

GERMANTOWN QUARTERLY

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Message from the Mayor

TERRY JOHNSON

Dear Germantown Community,

I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas with your family members and loved ones. As I look to the New Year ahead, I am thankful for the many blessings we have had as a city and as a community in 2023. Germantown is a city steeped in rich history and tradition. Even as the years go by and we grow and change, we will always hold true to the values that make us who we are; small-town USA!

We saw many new businesses open their doors this year. Whether it's new boutiques downtown or restaurants on route 4, City Council and I are excited to see this commercial growth. Many of these businesses are also homegrown, started by residents of the Germantown community, which makes it that much more special with a personal touch.

While there were many milestones reached, I would like to extend a specific congratulations to the Village Flower Shop as 2024 will be their 50th year in Germantown. They have remained a staple business in our downtown and have continuously provided excellent

service and beautiful arrangements to Germantown residents and beyond. Here's to the next 50 years!

This year also saw the completion of a study focused on the revitalization of our historic downtown. Work has already begun as we now have a roadmap towards our goal. Progress is being made, which we know will drive further progress. This will take the whole community though, so I encourage you to support our local businesses. If we don't use them, we will lose them. We are not content to only see growth in the downtown, however, we will be looking at the city as a whole when it comes to revitalization efforts, with effort to include the western corridor on west Market St/SR 725.

Many projects were completed by the city this year, not the least of which was the road paving. These all look excellent and will help brighten Germantown for years to come. We also saw lots of great work done at our parks, such as the efforts at the Miami Military Institute grounds. We are way ahead of our 5-year-plan there, and as a veteran, I could not be happier to see the community involvement.

It is my goal as Mayor to see that our town's funds go towards projects such as these, and that they're done well. We strive to be fiscally responsible and to use the public's money on projects that are really important, things that promote the safety, well-being, and fulfillment of our residents. All of the initiatives and projects that the city undertakes would be impossible without our wonderful city staff, so a sincere thank you goes out to all the men and women who put in the hours for our community.

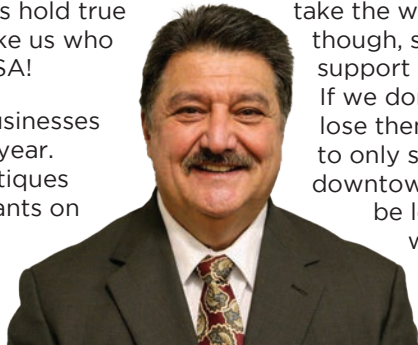
I am so proud to be serving as Mayor of this wonderful city. Everything being done couldn't be done without our forward-thinking City Council, City staff (who are, in my mind, second to none) and you, the supportive citizens. If you ever have questions or concerns please call the city building at any time for assistance. We are here for you!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor.

Sincerely,



Mayor Terry Johnson



Mayor Terry Johnson

City Obtains Grants

The City of Germantown works hard to find and secure grant funding in order to help keep the community safe and beautiful for our residents. Over the past 5 years, the city has been very fortunate to have been awarded over \$1.2 million in grant funds. These grants have enabled the city to work on many worthwhile projects benefiting our



parks, the Covered Bridge, the downtown, our streets and roadways, as well as the Police and Fire-EMS Departments. Thank you so much to the hard work of Pat Higgins, Grant Writer and Economic Development Consultant, and the city staff for securing these funds!

Meet Your City Employees

JUDY GILLELAND

City Manager

For this quarterly edition, we would like to introduce you to Judy Gilleland, City Manager. Judy was appointed by Germantown City Council to her position in 2016, bringing with her a wealth of knowledge, experience, and awards earned through a career in city government spanning four decades. Prior to Germantown, Gilleland served as City Manager for the cities of Pickerington and Middletown, as well as Assistant City Manager in Centerville. Overall, she has worked in eight Ohio cities, including Lebanon, Tipp City, Dayton, and Hamilton. "I intentionally sought a diverse experience in City Management - large and small, urban, suburban and rural, well-funded and under-funded. To work through city issues that are unique in some ways and similar in other ways is fascinating," Judy explained.

