

# GERMANTOWN QUARTERLY

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# Meet Your City Employees

## ROY MCGILL *Police Chief*

For this quarterly edition, we would like to introduce you to Roy McGill, the Chief of Germantown Police.



Chief Roy first joined the department as an officer in 1979. He immediately began working his way up the leadership ladder becoming

a sergeant in 1981, lieutenant in 1993, and in September of 1998 he assumed his current role as Chief of Police. Roy's long tenure with the City of Germantown has provided stability and a consistent source of leadership, and his knowledge and experience have a positive impact daily.

Roy knew from a young age that he wanted to be a police officer. "I don't remember wanting to be much else," he said, recalling being a child and asking his mom to buy him black and blue shirts so that it looked like he had a police uniform. As McGill got older, he started considering his options. "The 3 things that really interested me besides police work were the military, being a football coach, and teaching," said Roy. As he shared further, he has felt blessed by being able to do all of those things in his life. Roy has taught at the police academy for over 20 years, coached football for over 16 years at his alma mater, Trotwood-Madison, and served in the Army Reserve.

McGill has always enjoyed his time serving in Germantown. "Even from early on, the people were great and treated police officers well. They appreciated what we were trying to do," said Roy. He added that he values the small town feel. Germantown is a place where



residents can get to know the city administration and police, and in turn, the city staff know who they're serving. One of his favorite parts of his job has been the ability to meet and form relationships with so many residents over the years.

When asked about his goals for the police department in 2024, Chief Roy first expressed making sure that officers continue to be visibly active in the community. He explained that he wants our department to always take a proactive approach. Being out in the community gives officers chances to provide help or assistance to those who need it and enables them and residents to become more familiar with each other. Being visible can also help deter nefarious individuals from taking negative actions. Ever the teacher, Roy also shared that he plans to provide his command staff with more training and hopes to delegate more duties to them so that they can continue to grow in their roles.

When he is not working, McGill loves spending time with his wife, Terri, and their family. It is immediately apparent from hearing him speak about his sons that he is extremely proud of them and their accomplishments. He also loves to watch his 3 grandkids participate in sports and drama. Some of Roy's major interests include: his Christian faith, genealogy, and leadership. His interest in genealogy began as a child. He remembers sitting down with his grandmothers on both sides and having them tell him everything they could about



*Police Chief McGill receiving a plaque from Mayor Johnson*

their parents and families. "At the time, I never thought I'd be able to verify these things," said McGill, but the advent of new technology enabled him to verify everything he was told, which was very thrilling for him.

Another project that Roy is working on, in collaboration with both of his sons, has to do with passing on his leadership and experience. He keeps a journal of situations that come up at work, and he takes notes on what his thought process was and how he worked through it. He's realized that throughout his career, there were often times when he might have benefited from even just a little bit of wisdom or advice, so he hopes that his journal might someday be of use to those that follow in his footsteps.

Roy has recently announced that he will be officially retiring as Chief of Police this April. While the City and Department transition, he will also transition to a role of part-time officer to assist in special projects. We are all incredibly thankful for the ways Chief Roy has loyally served this community over the many years and wish him a wonderful and happy retirement!

## Spring Cleaning?

Bulk items are collected with your normal trash pick-up. Mattresses/box springs and upholstered furniture must be wrapped in plastic and completely sealed. Be advised that Rumpke will not take items that are waterlogged. Containment bags may be purchased at City Hall for \$7 each. If you are cleaning out an entire house or garage, please call the City office at 937-855-7260 to schedule a separate pick up.





# Fire Hydrant and Valve Replacement Project Provides Overall Safety for Germantown

Aging infrastructure is a common issue among older communities. Our Service Department works tirelessly in Germantown to improve our infrastructure, but water, sewers and streets can be very expensive. With the assistance of grants and low interest loans, we are able to make strategic improvements in our systems. In 2021, a review of the fire department hydrant inspection reports revealed that twenty-four fire hydrants were in need of replacement. Of those identified, the majority are 98 years of age with others at least 49 years old. At this point, the City began seeking funding for fire hydrant and valve replacement. We were fortunate enough to have been approved for a low interest loan in the amount of \$489,490.00 through a Division of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Loans for water and sewer projects are repaid through the water and sewer utility customer fees.

