



GALENA, MARYLAND NEWSLETTER

April 2012

Spring is here, actually I think it's been here for a while. With Spring brings grass cutting time. Please make sure your grass is cut to keep our town looking neat and clean. Also, please trim tree limbs over your sidewalk so people are able to walk on the sidewalks. Galena is a beautiful town, tourists and non-residents know that our residents take pride in their property. **"THANK YOU!"** Also, don't forget if you make any additions to your home, add a patio or deck, put up a shed or pool, you need a town permit before you start. Any questions call the town office.

Dogwood Dash: The 2nd Annual Dogwood Dash will be at 8am on the day of the Dogwood Festival. The route of this 5K (3.1 miles) walk/run is a cross country trail adjacent to the scenic Sassafras River. All proceeds go to the Food Pantries of Kent County. For more information or to register contact Julie Metzger at 443-480-2682 or 410-648-6775.

Dogwood Festival: Saturday, May 14th, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. **The Dogwood Festival is requesting Galena residents to fly the American Flag in honor of the "War of 1812" theme of the festival this year.** There will be a car show, youth talent contest, baby contest, crafts, exhibits, music, children's amusements and lots of Eastern Shore food. Kids Corner is looking for youth groups, youth sports teams, and church youth groups, etc. You get free table space (must bring own table) in the park for bake sale, children's games, etc. For information or save a space call Harry Pisapia at 410-648-3595.

SECOND SATURDAYS in GALENA! Starting Saturday, May 12th, after the Dogwood Festival, the Sassafras River Business Council will continue the festivities with **"Second Saturdays in Galena."** Shops in Galena will extend their hours until 8:00 p.m. There will be live music and refreshments. This will continue thru the summer.

Town and Sub-Division Ordinance Review: Planning and Zoning has almost completed the review of our Town and Sub-Division Ordinances. This is open to the public and is held on the last Monday of the month after their regular meeting. There will be a public hearing in August or September.

WWTP Update: Planning is still in progress for our

new Waste Water Treatment Plant. We have kept MDE updated on changes and new schedules. Again, please restrain from putting any feminine hygiene products, Depends, diapers and grease into the system. This damages our pumps and to rebuild or replace them is very expensive.

Town Parks: The town parks are open from dawn until dusk. Please help keep our parks clean, deposit litter in the trash containers. **Please pick up after your dog at both parks, especially, Gateway Park. People are not picking up feces, PLEASE HELP!!** it is a town ordinance. Don't forget, our pavilion is available for rental at a reasonable fee. If you are interested in renting our pavilion, please call the town office. **Volunteers are needed to help water the trees from May 28th through August or September.** If interest, call the town office.

Town Ordinance Reminders: Dogs are to be kept on a leash and please pick up after them. No parking on sidewalks. Do not let your customers be fined, have them use our town parking lot. 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. 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.

Trash/Recycling Pickup: Normal trash pickup is every Thursday. Recyclables are picked up every other Thursday, below is the schedule. Also, stickers have been put on the recyclable container, if your container does not have one, you can pick one up at the town office. Please do not use your recycle receptacle as a second trash bin, it is for recycles only. Waste Management has requested that all trash receptacles be put out the night before so all trash is picked up.

April 26th	June 21st
May 10th	July 5th
May 24th	July 19th
June 7th	August 2nd

Saturday, April 28, 2012 (only) - Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) & Mercury Thermometer Collection, NEW: Latex Paint Recycling – &

Electronics Recycling Events (eCycle), Q.A. County Public Works, 312 Safety Dr., Centreville, 8 to 2, Rain or Shine, free, Caroline, Kent, QA & Talbot residents. Directions: From 213/301 intersection take Rte 301 N, right onto Rte 304 E (truck stop), go 0.1 miles then left onto Safety Drive. For info.: www.midshorerecycling.org **410-758-6605**, flyers at disposal facilities, libraries or by mail, check ads in local papers.

Support our Businesses, GVFC & Library: Please continue to support our local businesses. They are here for your convenience and without your support they cannot survive.

Galena Volunteer Fire Company does a great job for our town and surrounding areas. They put in many hours of training for fire fighting 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.

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.

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 is no longer ringing for fire and ambulance calls. The only thing it will ring for is General emergencies, such as, a tornadoes, hurricanes, etc. There will be a long continuous blast for 3-5 minutes.

DATES & ACTIVITIES TO REMEMBER

Arbor Day in Galena

Friday, Apr. 27, 10:00 a.m. in the Galena Town Park. Seedling give away will be Apr.24-27 at the Galena Town Office.

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

Sundays, Apr. 29, May 13 & 27, Jun. 17, Jul 1 15 & 29, Aug. 12, Sep. 2, 16 & 30, Oct. 14 & 28-7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 9, Breakfast with Santa-7:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Call 410-618-5050 for more information.

Galena VFC Shrubbery Auction

Sunday, May 6, Auction starts at 1:00 p.m. but items will be available for viewing at 11:00 a.m.

Galena Dogwood Festival

Saturday, May 12, this is our 7th annual festival and it will take place throughout Galena from 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Call 410-708-8314 for more information.

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

Saturdays, May 19, Jun. 9, Jul. 21, Aug. 18, Sep. 22, Oct. 20 & Nov. 17-5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Adults \$12.00, Children 4-12 \$6.00 & Children 3 & under are free. Call 410-618-5050 for more information.

Georgetown Harbor Fireworks & Boat Parade

Wednesday, July 4, Sassafras River at Georgetown's Harbor, Boat Parade Starts at 5:00 p.m. & fireworks are at dusk. For more information contact Ronda Bolinger at 410-275-1200 or rlwb@verizon.net.

St. Dennis Annual Bull Roast

Saturday, July 28, 3:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Dennis Religious Center Adults-\$20.00, Children 5-12 \$5.00, 4 & under free. Take outs avail. For more information call Amy Larrauri at 443-480-2936.

If you are a landlord, please pass this newsletter to you tenants or make sure you pass the information on to them.

- * The Mayor and Council meet the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- * The Planning and Zoning Board meet the last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- * The Park Committee meets the third Monday of the month, as needed.
- * 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. **The Town Manager/Zoning Administrator is in the office twice a week, call first to meet with him.** Town Office telephone number is 410.648.5151.

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