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2024

—HAPPY NEW YEAR—



Ms.
Dorothy Abel

Turns 99 this year on March 26, and this is her third year holding this honor. She moved to Galena in 1950, and in 1960 she left but knew she wanted to come back. She returned in 1981 with her sister Helen who was the oldest living resident 4 years in a row.

Happy Birthday Ms. Dorothy!!!!

PAY YOUR BILL ONLINE

On the Home page of the new Town of Galena Website, scroll down to the quick link, "PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL ONLINE".

Quick Links

[PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL ONLINE](#)

SCAM ALERT!

Recently some Galena residents have been victim to a scam claiming to be Delmarva Power and falsely claiming their electric or gas service will be disconnected unless payment is made. These impersonators instruct customers to buy a prepaid credit card and call back to a different phone number with the personal identification number (PIN) or other personal information. They also use a tactic called "spoofing" to manipulate the Caller ID displayed phone number so that it appears as a Delmarva Power number. Delmarva Power also cautions customers to be mindful of individuals who try to gain access to their homes by posing as utility workers. Utility impostors may carry "official" looking credentials and often work in pairs.

Electronic Statements
If anyone would like to begin receiving their statements electronically, an email would need to be sent to csmith@townofgalena.com with the subject "Electronic Statement Request" and include in their email, their first and last name, email address they want the statement sent to, phone number and address where they receive the water services. If any of this information is missing electronic statements will NOT be sent. We would like to make sure that we have the correct address information for our residents so that the bills that are sent out do not get returned therefore causing late fees.

TOWN PROJECTS



A submission was made to the Stories of the Chesapeake Small Grant in the amount of \$2500. The purpose of the application was to catalog items in our collection for the museum. We hope we are awarded this grant to assist us in making our history more accessible to residents and visitors.



Keep Maryland **BEAUTIFUL**
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

The Town of Galena Park & Tree committee has submitted a grant application to continue work on town beautification and the composting project at Galena Elementary School. The request included supplies for Galena Clean-up days, 25 trees, as well as, additional compost bins, metal planters, and two public ecology presentations. Awards will be announced in March 2024.



Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DHCD Facade

The Town of Galena has been awarded a \$50,000 grant to continue DHCD Facade improvements for FY25. Letters of Intent to Apply are DUE ON OR BEFORE January 31, 2024, AT 3:00 PM. They may be mailed, dropped off or sent to ainerschen@townofgalena.com. A link to the form can be found on the Town of Galena website homepage. This is the first step in the process, so we can get an idea of how many will apply to help determine the award ratio as we would like to assist as many residents as we can.

The Façade Improvement Program supports exterior facade projects to recover and promote the integrity of the buildings and improve the visual characteristics of the community. The program is administered through the Town of Galena under the guidance of the State of Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The Town of Galena Façade Improvement Program has been funded by Maryland's DHCD Community Legacy Program for six (6) years. Over that period of time, 32 projects have been funded for a total grant amount of \$265,000. The application Review Committee will be selected by the Town of Galena.

Eligible projects* include, but are not limited to, the following list:

Awning/Canopies Carpentry (exterior only) Entry Lighting Painting Masonry Repointing/Repair/Path Handicapped Accessibility HVAC (business only) Roof Repair/Replacement Signage Storefront Improvement Fascia and Soffit Replacement/Repair Door and Window Replacement/Repair Porch and Step Replacement/Repair Painting Foundation Repairs *Restrictions apply

Ineligible Projects: New Construction, Interior Renovations, Costs associated with: Security Systems, Solar Systems, or Satellite Dishes Purchase of Property/Building Fencing Pawn Shops Gun Shops Tanning Salons Massage Parlors Adult/Video/Bookshops Check Cashing Facilities Gambling Facilities Tattoo Parlors Liquor Stores

EPA Lead & Copper Rule

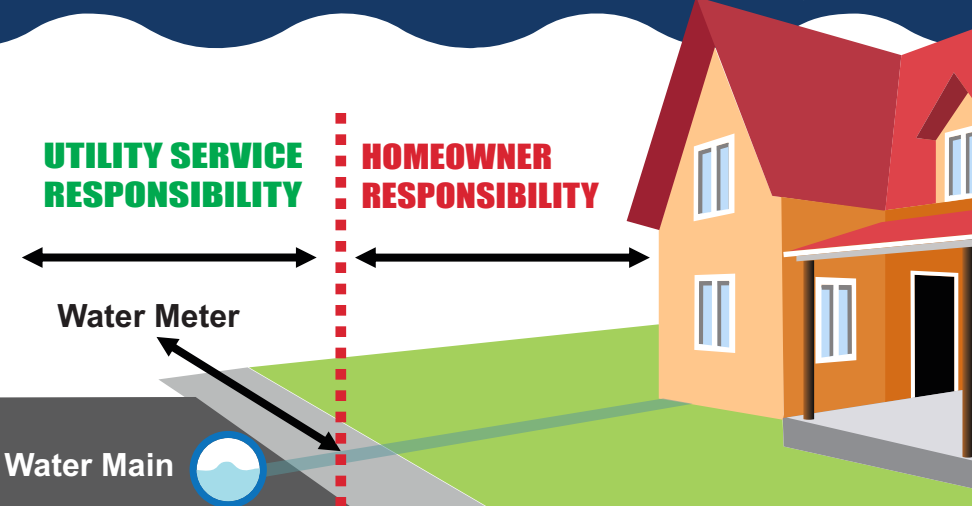
The Maintenance Department of Galena would like to advise all Town Residents that we will be doing a mandatory inventory of our water mains as well as the service line to the meter pits. The Town ordinance states that the Town is responsible for the water mains and the service lines up to the Water Meter. The Resident is responsible for the line coming from the meter to the building/residents.

