



April
2019

Board Vacancies

Do you have 2-6 hours a year to donate your time? If yes, then we are looking for you! Currently we have openings on the Records Commission, Pool Board, Planning Commission, City Beautiful Committee, Personnel Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and the Parks & Recreation Board. If you have lived in the City for a year or longer and would be interested in serving on a City Board, please contact the City Office at 855-7255 or send a letter of interest to 75 North Walnut Street, Germantown.



Spring Community Garage Sale

Curbside deals are coming soon! The Community-Wide Garage Sale will be Saturday, May 18, from 9 am until 6 pm and Sunday, May 19, from 1-6 pm. Please call 855-7270 or 855-7255 no later than May 9 with your address and three items/categories to be added to the list.

New Storm Water Rates

To keep up with storm water maintenance, improvements and drainage projects, City Council has voted to increase residential storm water rates from \$2.00/month to \$2.50/month for April 1, 2019-April 1, 2020. This will be the first storm water rate increase since 2003.

Helpful Tips for Optimum Storm Drainage

Spring is here along with the possibility of heavy rains. Blocked storm water drains can lead to flooding in our streets and pollution in our streams. Here are a few tips on how to be proactive about protecting our environment and keeping our streets clear and Germantown beautiful.



- Avoid placing trash and recyclables in bags or containers directly on drains and inlets.
- When heavy rain is forecasted, place trash and recycling containers at the end of your driveway close to—but not in—the street to keep the gutter flow line clear and avoid spillage due to heavy water flow.
- Do not rake leaves and yard debris into the street or alley.
- Lend a helping hand. Remove from your street gutters and alleys all trash and loose items that could potentially interfere with storm drainage.
- Report a blocked storm drain to the Germantown Service Department, 937-855-7270.

New Waste Collection Contract Approved



The City has negotiated and approved a new contract with Rumpke Waste & Recycling for residential collection service thru April 30, 2020. In order to correspond with the 3.5% increase from Rumpke, the new monthly rate will be \$16.56.



Germantown Aquatic Center News

2019 Pool Passes are currently on sale and can be purchased at City Hall. For more information please call 855-7270. This year we have new shade structures as well as new benches and landscaping out front.



Time for Spring Cleaning!

Street sweeping will begin in April. This is an important step in keeping trash and debris from clogging our drains and polluting our streams. You can help us in our efforts! **Please refrain from parking on the streets from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday-Friday.** Dates will be posted on the City web site, Thank you for doing your part to keep Germantown beautiful and our water ways clean!



Your Germantown City Officials

Mayor Steve Boeder	620-9532
President of Council Lynn Koogle	672-5312
Council Member Terry Johnson	855-7328
Council Member Mike Kuhn	313-0539
Council Member Rick Reed	367-3954
Council Member Rob Rettich	361-8711
Council Member Brian Wafzig	530-0766
City Manager Judy Gilleland	855-7255

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← VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Adopt-A-Park 2019

April 13th
9AM-12PM

Every Year Five Rivers Metro Parks celebrates Earth Day by adopting local parks for a day. This year Kercher Park has been selected for the effort. Removing trash from our parks is an important step in protecting and preserving our wild life, waterways and planet. To sign up as a participant with Five Rivers Metro Parks, visit their web page at www.metroparks.org/make-a-difference/volunteer .

Adopt-A-Block

Want to make a difference, but can't leave home? You can make a difference starting in your own yard and on your own street. Grab a family member or a friend and adopt-a-block in your neighborhood in celebration of Earth Day, on April 21st. Remove trash, leaves and sticks from yards, sidewalks and curbs. Recycle what you can. Should you come across a spill, report it to the Germantown Public Service Department 937-855-7255. Participating in Adopt-A-Block not only makes your corner of Germantown more beautiful, but it will help make our waterways a beautiful and safe habitat. Germantown has a storm water system that carries the rain water away from our streets and empties into Twin Creek and Little Twin Creek. Trash and other pollutants left on the ground can be washed into the storm drains and carried out to our creeks. It may appear to you that only a small amount of pollutants are removed with your efforts, but those small amounts can make a big difference in our waterways!



PHOTO CONTEST !



Take before and after pictures of you and your friends participating in Adopt-A-Park or Adopt-A-Block. Submit your photos, along with your names and addresses to mjayne@germantown.oh.us. Every participant will receive a thank you certificate for making a difference and be entered in a drawing to have your photo featured in our newsletter.

PURPLE HEART CITY

March 19, 2019 marked the one year anniversary of Germantown as a Purple Heart City. Thank you to the sons and daughters of Germantown who gave their lives or were wounded in combat defending the freedoms that all Americans enjoy.