The City of Germantown will begin the Fire Hydrant and Valve Replacement Project in the spring of 2024. This project consists of

replacing fire hydrants and aging water and main line valves.

The project will improve the overall safety of our community. Primarily, the new hydrants and valves will eliminate critical time lost at fire scenes when firefighters are spending time searching, locating and connecting hoses to operable fire hydrants. Time is of the essence and even a few minutes delay can contribute to a fire growing much larger in size.

In addition, the new hydrants are designed with breakaway barrels. The breakaway barrels are devised to cause significantly less property damage and personal injury in the event of a collision as well as reduce the amount of water loss to the water system.

Our goal is to stay proactive, always looking for ways to improve our infrastructure. There are over 300 fire hydrants in the City. Under general maintenance, our service department typically replaces two hydrants per year. Planning for future fire hydrant projects will be based on the results of the annual fire hydrant inspection reports.



## Pool Passes Available

Summer is the time for fun and relaxation, and the Germantown Aquatic Center is the perfect place to unwind and enjoy the season. Season passes are available to be purchased at City Hall, 1 N. Plum Street, or on our website [www.germantown.oh.us](http://www.germantown.oh.us). Call 937-855-7255 for more information.

The City of Germantown Community-Wide Garage Sale is set for Saturday, May 18th, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sunday, May 19th, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Registration is open for all households interested in participating. If you wish to participate, please contact City Hall at 937-855-7255 by Friday, May 10th. You will be asked to provide your address as well as your top three sale items, as we will be creating a "Garage Sale Treasure List" to help direct shoppers and advertise the event. This list will be posted on the city website at [www.germantown.oh.us](http://www.germantown.oh.us) on May 12th. Bargain-hunters and those who enjoy finding a curbside deal are sure to enjoy this event.



Germantown  
Spring Community  
**GARAGE  
SALE**  
May 18th & 19th



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# UPDATES

## GERMANTOWN POLICE



### Vacation Time is Coming!

To put your home on our Vacation House Check list and have our officers check on your home while you are gone, please contact Terri at 937-855-7271.

### Watch Out for Children

The weather will be warming up soon, and with this children will be back outside playing. Please remember to watch your speed especially in Germantown neighborhoods and our parks.

### National Police Memorial Week



National Police Memorial Week is Sunday, May 12, 2024 - May 18, 2024 and offers honor, remembrance, and peer support, while allowing law enforcement, survivors, and citizens to gather and pay homage to those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

## GERMANTOWN FIRE-EMS

### OPEN BURNING REQUIREMENTS

Germantown Fire-EMS receives many requests for information related to open burning requirements, most commonly about the requirements for having a recreational fire within the Municipal limits.



#### Ohio rules and laws define a recreational fire as:

An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, cooking, religious, ceremonial, warmth, or similar purposes.

The Ohio Administrative Code contains additional provisions for open burning within restricted areas that apply to the Municipality of Germantown, because of our population and the fact that we are located within an incorporated area. These rules state yard waste materials may not be burned at any time.

Residents may have a recreational fire subject to the following rules and regulations:

- The only material that can be burned is clean, dry wood as a fuel source. No rubbish or yard waste or other prohibited materials defined by OAC may be burned at any time.
- If the fire is contained in an approved container such as an outdoor fireplace, barbecue pit, etc. the fire must be at least 15 feet from a structure or combustible materials.
- For an open fire not contained, the fire must be at least 25 feet from a structure, wood fence, neighboring structure or combustible materials. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of the fire must be eliminated prior to ignition of a fire.
- The fire must be constantly

attended while burning and must be fully extinguished if it is not attended.