Under the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, effective on December 16, 2021, all Community and Non-Transient Non-Community water systems must develop a lead service line (LSL) inventory to identify the materials of service lines connected to the water distribution system.

The inventory required under the LCRR must meet the requirements set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR 141.84(a)). All CWS and NTNCWS must develop an initial inventory by October 16, 2024, and submit it electronically to MDE no later than October 16, 2024.

In the coming months the Maintenance Department may need to contact the owner of the residence to gather information for the report. The type of information we will be looking for could be: When was this structure built (What Year). We may need a picture of the waterline that comes from the meter into the house. There will be more information forthcoming.

EPA Sources of LEAD in Drinking Water



Random Bits of History

ALL PURE FOOD

The Greatest Body Builder

FATHER JOHN'S MEDICINE

New York Herald Jan. 13,

1840 Wrathfulness, or Jealousy in Maryland - A young man named Newman, living in the neighborhood of Georgetown Cross Roads, in Maryland, conceived an affection for a young lady. She discountenanced his passion, manifesting a preference for a Mr. Wroth. Newman was, of course, jealous, and seeing them together on the 4th instant, shot Wroth dead. His intention was to

Cecil Whig, Mar. 8

1851 The Kent Massacre. - We publish today a long account of the horrible massacre, committed last week near Georgetown Cross-Roads, a slight rumor (regarding which we gave last Saturday, It is a startling thought, that here in Maryland, so close to us, a whole family is thus heartlessly and cruelly murdered. Such an event would be fearful indeed, even on a Texan frontier where the settlers are exposed to the ravages of the Camanches.

Baltimore Sun, Feb. 11, 1856

1856 DEDICATION OF A NEW CHURCH. - The church recently erected near Georgetown Cross Roads, Kent County, Md., was dedicated on Sunday, the 3d inst. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Thomas Foley, of the Cathedral, of this city, assisted by the Rev. B.J. McManus, of St. John's, who celebrated mass.

Smyrna Times, Jan. 7, 1874

1874 IS IT THE SAME GIRL. - A correspondent of the Milford News thus writes about a tribe of Gipsies now encamped near Georgetown. "A little girl about six years old is in their company, and it is thought has been reared more tenderly than the Gipsy children. Her hair is dark and curling, her appearance very sad and downcast, not talking at all: her dress a light flounced material. The Smyrna Times published the loss of a child from Dover some months ago, seen near Galena, Md., who, with much grief related the fact of her

Cecil Whig, Jan. 21, 1871

1871 GALENA (KENT COUNTY) ITEMS.

Galena. - In soliciting news items from the several localities in your county you show a determination to make *The Whig*, a live paper, [to keep it a live paper.]—Galena, as you are aware, is distant from the Sassafras river, which separates the two counties of Kent & Cecil, about one mile, is a flourishing village, with a population of some four hundred; supports seven stores, two drug stores, one hotel, two restaurants, a stove store, a bakery, a machine shop, and a carriage manufactory.

Schools—We have also a first class public school building, which is occupied by Professor Yates as principal and Miss Anna Scott assistant. The Galena Seminary is under the principalship of Miss Kenney, a lady "worthy and well qualified" to instruct, and whose disciplinary qualifications are, we think, above some who make larger pretensions, in short no parent, in our neighborhood need send their daughters from home to be educated, while they can be so well instructed, in the higher branches, and adornments at home, where their morals are so closely watched, and all on such moderate terms.

Religious.—The M. E. Church is under the pastorate of Rev. E. B. Newman, as pastor in charge, and J. E. Kidney assistant. Mr. Newman is considered, by good Judges, equal, in power and eloquence, to many of the clergy who sit in the upper seats. Rev. Mr. Miskimon, pastor of the M. P. Church, is also very popular, as is evidenced by his 3rd year in charge at this place.

Improvements.—Seven new houses were built in our village during the year, and the prospect is that the present year will excel last.

Building Association.—The Galena Mutual Building Association has been in operation nearly eighteen months. The average amount paid in on each share, by the members who first joined, at close of the eighteen months, will be about thirty-seven dollars, while the actual amount due him will be about sixty dollars; twenty-two dollars profits, on thirty-seven invested, we call pretty good.

