

GERMANTOWN QUARTERLY

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News from the GERMANTOWN UNION CEMETERY



Germantown Union Cemetery will host its annual **Wreaths Across America** ceremony at 12:00 pm

on Saturday, December 19. In 2025, more than 3.1 million wreaths were placed at over 5,500 cemeteries across the country and abroad by millions of volunteers, including many children. Sponsorship instructions are available on our Facebook page or through the Veterans Memorial Museum in Germantown. This year's sponsorship deadline is December 2. We hope to see you at the

new flagpole in the center of the cemetery on December 19 as we honor those who have served.

The **new flagpole** is one of several improvements made in the cemetery this year. The deteriorating retaining wall along the front of the property was removed, seven new memorial trees were planted, and all memorial tree plaques were replaced and made more visible. A 40-foot Liberty elm was also planted at the entrance in honor of America-250. The tree comes from a 200-year-old elm known as "Herbie" in Yarmouth, Maine, which survived Dutch Elm disease. This disease has been responsible for killing nearly 90% of elms in the United States. A huge thank you to the Dupps Company,

the Germantown Lions Club, and German Township staff for helping make these improvements possible.

Our **push into technology** has also continued. All burial records are now available to the public on our website. Memorial pages may also be created for your loved ones that allow you to attach memories, stories, photos, and videos which are preserved along with their records in our database. You can also now purchase QR codes that adhere to monuments thereby giving visitors the ability to use their phones to view these memorial pages.

Our **contact info** is:
937-855-3011
Office@GermantownCemetery.com



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www.facebook.com/GermantownCemetery

A Veteran Story: The Emrick Brothers

Germantown Union Cemetery is the resting place of 1,200 veterans. Among them, on the slope of a hill, are brothers lying side by side. Robert S. Emrick and Raymond B. Emrick grew up in the countryside surrounding Germantown. The boys lived as sharecroppers with 9 other siblings and their parents, Chester and Laura. They were born one year apart, had completed high school and were becoming young men with unlimited possibilities for the future. Perhaps they would marry, have children, seek their fortune, but it was not meant to be. Fate had another plan for them.



World War II came calling and the brothers enlisted. Robert was inducted in 1944, at age 20. Raymond followed his brother's lead and did the same at age 19. Both were now in the Army and sent to

faraway lands, so unlike their home and life here.

Raymond was inducted the summer shortly after his high school graduation. He found himself in Australia, New Guinea, Admiralty Island, and the Philippines. He wrote his family on February 18, 1945 from Manila and was Killed in Action just two days later. Grieving parents, brothers and sisters received and read his final words after his death. Raymond was in the 1st Calvary Division under the command of General Douglas MacArthur.

Robert was sent to Hawaii, Saipan, Marianas and Okinawa. Like his brother, he wrote his family, and his letter arrived on May 11, 1945. Six days later, Robert was Killed in Action, dying during the brutal Invasion of Okinawa. He served in

the 77th Infantry Division of the 10th Army under the command of Lieutenant General Simon Buckner. He is commemorated on the WWII Peace Park Memorial in Okinawa, Japan.

The Emrick Family, devastated by their losses, realized life would never be the same. Robert, 22, and Raymond, 21, had died on the battlefield just 82 days apart. A third and older son, Everett, also enlisted some years earlier. In the Army for four full years, he returned home safely the same year that his younger brothers were buried.

Robert, Raymond and Everett Emrick served their country, two making the ultimate sacrifice of life. All veterans deserve our deepest gratitude, as do their families. Remember to thank and appreciate those who have served in the United States of America Armed Forces, not just on Veterans Day, but every day. Freedom is not free.

Meet Your City Volunteers

Jim Williams

Jim and Bobbie Williams did not know many people when they first moved to Germantown about 30 years ago. They were recently married and looking for a spot between Cincinnati and Greenville to merge their families, and the charm of Germantown won them over. The usual tasks of building a life, raising kids, and going to work kept them busy for a while, but things started to slow down once their children got older. By this time, the Williams had come to love and appreciate the town that had become their home, so they decided they wanted to find ways to give back to the community and get better acquainted with their fellow Germantowners.

