



Easter Egg Hunt



Hundreds of local children hunted Easter eggs and treasure at Galena's April 10 Easter Egg Hunt.

Even though the event is over in the blink of an eye, the children from infants to 10 year-olds had fun hunting more than 2,000 eggs and even more fun discovering the candy treasures inside.

Children in each age group who found prize eggs received Easter baskets full of goodies.

Eleven to 14 year-olds participated in a Scavenger Hunt and received gold dollars.

Thanks to the Parks and Special Events Committee and Girl Scouts Troops 1569 and Troop 2196!



Good Clean Fun

Join Galena's Parks and Special Events Committee 9- noon, Saturday, May 15 at Ruffner Park for Good

Clean Fun – a day to help clean up Galena's trails and rivers (sponsored by Del. County Friends of the Trail, Del. Co. Health Dept., Cols. Parks & Rec., Friends of Alum Creek, Keep Cols. Beautiful-Bald Eagle Pass Patriots, and Galena Parks and Rec.).

At noon, we'll meet at the square and plant flowers and continue on May 16th if needed.

For more information, contact Mike O'Neill, 965-2646.

Let's go the extra mile and clean up our yards and houses and show our Galena pride.

Galena Garage Sale

It's that time of year! Time to clean out the closet and sell those extra treasures at the Galena Community Garage Sale, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, May 22.

In recent years, 15-20 families have participated and sponsored a group ad. Fliers and balloons will mark participating homes. Sign up by contacting Karin Underwood, 965-9460.

The Galena Methodist Church will offer food and garage sale items.

Girl Scout Troop 2196 will have items for sale on the square. You may bring leftover items to the square after 4 p.m. for transport to Big Walnut Friends Who Share and the Kidney Foundation.

Council Moves to Buy Sewer Plant

At its April meeting, Galena Village Council unanimously approved a resolution to acquire the County Sewer Plant sitting on

Galena-owned land. The sewage treatment plant is owned and operated by Delaware County but Galena owns the land leased to the County and owns and maintains the sewer line collection system.

Galena's sewer plant saga goes back several years to when Delaware County officials assured Galena there would be ample sewer taps to meet the Village's needs. The Village was assured that the plant is currently operating well below capacity yet the County has stopped selling sewer taps saying the plant is tapped out in light of previously approved developments.

Galena currently has approximately 130 homes. With existing land and land annexed in 2000 and 2002, Galena is on the threshold of doubling in size very soon with 128 new homes already under construction or planned for construction in 2004. The owners of another 150+ acres within the Village are unable to obtain taps. This includes Galena's only commercial area and threatens the future tax base and economic stability of the Village. Other residential areas that were assured taps would be available, including existing lots, have been shut out by the County's lack of cooperation.

Galena hired engineering firm Poggemeyer Design Group (PDG) to conduct a comprehensive land use plan in 2003. During the process, PDG discovered that the County's operation of the aged plant has been plagued by environmental violations. The plant empties into the Big Walnut Creek at Ruffner Park and in turn into Hoover Reservoir, a Columbus

drinking water supply. The County had failed to notify Galena of these violations.

Galena has repeatedly requested the County upgrade and increase the plant size. County officials had led Village officials to believe that the plant would be expanded when Village needs exceeded capacity but the County's 2003 Draft Sewer Master Plan does not call for a new plant in the area for another 5-10 years. The plan also did not provide any means for the Village to finance connection to the new unspecified facility that is to be built at an undisclosed location.

Village Council recently moved to withdraw from the County's Sewer Service District since the County refuses to serve its needs. Galena is working its request to build a new sewer plant through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA). A preliminary review has been completed and part of the process involves agreements by contiguous governmental bodies. Galena has signatures from Sunbury and expects the same from Columbus soon but has had no response from Delaware County.

Galena officials have tried repeatedly to negotiate with Delaware County Commissioners but have received little or no response to their communications. The Village would like to purchase the existing plant and Galena Council authorized an offer at their March meeting.

"We feel the amount offered is

appropriate considering the age and condition of the plant," said Mayor Tom Hopper. Galena made the offer March 24 but the County has ignored all attempts to negotiate. Mayor Hopper followed up with a letter to County Commissioners requesting the courtesy of a reply but there has been none. "At this point, we've done everything we can do. The County is not willing to serve Galena even though this plant was built for and is used exclusively for Galena," Hopper added.

With the County unwilling to negotiate in good faith, Village Council unanimously approved a resolution on April 26 to appropriate the sewer plant and the leasehold on the land. Hopper says, "We still hope to negotiate and work something out with the County, but you have to have two people at the table. We feel like we are talking to a wall and we have to protect Galena's future and our environment. The County seems interested in neither. So, if the County stonewalls then we will be forced to take this issue to court."

Tree Trimming

AEP is undergoing an aggressive tree trimming project to reduce power outages due to downed limbs. If you have trees marked with paint, they will be trimmed or removed. You should have also received notification by AEP. Questions can be directed to Sarah, 614-470-3059.

Galena Dates

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

May 12	11 a.m., Special Council Meeting
May 12	Zoning & Planning
May 15	Good Clean Fun, River Clean Up, 9 a.m.-noon, Ruffner Park
May 18	Parks & Special Events
May 22	Galena Garage Sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
May 24	Council Meeting
May 31	Memorial Day Services, 1 p.m., Village Square & Cemetery
June 9	Zoning & Planning
June 15	Parks & Special Events
June 28	Council Meeting

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