- A portable fire extinguisher with a minimum of 4A rating or garden hose, bucket of sand or other suitable means for extinguishing the fire must be provided.
- The fire must not create an offensive or objectionable condition that interferes with the neighboring residents' use and enjoyment of their property. If this occurs, Germantown Fire-EMS is required to order the person responsible for the fire to extinguish it.
- Germantown Fire-EMS is required to extinguish fires which create hazardous conditions.

A very common complaint from neighbors arises when recreational fires are not conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations, or when the environmental conditions cause the smoke to migrate off the property into the residence of neighboring property. Persons with chronic breathing problems may be affected by these conditions.

Another issue that occurs associated with recreational fires is noise and disturbance to the surrounding neighborhood when conducted during late evening hours. This is a police matter and will be dealt with by Germantown Police Department.

If Germantown Fire-EMS orders you to extinguish your fire due to non-compliance with the rules and regulations, or the fire creates an offensive or objectionable condition, you are bound by Ohio law to comply with the request. Failure to do so may result in you being charged with violation of the open burning regulations.

# Get Involved with the CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION



Germantown City Beautiful would like to encourage everyone to participate in the many contests and activities that we promote throughout the year. You can find all current and upcoming events on the City Beautiful Facebook page. We love public nominations and input, so if you see something you like or have any ideas, we would love to hear about it.

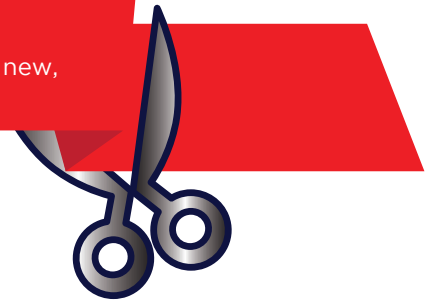
Congratulations to Grayson Clark and Braylen Burt on winning our Christmas art contest! They both had extremely creative submissions for the “Christmas Tree Disguise Challenge”. Both boys received certificates and new art sets. Great job, guys!

A few upcoming items include:

1. A **“Disguise the Bunny” Contest** for students at the Primary School.
2. Nominations for the **City Beautiful Spring Flower Contest**. Submissions can be submitted through our Facebook page or submitted by email to [ciaragoforth5@gmail.com](mailto:ciaragoforth5@gmail.com)
- 3 **“Fix-Up” Award** nominations for those in our community that have put in the hard work to make improvements to the exteriors of their home!
4. We are asking community members to share their **eclipse party pictures!** These can be submitted through our Facebook page! We want to see how our community is spending this monumental event!

## Ribbon Cutting at Uland Training Center

Congratulations to Jessi Uland on the opening of the Uland Training Center, the new, 24-hour gym in Downtown Germantown!



## Permit Requirements

**It's outdoor building and remodeling season!**

If you are planning a project such as a pool, deck, shed, fence, new roof, swimming pool, or home improvement, you will need a permit. They are available on the City website at [www.germantown.oh.us](http://www.germantown.oh.us) and at City Hall. Certain projects may require a deposit.

If you have questions, please call 937-855-7255.

## City Awarded Over \$1.2 Million from Grants Over the Past Five Years

The City has been very fortunate the past few years to have obtained in excess of \$1.2 million in grant funding which has enabled work to be done on many projects. Some of these projects include: playground equipment at Kercher, Weber, and Hillcrest Park, the flashing pedestrian lights on Market St, the flowers in the downtown pots, new equipment as well as the retention bonus

program for Police and Fire-EMS, new trash and recycle containers at the pool as well as Kercher and Veterans Memorial Park, renovation and security cameras at the covered bridge, and the downtown redevelopment plan, just to name a few. Our City staff will continue to work hard to secure future funding so that more excellent work can be done in Germantown!



