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WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE

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WELCOME TO
GALENA

QUICK LINKS

- PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL ONLINE
- TOWN OF GALENA CHARTER
- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
- LAND USE ORDINANCE
- FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM

The Town of Galena has a new website, it's the same URL, just a new look. It is still a work progress, but hopefully more user friendly. The new website has the Town Charter, Galena Zoning ordinance which informs the residents of the regulations for our beautiful little town, Permit Applications, and a quick link to pay your bill online. It also has an Events page and our quarterly Newsletter.



Maryland

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DHCD Façade

The Town of Galena has submitted a \$75,000 grant to continue DHCD Façade improvements for FY25. While we will not know until sometime in the spring the amount we are awarded, we want to offer this opportunity to our residents. 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 aerschen@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 façade 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
- Repainting/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

KILL On SITE!!!

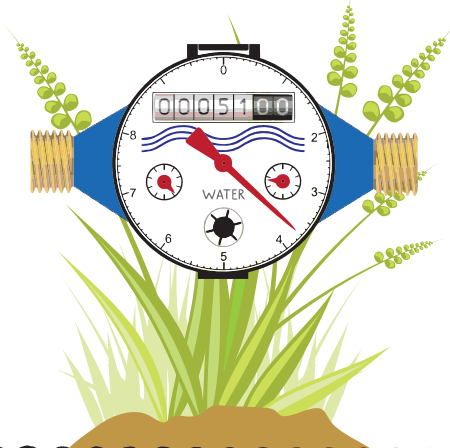
The Spotted lanternfly (SLF) is an invasive insect pest that has spread rapidly since its accidental introduction in PA in 2014. While primarily a threat to agricultural crops, it feeds and reproduces on landscape trees and shrubs such as red maple. In areas where an infestation is present, it is not uncommon to find thousands of these bugs feeding on host trees. At these population levels, their feeding can pose significant stress to trees and result in substantial honeydew (a sugary waste product they secrete) production.

Trees at risk:

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| Almonds | Maple Trees | Poplar |
| Apples | Nectarines | Sycamore |
| Apricots | Oak Trees | Walnut |
| Cherries | Peaches | Willow |
| Grapes | Pine | |
| Hops | Plums | |

WATER METER PITS

PLEASE ENSURE THAT
YOUR WATER METER PIT
IS CLEAR FROM GRASS,
WEEDS, SHRUBS,
AND ANY OTHER
OBSTRUCTIONS.



Maryland Department of Agriculture spotted lanternfly Information

Report SLF sightings in Maryland to
DontBug.MD@maryland.gov

Galena's Veteran's Day Past Honoree's

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| 1995 R. Julian Davis KIA | 2016 - John Clark Bramble - Vietnam War |
| 2007 - Michael Boyd | 2017 - Harvey Camp |
| Brandon Craig - KIA | 2018 - Ronda Bolinger - Civilian, Historian |
| Nick Spry - KIA | John Doo |
| 2008 - Lewin F. Steel | William Ross |
| 2009 - Joseph Connolley - Vietnam War | 2019 - Colonel David W. Dinger |
| 2010 - Andrew McCauley, Sr. - WWII, Korean & Vietnam | 2020 - Harry Pisapia - US Navy, Corpsman |
| 2011 - J. Thomas Newnam - WWII | 2021 - Bill Blake |
| 2012 - William Briscoe | 2022 - Lt. Price Roe Stradley - KIA |
| 2013 - Charles Jackson | 2023 - Yeomanette 3rd Class Emma D. Masten |
| 2014 - Arthur Dill - WWII | |
| 2015 - Michael Boyd | |
| Joseph Connolley | |
| R. Julian Davis | |
| Richard Haniffee | |