Gilleland's interest in cities and government fully manifested during her undergraduate work at Miami University in a class that simulated a city government. "We elected a city council, worked with citizens, and dealt with real world issues. This class just clicked for me and inspired me to pursue a career in local government," Judy said. "City operations are 24/7/365, so the hours you work in city government are usually very demanding and multi-faceted. Every hour of every day is different; it is never monotonous," said

Gilleland, who also holds a Master's degree in Administration and is a Credentialed City Manager through the International City Management Association.

One aspect of Gilleland's job that keeps things interesting is the restrictions imposed on government action. "As City Manager, I have authority and autonomy to do many things, but I'm still bound by a very tight, process-oriented system," said Gilleland. "While these processes cause government to work more slowly, they also help ensure the protection of residents and taxpayer money," she further explained. "It can take several months or longer to pass a law. There is a lot of advance work before the law reaches City Council for a vote. In short, there are many reasons why we can't operate at the speed of business, though I often wish we could."

Germantown is "a very special place," Judy said fondly. "The people of Germantown are hardworking and down to earth, with histories here that often stretch back for generations." Judy also appreciates the value that residents place on the city's history and the community itself. She loves the character of

the buildings as well. "Our historic downtown is something that you cannot just recreate," she explained.

Judy considers herself a demanding but fair and compassionate boss. Employees and their job satisfaction are a vital part of the picture in local government because service is the mission. "We have a great group of employees here at the City; they all care a great deal about the community and about assisting our residents and businesses. We require a lot from our employees and they always deliver."

Truly passionate about her role, Judy considers herself lucky that her hobbies and interests are largely wrapped up in her job, such as being able to participate in community and volunteer

events. When she does find time to get away, Gilleland has interests in art, food, and travel. Her husband, Sam Ashworth, is a graphic designer and musician, so they appreciate anything arts-related, as well as expanding their horizons by traveling in the US and abroad.

Thank you, Judy Gilleland, for all the work you do as Germantown City Manager!



Judy Gilleland

Judy's Checklist For Effective Administration

- ✓ Ensure ethics and integrity in operations and personnel. They are essential for public confidence in their government.
- ✓ Strive for continuous improvement. Don't just maintain; push the envelope for improvement.
- ✓ Focus on employee morale. Be fair, demanding and compassionate. Employees who feel secure and happy in their environment provide a higher level of service to the public.
- ✓ Government requires consensus building. The best policies involve public participation, staff and elected official involvement.



GERMANTOWN POLICE • FIRE • EMS

UPDATES

GERMANTOWN FIRE-EMS



Chiefs Grand Marshals of Homecoming Parade

Thank you to the Valley View Student Council for selecting Chief Dan Alldred of Germantown Fire-EMS and Chief Jeff Erisman of Farmersville Fire Association Inc. as the Grand Marshals of this year's Homecoming parade. Chief Dan felt it was a joy and honor to be chosen. A special thank you to Mr. Bob McClain for driving the chiefs in his antique 1950 GMC Boston New York Fire Company Fog Unit.



Fire-EMS Awarded Grant

Germantown Fire-EMS was awarded a grant through the Butler Rural Electric Co-Operative in September. This award money was used to purchase much needed Milwaukee battery-operated tools. A sincere thank you to Butler Rural Community Connection for this addition of a cutoff saw and blower for Engine 63!

GERMANTOWN POLICE CHIEF MCGILL HONORED FOR 25 YEARS



Congratulations to Chief Roy McGill for serving as Chief of Police for 25 years! Chief Roy has served Germantown and the surrounding communities for over 4 decades, taking only one short break to serve our country in the US Army Reserve. He is a graduate of the esteemed Police Executive Leadership College and has received many awards during his tenure. McGill holds an Associate's degree in Law Enforcement from Sinclair College



and is a Certified Law Enforcement Executive through the Ohio Chief's Association. He has also held every leadership position, including president, of the Montgomery County Chief's Association. Chief McGill is a highly ethical public servant who has educated countless recruits and officers while instructing at the Sinclair and Greene County Police Academies. Germantown is so very fortunate to have him serve our community. Thank you Chief!