# Germantown Business Spotlight

## The Florentine Restaurant

The Florentine Restaurant has been a landmark within the community since nearly the very beginning and is an iconic component of Germantown's identity. When the opportunity arose for Bryce and Sheree Henson to purchase the restaurant, they knew they couldn't pass it up. "It wasn't just a chance to own a piece of history. It was an opportunity to own a piece of my history, of my heritage, my hometown," said Sheree. Having lived in Germantown her whole life, the Florentine has meant different things to her over time. When she was a child, it was where the family celebrated her grandmother's birthday. As she got older, it became the special place to spend time with friends.

Sheree's history with the Florentine is one piece of the greater legacy of the restaurant, a legacy defined by its many patrons throughout the generations. Understanding the far-reaching impact of their restaurant has been a thrill for the couple. "The number of stories that have been shared with us is amazing," said Bryce. They've heard from residents whose parents or grandparents used to work at the restaurant, couples who had their first date there, and countless instances of milestones and achievements being celebrated. "So many people have those special 'Florentine Memories'," added Bryce. Putting an emphasis on those unique experiences is one way that Bryce and Sheree plan to honor the restaurant's past. In the near future, the Hensons plan to launch an initiative where patrons can share their special moments and memories either online or at the Florentine.



Owners Sheree and Bryce Henson

Preserving this rich history is of the utmost importance to Bryce and Sheree, and they recognize both the weight that comes with their stewardship and the care that must be taken. As Bryce puts it, "It's not really *our* restaurant or *our* building, it's just our turn to be a part of its story." What an impressive story that is! The best guess at the age of the building is circa 1816, making it 208 years old. "Think of all the different eras this building has been through," said Sheree. Bryce added,

"The Florentine has seen the Civil war time period, post-war period, eventually the roaring 20s, followed by prohibition, and beyond. It has been lots of different things to different people. But throughout, it has been uniquely itself." Bearing that thought in mind, one goal the Hensons have for the building itself is to preserve and maintain the structure while also providing small enhancements as appropriate. "We plan to preserve the building so that it's here another 200 years. We also want to find a way to let the building and its construction speak for itself. We don't need to add extra adornments to architecture that is already a work of art," said Bryce. "We love the existing look and want to preserve what it is and has always been," added Sheree.

Another aspect of the Florentine's history that Bryce and Sheree are doing their best to preserve is the menu. This can be tricky because

the restaurant has had many owners and existed in several eras. "We are trying to decide what sort of theme or environment is right for us and for the community today," said Sheree. "We need to try to be two different things," explained Bryce, "A destination/special occasion restaurant, while also being a reasonable place for people to patronize regularly. We want to merge both concepts so that we have a little bit of something for everybody." One way they have tried to incorporate community input is through running special items they've developed with their chef. When a certain item is shown to be popular, it gets added to the full menu.

A lot has happened in a relatively short time for the couple since officially purchasing the Florentine this past November. In the immediate future, the first goal is to establish consistency. In the long term, one major goal will be to renovate the restaurant's event space which will allow a new generation to have special moments and create lasting memories.

Residents are encouraged to visit this historical tavern and form their own story with the Florentine. Encapsulating her feelings on being the new owners, Sheree said, "The Florentine has been around for my whole life, and almost 200 years before that, so this really is a once in a lifetime opportunity to own a piece of Germantown's history. That's big. It's something bigger than yourself."



# Historical Society of Germantown

## UPDATES AND EVENT SCHEDULE

We hope in the near future to be able to re-open the museum for several hours on Saturdays and Sundays. Until such time, you may call 937-855-7951 to arrange a personal tour. You can also purchase our various "Carnegie Gift Shop" items that we have displayed at the Germantown Pharmacy and "Milk and Hunny" (the former Fox Gallery) during their regular business hours.

Should you have any articles or artifacts pertaining to Germantown or German Township that you'd like us to have, our ladies that catalogue all our accessions are in the museum every Tuesday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. Please call the museum ahead of time to make sure that they can accommodate you. We ask that you complete a form for our records and cataloging purposes indicating that you are either loaning or donating the item(s) to us.

