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*Thank
You*

to all of our sponsors!

The Dogwood festival was a wonderful success this year. We had an estimated 1800 visitors. The weather was perfect, the parade was amazing, and the events were a blast.

Help our very own mayor, John Carroll, NOT kiss the cow, or maybe you want to see him pucker up. You can either support him or another candidate by donating to the "KISS THE COW" fundraiser- here's how, Go to <https://www.kentcountyfair.org/>. The loser will meet their fate Saturday, July 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Want to help with next year's Dogwood Festival or Appreciation Day? Here's how- email info@townofgalena.com



GALENA'S NEXT BIG EVENT

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

2ND SATURDAY IN OCTOBER



KENT AG CENTER

Home of the Kent County Fair



KENT COUNTY FAIR

21349 Tolchester Beach Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
July 17th-20th, 2024

Full schedule on kentcountyfair.org



DRIVE-THROUGH BULL ROAST

St. Dennis Church

153 N. Main St.
Galena, MD 21635

July 29, 2024

11:00 am - 2:00pm!
LIMITED AVAILABILITY
Advance ticket purchase recommended

Call Jim at 717-575-1235
for tickets or additional information.

- Dinner Includes:**
- Delicious PIT roasted beef,
 - ½ a fried chicken,
 - 2 locally-grown ears of corn o.t.c
 - Homemade potato salad
 - 2 rolls with butter
 - Bottle of water
 - \$25 per meal
 - Curbside Service
- Baked Items also available for sale

GALENA Volunteer FIRE COMPANY FAMOUS! AYCE Crab Feast

All -U- Can Eat CRAB FEAST

August 10, 2024
2:00 to 5:00 PM

Tickets go on sale JULY 1ST

First 150 will get in hall seating Price: \$60.00 per person Pre-sale only We do have a \$20.00 Non Crab Eating Price Crabs, Corn on the Cob, Hot Dogs, French Fries, Hamburgers, CASH BAR, BEER, WINE, MIXED DRINKS, ICE TEA, AND WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE Email for tickets to galenacrab@gmail.com or Call 443-309-7749 No refunds, No Exceptions!! Tickets Must be Purchased in Advance. No Tickets will be SOLD AT THE DOOR We accept Visa/MC/Discover

SEEKING APPLICATIONS

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION Alternate

The Town of Galena is looking for an individual that would like to be an **Alternate** for the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Responsibilities:

The **Alternate** would be available to substitute in the event that one of the other members cannot make it the meeting on the day specified. The purpose is to promote the health, safety, security, morals and the general welfare of the community, the Planning Commission, by consent of the Mayor and Council, will propose requirements for height and size of buildings, the type of construction of buildings, yard spaces for buildings, the density of population, the location and use of buildings, and the use of land for trade, industry, residence and other uses as provided in the Town Code.



Bicycle Tour of Kent County Ride to See August 10, 2024

All rides begin and end at Olivet United Methodist Church: 115 South Main Street, Galena, MD, 21635

This is a Show and Go event. Registration fee is \$40 until August 8 and \$55 for day of registration, Once your registration is complete, start at any time you choose between 6:00 AM and 9:00 AM. Please return and check into Registration Desk before 5:00 PM.

There are six rest stops along the routes with refreshments and toilet facilities. All routes will be patrolled by SAG wagons until 5:00 PM

Our preference but must be completed before August 8, 2024 Register Online using: Active.com Register Online using: BikeReg.com Register by Mail using this form: 2024 Registration Form

Second best choice but must be in our hands before August 2, 2024. Mail this completed form along with a check or money order payable to Galena Lions Charities. Please include a registration fee of \$40 per rider.



8th Annual Car Show

August 17, 2024

Registration: 9am

Voting: 11am-12pm

Awards: 1pm

Car entries \$20

Silent Auction

Music

Give-aways

Food

For more info 410.708.7855



Galena, Days of Old

DO YOU HAVE ARTIFACTS OR PHOTOS FROM GALENA'S HISTORY?

Do you have artifacts or photos of Galena's past? Maybe you have photos of your home when it was built in the early 1900's or earlier, or even silver made from the ore found in our Silver mine?

The Town of Galena's museum would love to have digital copies of those photos. If you only have printed originals, they can be scanned and returned back to you. Items received will be cataloged and a Gift deed signed along with the list of items either donated, loaned, or scanned.

1924 News

July 5, Kent News

GALENA ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cannan, of Chester, Pa., spent the week-end with Mr. Cannan's mother, Mrs. Josephine Cannan.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet in the chapel Wednesday evening.

A number of people from town attended the Children's Day service at Chesterville on Sunday morning.

Mrs. James Scotten, Miss Selma and Master Richard Scotten and John Boyd went in an automobile to Baltimore on Saturday.