NEW AND PROMOTED OFFICERS

Officer Scarlett Biggs was officially sworn in on September 26th. She decided to come and work for Germantown after meeting Chief McGill while working as a police officer at Kettering Health. Officer Biggs shared that she hopes to have a positive impact on the town and

to make a difference with people on their good days and bad.

We would also like to recognize Officer Cameron Denniston and Officer Jeff King as they have both earned the rank of Patrolman First Class. Congratulations, Officers!

Fire Prevention Week 2023 a Success!

Germantown Fire-EMS visited Valley View elementary school and also had classes visit the station. In all, we presented fire safety lessons to over 600 children. The week culminated with our annual Open House that

was held Saturday October 14th. We had popcorn, ice cream and PICKLES! Informational materials were provided along with photo props for pictures.

WINTER HAS ARRIVED!

Here are some tips for driving on icy roads to help keep you safe:

1. Only go out if necessary; it's better to avoid taking unnecessary risks by venturing out.
2. Drive slowly, adjusting your speed down to account for lower traction when driving on snow or ice.
3. Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Apply the gas slowly to regain traction and avoid skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry and always take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
4. Increase your following distance to 5-6 seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
5. Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.

Making Downtown Beautiful!



There has been some lovely work done in the past months to some of our downtown buildings. Pictured is a residence on Plum Street, Milk & Hunny, Salon 11, and Sweet Rivers Co. Great work in helping make Germantown look beautiful!

Thinking of making improvements to your downtown property? We have a tool to assist...

A Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) has been created in Germantown's Historic Downtown. Property owners in this district may apply for real property tax exemptions on renovations to or construction of new buildings. These abatements can last up to 15 years and stay with the property, even if ownership changes. Those interested in applying for this program should contact Will Parsons at the City, 937-855-7255.

Rumpke Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day: Mon, Jan. 1, 2024 - Service will NOT occur. Service will be delayed one day during the rest of the week. Rumpke will return to its regular collection schedule the following week.

Important Dates at City Hall

January 1 - **New Year Holiday** - City Offices closed

January 16 - **MLK Jr. Day** - City Offices closed

February 19 - **Presidents Day** - City Offices closed

March 10 - **Daylight Saving Time begins** - Set clocks forward an hour



Germantown Business Spotlight

Burkhardt Engineering Company

Jonathan Burkhardt, President and CEO of Burkhardt Engineering, developed an interest in civil engineering from an early age, as he was able to observe the work his father did. "I remember my dad bringing home plans to work on and getting to visit



Jonathan Burkhardt

him at his office, and I was always intrigued by what I saw," Burkhardt recalled. Getting the opportunity to work in the industry while in college led his interest to grow and to him ultimately earning a degree in Civil Engineering. This interest, experience, and an entrepreneurial spirit have served him well as President and CEO for the past 7 years.

Burkhardt Engineering works primarily in civil engineering and land surveying, a business that keeps them busy in Ohio and abroad. While civil engineering is a field containing many disciplines, the main focus of Burkhardt is on site development. Jonathan explained, "We work with architects and land developers to design and develop sites. We design parking lots and access, grading and drainage, underground utility services, storm water management, and soil erosion control measures." All of these are important items that, if handled poorly, can lead to negative impacts on the environment, the safety of those utilizing the property, and the long-term maintenance of the site. However, Burkhardt Engineering's focus on quality work ensures that these types of issues don't occur. "We strive to do the job right the first time and treat our clients the right way throughout the process,"

said Burkhardt. A sentiment that Jonathan added is echoed to them by their clients. He went on to reference the "unattainable triangle," a concept which states that businesses can only pick two out of quality, speed, and price. "We always focus on quality and speed," said Burkhardt, "I was taught that a race to the bottom on fees isn't a good way to run a business. We don't want to do that and start cutting corners or putting out sloppy work. We are always trying to bring a higher quality product and greater value to our clients."