In 2023, we had several new events that helped us celebrate our 50th anniversary, and 2024 is shaping up to be a very busy year for the Society. We are ALWAYS in need of volunteers, and we'd like to encourage our members to volunteer your valuable time to help us.



### Upcoming Events:

Our very first event for 2024 is our annual **Open House** on Sunday, May 5th, from 1:00 until 4:00 pm, at our museum at 47 W Center St. The community is invited to this FREE event! There will be free hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages, and several local artisans will have displays of their crafts - some of which may be available for purchase. The museum will be open for tours and for purchases of our Carnegie Gift Shop items. Coming back this year are our guided, horse-drawn tours that will encompass the historic buildings and locations in and around downtown Germantown. There will be a nominal charge for the tours.

Late April, May and early June - We'll need your help **staffing the concession stand at the Weber Soccer Fields.**

On Saturday, August 3rd, at Veterans Memorial Park we will host our annual "**Founders Day**" event, which will occur from 5:00-9:00 pm. We'll have pie and ice cream for sale in the historic Depot and sandwiches and beverages for sale in our tent outside. At 7:00 pm, we'll have FREE ENTERTAINMENT by the ever-popular band- B-CAGED from 7:00 until 9:00 pm in the gazebo. Also in the planning stage are possible classic car rides and some special offerings for the youngsters.

The entire board would like to encourage your ideas and suggestions for any additional events you'd like us to try in the future. We would also like to share our hopes for the continued improvement of the health our Society's Director, Miriam DeGroat Johnson. Her cancer is now in remission! We look forward to working with her more in the near future!

## For Your Information...

### Saturday Night Out

Mark your calendar! The first Saturday Night Out of the season returns to Downtown Germantown on June 15th.



The event is a family-friendly car cruise-in with a variety of food and non-food vendors/artisans as well as live music. If you or someone you know is interested in being a vendor or event sponsor, please email Mackensie at [germantowncarshow@gmail.com](mailto:germantowncarshow@gmail.com). Warmer weather will bring even more opportunities to enjoy Downtown Germantown and Saturday Night Out, since there are also events scheduled for July 20th, August 17th, and October 12th.

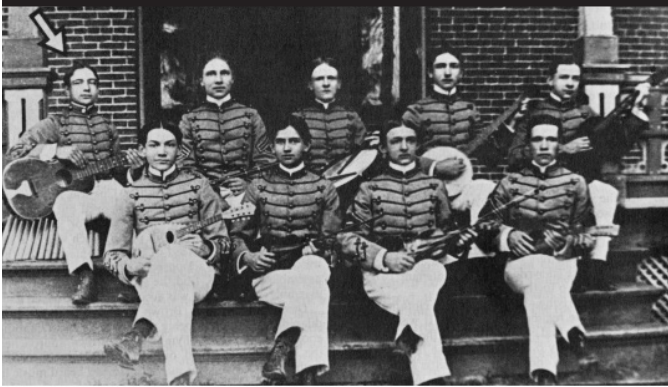
### Foodtruck Fridays

Food Truck Friday is returning to Downtown Germantown this year June through October and will once again take place in the Germantown Senior Center parking lot. Some of last year's favorite trucks will be returning as well as some newcomers for you to enjoy. Stop by Fridays during lunchtime for a fun way to tee-off the weekend! For updates and to find out which food trucks will be coming, be sure to follow the "Food Truck Fridays in Germantown" Facebook page. A major thank you to Tiffany Kuhn for her work in organizing this ongoing event!



