featuring some amazing ONE-OF-A-KIND items.

Don't Wait! Secure one of the Limited Sponsorship Opportunities

There are a limited number of sponsorship opportunities available to invite your company, clients, and friends to support this year's event. Your contributions support both the Village of Galena All-Inclusive playground and The Buckeye Cruise for Cancer. Follow Galena Fall Gathering on Facebook

(facebook.com/GalenaFallGathering) and Instagram (@galenafallgathering)



Mayor Jill Love representing Galena at the Big Walnut Parade

New Sewer billing

Starting the first of 2023, your sewer bill was combined with your water bill. The village council continues to look for ways to improve billing options. Current billing has not been able to consider irrigation systems.

Trash Collection Update

Galena has a new two-year agreement with Rumpke. Service increased \$4 per month. Rumpke noted their expenses such as gas, personnel and trucks have increased.

Council Meeting

Council meetings are held monthly, the fourth Monday of each month. You can find information on future agenda's, minutes and recordings of past meetings at galenohio.gov under the council meeting minutes or [click here](#). This quarter meetings are July 26th, August 28th and September 25th. Meetings start at 7:00 pm.

Miller Farm's Development Updates

MI Homes has acquired the opportunity to develop the former Homewood Homes property. MI Homes has met with the Village Development Group and has formally provided a plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The hearing regarding their plans is scheduled for July 19th at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Playground Grant

In 2021, the Village of Galena won a grant from the ODNR to replace the Miller Park playground. We had a playground committee that recommended a contractor, Mid-States Recreation, after vetting and reviewing bids. Our next step is to finalize a design. We will be seeking public input.

Traffic and Safety

March 2023, Galena installed digital traffic speed signs. These signs are to help curb speeders along Walnut Road and Columbus Street. Both also provide law enforcement with reports on when and how many people are speeding. The village council approved \$36,000 budget to hire Special Duty Delaware County Officers. We have been able to fill many of the requested openings.

Energy Aggregation Program

Ohio Legislature enacted electric deregulation legislation which authorizes local municipalities to aggregate retail electric and gas service agreements. Aggregation provides an opportunity for customers collectively to participate in the benefits of deregulation through lower rates which they would not otherwise be able to have individually. Once passed through council, the residents will vote on November 7th to accept or decline the aggregation program.

Galena's Memorial Day Traditions

Contributed by David A. Simmons

For more than 40 years, the Village of Galena has organized an annual Memorial Day ceremony on the Village Square before the G & T Club's

memorial to Galena's World War II veterans. Often speakers arranged by the local veteran's groups made presentations here, and in recent years, these have included students from Big Walnut High School scheduled to attend Buckeye Boys State or Buckeye Girls State sponsored by the American Legion and their auxiliary group.

Following the Square ceremony, the celebrants reconvened in the Galena Cemetery to hear the story of a veteran buried there. A veteran's rifle squad offered a salute, and the service concluded with taps.

This year Samuel Leonard was featured in the cemetery. His marker was recently cleaned by Fabia Taylor, an Olentangy Schools employee who has a passion for the proper restoration of veteran's cemetery markers.

Samuel Leonard was born in Pennsylvania in 1787 and came to Berkshire Township with his father in 1808. He established a farm on the east side of Big Walnut Creek in 1811 near where Vans Valley Road turns north from Sunbury Road. That same year, American troops under General William Henry Harrison were attacked by a confederation of Indian tribes led by the Shawnee chief Tecumseh at a site in future Indiana that became known as the Battle of Tippecanoe. This battle was widely reported in

Ohio and farmers like Samuel Leonard were concerned that they were open to attack. As a result, in August 1812, Leonard joined with other local farmers to enlist in the Ohio militia. The feared attack never occurred in central Ohio, and forces under William Henry Harrison and Oliver Hazard Perry eventually defeated the British and their Indian allies in Ohio. At war's end, America

had stood up to the world's leading military power.



Leonard married the following year and raised five children, some of whom are also buried in Galena. He raised hogs and grew corn, oats, wheat and hay. He worked with the Berkshire Township trustees in the 1820s and 30s as a project supervisor and was clerk of the Methodist Episcopal Church when the decision was made to build the church that is now village offices. Samuel Leonard was not only a veteran but was also an early pioneer that contributed to building Galena's historic legacy.





Voting

Important Dates:

July 10, 2023: Last day to register to vote.

August 8, 2023: Special Election

August 9, 2023: Deadline for candidates

For more information on voting, please visit [Ohio Secretary of State webpage](#)

Galena Dates

July 4

Independence Day Observed –



Offices Closed

July 19 Planning & Zoning Commission

July 24 Council Meeting

Aug. 16 Planning & Zoning Commission

Aug. 28 Council Meeting

Sept. 4 Labor Day – Offices Closed

Sept. 20 Planning & Zoning Commission

Sept. 25 Council Meeting

Contacts

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 Lift Station problems:	740-972-8646 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

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Fiscal Report

Fund Name	01/01/2023 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 5/31/2023
General	\$ 1,349,015.21	\$ 663,324.52	\$ 269,919.32	\$ 1,742,420.41
Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair	\$ 293,811.43	\$ 29,697.23	\$ 16,943.78	\$ 306,564.88
State Highway	\$ 23,690.82	\$ 2,403.70	\$ -	\$ 26,094.52
Cemetery	\$ 12,542.57	\$ 2,828.00	\$ 6,602.00	\$ 8,768.57
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	\$ 132,674.09	\$ 130,089.94	\$ 2,295,321.75
Total	\$ 4,046,959.06	\$ 878,610.09	\$ 423,555.04	\$ 4,502,014.11