One way that Jim got involved was by joining the Germantown Lions Club. It was at one of these meetings that Jim recalls first hearing about City Boards and Commissions. When he learned there were openings, Jim filled out the form to join. He has served in many roles with the City since then, including on the Charter Review Board and the CRA committee, but the majority of his service has been with the Parks Board, where he spent three terms and Pool Oversight Committee, where he is currently in his second term. These two boards are of particular interest to Jim as he frequently walks his dog, Lenny, through Veterans Memorial Park and regularly visits the Germantown Aquatic Center in the summer. He

recognizes these as amenities for the community and loves to see other residents make use of them as well. "I live so close to the pool and park; it makes me smile when I hear kids and families playing and having a great time," said Jim. "What a great resource," he added, "Not every community has this; we want



Jim Williams & Lenny

to make sure we do our best to keep this for today and down the road."

Jim has found that each committee he has served on has been a little bit different. "Some are more hands on than others, some are more strictly meetings," Jim explained. However, he did not experience big surprises with any of them. He also has found

that each board is a team effort. His time serving on these boards has also allowed him to accomplish what he set out to do; help better the community while also getting to know and forming friendships with many people in town. Jim also feels that he has gained a better understanding of the local government process. "You learn that things don't always happen on the timeline the city or community would like, but when working with outside agencies and groups, you learn patience," said Jim. When asked what he would tell someone who has an interest in joining a city board or commission, Jim suggested they attend a meeting as a visitor. "You could listen in and you do have the ability to ask a question or make a comment. You can still participate," said Jim.

While family life may have slowed down for a little while, Jim and Bobbie are certainly busy once again as they have fourteen grandchildren. The couple loves to spend time with their family members and try to attend all the events and activities that they can. Thank you, Jim, for all the ways you continue to give of your time to the City of Germantown.

If you would like to follow Jim's example, the calendar of monthly meetings for Boards and Commissions can be accessed on the City website under the "About" tab.



Important Dates

October 31
Beggar's Night
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

November 11
Veterans Day
City Offices closed

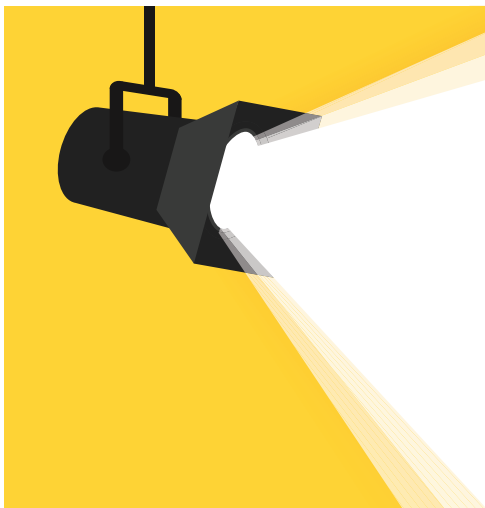
November 26 & 27
Thanksgiving
City Offices closed

December 1
Montgomery County Dog licenses available for purchase at City Hall. If you've received a reminder for dog license renewal, please bring it with you as it contains helpful information for your new tag.

December 24 & 25
Christmas
City Offices closed

December 31
New Year Eve
City Offices closed

January 1
New Year's Day
City Offices closed



Germantown Business Spotlight

William Meyers Upholstery & The Recoverers

William Meyers found his way to a business that is a rarity these days. Upholstery is a profession that requires an eye for design, the ability to reconstruct, an understanding of fabric types and knowing how to fit, sew and staple. There are few, if any, businesses of this type that still remain in a world where most furniture is considered disposable. Germantown is fortunate to have such a shop located at 111 N. Main Street where two branches of this business operate under the same roof.

Bill's skill set was acquired from his father, a retired Marine, who first began working with aircraft interiors in Carlsbad, California. Mr. Meyers continued to pursue and expand his abilities to the point that it became his business, and teenage son, Bill, picked up the trade by watching his father's careful hands at work.

Bill moved to Ohio in 2009 and worked in a different field until he realized there was a need in a market that no one seemed to notice. He initially dabbled at the trade in his garage at home until he realized that upholstery would become his full-time career, and it wasn't long before a series of events led him to his current space. That leap of faith in 2015 proved to be the right choice.

Some customers seek an upholsterer because they have the desire to pass a cherished heirloom down through the family. There are others who just want to update and refresh to match new decor. William Meyers Upholstery can certainly provide service in that way, but now there

is a new addition to the business known as The Recoverers, which specializes in commercial projects. Bill always had the idea that larger commercial work would eventually become a natural expansion for the



William Meyers

business. That vision recently became a reality, thanks to an in-house partnership that allows for better work distribution. Restaurants and bars, churches, businesses, hospitals, offices and schools are now calling the Recoverers.