# The Miami Military Institute

## FEATURING FORMER GRADUATES



*The Miami Military Institute sat in the midst of our town and educated some of our nation's most renowned citizens. The MMI Park Committee is continually finding new and interesting facts about cadets, graduates and faculty. In future editions of the Germantown Quarterly, we hope to tell you about some of the many accomplished people associated with this prestigious school. Here is our first graduate.*

Henry Fillmore's parents enrolled their son at the institute in 1898. Henry Fillmore, relative of President Millard Fillmore, was born in Cincinnati to a family of music publishers. The business focused on religious music only. Young Henry mastered many instruments at an early age and had a beautiful singing voice, but his passion was the slide trombone, much to his father's disapproval since he considered that particular instrument "sinful." Consequently, young Henry grew frustrated and ran away from home at age 16 to join the circus where he felt his talent would be appreciated. Upon his return, the family decided they would enroll him at the Miami Military Institute in an effort to corral his "rowdy" spirit. It was soon discovered by accident that Henry's musical ability was quite outstanding so Colonel Brown, MMI founder, asked the new student to form a band at the school. Henry selected 8 fellow students he deemed suitable and requested instruments and sheet music from his father. Thus, the first Miami Military Institute band was formed.

Following graduation from MMI in 1900, Henry returned to Cincinnati working on and off for the family business and trying music sales for a second company. After only one semester at the Cincinnati College

of Music, his professor declared the young man's musical knowledge so vast that he required no instruction and encouraged him to move forward with his talent without further education.

Henry fell in love in 1904 while visiting the St. Louis World's Fair,



### JAMES "HENRY" FILLMORE, Jr. MMI GRADUATE

and at age 23 married the beautiful Mabel May Jones, a vaudevillian exotic dancer. The two of them toured the world with the Lemon Brothers Circus, Henry as a musician, his wife as a nanny and tutor to the owner's children, before once again returning to Cincinnati. Henry became Conductor of the Syrian Shriners Band in Cincinnati for a period of almost 6 years and traveled extensively. It was among the best

marching bands in the United States. He later formed the Fillmore Band, one of the earliest radio broadcast orchestras in the nation. Due to health concerns, Henry and his wife moved to Florida where he was a conductor of many bands at the Orange Bowl and heavily involved in Florida school music for the rest of his life. He was affectionately known as "Uncle Henry" by the young musicians and awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Miami. Henry was preceded in death by his beloved wife and upon his own death in 1956 at age 75, his entire estate was awarded to the University of Miami Band Foundation.

During his lifetime, James "Henry" Fillmore composed over 1,000 pieces of music. His compositions numbered 250 and he arranged another 750+. He is among the most prolific composers of lively marches, second only to John Phillip Sousa, and his flamboyant style made him one of the most entertaining conductors of all time. His music was not limited to marches but also included fox trots, waltzes, overtures, hymns and novelties. He also wrote under several pseudonyms. Henry Fillmore's masterful works can be heard on YouTube being performed by the United States Air Force. Coast Guard, Marine and Army Bands, among many others.

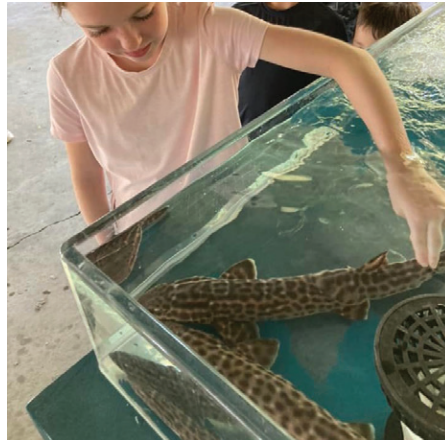
**If you would like to donate to the worthy cause of the MMI Park, please do so by mail, or drop off to 1 N. Plum Street and designate your contribution as "MMI Park." Any contribution will be appreciated and utilized with great care.**



# News from the **PUBLIC LIBRARY**



Join us for Summer Reading 2024: Adventure Begins at Your Library! Beginning June 3rd, kids and teens can sign up, read, log hours spent reading and win prizes! Join us for weekly special programs such as WAVE Foundation's Shark Meet and



## 2024 Summer Reading Program

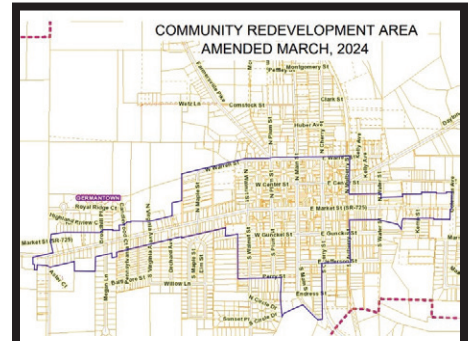
Greet June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm (Location: Veterans Park), Erica Carlson's Magic Show June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, weekly story times, Dino Dig, and many other events and entertainers! Check out our website in June for more details.

