

April 2015**Newsletter**

Easter Egg Hunt



Winning Easter baskets at Galena's Easter Egg Hunt are (l. to r.) A.J. Tinnerello (infant to 4 years old with parents), Liliana Miller (5-7 years old), Mckenna Hensley (infant to 4 years old without parents), and Noah Hildebrand (8-10 years old).

The Village thanks Journey Fellowship for organizing the Easter Egg hunt.

Township Withdrawal Tabled

At their March meeting, Village Council left an ordinance to withdraw from Berkshire Township tabled pending legal advice. Council is also researching legalities of the township trustees' unilateral decision to turn the Galena Cemetery over to the Village.

After the meeting, Village Administrator Jeanna Burrell commented, "Last year, we were impressed that the Berkshire Township Trustees acknowledged that our residents are also their taxpayers and they included us in their Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant application to rebuild Dustin Rd. Next thing we know, we are the target of a hostile takeover. Council explored its options to protect the Village including withdrawing from the township. Then, the trustees informed us that they would not include us in the re-application for Dustin Rd. since we had withdrawn from township, even though we have not. Now, rather than opening a civil discussion about the Galena Cemetery,

they decide that, after 200 years they are turning the cemetery over to the Village without our input. Why would they treat anyone with such callous disregard, especially their own voters, other government officials, and the families who own burial plots or have loved ones buried in the Galena Cemetery?"

Council Actions

Council approved legislation for the Columbus Sharks ball field management and for Delaware County to provide commercial building code inspections. Permanent appropriations of \$1.6 million were approved. The residential trash contract with Big-O Refuse was transferred to Waste Management which purchased Big-O recently. Mayor Thomas Hopper read a proclamation recognizing March for Meals month and the work of the Council on Aging in offering the vital Meals on Wheels program.

Streets

Council passed a resolution committing matching funds toward the Old 3C Highway Bike Lane project. The Delaware County Engineer's project will add bike lanes south of Galena, add share the lane markings along Columbus St., and will resurface and re-stripe Columbus, Harrison, Park, and Middle streets adjacent to the Village Square. The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission has approved grant funding for the project and the County Engineer will develop an OPWC application to assist with local matching funds. The County Engineer and the Village would each contribute \$10,400 toward the project that is tentatively planned for 2016.

Winter weather has taken a toll on Walnut Street and Dustin Road. The Village has been cold patching potholes and will patch them as soon as asphalt plants open this spring. Plans are to crack seal and re-stripe roads around the square this year to prevent

further deterioration until the grant project is completed.

Winter has also been rough on the Village's only salt and plow truck. Ongoing repairs have been needed due to corrosion of brake, fuel, and electric lines from salt. The truck was out of commission for two weeks during several snow storms in February. Burrell thanked Delaware County for plowing main roads during that time. The Village budgeted to replace an old utility truck with one that can serve as a backup plow. In searching for a used truck, staff found they could buy a new truck with a plow for the same price through state bids so a 2015 GMC truck will be ordered.

Vans Valley Road will be closed through June 5 between Trenton and Miller Paul roads for culvert/bridge replacements.

Code Compliance

The Zoning and Planning Commission discussed a violation of variance conditions for a recently constructed garage on Walnut St. The commission set out terms and a timeline for compliance.

Martin Hynes, Mudflats Bar and Grill owner, proposed to offer ampli-

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 Galena Village Hall, 109 Harrison St., unless otherwise stated.

Holiday changes

* = trash day moves to Saturday;

** = Council meeting changes.

- April 3 Trash Day
- April 4 Easter Egg Hunt, 1 PM, Ruffner Park
- April 10 Trash Day
- April 15 Zoning & Planning Commission
- April 17, 24 Trash Days
- April 27 Council Meeting

fied music on the back deck. The commission approved a trial period of two months to gauge whether the music impacts neighbors.

A stop work order was issued for the Galena Commerce Center because work began before information was provided amending their development plan. Information has been received and is being reviewed. A Commerce Center building collapsed and was ordered to be removed because it poses a safety hazard.