Diane Hyland sitting in front of the Old Whitaker store and residence in 1938



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The
Galena
post

Kent News, Jan. 15, 1924

GALENA

Miss Mary McCauley, of Philadelphia, spent the week-end at home with her mother, Mrs. Eva McCauley.

H. S. Dempsey is having painting done on the inside of his store.

On Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Caldwell celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and a large number of their friends spent a pleasant evening with them. Among those present were Mrs. Rachel Stradley and son, Edward, of Sassafras, Miss Helen Stradley, of Middletown; Mr. and Mrs. Barnard Jones and daughter, Emily Louise, of Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Deshane, of Locust Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Rote and daughter, Miss Alice, of Chestertown; Mr. and Mrs. Neal Jarvis, Elizabeth, Estella and Melvin, of Blacks; Mrs. Lewis King and Price King, of Warwick; Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, son George, and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hill and son, Robert, Mr. and Mrs. William Hurlock and Mr. and Mrs. William C. Dempsey and sons Theodore and Robert, of Kennedyville; Miss Mabel Norris, of Still Pond; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Redding, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Caldwell, of Cecil county, while those from town were Mrs. Ariminta Woodall, Mrs. Muldoon, Mrs. Katherine Hyland, Rev. A. P. Prettyman, Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Davis and daughter, Elizabeth, Theodore Dempsey and daughter, Miss Carrie, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Dempsey, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Davis, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Vansant, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. James Scotten, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Nich Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Davis, Mrs. John Newnam, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stradley, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. James Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Mark, Mr. and Mrs. James Mulford, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Todd, Miss Jennie Parr and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Woodall.

The cold wave reached us this time and the thermometer registered at 6 on Saturday night.

Mrs. George E. Sterling entertained her Sunday school class and a few other friends on Saturday evening. The entertainment consisted of radio concerts and progressive games. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Redding, Mrs. Barnard Jones, Misses Elizabeth Johnson, Marian and Mary Caldwell, Gladys



Join Us at the Dogwood Festival on May 11th!

The Dogwood Festival is around the corner on May 11, 2024. It's a day packed with fun for everyone in our close-knit community.

Starting with a lively parade and an adorable Dog Contest, the festival offers something for all ages. Local vendors, tasty hometown eats, and a bunch of games will keep the good times rolling. As the day winds down, get ready for the exclusive Dogwood After Dark event for those 21 and older. Groove to Exit 93's tunes, try your luck in raffles, sip on brews from the beer truck, and grab festival merchandise to take home a piece of the fun. Tickets for certain attractions will be available for purchase the day of the festival.

We need your help to make this day memorable! Whether you're into planning, coordinating, or just want to lend a hand on the day of the event, your contribution is key. Are you part of a local non-profit organization? Reach out to see how your organization can volunteer and fundraise at the same time!

Ready to jump in? Contact Caitlyn Smith at csmith@townofgalena.com or call 410-648-5151 ext. 303. No rush—whenever you're ready.

For updates, follow our Facebook page found by scanning the QR code below. Let's make the Dogwood Festival a day to remember!



Help Your Community



YOU WILL BE COMPENSATED TO BE AN ELECTION JUDGE.

If you would like to be an election judge for the Town of Galena, here is your chance. You must live in Galena Corporate limits, be a qualified voter of the town and can not hold or be a candidate for any elective office during the 4 year election board member term. If you would like to be an Election Board Member, please contact the town office at 410.648.5151 or email the Town office at info@townofgalena.com

DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER?



Join our Volunteer Committees
410.648.5151
info@townofgalena.com

TOWN MEETINGS

- Mayor & Council meets the first Monday of each month. Meetings are open to the public.
- The Planning & Zoning Committee meets on the last Monday of each month as needed
- The Park and Tree Committee meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 6pm.
- The town parks and restroom are open from dawn until dusk.
- The pavilion at the community park is available for rental at a reasonable fee, If you are interested in renting it a rental form can be found on our website at townofgalena.com under the "Forms and Permits" page or call the town office.

Help keep our parks and town clean, deposit all litter in trash containers. **Trash and Recycling containers are provided at the park for park patrons only, please no disposal of trash from businesses.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

2024 - Town Hall Closings

- Mon. Jan. 15 - Martin Luther King
- Mon. Feb. 19 - Presidents' Day
- Fri. Mar. 29 - Good Friday
- Mon. May 27 - Memorial Day
- Wed. June 19 - Juneteenth
- Thurs. July 4 - Fourth of July
- Mon. Sept. 2 - Labor Day
- Mon. Oct. 14 - Columbus Day
- Mon. Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day
- Thurs. Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving
- Fri. Nov. 29 - Day after Thanksgiving
- Tue. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve
- Wed. Dec. 25 - Christmas Day
- Tue. Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve
- 2025-Wed. Jan. 1 - New Year's Day

- Mayor John T. Carroll, Jr. jcarroll@townofgalena.com
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