#### **March 2010**







## **Trail Progress**

The Righter Company has completed the Village of Galena's Big Walnut Creek trail bridge but it is not yet accessible. The Village recently bid out the bridge approach and trail work. At their February meeting, Council awarded the contract for \$69,000 to W.B. Republic.



The work will begin this spring and includes 815 feet of trail. The entire project has been made possible with a grant of up to \$148,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The Delaware County Friends of the Trail added \$8,000 to the project and the Village will contribute \$23,631.

## **Snow Plowing**

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reported on snow removal efforts this year. Our 30" of snow in February broke a 100-year record. It has been a challenge to keep up during heavy snowfalls. It takes two hours to plow all the Village's four miles of streets. With the heavy snowfalls we received, crews worked around the clock in an exhausting effort to keep up.

The Village has used 80 tons of salt through February. Galena used only 40 tons of salt during the 2008-09winter.

Thanks to those who kept their sidewalks clear so everyone could pass safely and for not shoveling/plowing snow into the streets. We also appreciate everyone's cooperation in moving cars off the streets during the several snow emergencies.

### **Final Printed** Newsletter

The Village's March newsletter will be the last printed newsletter. In April, the newsletter will go all electronic and can be received by e-mail or on the Village's website at www.galenaohio.org/ events.htm. Residents can notify the Village with their e-mail addresses at adminassistant@galenaohio.org to be placed on an e-mail distribution list.

Residents who do not have electronic access should contact the Village at 740-965-2484 to be placed on an "exceptionsonly" newsletter mailing list.

### Weather Delays Walnut Street Start

Council learned that the Walnut St. paving project start will be delayed from mid-March to April 15 due to weather. The Phase I repaying from St. Rt. 3 to Holmes St. is being funded by a \$190,999 Ohio Public Works grant with the Village adding an additional \$70,000. The project will include grinding the existing road to create a new base then repaving. The project engineer is EMH&T and the contractor will be Decker Construction.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

The Special Events Committee is working on the Easter Egg Hunt planned for April 3. Local children are invited to hunt Easter eggs and coins at Ruffner Park, located at 152 Harrison St., in Galena. The event begins at 1 p.m. sharp, rain or shine. Be prompt because the event is over in the blink of an eye.

More than 2,200 eggs will be prepared with 10,000 pieces of candy as well as pennies. The Easter Egg Hunt will be divided into age groups for infants-4 years old, 5-7 years old, and 8-10 years old. The 5-7 year olds and 8-10 year olds also can participate in a nickel and candy toss. Ages 11-14 can participate in a Scavenger Hunt for 25 presidential dollars.

One child in each age group will be lucky enough to find a big egg that qualifies them for a special Easter basket prize. Each child will receive a gift, also. Children can also visit with the Easter bunny.



### Levy on May Ballot

The Village will have a replacement two-mill tax levy on the May ballot. The tax will cost Village residents \$5.11/ month or \$61.26/year per \$100,000 in property valuation.

Be sure you are registered so you can vote. You may download a voter registration card at http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/ boe/vr.asp. The form must be received or postmarked by the 30th day before the election which is Monday, April 5.

#### Tax Time

With tax time upon us, readers should be certain they live or work within the Village's municipal boundaries as opposed to just having a Galena mailing address. You can see our boundaries on our web site at www.galenaohio.org on our home page.

If you live or work within the Village, there is a one percent income tax. Be sure to file your municipal income tax returns with the Regional Income Tax Authority (RITA). 2010 tax forms are available at the Village offices (hours are Monday -Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.) or also online at www.ritaohio.com. Assistance is also available at 1-800-860-7482.

#### **Sewer Bills**

First quarter sewer bills are due by March 10. Sewer fees are set up on a quarterly billing cycle to save money. Residential bills are \$121.35 per quarter. Be sure to pay on time to avoid penalties and further action.

Customers have several options for payment:

- Mail payments to Water Quality Management at 161 S. Liberty St., Powell, OH 43065. Call them with any questions at 614-781-9376.
- 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.

#### 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 1st Quarter Sewer

Bills Due

March 12 Trash Day

March 17 Zoning & Planning Commission

March 19 Trash Day

March 22 Council Meeting

March 26 Trash Day

April 2 Trash Day

April 3 Easter Egg Hunt, 1 pm,

Ruffner Park

• Set up automatic payments to have \$40.45 debited from your checking account at any bank on the 8th of the month. Forms are available in the Village offices and on the village's web site under local links/sewers: http:// www.galenaohio.org/link.html#sewer.

### Poor Folks Bean **Dinner March 6**

The Big Walnut Lions Club invites you to their annual Poor Folks Bean Dinner, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, March 6 at the Sunbury Town Hall on the Sunbury Village Square. The event features all you can eat ham and beans, cornbread, hot dogs and beverages.

Tickets are \$4 in advance or \$5 at the door. You can buy tickets from Nancy Feole, 965-3295; Tom Hopper, 965-1024; or Marty Mazzie, 965-2724. Pick up and delivery services are available, too. Proceeds benefit charities.

The Big Walnut Lions Club invites you to join them on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. at the Lions Building, 22 Morning St., in Sunbury.

The Lions are one of the oldest service organizations and are found worldwide with more than 1.3 million Lions in 205 countries throughout the world. Lions volunteer to serve others to make the world a better place. All funds raised go to local, national, and international charities. The prevention of blindness is a major endeavor. Local charities the Lions assist include Big Walnut Friends Who Share and Pilot Dogs.

## **Library Programs**

The 1st Thursday Book Group meets on the first Thursday of each month, 7-8 p.m.

The Sunbury Book Club meets on the

second Wednesday of each month, 7-8:30 p.m. Call or e-mail the library for the titles of the books to be discussed.

The Genealogy/Family History **Study Group** meets once a month on the second Thursday, 1-3 p.m.

The Local History Discussion Group meets on the third Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m.

The **Tuesday Knitters** meet weekly every Tuesday evening, 6:30-8 p.m. Bring a knitting or crochet project to work on or if you need help getting started, bring some yarn and needles. The knitters enjoy sharing ideas, sources, and patterns with others. Join them for an hour or so of knitting and conversation.

The Beginning Computer Class meets once a month on the second Monday, 7-8 p.m. Members of the library staff are there to assist you. This class is free, but registration is requested.

Yoga Classes are offered on select Wednesdays and Saturdays. Victoria Frisch offers an 80-minute class on select Saturday mornings, 9-10:20 a.m. and select Wednesday evenings, 5:30-6:50 p.m. in the library meeting room. The fee for the class is \$7. Call or e-mail Community Library for specific dates.

Fran Mangino, a nationally recognized local artist, teaches Watercolor Painting Classes, 7-8:30 p.m. These once a week, four-week sessions will run throughout the year. Call or e-mail Community Library for specific dates.

Music & More is a music and movement class for children 1-5 and their caregivers. Come experience the fun and wonder of music through singing and movement, storybook songs, finger puppets, lots of percussion instruments and more! This class meets on select Fridays, 9:15-10 a.m. throughout the year. For more information about dates and fees, contact Community Library. A portion of the fees will be donated to

Community Library Friends.

Community Library is located at 44 Burrer Drive, Sunbury. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information call 740-965-3901; e-mail Mary at <u>nicema@oplin.org</u>; visit their web site at <a href="http:/community.lib.oh.us/">http:/community.lib.oh.us/</a>; or see their Newsletter at <a href="http://community.lib.">http://community.lib.</a> oh.us/services/newsletter.pdf.

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