Burkhardt Engineering also puts an emphasis on maintaining a family-oriented environment, something that Jonathan says, "You can't do unless you care about the people you are working with." As a manager of people, he feels a lot of responsibility when hiring someone, knowing that they are counting on their job for their family, well-being, and long-term success. Some of the ways they do this are through competitive benefits packages, profit-sharing bonus programs, flexibility when it comes to work/life balance, and a team environment where everyone is working toward the same goals. "It's sad that much of the business world has largely lost the sense of this and treat people like numbers," said Jonathan.

When looking at past projects, Burkhardt shared that there is an excitement that comes with development for corporate chains due to their fast-paced nature. There is also pride in viewing them as a collection, one that now includes

over 300 single-tenant retail stores and 100 car washes built. However, on a more individualized level, he also greatly appreciates doing institutional or quasi-institutional projects, such as the pre-k through 6th grade Wayne local schools facility. They have also worked on many of the Dayton Public Libraries. Jonathan finds it meaningful knowing that these facilities will help to serve their communities and be useful for many different types of people.

On top of the company, the Burkhardt family also has one in Germantown. Jonathan and his sister were both raised here and his



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ENGINEERS ▾ SURVEYORS

parents have been residents for over 40 years. They still live only a block or two away from the company's building on Cherry Street, a building which originally housed a hardware store that Jonathan's grandfather used to own (Huber Hardware). Jonathan remembers fondly running the cash register and stocking the shelves there as a child. "There's a lot of history here," said Burkhardt, a history Jonathan is surely reminded of whenever he sees the old shelves that have been kept as a beautiful accent piece in their conference room.

Jonathan shared that Burkhardt Engineering has always appreciated and enjoyed being in Germantown. They have built a history and reputation here that continues to guide them to success.

Historical Society of Germantown

YEAR IN REVIEW

What a 50th Anniversary celebration year this has been for the Historical Society of Germantown! So many wonderful things have been accomplished over the past year!

Our year began with the acquisition of the former Rescue Squad building on South Cherry Street. The goal is to find a use for the building that will benefit both the community and the Historical Society. We also awarded a Rescue Squad scholarship to Ms. Breanna Wale, who is continuing her education in the nursing field at Eastern Kentucky University.

Opening Day in May featured a narrated, horse-drawn wagon tour of the historical buildings and locations in and around Downtown Germantown.

Founders Day in Veterans Memorial Park this August featured pie and ice cream, a football toss for the children, and a very special display of model trains in the Depot presented by the Cincinnati Model Train Club. The



Horse-Drawn Wagon Tour on Opening Day in May



Members served pie and ice cream at the Historical Society's booth at the Pretzel Festival

children had a great time getting to operate the trains!

We were back to the Depot selling our pie and ice cream during the Pretzel Festival.

We were also able to promote and sell tickets for our premier

fundraiser; the Bourbon Tasting in the historic Rohrer Mansion, which took place on October 21st.

Guests were able to tour the beautifully restored home of Bret and Victoria Stoneking as they mingled and sampled bourbons similar to that of our world-renowned Mudlick Whiskey. Plans are being made for another bourbon-themed event in the future.

Another new venture this year was selling food at the Weber Soccer Complex. We were the first group to ever utilize the concession stand at

the soccer fields, and, we're discussing the possibility of making this another fundraiser for the society.

You have probably noticed all of the repair work on our 126-year-old

building this year. Its exterior was in dire need, and we are so pleased with the progress made. We now are able to focus our attention on the interior repairs of this Carnegie Library building, such as repairing the crumbling plaster and painting the

interior. Preserving and protecting our history is our mission, and our historic building is included. This will ensure that future generations will be able to appreciate and share all that has been given to us.

