



## Is It Spring Yet?



The ice nearly covered Ruffner Park this winter. The amount and thickness of the ice have surprised many and have led to bets about when it will all melt. While it's impressive, it sure makes you eager for spring!

## Trails Meeting

The Parks and Special Events Committee invites you to join them for an evening of discussion about completing a local trails system.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 16 at the Galena United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 109 Harrison St.

The committee's goal for the meeting is to gather local government, organizations, and residents to discuss, brainstorm, and share ideas about completing a local

trail system through Galena.

Landowners affected by proposed routes have been invited as well as officials from Genoa and Berkshire townships, Sunbury, Delaware County, and Columbus. Representatives from Friends of the Trail, Delaware Preservation Parks District, the Audubon Society, and Columbus Parks and Recreation have been invited, too.

Columbus will provide an update on the Hoover Boardwalk Project and refreshments will be served.

Please join us and share your ideas!

The event will include dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Ballard Hall of Central College Presbyterian Church, 975 S. Sunbury Rd. The program follows at 7:30. Dinner reservations are requested. Please call 614-891-0821.

## Council Meeting

Council held the first reading of an ordinance to separate the Village from the County's Sewer Planning District. This is the first step in creating Galena's own sewer planning district in order to move forward with building a sewage treatment plant to meet current and future needs.

The current plant is tapped out and the County has stated they would not build a new regional sewer plant to serve the area for at least five years. Landowners in the Village right now cannot build homes due to the lack of sewer taps.

## History of Hoover

The Amalthea Historical Society will explore the construction of the Hoover Dam and Reservoir at its spring meeting, March 31.

Central College natives Casey Mann and Wendell Watt will share slides and videotape of the dam's construction. They will highlight construction facts, memories of the project, and discuss its impact on Westerville, Galena, and Genoa Township.



## Zoning & Planning

At the February meeting, the Zoning and Planning Commission approved a conditional use application for Joseph and Cherie Scherler. The conditional use allows the addition of a porch and other improvements to a nonconforming structure at 508 North Walnut Street.

The property is zoned Farm Residential (FR1). The house is one of two located on one parcel owned by the Scherlers. The porch was added, the structure of the roof changed and siding put on two years ago without permits.

The Zoning Inspector notified the owners at that time that a permit and building inspection would be needed. The applicant applied for a zoning permit but the Zoning Inspector could not issue one because the structure is a nonconforming use and modifications first require a conditional use permit. Two structures are not permitted on the same parcel so both are considered nonconforming.

The applicant initially refused to apply for a conditional use permit so the Village filed suit to compel the applicant to comply.

The Scherlers said they intend to split the property in the future.

The zoning permit can now be issued and the matter turned over to the Delaware County Department of Building Regulation for the appropriate building inspections. Galena will file to dismiss the lawsuit.

## New E-Mail

We now have a new e-mail address: [galena@copper.net](mailto:galena@copper.net). Please change it in your address book.

The Village is still experiencing problems with its e-mail so call us if you don't receive a response from an e-mail you send us. Thanks for your patience with us.

## E-Mail Newsletter

Did you know you could have the newsletter e-mailed to you? You'll receive it sooner than the mailed version and it reduces the Village's costs. It comes in a .pdf format accessible with Adobe Acrobat Reader which can be downloaded free. It also comes in full color via e-mail.

## Easter Egg Hunt



Bring your children and grandchildren to Galena's annual Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 10, at Ruffner Park.

Infants to 10 year-olds will hunt for more than 2,000 candy filled

eggs, Easter goodie baskets, and prizes. Kids 11-14 can participate in a scavenger hunt, too. It's great fun so don't miss it!

## Galena Dates

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

March 10 Zoning & Planning

March 16 Parks & c,  
Trails Meeting, 7 pm,  
Galena Methodist  
Church, 109 Harrison

March 22 Council Meeting

April 10 Easter Egg Hunt, 1 pm,  
Ruffner Park

April 14 Zoning & Planning

April 20 Parks & Special Events

April 26 Council Meeting

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