

# City Lifeline

Municipality of Germantown

**Est. 1804**

**Fall 2011**

**Pop. 5,547**

## Mark Your Calendars for Our Up Coming Events and Dates to Remember

September 5	Labor Day
September 5	Last Day for the Pool
September 17 & 18	Community Garage Sale
September 24 & 25	Pretzel Festival
October 31	Beggars' Night
November 2	Election Day
November 6	Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 11	Veterans Day
November 24	Thanksgiving Day
December 1, 2 & 3	Christmas in the Park

### Useful Phone Numbers

Water Department -855-7260

Tax Department -855-7258

Police Department (Non-Emergency)-  
855-6567

City Manager's Office -855-7255

City Building -855-7270

Clerk of Council/Zoning -855-7255

National Inspection Corp.-428-1622

Mayor Landis -855-6411

#### **Council Members:**

Steve Boeder -855-7689

Terry Johnson -855-7328

Lynn Koogle -855-3282

Mike Kuhn -855-0467

Ed Schwaberow -855-4950

Brian Wafzig -422-3687

## Fall Community Garage Sale

Our Fall Community Garage Sale will be held Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. If you wish to participate in this event please contact the City Office at 855.7270 or 855.7255 by Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. We will advertise your address and your top three sale items. Good Luck with all the sales!

## Halloween

Beggars Night has been set for October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Germantown Police and Fire Departments want to remind everyone of these few safety tips

- Stop only at homes that are well lit and never enter a stranger's home.
- Make sure costumes are flame retardant and consider using non-toxic and hypoallergenic makeup instead of a mask.
- Every child should have a flashlight with fresh batteries.
- Walk, don't run. Cross the street at a corner or crosswalk.

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The Municipal Offices will be **Closed** the following Days:

**Labor Day September 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Veterans Day November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thanksgiving November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

# Rumpke's 2011 Holiday Schedule

## Labor Day (September 5<sup>th</sup>)

There will be no collection on Labor Day and service will be delayed by one day during the week.

## Veteran's Day (November 11<sup>th</sup>)

There will be no service delays.

## Thanksgiving (November 24<sup>th</sup>)

Collection will occur as normal for customers who have Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday pick-up the week of Thanksgiving. There will not be collection on Thanksgiving Day; collection will be delayed by one day the remainder of the week. (Customers who typically have Friday collection will be picked up Saturday.)

## Christmas & New Years

There will be no service delays during this holiday season as both December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> fall on the weekend.

## Going Green with Recycling

Rumpke **will accept** the following items in the residential recycling bins:

### Acceptable Glass:

\*Glass bottles and jars: clear, brown, blue and green.  
Please rinse and remove lids.

### Acceptable Metal:

\*Aluminum Cans: beverage and food cans.  
\*Steel Cans: soup, food and aerosol cans.

### Acceptable Plastic:

Rumpke Recycling accepts all plastic bottles #1-7. Typical bottles include milk jugs, soda bottles, laundry detergent bottles, water bottles, shampoo bottles and contact solution bottles.

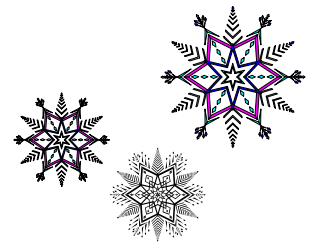
### Acceptable Paper:

*White ledger paper	*Correspondence
*New quality papers	*Envelopes
*Folders	*Cardboard Boxes
*Mail	*Brown Papers
*Computer paper	

Contact Rumpke at 1.800.582.3107 for additional information.



# Christmas in the Park



Join Santa and Mrs. Santa Clause for our second annual Christmas in the Park. Stroll through Veterans Park and enjoy the lighting displays from 30 of our local businesses and organizations. After you stroll through the winter wonderland you can enjoy a free cup of hot cocoa and popcorn at the Depot. The lighting display will be December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> between 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m..

## We want to Welcome...

The City would like to welcome Derek Shell and Joe Florence to our Street Department. Derek brings 7 years of Municipal experience with him and Joe has a construction background which will be useful to the City.

The Fire/EMS Department has two new employees starting with the City, Todd Waddell with 21 years of experience from a neighboring jurisdiction and Susan Mullins who is attending paramedic class at Sinclair Community College and is eager to learn.

We wish them all the best of luck and welcome them aboard.

## Thank you for your time.

The City Council and Staff would like to thank you for taking your time to participate in the Germantown Community Survey. The feedback and data have been very helpful. We have taken note and strive to keep improving to serve the community daily.





## 2011 LEAF COLLECTION



Leaf collection is provided to all the Germantown residents who live adjacent to a public roadway. The City will begin leaf collection on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. We ask that you rake your leaves to the edge of your property as soon as you are able to. The Street Department will be collecting leaves daily and will get to your property as soon as possible. The City will continue to allow residents to bring leaves to the Service Department located at 148 South Water Street. Please dump the leaves in the designated area. Bagged leaves must be emptied and the bags taken with you and brush **will not** be accepted.

As a reminder, **do not** rake leaves into the curb, as this will impede the flow of water in the storm sewers and cause flooding. Please rake leaves to an open area where they are accessible to the crews, not behind parked cars, mail boxes, trees, shrubs, etc. This only slows down the leaf pickup process.