This is not a full list of honoree's

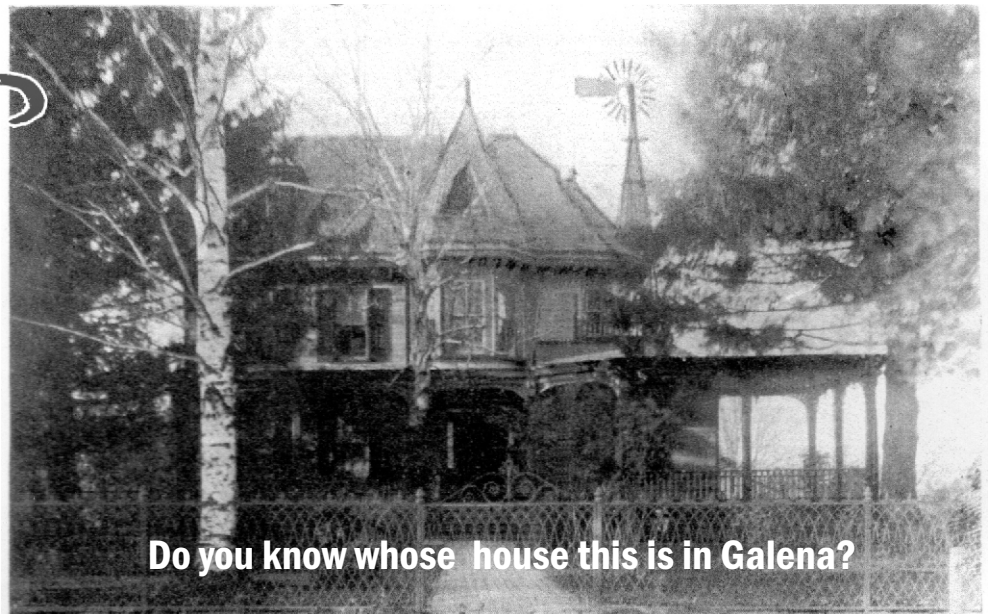
Galena DAYS OF OLD

Galena History

Kevin Hemstock, Kent County, MD Historian

Because there were so many towns named Georgetown throughout the nation and state in the early 1800s, an attempt was made to change the name of Georgetown Cross Roads to Colchester.

It became official on Dec. 27, 1811. The residents didn't like it and complained- The Legislature repealed the change on Christmas Eve, 1812 and the name reverted to Georgetown Cross Roads.



Do you know whose house this is in Galena?

MARYLAND ITEMS.

The corner-stone of the Episcopal Church was successfully laid, on Thursday, Dec. 31st, at Galena.

Smyrna Times, 1875

THE PENNINGTON HOUSE.—This old and favorably known house is kept by the Pennington Bros., at Galena, Md., and is one of the best kept hotels in Kent County. Everything connected with the house is kept in first class order, and nothing is left undone that can conduce to the comfort of the guests.

The Daily Gazette, Nov. 23, 1876

DEDICATION OF A NEW CHURCH.—The church recently erected near Georgetown Cross Roads, Kent county, Md., was dedicated on Sunday, the 2d 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.

The Baltimore Sun, 1856

That the modern way to sell goods is to let the buyer know all about them, is well illustrated at the demonstration of the Majestic Range in the store of W. A. Hyland, Galena, December 1 to 8. An expert from the factory is showing how the Majestic has won its reputation through its rugged construction, heat-tight tight seams, perfect damper and draft control, fine, permanent finish, and other characteristics. A fine set of cooking utensils, the choice of two sets, is being given away free, with every range purchased during the week.

The Kent News, Nov. 1923

They want the "Mammoth Cave" at Galena, Md., and Col. Raymond, of Smyrna, has consented to give it them—in a lecture.

Wilmington Daily Commercial, Nov. 8, 1872

Col. George H. Raymond, of Smyrna, will shortly deliver his lecture on the "Mammoth Cave" in Galena, Md.

The Daily Gazette, Nov. 13, 1872



The Town of Galena has been awarded a Kim Lamphier Bikeways grant in the amount of \$160,000 from MDOT and a vendor has been selected for the design phase of the project. Mead & Hunt has been working on the feasibility of the project to connect the Town of Galena to Olivet Hills, and Toal Park. We are still in the design phase of the project and will be sharing more information with our residents as it becomes available.



Division Street Project

A grant application was submitted to Chesapeake Bay Trust for the construction phase of the Division Street Project last February. While we were not an award recipient from them, our application was forwarded to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. We were informed that our project was submitted with their application to the EPA for funding under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. On September 1st we were offered a grant in the amount of \$326,040 from federal funding through MD DNR. We are still waiting on final plans for this project but will be moving forward in the coming months.



The Chestertown Transcript, December 1923

Olivet U.M.C. Roast Beef Dinner & Silent Auction • 4pm • October 21

Free Delivery in Galena Town Limits, at the Galena Fire Dept. Carry out available. Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Stewed tomatoes, Country Style Green Beans, Rolls, Desserts, & a Beverage. Adults: \$20 Children 4-10: \$10 Children under 3: Free

Twinnys Halloween Parade • 5pm • Oct. 29

Lineup starts at 4:45 pm, at Twinnys, parade down Main St. ending at Twinnys with a Twist for costume contest, refreshments & other fun.

Halloween In Galena • 5:30-8:30pm • Oct. 31

If families want to participate it will be permitted. Just as in the past if you prefer not to participate, leave your outside lights off.

St. Dennis Christmas Bazaar • Nov. 4

Lunch with Santa in his workshop, Christmas gifts for all ages. Silent Auctions, Raffle Tickets, Cakes, Pies and so much more.

Veterans Day Ceremony • 9:30 am • Nov. 10

Friday, November 10, 2023, a memorial in the Galena Cemetery. Joining us will be 8th grade students from the Kent County Middle School and the Kent School, as we honor a female veteran for the first time. Yeomanette 3rd Class, Emma Darlington Masten.

Olivet U.M.C. Live Nativity Scene • 7:30pm • Dec. 2

Come and watch the live Nativity scene at Olivet U.M.C. 115 S. Main St. There will be a live donkey, calf, sheep and goats.