### Tech Help

Do you have questions about technology like cell phones, tablets or computers? The library is offering Tech Help, a one on one meeting where library staff can help you learn about your devices. Stop by the library on Wednesdays from 5:00-8:00 pm or call to make an appointment.

### Senior Chair Fitness

Thursday mornings at 11:00 am, senior patrons can take a fun and safe fitness class. This is a seated class to make it easier for those with balance or mobility issues while still allowing for a fun and energetic 30 minutes of cardiovascular exercise.



### Updated Community Reinvestment Area in Downtown Germantown

The Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) in Downtown Germantown has been expanded. 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. This agreement must be struck before construction begins. Examples of qualifying projects include: Building a new porch, adding a garage, remodeling an attic into living space, installing a sun room, new additions to the structure, new construction, structural improvements, or complete rehabs. Essentially, any project that would add to the assessed value of your property by the county auditor. Those interested in applying for this program should contact Will Parsons at the City, 937-855-7255.

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### Suggestions and Recommendations

Thank you for reading this edition of Germantown's new and improved newsletter! If you have suggestions or recommendations for items or stories you'd like to see in future publications, please send us an email to [newsletter@germantown.oh.us](mailto:newsletter@germantown.oh.us)

### Germantown Hometown Heroes Banner Program

A new committee has been created to establish a program honoring our local veterans by hanging banners in town. More details will be released as the project continues to develop. Contact either Kay Fradl at [snafu3644@gmail.com](mailto:snafu3644@gmail.com) or 937-620-6836 (text only before 6:00 pm), Connie Shaffer at [mrtshaffer@yahoo.com](mailto:mrtshaffer@yahoo.com), Mayor Johnson at [tjohnson@germantown.oh.us](mailto:tjohnson@germantown.oh.us) or 937-533-6674, or the Veteran's Museum at 937-855-4763 for more information.

## Message from

# GERMANTOWN UNION CEMETERY



The Germantown Union Cemetery is celebrating 175 years of serving the community this year. We continue to work on the west expansion which is expected to eventually result in enough grave space for about another 200 years. A new addition for 2024 is an Ohio native wildflower garden that will be visible along the center west side of the cemetery.

Mowing season is upon us! Cemetery staff began spring cleanup April 1st, 2024 and are discarding all flowers and decorations on the ground

around headstones so that the grass can be mowed and trimmed safely and efficiently. As a reminder, during the mowing season from April 1st through November 1st, decorations and flowers are allowed to be on monuments or on shepherd's staffs at either end of monuments, but any decorations or flowers on the ground will be removed.

The annual Memorial Day Parade is May 27th and will end in the center of the cemetery at the flagpole where a ceremony will follow. Flowers and wreaths may be placed on the ground around monuments no more than 1 week before and 2 weeks after Memorial Day.

We are discussing seasonal help. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates if interested.

Feel free to stop by the office with any questions or help finding relatives. We look forward to continuing to serve you! We can be

reached by phone at 937-855-3011 or our new email address: [Office@GermantownCemetery.com](mailto:Office@GermantownCemetery.com)

Follow us on Facebook for updates and communications. [www.facebook.com/GermantownCemetery](http://www.facebook.com/GermantownCemetery)

### Upcoming Events:

April 1, 2024

**Spring Cleanup Started**

April 8, 2024, 5:00 pm

**Board Meeting**

May 13, 2024, 5:00 pm

**Board Meeting**

May 27, 2024

**Memorial Day Parade**

June 10, 2024, 5:00 pm

**Board Meeting**

All board meetings are held at the Cemetery Office.