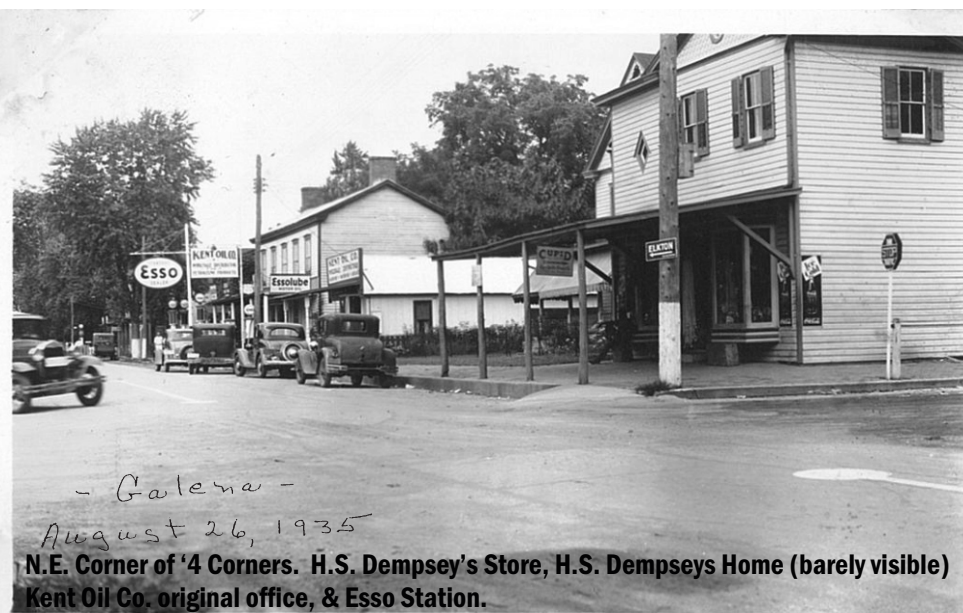
Elmer Jarman was at Lambson Station during the severe storm of Wednesday afternoon when a large limb blew from a tree and crushed the top of his automobile.

Robert Theodore Dempsey with his family from Seattle, Washington, are expecting to visit his father, Theodore Dempsey, arriving about the middle of July.

Dr. and Mrs. Omar E. Jones, of Middletown, attended Olivet M. E. Church on Sunday morning and the District Superintendent brought a most helpful and encouraging message to the congregation. The solo "The beautiful garden of prayer," was sung by Miss Annie Hayes.

A large number of autoists got lost in our town by taking the wrong turn at the four corners. They are usually in such a hurry they don't read the sign.

Rev. G. E. Sterling and family were in Wilmington on Monday.



Photos provided by Ellen Wallace, from her mother's (Clara Virginia Walters) scrapbook

TRASH & 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.

Holiday pickup will be the next day

Recycling Schedule for 2024

Aug. 7, 21

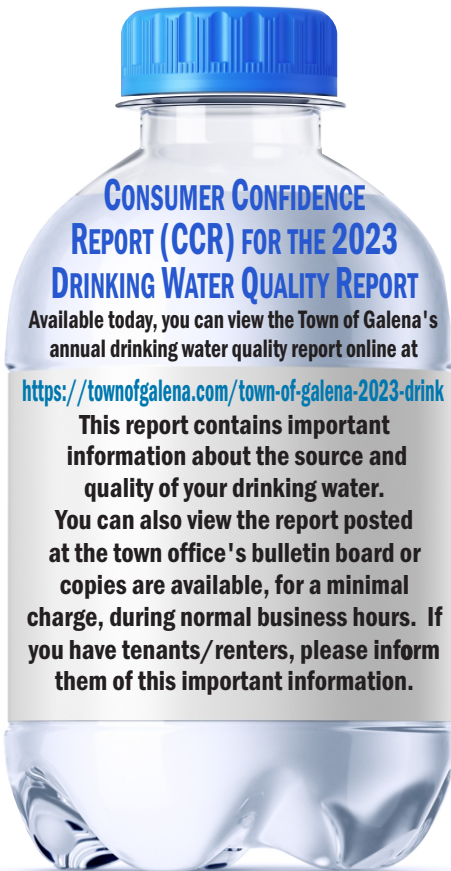
Sep. 4, 18

Oct. 2, 16, 30

Nov. 13, 27

December 11, 26

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.**



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JUST A REMINDER

ZONING ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 123. PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

Hours of operation: from sunrise to sunset daily. Nothing good happens after midnight anyways.

NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE PARK.

If you'd like to walk with your dog, Gateway Park down the street is dog friendly. Anyone who walks their dog(s) in the park area must have them on a leash and under their control at all times, and they will be responsible for picking up and disposing of their dog feces in a suitable container outside of the park area, not in your neighbors trash bin.

WE HAVE HAD NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS REGARDING PET OWNERS NOT PICKING UP AFTER THEIR DOG(S).



NO BICYCLES, GO-CARTS, MOTORIZED, OR ANY SIMILAR TYPE VEHICLES will be allowed in the park. However, bicycles may be in designated bicycle racks or the rack area. (The only other exception to this will be ADA manual or motorized equipment.)

