



Easter Egg Hunt

Local children are invited to hunt Easter eggs and treasure at Galena's annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 7, at Ruffner Park in Galena. The event begins at 1 p.m. sharp and is over in the blink of an eye so be prompt!

The Easter Egg Hunt is divided into age groups for infants-4 year olds, 5-7 year olds, and 8-10 year olds. Ages 11-14 can participate in a scavenger hunt.

Church Purchase

At their February meeting, the Galena Council moved forward with its plans to purchase the Galena United Methodist Church. The Village has arranged with Fifth/Third Bank to finance the purchase through bonds and expects to close on the sale in March. Details are still being worked out with the church board on the lease agreement for the church to continue using the facility until their new building is complete on Sunbury Road.

Sewer Lawsuit

The Village was scheduled to go to court on February 8 in its lawsuit against the Berkshire Lake Camp-ground over nonpayment of sewer fees. The trial was delayed in hopes the parties could reach a settlement agreement. Those negotiations are still ongoing.

Plowing Problems

Public Service Director Dave LaValle explained to Council that mechanical problems in the Village's truck prevented snow from being

plowed during the February snowstorms. The truck had to be towed to Columbus for service on February 8 and again on February 14. Fuel system problems were repaired and the truck is operational again.

The Village hired outside contractors and other government entities to plow snow in the Village. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

Heathermere Nears Completion

Maronda Homes has applied for the last zoning permit to build the final home in the Heathermere Subdivision. Construction began in the 51-lot development in 2004.

BST&G Levy

The BST&G Fire Department which serves Galena has voted to place a five-year, 2-mill replacement property tax levy on the May ballot. The levy will cost residents \$61 each year per \$100,000 in home value. The current 1.38-mill levy currently costs homeowners \$42 annually per \$100,000 in home value.

JRD Bond Issue

The Eastern Delaware County Joint Recreation District (EDCJRD) will place a 27-year, 1.2-mill bond issue on the May ballot. This allows \$12 million in bonds to be issued for construction of a local community center. The bond issue will cost residents in the Big Walnut School District \$40 each year per \$100,000 in home value.

The group is also working to raise \$500,000 privately to build an outdoor pool as well.

Time Warner Cable Changes

Tim Warner Cable is in the process of renegotiating contracts for the stations they carry. Some channels may be added or deleted. High definition channels have been added as well. For more information, visit www.twcmidohio.com or e-mail rick.carfagna@twcable.com or call 615-255-6222.

Senior Appliance Pickup Day

Residents 60 and older can have large appliances removed from their homes and disposed of for free during April. Contact Keep Delaware County Beautiful at 740-368-1700 before April 5 to arrange pickup.

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.

March 10	Sewer Bills Due
March 14	Zoning & Planning
March 16	Trash Day
March 23	Trash Day
March 26	Council Meeting
March 30	Trash Day
April 6	Trash Days
April 7	Easter Egg Hunt, 1 pm Ruffner Park
April 11	Zoning & Planning
April 13, 20	Trash Days
April 23	Council Meeting
April 27	Trash Day

Library Events

Professional cellist Jonalyn Snyder and her students will perform free 6-7 p.m., March 21 at the Community Library. Snyder has played with the Columbus Pro Musica and the Columbus Symphony Orchestra.

Local author and illustrator, Preet Jesrani, will offer food and reading from his children's book, *Festival of Lights*, at 6:30 p.m. March 22 at the Community Library. Activities related to this festival in India will also occur in the children's area while adults discuss the book and the process of getting it published.

The Knit & Crochet Group meets on the second Thursdays of each month, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

A Community Library Friends Work Day is planned for Thursday, April 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Community Library. Socialize, enjoy refreshments, and work on projects for the library.

Call the Community Library at 740-965-3901 if you have questions.

Tax-Aide

Volunteer tax consultants are available to assist seniors in preparing their tax forms. Trained by the Internal Revenue Service and the American Association of Retired Persons, these volunteers will be available on Tuesdays, noon-4 p.m. at the Community Library through April 12. For more information or an appointment, call the Council for Older Adults at 740-363-6677.

Summer Festival

The Council for Older Adults will hold its free Summer Festival 3-8 p.m., June 29, at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. The community festival featuring a senior expo, health and wellness fair, children's play area, pig and corn roast, classic car show, arts and crafts fair, antique appraisals, and free entertainment.

Income Tax Forms Available

If you live or work in the Village, you need to pay income taxes and file income tax forms. The Village has a one percent income tax levy. Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) forms are now available at the Village Municipal Offices, The Delaware County Bank, and the Galena Post Office. You can also file on-line at www.ritaohio.com

Sewer Bills

Please be sure to pay your sewer bill on time to avoid late fees. Bills two quarters past due will be certified to the County Auditor for tax liens. The late payment amount, including late fees, will be added to your tax bill until it is paid in full. If nonpayment occurs on an ongoing basis, you risk shut-off of your sewer service.

Water Quality Management handles the Village's sewer billing and payments. The May, June, and July quarterly bill will be mailed out May 1 and due June 10 to avoid late fees.

E-mail Newsletter

E-mail the Village with your mailing and e-mail addresses at galena@copper.net if you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail rather than postal mail. You will receive it in a .pdf format in full color earlier than the mailed version.

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BST&G Fire Dept. 965-3841

Del-Co Water 548-7746

Dog Warden 368-1915

Cable: Time-Warner 800-617-4311

Columbia Gas 800-344-4077

Electric: AEP 800-277-2177

Galena Post Office 965-2371

Health Dept. 740-203-2015

www.delawarehealth.org

Mayor Tom Hopper 965-1024

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RITA (income tax) 800-860-7482

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Sunbury/Galena Police 965-3946

Sunbury Post Office 965-2471

Waste Mgt. (trash) 800-343-6047

Wastewater Plant 740-602-1234

Lift Station

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