## METROPARKS NEWS

### Five Rivers Metroparks Twin Valley Trail Challenge Comes to Germantown

Five Rivers Metroparks will be hosting their annual Twin Valley Trail Challenge on Saturday, June 1st. The full TVT Challenge of 28.7 miles, which includes Germantown Metropark, Twin Creek Metropark, as well as the TVT Connector Trail, is designed for people who have hiking experience and wish to challenge themselves with an endurance hike. If you are newer to hiking, you are encouraged to try one of the shorter route options. There will be a shuttle that runs from 12:00 - 8:00 pm that makes regular stops at all aid stations, which are spaced every few miles and will have snacks and water. There will also be free food grilled at the picnic area by the finish line.

This awesome event is FREE to all participants, thanks to Five Rivers Metroparks donors. Registration is from 5:30 am until 12:00 pm the day of the event. If you are planning to hike more than 20 miles, you must register by 7 am. Hikers can print a form online or pick up one at the Registration Area at the Twin Valley Welcome Center in Germantown Metropark. There is no set end time for the TVT Challenge, though shuttle service ends at 8 PM, so it is advised that you finish your hike by

this time. Participants are responsible for determining if they can safely complete their desired hike. If not, please call for a shuttle to avoid having to hike in the dark or if overly fatigued.



The different options on trail length make this challenge a fun opportunity for hikers of all experience levels. For more information, including ways you can volunteer at the event, please visit Five Rivers Metroparks' website at [www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org)

Rivers Metroparks' website at [www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org)



# GERMANTOWN SENIOR CENTER

EST. 2000

33 N. Cherry Street  
(937) 853-8900

## Reminders

Please remember to sign up for activities and inform us of cancellations.

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

## Rentals

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

## 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. Thank you!

## 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: April 24, May 29, June 26

## Breakfast

9:30 am, April 26, May 24, June 28

10:30 am Bible Study after Breakfast

## Chair Exercise & Yoga

Chair Exercise at 10 am, Yoga at 10:30 am: April 4, May 2, June 6

## Lunch & Learn, then Craft with the Library

Friday at 11 am: April 19, May 17, June 21

## Lunch & Shopping Bus Trip

1st Friday at 11 am-Check for Bus Departure Time: April 5, May 3, June 7

## Penny Auction

1st Wednesday at 11 am: April 3, May 1, June 5

## 2nd Wednesday Craft Days

Starts at 11 am: April 10, May 8, June 12

## Card Bingo

3rd Wednesday at 11 am: April 17, May 15, June 19

## Special Announcements

April 1, 8, 15 - **AARP Income Tax Appointments**

April 11 - 4:30 pm **Senior Oversight Meeting**

April 16 - 11 am **Bus Trip to Lawrenceburg, IN-lunch at a new vintage diner**

April 19 - 3 pm **Bus trip to a local Quilt Show and dinner following.**

May 9 - 11:30 am **Movie & Treats at the Center, "The Boys in the Boat"**

May 21 - **Bus Trip to the Cincinnati Zoo**

June 7 - 11 am **Bus Trip to Young's Dairy**

June 27 - 5 pm **Dinner Outing at The Florentine (meal cost is your responsibility)**



Craft Day



Valentine's Dinner & Dance

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
12-2 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?



### What are the Dangers of Used Oil, Mercury, and PCBs?

If improperly disposed, used oil from refrigerated appliances can result in the release of dissolved refrigerant and groundwater contamination. In addition, short-term exposure to used oil can cause skin, eye, and respiratory irritation; in the long-term, it can cause cancer or damage to the liver, brain, immune system, and reproductive system.

When released in the environment, mercury accumulates in the tissues

of plants and animals, and when then consumed by humans, impairs neurological development and causes other problems associated with the nervous system.

PCBs are toxic substances with carcinogenic and non-cancerous effects on humans, including effects on the immune system, reproductive system, nervous system, and endocrine system.

**“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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