Galena's Christmas Tree Lighting • 6pm • Dec. 9

Meet Santa and get your photo taken with him at the Town Hall, this year we are providing one small Polaroid per family. Enjoy hot chocolate and goody bags for the kids .

Breakfast with Santa • 8am • Dec. 17

Galena Volunteer Fire Company will be hosting their annual breakfast with Santa.

Town of Galena Christmas Light Contest

Winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the Galena business of your choice. Categories are:

- Best Night Time Display
- Best Day Time Display
- Best Traditional Display
- Best Business Display
- Best Modern Display
- Best Griswald Display



Let's welcome Maria Sanchez with ED Gifts, LLC to Galena. She has opened an adorable gift shop in the Plaza stocked with unique hand made items, gift baskets, fresh floral arrangements, jewelry to name a few. The Mayor and Town of Galena staff as well as Council Member Merrell welcomed her new business with a ribbon cutting October, 3, at 10 am. She is open Mon-Sat 9am - 6pm

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why does the Town of Galena have an ordinance, and where can I find it?

A: The majority of ordinances deal with maintaining public health and safety, zoning, public morals, behavior and general welfare. Examples of ordinances would be those related to grass mowing, junk, boat trailers, building and zoning regulations, to name a few. Galena's ordinance can be found on our new website's home page; Quicklink; Town of Galena Charter.

Q: Can I keep my Boat/RV/Trailer in my driveway or front yard?

A: No, the storage of a Boat/RV/Trailer can be anywhere in the side or rear yard only, provided a minimum of two-foot is maintained from adjacent property lines in its entirety.

Notwithstanding other set-back requirements of the Ordinance, house trailers are PROHIBITED.

Q: Do I have to mow my grass and weed my flower beds?

A: Yes, grass can not exceed 10' in height. Weeds must be cut, overgrowth happens before we know it.

Q: Do I have to trim trees that are hanging over the sidewalk that are on my property?

A: Yes, Residents using the sidewalks to walk their children to school need a safe place to walk, and if trees are over hanging they are forced to walk in the busy road and risk serious injury.

Q: Can I keep a vehicle that has expired tags and registration on my property?

A: No, all vehicles in Galena Corporate limits must have current registration and tags.

Q: Does the Galena Code Enforcement/Zoning Coordinator have authorization to enter my property even if I don't give them permission to?

A: The Zoning Coordinator, or his or her designee, is authorized to enter upon open land within the corporate limits of Galena for the purpose of enforcing and implementing the Town Ordinance.

Trash and Recycling

JUST A REMINDER THAT ON HOLIDAY WEEKENDS, THE TRASH PICKUP WILL BE A DAY LATE.

Trash is picked up every Wednesday and recycling is picked up every other Wednesday.

RECYCLED ITEMS

Acceptable items should be placed loose, empty, clean and dry into a curbside recycling cart.

PAPER - Magazines, catalogs, junk mail, envelopes, office paper, newspapers, paperback books, paper bags, phone books, wrapping paper (no foil paper), notebook paper

CARDBOARD BOXES - Cereal boxes, snack food boxes, paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls, paper egg cartons, paperboard envelopes

CORRUGATED BOXES - Corrugated shipping boxes and packaging

CARTONS - (with caps on) - Milk cartons, juice cartons, chicken broth cartons, coconut water cartons, juice boxes, coffee creamer, egg beaters

PLASTIC CONTAINERS - (with caps/lids on. No need to crush) - Narrow neck bottles (water, juice, and soda bottle; shampoo and mouthwash bottle; detergent bottle; bleach bottle), plastic tubs (yogurt container, butter container), plastic jugs (milk jug), plastic clamshell container (strawberry container)

CANS - (no need to crush) - Aluminum beverage cans, "soup" cans, pet food cans

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS - (Remove tops from glass jars and recycle both items) - Glass bottles (any color), beer bottles, wine bottles, soda bottles, glass jars

NON RECYCLE ITEMS

Anything not on the list of recycled items should be thrown in the trash bin.



If you would like to be an election judge for the Town of Galena, here is your chance. You must 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.

DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER?



Join our Volunteer Committees

410.648.5151

info@townofgalena.com



MARYLAND FOOD BANK

Galena Area Only

SHOP the TRUCK!

The Maryland Food Bank Eastern Shore's MOBILE MARKET is visiting!!

We're inviting ALL to receive healthy foods and resources. Hop on board and shop the truck, fresh groceries and dry goods will be offered.

Free Food
Free Resources

Delivering Hope to
Our Neighbors

**THURSDAY November 2nd
12:00pm - 2:00pm (or until done)**

Olivet United Methodist Church

115 S. Main Street Galena, MD 21635

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.

STAFFING UPDATES

We would like to welcome Chuck Woodall to the Town of Galena maintenance Staff. Chuck is a lifetime Galena area resident, and comes to us from Kent County Public Roads.

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](#)

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.

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