**Mother Nature usually has something to say about the leaf collection, so please be patient.**

**\*Due to holidays, there will be no leaf pick up on Veteran's Day (November 11<sup>th</sup>), Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving Day (November 24<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup>).**

### Fire Prevention Week October 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

The Germantown Fire Department will be observing National Fire Prevention Week October 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. The Department will be visiting the local schools to teach the kids how important it is to know fire safety.

### **BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!**

#### **Smoke Detectors Tips.**

- \* Install smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- \* Larger homes may need additional smoke alarms to provide enough protection.
- \* For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms so when one sounds they all sound.
- \* An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination alarm (photoelectric and ionization) are recommended.
- \* Install smoke alarms following manufacturer's instructions high on a wall or on a ceiling.
- \* Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

\* Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.

\* Fire warning equipment is available to awaken people who are deaf or hard of hearing. This equipment uses strobe lights and vibration equipment (pillow or bed shakers) for people who are deaf and mixed-low-frequency signals for people who are hard of hearing. Some of this equipment is activated by the sound of the smoke alarm.

For additional fire safety information visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).



#### **Reminder...**

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed Saturday night. The Fire Department also encourages you to change the battery in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks. A working smoke detector more than doubles your chances of surviving a fire in your home.

## Your Homeowners Insurance Doesn't Cover Floods

Only Federal flood insurance reimburses you for flood damage to your property! With one annual premium, you can protect your most important investment - your home and your finances. Call your insurance agent or company today. Ask about the National Flood Insurance Program. There's no better way to save for a rainy day. For more information about the NFIP and flood insurance, call 1-800-427-4661, or contact your insurance company or agent.

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## ***Vandalism...Report it!***

Each year the City of Germantown taxpayers must cover the cost of repairing or replacing park facilities, playground equipment and vegetation that have been willfully damaged or destroyed. You can assist by reporting any acts of vandalism to the City Office at 855.7270 or 855.7255, or to the Police at 855-7271.

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## Road Construction Coming Soon

The City will start the 2011 Street Maintenance Program on September 1<sup>st</sup> with completion by October 31<sup>st</sup>. This year we will be starting with a portion of Cherry Street, Warren Street, Maple Street, Willow Lane, Megan Lane, Knollview Court, Highland Place, Royal Ridge Court, Broadhill Place, Candlewood Court, Astoria Road, Baltimore Street, Pennsylvania Avenue and Virginia Avenue. The map indicates the type of maintenance that will be done to each street.

**Blackmat** – Asphalt surface sealing and resurfacing process designed to fill minor surface voids and restore the original pavement surface quality.

**Cape Seal** -Combination of crushed quality aggregate interlayer with a black mat surface application.

**Crack Seal** – The combination of asphalt and fibers to seal the cracks in the pavement in order to keep water out of the pavement sub base.

We would like to apologize for any inconvenience in advance but please be patient it will be worth it!!



# Winter Safety Tips.....

It's getting cold outside and before you light that fire for a warm cozy evening at home, make sure you've had your chimney cleaned for the season. Dangerous creosote can accumulate in a chimney over time and ignite causing a house fire. There are many chimney sweeps to choose from in the area. We recommend that you contact the Better Business Bureau before hiring a professional service company to ensure that the chimney sweep you are selecting has a reputable customer service record.

Also, remember it's that time of year for snow. Sidewalks need to be cleaned of ice and snow in accordance with Ordinance 521.06. This protects the safety of those walking on the sidewalks. Thank you.

## Know the local Snow Emergency Routes

If the upcoming winter season is typical, there are sure to be times when driving conditions are dicey. By ordinance, the City Manager or designee has the authority to declare a snow emergency "when the manager or designee has reason to believe that snow has accumulated or will accumulate in such quantities as to endanger the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Municipality..." Citizens shall be notified of the declaration of a snow emergency in such manner as the Manager or designee may deem appropriate. The purpose of this declaration is to provide adequate passageways for snowplows by temporarily eliminating parking along certain streets designated as Snow Emergency Routes. In these instances, vehicles must be removed from the street. Upon declaration of a snow emergency, the following streets are designated as "snow emergency routes" and will be the streets that are cleared first within the Municipality.

Water Street	Dayton Pike	Perry Street	Jefferson Street
Center Street	Walnut Street	Main Street	Plum Street
Comstock Street	Market Street	Peffley Street	Farmersville Pike
Butter Street	Arnold Street	Cherry Street	State Route 4
Warren Street	Gunckel Street		



Upon declaration of the Manager or designee that the Municipality's Snow Parking Plan is in force, residents and all owners of vehicles shall during the even numbered months park their vehicles on the side of snow parking streets having even house numbers, and during the odd numbered months park their vehicles on the side of snow parking streets having odd house numbers. The streets within the Municipality other than snow emergency routes designated "snow parking streets" shall be as follows:

Hillcrest, North and South	Virginia Avenue	Ron Heights
Pennsylvania Avenue	Barnhart Heights	Orchard Avenue
Polyanna Avenue	Candlewood Court	Kemp Street
Circle Drive	Sunset Place	Maple Street, North and South
Elm Street	Moler Avenue	

Residents and all owners of vehicles parked on snow parking streets shall have forty-eight hours after the initial removal of snow to move such vehicles to the opposite side of the street. After such forty-eight hour period has expired, the Police Department and its officers are authorized to remove and impound any vehicle parked on the wrong side of a snow parking street. The cost of removal and impounding such vehicles shall be borne by the owner of the vehicle.