We are always looking for new members! New members bring new ideas and energy. In order to stay relevant in today's busy world, this is both needed and appreciated. There is a song with the lyric "Everything old is new again". That's what our Historical Society is— something old- worth preserving and protecting— but with a "twist." We'd love for you to come and join us!



Historical Society Members prepare to enjoy our Annual Dinner in November

For Your Information...



Paisley Lemons and Madison Weber! These young ladies did some excellent work and were awarded certificates of appreciation as well as some new art sets. You can check the Germantown City Beautiful Committee Facebook page for upcoming contests.

City Beautiful Commission

Congratulations to the 2 winners of the City Beautiful Commission's Pumpkin Decoration coloring contest,

Downtown Ribbon Cuttings

Congratulations to Harvest Moon Co. (bottom) and Artisan Market on Main (top) for opening their shops and to the Florentine Restaurant (middle) on their new owners! Harvest Moon offers home décor and gift items and Artisan Market on Main is a seasonal, pop-up shop with one-of-a-kind, handcrafted items.



Questions & Answers

TAX SEASON IS HERE!

Tax time is fast approaching, and it's not too early to prepare! We've provided some important "frequently asked questions" below, along with contact information for assistance with Germantown tax matters.

Am I Required to Make Estimated Tax Payments?

If you estimate that you will owe at least \$200.00 in municipal income tax (after subtracting anticipated withholding and credits), you need to make estimated tax payments. Penalty and interest charges will apply if you have not paid at least 90% of the current tax year liability, or an amount equal to 100% of the prior year tax liability. If you are unsure as to what you will owe for the current year, you can avoid any penalty and interest charges by paying 100% of the prior year liability (known as "safe harbor").

This \$200 threshold (as well as quarterly due dates) has been established by the Ohio Legislature, in Ohio Revised Code section 718. Payments are due on a quarterly basis, throughout the year, as you are earning the income subject to the tax. This is not a pre-payment – you are paying each quarter as you are earning the income.

Estimated tax due for the current year is established when you prepare your annual return for the previous taxable year. For example, when you prepare your 2023 Germantown income tax return, establishing your estimated tax liability for tax year 2024 is part of this return. First quarter 2024 is due with the filing of the 2023 tax return, by 4/15/24. Once CCA (Central Collection Agency, which handles Germantown's taxes) receives this return, and sets up your estimated tax payment schedule for 2024, you will receive reminder notices for the remaining quarters.

Due dates are:

1st quarter 2024 estimated tax – Due 4/15/24

2nd quarter 2024 estimated tax – Due 6/15/24

3rd quarter 2024 estimated tax – Due 9/15/24

4th quarter 2024 estimated tax – Due 1/15/25

If the filing of your 2023 return is under extension, and will not be filed

until October 15, 2024, CCA will not be able to establish your liability for 2024 estimated tax and send you reminder notices. You will need to send in these payments without reminder, using the schedule above. Need help in calculating what you owe? CCA can help you determine your estimated liability! Didn't get all quarters paid? As long as your total estimated liability is paid by the fourth quarter due date, payments are considered to be timely filed and paid.

Haven't finished paying your 2023 estimated tax? Fourth quarter is due by 1/15/24 – contact CCA to make payment by this date! Payments can be made by phone by calling the Cleveland office at 216-664-2070.

Contact CCA with any questions you might have on how to estimate your tax due or make estimated tax payments. You can also print, prepare and mail your estimated tax form with payment. Forms are available at www.ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us, click on the "tax forms" link on the left.

What Is the Due Date for Filing My 2023 City Income Tax Return?

For individuals and for calendar year business return filers, the filing due date is Monday, April 15, 2024.

How Can I Get Assistance With Completing My City Income Tax Return?

