



December  
2021



#### Mark Your Calendars with Important Dates

December 1 - Dog Licenses on Sale at City Hall

December 11 - Leaf Collection Ends

December 11 - Christmas in the Park

December 23 & 24 Christmas Holiday - City Hall Closed

December 31 & January 1 - New Year's Holiday - City Hall Closed

#### Rumpke Holiday Schedule

December 25 - Christmas Day - No collection/Pick up delayed one day

January 1 - New Years Day - No collection/Pick up delayed one day



Decorative garden flags featuring the Historical Covered Bridge and the Kern Lion are now available at City Hall for purchase! They make a great gift or stocking stuffer!



### Public Reception for outgoing Mayor Boeder

Please join us as we wish Mayor Steve Boeder a fond farewell and sincere thanks for his service to the City of Germantown over the past 12 years. Steve served the City as Council member from 2010 to 2013 and then served 8 years as Mayor from 2014 to 2021. Steve did not seek re-election to public office so that he could spend more time traveling the world, sunning in Florida, spending time with his family and friends and watching The Ohio State football team! The reception will be on Monday, December 6, from 4-6 p.m. at City Hall with presentations at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to make a presentation, please contact Kelli Novak at [knovak@germantown.oh.us](mailto:knovak@germantown.oh.us) or 937.855.7255.

#### Got Leaves?

The City's Leaf Pick-Up Service will continue through mid December, weather permitting. Residents may continue to bring leaves to the Service Department, at 148 S. Water St. between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Please place leaves in the designated area. Bagged leaves must be emptied and bags taken with you. Brush is not accepted. PLEASE do not pile leaves in the street and/or on top of storm drains. Blocked storm drains will result in standing water that may freeze causing damage to the curb and pavement. **Thank you!**



THANK  
YOU!

A huge thank you to the lovely volunteers from First National Bank of Germantown who spent time on a Saturday cleaning up trash at the Kercher Park Disc Golf Course. We appreciate their time and considerate efforts in keeping our parks litter free!



Senior Center has a new number! Please make a note.  
**937.853.8900**

### Your Germantown City Officials

Mayor Steve Boeder	620-9532
Council Member Terry Johnson	855-7328
Council Member Bonnie Koogler	672-5312
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

## Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays !

### Winter & Holiday Safety Tips

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



#### Holiday Season Fire Safety Tips

- Have furnaces and fireplaces inspected and serviced so they are performing at efficient 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**



#### CodeRED Information Update

The CodeRED system is used to send critical communications from evacuation notices, water main breaks, boil advisories and missing child alerts. If you are new to the area, have changed your phone number or address go to our website [www.germantown.oh.us](http://www.germantown.oh.us) and enter your contact information, including multiple phone numbers, text and email addresses to ensure you receive notifications.



#### 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 14.



#### 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 and never leave a candle unattended.
5. Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed.