TOWN OF GALENA CORPORATE LIMITS

It shall be unlawful to operate the following enumerated motorized vehicles within the Town limits of Galena, Maryland: minibikes, trikes, go-carts, snow mobiles, and any other vehicles which cannot be licensed for operation on the public highway in the State of Maryland.

DATES TO REMEMBER

2024 - Town Hall Closings

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 & 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.

PARK & TREE

The Galena Park, Tree, and Recreation committee has been working with Briscoe Manor and Galena Elementary School to transplant a variety of flowering and food plants from Briscoe to the School property along the walking trail due to the recent decision to remove most of the landscaping at Briscoe and replace it with turf grass. Although the Park and Tree team wishes Briscoe would keep the plants on property, the Briscoe employees have been helpful in the process of relocating the plants to the elementary school. We need help in this process as it will happen over the next two years, so if you're interested in volunteering and helping us keep biodiversity and beauty in Galena, please reach out to the town clerk, Marisa, at mpisapia@townofgalena.com

2023 This Fiscal Year - Galena Projects in Review 2024

"We've been busy working with the students and staff at Galena Elementary School this year."

Park & Tree Committee

Resident Kent Cultural Alliance Artist Austen Camille and Council Members Justinian Dispenza and Sarah Merrell helped the students plant two maple trees at the school for Arbor Day and led the students on an insect scavenger hunt!



Council Member Dispenza has also been visiting the school weekly to lead the in-school composting program. Students in 2nd through 5th grade compost daily during their lunch time and the program has already diverted 4 pallets of food waste from the landfill. We are in the second year of the program and the students are excited to continue the program. Residents are welcome to deposit fruit and veggie scraps into the compost bins (located behind the school on the right side) after 4:30p.m., but not during regular school hours.

New Appointed/Elected Members

Town Council

Sarah Merrell - 2nd Term
Cheryl Richwine - 1st Term
Justinian Dispenza
Tyler Carpenter

Board of Appeals

Laurie Hogan
Gary Schelts
Frank Bogdan
Alt. Ethel Duhammel

Election Board

Mary (Shannon) Piasecki
Judy Bielen
Linda Stryholuk

Planning & Zoning

Judy Bielen
Chair, Mike Bryant
Bud Felty
Sylvia Moyer
Tyler Carpenter



The Town of Galena continues to work on an Emergency Plan in the event of a catastrophic event in our town. Warren Walters, Maintenance Coordinator, has been participating in the Maryland's EMOD meetings. One take away from these meetings is identifying those in our community that have special needs, either functional or accessibility. An online form can be found on our website (<https://townofgalena.com/forms>) to share this information with the town. We will not share this personal information with anyone unless there is the need during an emergency, but it will help emergency personnel meet the needs of our residents.

In conjunction with this project, several other things have been happening. The Town of Galena, in conjunction with the St. Dennis Catholic Church, has applied for a grant through M.D.E. The Red Cross has surveyed the Galena Elementary School as well as the Sunday School building at St. Dennis. They stated that both facilities will work well for a temporary housing location. They have also offered to train the volunteers that graciously committed to help in the event of an emergency.

Through this process, we are trying to prepare for what may happen in today's world, but also Emergency Plan to see how Kent County, the Town of Galena, and it's volunteers may be able to assist the public we serve.

Galena's Oldest Living Resident

Mayor John Carroll & Zoning Coordinator Amber Englebach visited Ms. Dorothy Abel on her 99th birthday and gave her a Town of Galena hat. She will be 100 years young March 26, 2025.



Galena Grants

FY24 Grant Review

During this fiscal year, the Town of Galena applied for \$386,540 plus technical assistance and chemical costs for the town WWTP. Of those applications, \$381,540 (98%) was awarded. Due to soil issues at the Division Street Project, we withdrew from that grant, leaving \$68,408, including our match that was approved. Total income from grant applications during FY24 is \$55,500.

Additional Community Park Equipment

We received notification that our Teen Play Area was included in the State of Maryland's FY2025 Budget in the amount of \$44,835. These funds must be approved by the Maryland Board of Public Works, and we will be notified of their decision. This grant was for the Parallax climbing equipment and installation. Total funds requested were \$51,875, so we were approved for 86% of the request. Estimated costs with an 11% inflation buffer are \$55,462 so our match would be \$10,627.



UPDATE ON BIKEWAYS PROJECT

Our vendor has resubmitted the 30% design plans with updates to reflect the shared-use path along MD 290 and the stormwater design. The proposed Rectangular Rapid flashing beacons (RRFB crossing for interim approval for SHA has also been resubmitted.



Galena - MML Summer Conference

THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

The Association of Cities and Towns

A voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan association controlled and maintained by city and town governments, MML engages and empowers all Maryland municipal elected officials and staff by ensuring that they have access to the advocacy, education and information they need to provide the highest level of service to the residents of Maryland's cities and towns. <https://www.md-municipal.org/>.

