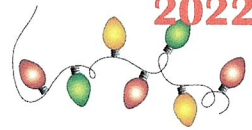


December

2022



Mark your Calendars with Important Dates

December 1 - Dog Licenses on Sale at City Hall

December 7 - Leaf Collection Ends

December 10 - Christmas in the Park

December 23 & 26 Christmas Holiday - City Hall
Closed

New Year's Holiday -Dec 30th & January 2nd
City Hall Closed

**Happy Holidays and
Happy New Year!**



Senior Center 937.853.8900

Rumpke Holiday Schedule

December 25 - Christmas Day - No delays

January 1 - New Years Day - No delays



Join us in congratulating Lt. Josh Forrer on his new position within the Germantown Fire-EMS Department!! Thank you Lt. Forrer for choosing to serve the people of Germantown and German Township!

2022 Christmas in the Park Schedule

5:30 Horse Parade

6—7:30 Santa at Veterans Memorial Park

Cookies and Hot Chocolate with Santa and
Mrs. Clause.

Don't' forget your letters to Santa!



Important information about Leaf Collection:

The City's Leaf Pick-Up Service will come to an end on December 7th. Thank you to everyone that worked diligently to get the leaves ready for our Street Dept. to pick up! We appreciate you!

Candle With Care

Remember, more than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles

1. Choose decorations that are flame resistant.
2. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
3. Use a sturdy candle holder.
4. Keep candles at least 12 inches away from combustibles
5. Never leave a candle unattended.

Your Germantown City Officials

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Council Member Jeff Jones	409-3108
Council Member Bonnie Koogle	416-4533
Council Member Mike Kuhn	313-0539
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Winter & Holiday Safety Tips

Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

- Have furnaces and fireplaces inspected and serviced so they are performing at efficient and safe levels.
- If you must use space heaters- GIVE THEM SPACE! - at least three feet clearance to all things that can burn. Turn the heaters off when sleeping or leaving the room.
- Before installing holiday lights- check them for frayed or damaged wiring- throw those away. Don't overload electrical circuits- read the manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands that can be connected together and don't exceed that number.
- Christmas trees are beautiful to look at but can wreak havoc on your holiday if not taken care of. Live trees should be purchased fresh. Make sure needles are soft and not falling off. Hard, brittle needles show that a tree is drying out, which can easily catch fire and burn quickly. Water your live tree often and keep it away from all heat sources.
- SMOKE ALARMS- absolutely one of the best ways to protect your family from a house fire is by having working smoke alarms. It is best to place one on each level of the home- HEAR THE BEEP WHERE YOU SLEEP!



*Germantown Fire-EMS wishes all a safe
and wonderful winter holiday season*



North Pole Mailbox at City Hall

Would your child like to get a letter from Santa?

If so, place their written letters to Santa (including a self-addressed, stamped envelope) in his mailbox, located in the lobby at City Hall by December 16th.



Winter brings with it lots of fun activities, like sledding, ice skating and skiing. But winter also means mounds of snow to shovel and layers of ice to remove from our sidewalks and driveways. We often make the job easier by applying deicers like salt. Besides sodium chloride, many deicers also contain chemicals like cyanide. When ice melts, the salts and chemicals dissolve and flow into street drains that lead directly to the river, endangering aquatic life. You wouldn't pour a bag of salt over your lawn in the summer, but over use of salt in the winter has essentially the same result. Not only do pollutants run into our storm drains, but into our yards as well. Here are a few tips to reduce salt use and prevent pollution of Twin Creek and beautiful Germantown!

Shovel Early. The more snow and ice you remove, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it can be. For dry, powdery snow: shovel or sweep immediately to avoid using deicer. For wet, heavy snow: apply deicer product as soon as snow begins falling, in order to prevent it from bonding. For sleet & freezing rain: remove as much ice as possible before applying salt. Use a shovel to break up the ice before adding another layer of salt. Adding more salt without removing what has melted can result in over-application.

Apply Appropriately. More salt does not mean more melting. A 12oz. coffee mug should hold about 1 pound of salt-enough for 250 square feet of pavement. Over-application will cost you more in de-icing agent and increase pollution, but will not speed up the process of melting ice. Don't salt if the pavement is wet, the sun is already doing the job for you. Sweep up excess salt, when the pavement is dry, to prevent it being washed away and use less the next time.

Check Temperatures. Fifteen degrees Fahrenheit is too cold for salt and most deicers. Deicers have a range of temperatures in which they are effective. Read the label on your deicer product carefully to make sure it will work under the relevant weather conditions.