APPOINTMENTS

ON-SITE: CCA provides the service of on-site, by appointment only assistance (to give you confidential, in person assistance) during tax season on two different dates in Germantown. These dates will be announced in mid-January, and you can contact the local CCA representatives to schedule a time. These appointments are first

come / first served. Appointments are available in other CCA cities and villages in the Dayton region, and you can schedule your appointment for any location.

DROP OFF / MAIL IN SERVICE:

Complete a "Taxpayer Assistance Form" (online at ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us – Tax Forms 2023 – Taxpayer Assistance form or available at the City of Germantown), attach copies of all W-2 forms, federal schedules, page 1 and 2 of federal return, 1099's, and all income / tax statements (list of documents needed is included on the form), and

DELIVER TO:

City Of Germantown
Drop off

OR MAIL TO:

CCA Division of Taxation
ATTN: PMR Dept.
PO BOX 94520
Cleveland OH 44101-4520

The signed form must be included in order for CCA to prepare your return. Your return will be prepared, and a copy mailed back to you. You will be billed for any amounts due, plus any applicable assessed charges. Please keep in mind that all payments due still follow due dates as established by Tax Ordinance. Utilizing this service does not extend the date for paying tax due. Documents must be dropped off or mailed by 3/31/24 to utilize this service.

Who Are My Local CCA Representatives?

In addition to the many auditors available to assist in Cleveland (contact 216-664-2070), CCA has two representatives in the Dayton region who are available to assist with any Germantown tax matter. They can assist with preparing returns, calculating estimated tax, answering questions you may have on any billings or letters received, or any other questions that may come up!

ERIC HEIN 216-857-3174
MICHELLE JORDAN 216-857-7382



News from the PUBLIC LIBRARY

Beloved Employee Retires After 35 Years

Annette Bair has retired from the Germantown Public Library after 35 years of service. A native of Germantown, Annette has touched the hearts of many library patrons with her bright and positive personality over the years. "She is fantastic," stated library patron Cheryl Patterson, "She will be dearly, dearly missed." Sandy Wilcox said of her good friend and former co-worker, "She is always positive, upbeat, and makes you feel good. She is a happy person and fun to be around. We had a lot of good times working at the library and made some great memories."



Patron Dennis Roof stated, "I hope she has a joyful retirement! I'll miss her definitely. Miss her laugh, her wisdom...I'll miss her. She always makes you feel good."

"Annette has been a huge asset to the Germantown Public Library," remarked former co-worker Sue Holbrook. "She was always cheerful, friendly, and very helpful to staff and patrons. She did excellent work as a cataloger and was very

smart and innovative. She is still my friend and it's a pleasure to know her."

For the current staff, her absence from the workplace has been bittersweet. Her knowledge regarding the City of Germantown and library know-how is priceless, but what staff will miss most of all is Annette's authenticity, sense of humor, and life advice. Former co-worker Marcia Russell said, "Annette brought life, laughter, and love to the library." Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement!

We are part of Serving Every Ohioan library system, giving our patrons access to millions of items. Download our app to request items and pick them up here at the library or download our digital apps to access eBooks, audiobooks, music, movies, television series, and magazines!



Library Schedule

- **Join us for Storytime**
Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at 10:30 am
- **Senior fitness classes**
Thursday at 11:00 am
- **Knit Group**
Thursday at 1:00 pm
- **Adult Art**
Thursday at 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm
- **Want to read to Therapy Dogs?**
Our "Dogtots Storytime" is every second Saturday at 10:30 am
- **Lego Club**
Wednesday at 4:30 pm.
Build something awesome!
- **Library Board of Trustees meeting**
Every second Monday at 7:00 pm

Check our website for dates and times of other activities like Tea Club, Homeschool Literature Group, Art Craft Workshops, and more!



Recognition to First National Bank of Germantown!

Mayor Johnson and City Council presented a certificate of appreciation to representatives from the First National Bank of Germantown in recognition of their outstanding service and support to the Valley View Community for 160 years!

