

Galena Easter Egg Hunt a Sunny Success



Winning Easter baskets at Galena's Easter Egg Hunt are (l. to r.) Ryan Ballard (infant to 4 year olds with parents); Brooklynn Lowe (infant to 4 year olds without parents); Austin Andrews (5-7 year olds); and, Mateo Gary (8-10 year olds).



Hundreds came out for Galena's annual Easter Egg Hunt on a sunny day and the children were as eager as ever to find more than 2,000 Easter eggs, candy, coins, and lots of treasure.

Children from infants to 10 year-olds had fun hunting eggs and even more fun discovering the 10,000 pieces of candy and pennies inside. Children ages 5-10 also participated in a coin and candy toss and infants to 10 year old children each received a toy.

Children in infant through 10 year-old groups who found prize eggs in each age group received Easter baskets full of goodies. Eleven to 14 year-olds participated in a scavenger hunt to win dollar coins.

The Village thanks Karin Underwood and her Special Events Committee for all their hard work to plan and carry out an excellent Easter Egg Hunt.

Galena Approved for Walnut St. Construction

After its March Council meeting, the Village of Galena learned that it was approved for a \$387,266 Ohio Public Works Commission grant for the Phase 3 reconstruction of Walnut St. The project will reconstruct Walnut St. in permeable pavers from High to Church streets. Agreements will be sent out in July and the work will not begin until this fall after Summerfest.



This cross section shows how Walnut St. will be designed to better handle storm water to protect local water resources.

Zoning and Planning Commission Hearings

The Zoning and Planning Commission held a hearing in March and recommended revisions to the zoning fees. Council also held a hearing on the fee changes but took no action.

Revisions to the Zoar Development Plan on the square and at 46 W. Columbus Street will be reviewed during a public hearing at 7 p.m., April 18, at the Zoning and Planning Commission Meeting. Amendments to the plan include a lot split to retain the existing house, revisions to the proposed structure, and parking changes.

25 MPH on Joe Walker Rd.

Council passed an ordinance setting the speed limit on Joe Walker Rd. at 25 miles per hour. They also held a second reading on park rules and a first reading on an agreement with the Delaware County

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.

Holiday changes * = trash day moves to Saturday; ** = Council meeting changes.

April 13	Trash Day
April 18	Zoning & Planning Commission, Zoar Development Plan Amendment Hearing
April 20	Trash Day
April 23	Council Meeting
April 27	Trash Day
May 2	2nd Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out

Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Wastewater News

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reported that the wastewater geobag project is completed and operational. Representatives from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and three wastewater treatment plants visited Galena's plant to observe this bio-solids dewatering system. Jamison also said that the wastewater fine screen project is moving forward working on a building permit. He also said the Village will test LED street lights to save money.

First Quarter sewer bills were due March 10. Second quarter sewer bills will be sent out May 1 for \$52.08/month (\$156.23/quarter) for residential customers.

Since the Village bills quarterly to save customers money, paying on time is crucial. Be sure to pay your bills in a timely fashion to avoid late payment penalties, property tax liens, and other legal actions. The following applies for delinquencies:

- Upon one day of being delinquent, a ten percent late charge will be assessed.
 - Thirty days or more delinquent will result in a lien being filed, including administrative fees and costs, and a lawsuit may be filed to collect overdue fees.
 - At 100 days past due, the sewer service will be terminated. Once terminated, the property owner will have to pay a reconnection fee as well as all past due fees.
- There are several payment options:
- Mail payments to the Village of Galena, PO Box 386, Galena, OH 43021. Call us with any questions at 740-965-2484.
 - Set up monthly sewer bill payments with no additional fees at the Delaware County Bank's Galena branch. Bring your sewer bill with you the first time.
 - Set up automatic payments to have \$52.08 debited from your checking account at any bank on the 8th of each month. Forms are available in the Village offices and on the Village's web site under [local links/sewers](#). Remember that if fees increase, you need to contact your bank to authorize an increase in your automatic payments.

Parks Progress



The third phase of the Miller Park train playground equipment is installed and the

contractor is working through a punch list to make final corrections. Each phase of the project progresses in age. This phase includes a bubble tunnel, an 8' slide, and a caboose with drums inside. The final phase will include an 8' tall spiral slide.



Swing sets in both parks were cut down to 8 feet and new "fall zones" were established to meet safety requirements that have changed since the swing sets were installed.

The teeter totter was removed from the end of the Ruffner Park swing set to meet safety requirements as well. It is being relocated in Ruffner Park.



The Village has been unable to develop a water source for the Ruffner Park ball field irrigation system at this time and is using grant funds to finish batting cages instead.

Village Hall Progress



Hidden vent work and a false floor required reorganizing the new bathroom during the Village Hall renovations.

Galena Village Hall renovations to create an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant bathroom and improve the basement stairwell and the northern fire escape exit are on target to conclude in April. Following the project will be minor renovations such as wiring, cabling, flooring, and painting.



Extensive excavation was required to add new plumbing in the Village Hall. Fire escape improvements are nearing completion.

BST&G

BST&G chairman and Council member Paul Bolander said the fire district's levy was approved. He reported that the Fire District received a \$700,000 grant to replace its ladder truck.

Electronic News

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Del. Co. EMS	833-2190, www.delcoems.org
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