

Galena Easter Egg Hunt Fits in Between the Rains



It seemed like it would never stop raining, but it did just that for Galena's annual Easter Egg Hunt. The crowd was large and the children were as eager as ever to find more than 2,000 Easter eggs, candy, coins, and lots of treasure.



Children from infants to 10 year-olds had fun hunting 2,200 eggs and even more fun discovering the 10,000 pieces of candy and pennies inside. Children ages 5-10 also participated in a coin and candy toss and infants to 10 year old children each received a toy.

Children in infant through 10 year-old groups who found prize eggs in each age group received Easter baskets full of goodies. Eleven to 14 year-olds participated in a scavenger hunt to win dollar coins.



Winning Easter baskets at Galena's Easter Egg Hunt are (l. to r.): Douglas McKay (infant to 4 year olds with parents); Ella White (infant to 4 year olds without parents); Vivian Hart (5-7 year olds); and, Dominic Antronica (8-10 year olds).

Village Council thanks Karin Underwood and her Special Events Committee for all their hard work to plan and carry out an excellent Easter Egg Hunt.

May 3rd Special Election

There will be two county-wide issues on the May 3rd ballot. The Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities is requesting a 2.1 mill, five-year

replacement tax levy to operate developmental disabilities programs and services. The Delaware County 911 service is requesting a .45 mill, five-year renewal tax levy to operate the emergency 911 system.

On Election Day, you may cast your ballot at the Village Municipal Office, 9 W. Columbus St., Council chambers (side basement entrance), 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Walnut St.

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reported that the ongoing rainy weather may cause complications with the Phase 2 reconstruction of Walnut St. expected to begin in early May. The Village will request a 90-day extension for the project from the Ohio Public Works Commission that is funding most of the project. The Village still hopes to complete the project by June 1st but weather could complicate the process.

Plant Exchange

The Village will hold a perennial plant exchange for area residents on the square, 10-11 a.m. on Saturday, May 21. Bring your excess plants to exchange with others.

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 2	2nd Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out
May 3	Special Election Day
May 6, 13	Trash Days
May 14	Summerfest Committee Mtg., 10 AM, Murphy's Real Estate
May 18	Zoning & Planning Commission
May 20	Trash Day
May 21	Plant Exchange, 10 a.m., Village Square
May 23	Council Meeting
May 23	First Chipper Day
May 27	Trash Day
May 30	Memorial Day - Offices Closed
May 30	Memorial Day Services, 1 PM, Village Square & Cemetery

Chipper Days

There have been numerous problems with the Village dump truck requiring multiple repairs. As a result of the truck problems, limb pick-up days in March and April were delayed. Several loads of limbs from the February ice storm have been picked up. The first normal chipper day is May 23. Limbs no longer than 4 feet and no bigger than 4" in diameter should be stacked at the curb, cut side out with no other materials and should not be bound. Residents can also take limbs smaller than 20" in diameter to Mulch First, 725 Kintner Parkway, in Sunbury for a small fee.

Memorial Day

Please join us for Memorial Day services on May 30 at 1 p.m. on the Village Square. After speakers on the square, we will proceed to the Galena Cemetery.

Building 1829 Renovations



The Village is moving forward with renovations to Building 1829, the former Galena United Methodist Church. At its April meeting, Council approved moving forward with drawings and bid specifications for the building in preparation to bid out construction work. The Village Facilities Committee met in April and recommended moving forward with renovating the upper floor to include Council chambers and offices. Funds for the project were included in the recent refinancing of the building.

Blackhawk Extension

Council held a first reading on extending the development plan and platting for the last phase of the Estates at Blackhawk development on Dustin Road.

Electric News

Public Service Director Scott Jamison and Mayor Thomas Hopper met with American Electric Power representatives to discuss new electrical infrastructure planned northeast of the Village. Jamison and Hopper noted electrical needs for development growth and the Village's wastewater system. Concerns were raised with electrical supply issues as well.

Sewer News

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency issued a new final permit to operate the wastewater treatment plant. Jamison reported on various lift station issues related to power supply, electrical storms, and a control system failure. Installation of a geobag system in the wastewater treatment plant is underway. The geobag is a filter that removes solids from the waste sludge and will dramatically reduce sludge hauling costs for the Village.

Second Quarter sewer bills will be sent out May 2 and are due June 10.

Be sure you pay your bills in a timely fashion to avoid late payment penalties, property tax liens, and other legal actions.

- There are several payment options:
- Mail payments to the Village of Galena, PO Box 386, Galena, OH 43021. Call us with any questions at 740-965-2484.
 - 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.
 - Set up automatic payments to have \$50.56 debited from your checking account at any bank on the 8th of each month. Forms are available in the Village offices and on the village's web site under [local links/sewers](#).

Zoning & Planning

In the Zoning and Planning Commission report to Council, Mayor Hopper noted that Big Walnut School representatives Steve Mazzi, superintendent, and Diana Butts, school board president, attended to discuss being involved in future development plans. Village staff is researching smart growth initiatives for revision of the Village's subdivision code. Balanced Growth Ohio has offered a technical support grant and an OSU planning senior may do an internship to assist as well.



The Greater Galena Civic Association's (GGCA) Summerfest Committee continues to plan for the Aug. 27 festival. The group is currently firming up sponsors, advertisers, and vendors. The group is discussing having historical displays again. Participants are being recruited for the KidZone. Local youth athletic organizations are invited and the Ohio Highway Patrol helicopter will fly in. Interested parties can contact Jane White at greatergalena@gmail.com and can find out more about Summerfest at the GGCA's new web site at www.discovergalenaohio.com.

**Saturday, August 27th,
11 a.m.-11 p.m.
on the Galena Square
featuring**

- Live Music
- Kids Zone
- Arts Vendors
- Food Vendors

Commercial Vendors

- Beer Garden

This year's Summerfest will be a collaborative effort with the Sunbury Sizzle and Sounds event being held the same day. Bands will be scheduled in offsetting times so festival visitors can shuttle back and forth between the events. This promises to make both events a bigger and better destination.

Volunteers are welcome to attend the next meeting on May 14, 10 a.m., at Murphy's Real Estate, 19 W. Columbus St., on the square.

Electronic News

The newsletter is available online or can be e-mailed directly by contacting adminassistant@galenaohio.org.

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