Heidi Grant, President of FNBG, and Tom Winning, Senior Lender, were present to be recognized. Grant shared that it was an honor and that the bank appreciates the ways it has been able to be involved and support the community through the years.

GERMANTOWN QUARTERLY

Suggestions and Recommendations

Thank you for reading Germantown's new and improved newsletter! If you have suggestions or recommendations for items or stories you'd like to see in future publications, or if someone you know did not receive a quarterly newsletter, please email Will Parsons at wparsons@germantown.oh.us

Community Updates

GERMANTOWN UNION CEMETERY



The Germantown Union Cemetery was founded in 1849 and continues to serve Germantown and German Township residents today. It became jointly operated by Germantown and German Township in 1972. The cemetery staff would like to extend a thank you to the residents of Germantown and German Township for supporting our operations and helping to make the cemetery a

cornerstone of the community. This year, we will be asking for your continued support with a levy as the current levy is expiring.

On December 16, 2023 the cemetery held the annual Wreaths Across America event in memory and honor of those who have served. Thank you to all the volunteers who made it possible!

Spring cleanup starts April 1st, 2024. Cemetery staff will be removing any old flowers and/or decorations on the ground around headstones to begin the mowing season. Please remove any flowers or decorations that you would like to keep prior to this date.

Feel free to stop by the office at 11179 SR 725 West with any questions or for help finding relatives. We look

forward to continuing to serve you! We can be reached at 937-855-3011 or by email at Office@GermantownCemetery.biz

Follow us on Facebook for updates and communications. www.facebook.com/germantowncemetery.

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 8, 2024, 5:00pm -
Organizational Meeting followed by Board Meeting

Feb. 12, 2024, 5:00pm -
Board Meeting

Mar. 11, 2024, 5:00pm -
Board Meeting

April 1, 2024 -
Spring Cleanup starts

MIAMI MILITARY INSTITUTE PARK

The MMI Park Committee continues to meet regularly to stay on track with the timeline of goals for the park. The latest visible project has been the completion of a parking area at the top of the hill, which is similarly situated to the original MMI parking area. Shane Dill with Dill's Excavating, Inc. provided his services and donated his labor for this project. Other works in progress are the finalization of bronze plaques and obtaining park benches. Two bronze plaques providing historical information on the Miami Military Institute

and Camp Miami will eventually be placed near the restored flagpole. Park benches are being produced through a plastic recycling program and will be placed throughout the park property at the location of markers commemorating former MMI cadets who were killed in action. The MMI Park Committee encourages residents to visit the park to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and to observe the progress taking place. The park is located off of Warren St. across from Veterans Memorial Park.



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The City of Germantown Fire - EMS Station 63
The City of Germantown Police Department

Germantown Aquatic Center



GERMANTOWN SENIOR CENTER

EST. 2000

33 N. Cherry Street
(937) 853-8900

Rentals

The Senior Center is a beautiful facility equipped with a full kitchen and tables and chairs that is available for rental for parties, meetings and more! Call the center for rental inquiries.

Annual Membership Fee

\$10 per year for German Township or Germantown Residents, \$25 per year for Non-Residents

Mail or drop off completed application along with check made payable to: Germantown Senior Center, 33 N. Cherry St., Germantown, Ohio 45327. We can only accept checks, no cash please. Call (937) 853-8900 to speak with us.

