



GALENA, MARYLAND NEWSLETTER

October 2016

HAPPY FALL

The Mayor and Council would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season-Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year 2017!

PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF GALENA

WATER & SEWER RATE STUDY REVIEW

The Town of Galena held a Public Hearing at Town Hall, 101 S. Main Street, on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The engineering firm, AECOM, presented the Final Water & Sewer System's Rate Study Report to the Mayor and Council. At the Mayor and Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 approved Resolution 2016-04 Water & Sewer Rates. See enclosed Sewer and Water Rates.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF GALENA ORDINANCE NO. 2016-03

The Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 2016-03 which is an ordinance of the Town of Galena to revise the Rental Rates and Procedures for the Town Picnic Pavilions and Facilities. 50% of the rental fee will be returned to the renter and 50% of the rental fee will be retained by the Town for administration, maintenance, and upkeep of the park and equipment therein. If park is not in satisfactory condition, 100% of the rental fee shall be retained by the Town. Resolution No. 2016-03 whereas, section 123-1C of the Code of the Town of Galena authorizes the Town Council to set rental rates for the Town picnic pavilions/facilities from time to time by Resolution. Both were approved on September 6, 2016, with effective date of September 27, 2016 A copy of the Ordinance is available for review and inspection during normal business hours at Town Hall, or www.townofgalena.com.

Planning & Zoning committee:

The Town has an opening for an Alternate member for Planning & Zoning. If interested please notify the town office.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony:

Sunday, December 4th, 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. The Kent County Marching Band will be performing and Santa will arrive by fire truck, followed by refreshments and time for the children to talk with Santa.

WWTP Project Update:

We are now 7 mos. into the project and we are 35% complete and moving as scheduled.

Water and Sewer Emergencies:

Please contact Maryland Environmental Service (MES) at **1-800-669-7080**. MES continues to ask that all residents keep their meters clear and visible so they have easy access to them at all times. Please remove snow, dirt and/or brush away from the

meter. Also, restrain from putting any feminine hygiene products, Depends, diapers and grease into the system. This will cause damage to both our pumps and sewer lines and can also cause backups in your our line that will lean to costly repairs.

Trash/Recycling Pickup:

There is a list of acceptable Waste, Yard Waste and Recycling information on our website at www.townofgalena.com. If you have a broken container or a missed pickup, please call the town office so arrangements can be made with Allied Waste/Republic Services to take care of this matter for us. Please do not use your recycle container as a second trash bin, it is for recyclables only. Also, please put out your trash containers the night before so all trash is picked up. The week of Thanksgiving trash will be picked up on that Friday. Weekly trash pickup is every Thursday. Recyclables are picked up every other Thursday, below is the schedule:

Oct. 27th Jan. 5th	Nov. 10th Jan. 19th	Nov. 24th	Dec. 8th	Dec. 22st
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TownLand Use Ordinance and Map Amendment Review:

The Planning and Zoning Board still continue to work on the review. During the review, the regular monthly meetings will start at 6:00 p.m. The meetings are on the last Monday of each month and are open to the public. Also, if you need a town permit, they can be found on our website under the "Government" page at www.townofgalena.com.

Town Ordinance Reminders:

No parking on sidewalks and observe all parking signs. Also please park in the correct direction as the flow of traffic. This is for everyone's safety. Mini-bikes, Four Wheelers, and skateboard riding are prohibited in town limits, except on private property and only with the owners' permission. Any complaints call the Sheriff's Office 410-778-2279 or after hours call 410-778-2277. Dogs are to be kept on a leash at all times. Also, please pick up and remove all feces from your pets. If in the park areas, disposal of feces should be away from the park areas. This is a health and safety issue since our children play in the park. Ordinance is posted at the entrance to the Town Park for more information. Placement of a single boat and/or a single boat trailer and/or a single recreational vehicle on your property is permitted anywhere in the side or rear yard only, provided a minimum of a two foot set-back is maintained from adjacent property lines in its entirety. [Not withstanding other set-back requirements of this ordinance.] They are not permitted on the front yard/driveway or in the street. Town curfew is Sunday thru Thursday 10:00 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. and Friday & Saturday 11:00 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. This curfew is for youth less than 16 years of age unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or under the care and custody of an adult.

Town Parks, Recreation & Tree Committee:

The Committee meets quarterly on the third Monday. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17th. The town parks are open from dawn until dusk and our pavilion is available for rental at a reasonable fee. If you are interested in renting our

pavilion, a rental form can be found on our website at www.townofgalena.com under the "Government" page or call the town office. Help keep our parks and town clean, deposit all litter in trash containers.

