



Our Apologies

Due to some changes at our printing company, our April newsletter did not get mailed out. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Easter Egg Hunt

Galena's Easter Egg Hunt drew hundreds of children who snapped up more than 2,200 eggs, candy, toys, and coins in the blink of an eye.



Those lucky enough to find special eggs won Easter basket prizes. The winners (pictured left to right) in the infants-4 years olds with parents category was Lucas Harris (not pictured); the infants-4 years olds without parents category was Grant Drewyor; 5-7 years olds, Kelsey Schuliger; and, 8-10 year olds, Anna Tanner.

Thanks to the Galena Special Events Committee and all the volunteers who organized the event.

New Zoning Map

Village Council adopted a new zoning map that reflects properties annexed into the Village at the owners' requests.

Fees Increased

After a third reading, Galena's Village Council approved an ordinance to increase sewer fees by six percent. The increase raises fees from \$38/month to \$40.45/month or \$121.35/quarter. Bills

are mailed on a quarterly basis but procedures are also in place so you can pay monthly with no additional fees at Galena's Delaware County Bank branch.

Residents need to be aware of improper household trash disposal and the use of phosphorous bearing substances. Household trash such as convenience wipes, paper towels, facial tissues, dental floss, diapers, kitchen waste, and feminine hygiene products that are flushed down the toilet accumulate in the wastewater treatment plant's trash trap. These items do not biodegrade in a treatment plant and must be physically removed and sent to a landfill. The cost to clean the treatment plant trash trap is approximately \$14,000 annually.

The Village also spends another \$15,000 annually to treat for phosphorus. The concentration of phosphorus received at the wastewater treatment plant is about twice normal concentrations. The phosphorus comes from laundry and dishwashing detergents; food products; and industrial and commercial discharges.

Phosphorus is a nutrient for plants and in the receiving waters of the Big Walnut Creek and Hoover Reservoir it causes an overabundance of plant growth. When those plants die off, low oxygen levels develop which in turn cause the aquatic life in the receiving waters to die.

The wastewater treatment plant was not designed to remove phosphorus so it accomplished by the application of chemicals and operational tactics.

Residents should properly dispose of their items in the trash and avoid laundry and dishwashing cleaners with phosphorous. Fruits and vegetables should be disposed of ideally in a compost pile or in the trash rather than down the disposal since they have high phosphorous content, also. This will help keep sewer bills lower.

Zoning Moves

The Zoning and Planning Commission has moved its meetings from the second Wednesday to the third Wednesday of the month. At their May 20

meeting, they will hear an application for an amended development plan to allow an awning at 13 W. Columbus St. with a new sign reading "Galena Diner" to replace the "Jule's Java and Grille" sign.

Stimulus Funding

The storm water improvements and repaving Walnut Street were not approved for stimulus funding. The Village learned that the Delaware County Engineer's Office plans to rebuild the South Old 3C Highway bridge in 2010 with stimulus money.

109 Harrison St.

Public Service Director Scott Jamison shared a report with Council from Scott Watson of Miller/Watson Architects regarding the Village's building at 109 Harrison St., formerly the Galena United Methodist Church. Watson recommends the building needs revised handrails and door openings as well as two new restrooms to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Ventilation and fire alarm/emergency lighting revisions are needed as well as changes in the kitchen. Costs to make the building ADA and code compliant

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.

May 1	2nd Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out - New Rates
May 1, 8, 15	Trash Day
May 18	Council Meeting
May 18	1st Chipper Day
May 20	Zoning & Planning Commission
May 22	Trash Day
May 25	Village Offices Closed
May 25	Memorial Day Services, 1 pm, Village Square
May 30*	Trash Day

are estimated at \$50,000. Another \$50,000 is needed for maintenance and finish upgrades. Council subsequently held a first reading on an ordinance to sell or lease the building.

BST&G Events

BST&G Fire District updated one of their fire trucks. They purchased a new cab and chassis and used an existing rescue body. This saved the money and brought the vehicle up to National Fire Protection Agency standards. The updated truck has a tight turn radius and can turn around in three lanes of



traffic.

BST&G will hold an open house noon-4 p.m. on May 16. Residents are invited to see the fire station and equipment, talk with fire district personnel, and participate in educational safety activities.

Swine Flu

Delaware General Health District representatives Joan Bowe and Jesse offered Council a Swine Flu Advisory and explained that symptoms of the flu include fever, body aches, runny nose and/or sore throat, and nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea. Persons with these symptoms who have traveled to areas where there have been Swine Flu

outbreaks should see a doctor. Residents can protect themselves by washing their hands frequently with warm water and soap; covering coughs and sneezes with their sleeves or tissues; and staying home if they are sick.

Memorial Day

The Village will observe Memorial Day with ceremonies at 1 p.m. on May 25 on the Village Square. Participants will then walk to the Galena Cemetery to honor fallen soldiers.

Sewer Bills

First quarter sewer bills for the Feb./ March/April quarter are due March 10th. Residential bills are \$114.48. Be sure to pay on time to avoid penalties and further action. Mail payments to Water Quality Management at 161 S. Liberty St., Powell, OH 43065. Call them with any questions at 614-547-0484.

Customers can set up monthly sewer bill payments at the Delaware County Bank's Galena branch. Bring your sewer bill with you the first time.

Postal Increase

A two-cent postage increase for first-class letters will go into effect May 11. Galena Postmaster John Ballentine explains that rising costs make the price adjustment necessary and the increase tracks the 2008 rate of inflation. For the average household, the first-class mail price change represents an additional \$3 over the course of a year. Ballentine recommends purchasing Forever Stamps before May 11.

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