Sambuca's Italian Greenhouse's appeal was turned down by the Delaware County Common Pleas Court. The owner has appealed to the Fifth District Court of Appeals.

Demolition of the unsafe structure at 24 Front St. has not occurred as required so the Village will pursue the process in court.

Several violation notices will be sent out when weather improves so people have appropriate weather for painting. Residents are reminded that their buildings should be kept in good repair, painted, and weather proofed. Yards and porches should be free of junk and debris. Visible vehicles must be operational and currently licensed.

Special Events

Anyone interested in organizing this year's Ice Cream Social in June should contact the Village offices.

Boardwalk Closed

Columbus officials said the Boardwalk, damaged by ice again this winter, may be closed until fall waiting for water levels to drop so the base can be inspected and repaired. Signs are now posted prohibiting the launching of watercraft from the Boardwalk area.

Wastewater News

Coldwater Consulting will conduct a storm water Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) Study during April to determine how storm water is entering the Village's sewer system. Connecting downspout, sump pump, or other drainage to sanitary sewer lines is illegal.

First quarter sewer bills were due, payments were processed, and late payment fees were added to 32 ac-

counts totaling nearly \$7,500. Letters were sent to customers who are more than one quarter delinquent.

Residential sewer bills are \$54.45/month (\$163.35/quarter). Quarterly billing saves customers money, so paying on time is crucial according to the following calendar. Pay your bills in a timely fashion to avoid late payment penalties, property tax liens, and other legal actions.

Bill Sent	For Quarter	Bill Due
Feb. 2	Feb./March/April	March 10
May 4	May/June/July	June 10
Aug. 3	Aug./Sept./Oct.	Sept. 10
Nov. 2	Nov./Dec./Jan.	Dec. 10

Delinquencies can result in:

- Upon one day delinquent, a ten percent late charge will be assessed.
- Thirty days or more delinquent will result in a lien being filed with 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.

Payment options include:

- Drop-off payments at the Village Hall, 109 Harrison St. during office hours Mondays-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or in our 24-hour drop box.
- Mail payments to the Village of Galena, PO Box 386, Galena, OH 43021. Call 740-965-2484 with any questions.
- 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 \$54.45 debited from your checking account on the 8th of each month. Forms are available on our web site at www.galenaohio.org/forms/autowithdraw.pdf and in our offices.

Days Gone By

The Galena Historic Foundation thanks everyone who attended the Galena Days Gone By storytelling event held March 7th. A special thank you to David Simmons for the informative presentation on the Nathan Dustin ledger 1815-1831.

The Galena Historic Foundation welcomes anyone who would like to

join and appreciates any donation of money or Galena historical artifacts.

Contact President John Bland at (740) 965-2081 or email him at jwb-slb@embarqmail.com.

Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Galena Village Hall at 109 Harrison Street.

Chicken & Noodles

The Galena United Methodist Church will have a chicken noodle dinner, 4-7 p.m., April 18.

Galena Clean Sweep

The Big Walnut Nature Club invites volunteers to help improve our natural habitat in Galena for Earth Day. Meet at 10 a.m. on April 18 at the Galena Village Hall to help pick up trash in the area.

Join the Big Walnut Nature Club at its meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. For more information, contact BWNatureClub@gmail.com or visit www.BWNatureClub.webs.com.

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Big-O Refuse	888-924-2446
Cable: Time-Warner	800-617-4311
Columbia Gas	800-344-4077
Del. Co. EMS	833-2190, www.delcoems.org
Del-Co Water	740-548-7746
Dog Warden	740-368-1915
Electric: AEP	800-277-2177
Galena Post Office	740-965-2371
Health Dept.	740-368-1700 www.delawarehealth.org
Immediate Urgent Care	740-965-8305 101D W. Cherry St., Sunbury
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Phone: Century Link	800-407-5411
PUCO	614-466-3292, 800-686-PUCO (7826) www.puco.ohio.gov
RITA (income tax)	800-860-7482, www.ritaohio.com
Sheriff	740-833-2800
Sunbury Post Office	740-965-2471
Wastewater Plant	740-513-9943
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