



Easter Egg Hunt

The skies were sunny and hundreds of local children enjoyed hunting Easter eggs, coins, and treasure at Galena's annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 11. They snapped up more than 2,200 eggs in the blink of an eye then enjoyed finding 10,000 pieces of candy as well as pennies inside. Each child also received a toy. Older children participated in a scavenger hunt that earned the lucky ones presidential dollars.



Those lucky enough to find special eggs won Easter basket prizes. The winners (pictured left to right) in the infants-4 years olds with parents category was Lucas Harris (not pictured); the infants-4 years olds without parents category was Grant Drewyor; 5-7 years olds, Kelsey Schuliger; and, 8-10 year olds, Anna Tanner.

Thanks to the Galena Special Events Committee and all the volunteers who organized the event.

New Zoning Map Adopted

Galena's Village Council adopted a new zoning map at their March meeting. The adoption was a formal-

ity but reflects properties annexed into the Village at the owners' requests. You can view the new map at www.galenaohio.org/zoning.

Council Reviews Sewer Concerns

Council held a second reading on an ordinance to increase sewer fees by six percent. A six percent increase would raise fees from the current \$38 per month to \$40 per month or \$121.35 per quarter. While the fee increase is minimal for customers, it would increase the Village's projected annual income in the sewer fund to \$154,234 for 2009. Procedures are in place so residents can pay monthly if that is more convenient for them and to pay their bills at the Galena's Delaware County Bank branch.

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie reported on sewer payment delinquencies totaling nearly \$10,000. She reported on collection efforts including letters sent out by Village Solicitor Ken Molnar.

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reported on wastewater treatment concerns. Residents need to be aware of improper household trash disposal and the use of phosphate bearing substances. Household trash such as convenience wipes, paper towels, facial tissues, dental floss, diapers, kitchen waste, and feminine hygiene products that are flushed down the toilet accumulate in the wastewater treatment plant's trash trap. These items do not biodegrade in a treatment plant and must be physically removed and sent to a landfill. The cost to clean the treatment plant trash trap is approximately \$14,000 annually.

The Village also spends another \$15,000 annually to treat for phosphorus. The concentration of phosphorus received at the wastewater treatment plant is about twice normal concentrations. The phosphorus

comes from laundry and dishwashing detergents; food products; and industrial and commercial discharges.

Phosphorus is a nutrient for plants and in the receiving waters of the Big Walnut Creek and Hoover Reservoir it causes an overabundance of plant growth. When those plants die off, low oxygen levels develop which in turn cause the aquatic life in the receiving waters to die.

The wastewater treatment plant was not designed to remove phosphorus so it accomplished by the application of chemicals and operational tactics.

Residents should properly dispose of their items in the trash and avoid laundry and dishwashing cleaners with phosphorous. Fruits and vegetables should be disposed of ideally in a compost pile or in the trash rather than down the disposal since they have high phosphorous content, also. This will help keep sewer bills lower.

Village Applies For Funding

Jamison also reported to Council that he has submitted stimulus funding

Galena Dates

The following are Village Council and committee meeting dates as well as other local events. Village meetings are open to the public and are at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St., unless otherwise stated.

- April 3 Trash Day
- April 8 Zoning & Planning Commission
- April 10 Trash Day
- April 11 Easter Egg Hunt, 1 pm, Ruffner Park
- April 17, 24 Trash Days
- April 27 Council Meeting
- May 1 2nd Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out

and Ohio Public Works Commission applications for repaving Walnut Street. He has also submitted stimulus funding applications for construction of the new wastewater treatment plant and for storm water infrastructure.

Council Actions

Council passed a resolution amending the personnel manual to correct inconsistencies between the manual and the hiring resolutions regarding days off for personnel.

Council also went into executive session to discuss legal and real estate issues.

Osprey Update

According to Osprey enthusiast Dick Tuttle, a pair of Osprey have built a nest on the original platform near the Hoover Boardwalk. The new platform has a few sticks on it which means that Ospreys have been there, also. Be sure to take binoculars on your next boardwalk trek and watch the Osprey.



RITA e-Services

Tax time is coming. If you live or work in the Village, you are required to pay Galena's one percent income tax. Check our map on-line at our web site: www.galenaohio.org to be

sure you are within the municipal corporation limits since the Galena postal address is much larger than the Village limits.

The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) handles income tax collection for the Village. RITA offers a variety of services to help you with your taxes on-line at www.ritaohio.com. The site can help you calculate your taxes, file on-line, transfer funds electronically, and pay on-line.

Neighborhood Health Center

You can get free screenings including blood pressure, blood sugar, and colo-rectal kits at your neighborhood health centers. Visit these locations:

- Sunbury United Methodist Church, 100 W. Cherry St., Sunbury, 2nd Tues. each month, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Genoa Township Hall, 5111 S. Old 3C Highway, Westerville, 3rd Wed. each month, 2-4 p.m.

Sewer Bills

First quarter sewer bills for the Feb./March/April quarter are due March 10th. Residential bills are \$114.48. Be sure to pay on time to avoid penalties and further action. Mail payments to Water Quality Management at 161 S. Liberty St., Powell, OH 43065. Call them with any questions at 614-547-0484.

Customers can set up monthly sewer bill payments at the Delaware County Bank's Galena branch. Bring your sewer bill with you the first time.

Newsletter

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail, just e-mail the Village with your mailing and e-mail addresses at galena@embarqmail.com.

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