Our Mission

We advocate the well-being and dignity of all seniors by providing health, educational and recreational programs to assist them to lead independent and useful lives.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Bingo With Halftime Lunch

Wednesday at 11 am: Jan. 31, Feb. 28, March 27

Breakfast

9:30 am, Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 22

10:30 am Bible Study after Breakfast

Chair Exercise & Yoga

Chair Exercise at 10 am, Yoga at 10:30 am: Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 7

Lunch & Learn, then Craft with the Library

Friday at 11 am: Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 15

*New-Lunch & Shopping Bus Trip

1st Friday at 11 am-Check for Bus Leave Time: Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 1

Penny Auction

1st Wednesday at 11 am: Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March 6

Craft Days

2nd Wednesday at 11 am: Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 13

*New-Card Bingo

3rd Wednesday at 11 am : Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 20

Special Announcements

Jan. 11-Senior Oversight Committee Meeting at 4:30 pm

Jan. 31-Look-At-The-Year-Ahead Meeting at 10 am

Feb. 5-AARP Income Tax Appointments begin on Mondays through April 15 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Schedule by calling the center.

Feb. 12-Valentine Dinner & Dance at 5:30 pm, Phyllis Moyer Band 6-7 :30 pm

Reminders

When Valley View closes due to inclement weather, the Senior Center closes as well. These announcements can be found on Ch. 2 and Ch. 7 News.

Remember to send in your 2024 membership fees that renew in January. Thank you for your support!

Check the monthly calendar for additions or changes. You can pick up a calendar at the center or print from the city's website.

So much to be thankful for!



Thanksgiving Luncheon



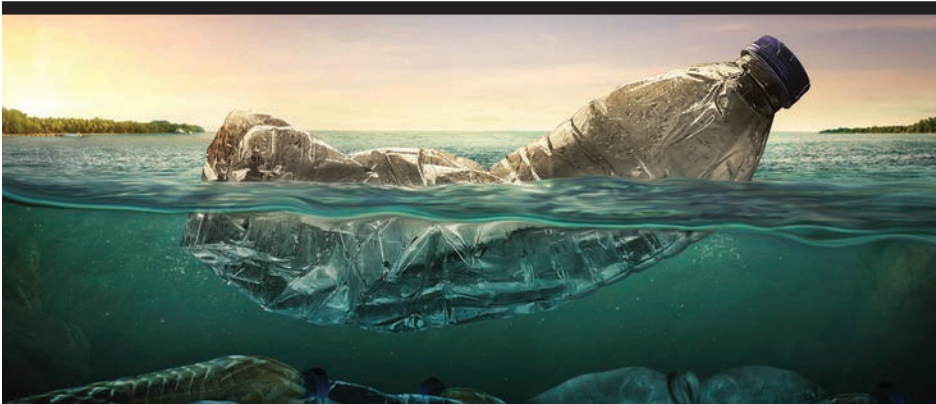
Veteran's Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1-3 pm Senior Meals 1 pm Chair Volleyball	10 am Open Computer	10 am Quilters 10 am Social Hour with Coffee & Donuts	1 pm Mah Jongg 2 pm Euchre	1 pm Chair Volleyball

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Water Pollution DID YOU KNOW?



Solid waste and sediment are among the top 5 most common pollutants entering our water cycle? These common pollutants enter the water cycle in a variety of ways; accidental or deliberate spills, improperly treated wastewater, erosion or runoff.

Solid waste includes items that should have been disposed of in a landfill or incinerated but instead are uncontained in the environment where they can harm wildlife and clog stormwater systems. Sources of trash include careless and intentional littering, historic dumping and loose garbage set outside on windy days. You can do your part to reduce solid waste pollution by keeping solid waste contained and disposing of it properly and by removing it from local waterways.

Sediment most often comes from soil erosion, which happens when storm water washes bare soil into streams. Sediment can smother stream habitat, alter stream flow and increase nutrients to harmful levels. Sources include uncovered soil on lawns; gardens and farmlands; slumping streambank; muddy construction sites; poorly maintained dirt and gravel roads; and careless logging practices. They key to preventing soil erosion is slowing down the stormwater where it falls because slow moving water contains less erosive energy. Achieving this is often as simple as covering bare soil with garden mulches or crop residues.

Thank you for doing your part in keeping Germantown's waterways safe and healthy for all to enjoy.

"Great things have come in the past and greater things are still to come and will be done in OUR City"

- Mayor Terry Johnson

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