Reminders:

We have a town parking lot at N. Main Street and Virginia Avenue. It is open to the public and is for passenger vehicles only. Commercial vehicles are prohibited. Also, there are portable facilities located at the Town Park and Town Hall Parking Lot for public use.

The Galena Volunteer Fire Company is requesting that all hydrants be visible and clear of fences, bushes and flowers, etc. They need easy access to them at all times. The Fire Company siren will only ring for general emergencies, such as, a tornadoes, hurricanes, etc. There will be a long continuous blast for 3-5 minutes.

Support our Businesses, GVFC and Library:

Please continue to support our local businesses and welcome our new ones as well.

Galena Volunteer Fire Company does a great job for our town and surrounding areas. They put in many hours of training for firefighting and medical services, so support their activities: Breakfasts, Dinners and auction, etc. They are always looking for new members.

Do not forget to visit our library. If possible, make a donation to them. The donation will go toward the Galena branch. The town library is open on Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Friday 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Preschool Story Time is every Thursday Morning at 10:30 a.m. This program is for ages 2-6 and their families. For more information call 410-648-5380.

DATES & ACTIVITIES TO REMEMBER

Galena VFC Autumn Armageddon Tour-MCW Pro Wrestling

Saturday, Oct. 15, Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with a meet & Greet the MCW Pro Wrestlers. Bell time is 7:30 p.m. For tickets and more information go to www.mcwprowrestling.com.

OUMC Roast Beef Dinner and Silent Auction

Saturday, Oct. 22, starts 4:00 p.m. at the Galena Volunteer Fire Co. Cost age 11 and up-\$13.00, children 4yrs to 10 yrs- \$7.00 and 3yrs and under free. Collecting shoes for Steeple Restoration Project-\$1.00 off per meal for your shoes. For Information call 410.648.6954

Galena's VFC All-You-Can-Eat Wing Night

Saturday, Oct. 29, 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Adults \$14.00, Children \$6.00, for more information call 410-648-5050.

Galena Elementary School Fall Fest Event

Friday, Oct. 28, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. for more information email galespta@gmail.com.

Galena Lions Halloween Parade

Saturday, Oct. 29, Lineup starts at 2:00 p.m. at Sassy's River Market, parade ends at the Galena Town Park at the Pavilion for the Halloween Custom contest. Rain date Sunday, October 30.

Halloween in Galena

Monday, Oct. 31, between the hours of 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For your trick-or-treater's out there, have fun and be safe.

St. Dennis Church Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 5, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Christmas Gifts for all ages, Silent Auction, Bake Sale and cash lunch will be served all day. Vendors welcomed-1st Table \$20, all others \$15. For more information contact Jim Bricker 717-575-1235 or email stdennischurch@aol.com.

Galena Lions Club Car Show

Sunday, Nov. 6, Turner's Unlimited, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For more information contact Chris at 410.708.4889 or Debbie at 410.708.0704.

Veterans Day Ceremony

Friday, Nov. 11, at approximately 9:15 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial in the Galena Cemetery. We have invited the 8th grade students from both the Kent County Middle School and the Kent School. Following the ceremony, refreshments will be served in St. Dennis Church Hall.

Sassafras Business Council Second Saturday's

The SBRC will holding Second Saturdays on November 12 & December 10, 2016. Stop by the businesses for specials.

Sassafras Business Council House Decorating Contest

Saturday night December 10, 2016 the SRBC will be judging Christmas decorations at 7pm. There will be cash prizes.

Galena's Tree Lighting

Sunday, Dec. 4, 7:00 p.m. at the Galena Town Hall. For more information call 410-648-5151.

Galena's VFC All-You-Can-Eat Breakfasts

Sunday, Dec. 11, Breakfast with Santa, 7:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Adults \$8.00, Children 3-12 \$4.00 & Children under 3 are free. Call 410-648-5050 for more information.

Galena's VFC Ham & Oyster Dinners

Saturdays, Jan 16 and Feb 13. Contact the Galena's VFC for information for cost for 2016 at 410-648-5050.

If you are the property-owner, please pass this newsletter to your tenants or make sure you pass the information on to them.

- * The Mayor and Council meet the first Monday of each month at 7:00p.m.
- * The Mayor and Council workshops are schedule for the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., if needed.
- * The Planning and Zoning Board meet the last Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. until further notice.
- * The Park, Recreation and Tree Committee meet at the call of the Chairman. Notification will be posted.
- * The Board of Appeals holds a hearing upon receipt of an application for a variance or conditional use.
All meetings are open to the public.
- * Town Office Hours are 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Town Office telephone number is 410-648-5151.

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