William Meyers Upholstery has also found a very special niche. A broad spectrum of services are offered that include frame repairs, antique spring ties, button tufting and the ability to work with old materials, modern vinyls and leather. Leather recoloring is a unique and complicated process that most shops do not offer, but Bill doesn't shy away from any projects. He once worked on a special signature piece

in the form of a wingback chair. The owner wanted a sentimental "family memory," Bill's challenge was to transform the traditionally covered chair by using all denim from her grandfather's bibbed overalls, the grandchildren's skinny jeans and other clothing items. It required matching colors, creating a cohesive pattern and determining where there would be enough material to cover certain areas, all while incorporating the original jean seams for a special

touch. Bill never lost sight of the meaning behind the customer's request in creating this one of a kind sentimental item and he did so in a very thoughtful way.



William Meyer's Upholstery and The Recoverers enjoy an expanding customer base in the Greater Dayton Area but intend to

stay local and loyal to Germantown as they continue to grow. If you have a need for their services, both companies have Facebook pages or can be contacted at the following

William Meyers Upholstery
(760) 419-6693 or
wmeyers101@gmail.com

The Recoverers
(937) 895-0131 or
info@therecoverers.com

Programs from the **PUBLIC LIBRARY**



New Adult Programs

**Friends of the Library
Community Interest Meeting**
Thursday, October 1 at 6 p.m.

Versiti Blood Drive
Saturday, October 3 and November
28, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**League of Women Voters:
Talking About Misinformation**
Wednesday, October 7 at 6 p.m.

Art Show Submissions
Friday, October 9

Sweetest Day LEGO Date
Saturday, October 17 at 1 p.m.

Adult LEGO
Every third Thursday of the month at
6 p.m.

**Going to the Courthouse
Without Leaving Your Home: A
Genealogy Adventure**
Wednesday, October 21 at 6 p.m.

Drawing Class
Saturday, October 31 and Saturday,
December 19 at 1 p.m.

Board Game Saturday
Saturday, November 14 at 1 p.m.

Book Tasting
Wednesday, November 18 and
Wednesday,
December 9 at 6 p.m.

**Farmersville Time Capsule:
Presented by Daryl Weller of the
Farmersville Historical Society**
Wednesday, December 2 at 6 p.m.

**Germantown Dulcimer Society
Holiday Concert**
Thursday, December 3 at 1 p.m.

Art Exhibition
Friday, December 4, 5-7 p.m.

**Holiday Hauntings: The Ghost
Story Tradition by Paula
Paranormal Project**
Wednesday, December 16 at 6 p.m.

Check the Library Facebook page for
ongoing adult programs.



City of Germantown at 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

On September 10, Mayor Terry Johnson, members of our Fire-EMS Department and the Police Department participated in the 9/11 memorial stair climb in Miamisburg, an event that remembers and honors the tragic event and heroic action that took place on 9/11/2001.



City Beautiful Commission Award

Congratulations to **8 Lindell Drive** on being recognized by the City Beautiful Commission as the Best Summer Flowers/Landscape in town!

Fall Leaf Collection Begins

Leaf collection is provided to all the Germantown residents who live adjacent to a public roadway. The City will collect leaves mid-October thru mid-December, weather permitting. Please rake your leaves to the edge of your property in an open area where they are accessible to the crews rather than behind parked cars, mail boxes, trees, shrubs, etc. The Street Department will be collecting leaves daily. Due to the nature of this service, a set schedule for the pick up of leaves in your specific neighborhood cannot be provided, but rest assured, the crew will be working through the entire city. Leaves will not be picked up on holidays.



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, tables and chairs and is available for party rentals, meetings and more! Call the Center for rental inquiries.

Annual Membership Fee

\$15 per year for German Township or Germantown Residents, \$30 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 for 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: October 28

Breakfasts

9:30 am: October 23, November 13

Veteran's Breakfast November 13

Christmas Breakfast December 18

Chair Exercise

Thursdays at 12 pm.

Lunch & Learn

11 am: October 16; 12 pm: October 20

Lunch & Shopping Bus Trip

Friday at 11 am: October 2, 9 & 30,
November 6, December 4

Penny Auction

1st Wednesday at 11 am: October 7,
November 4, December 2

2nd Wednesday Craft Days

Starts at 11 am: October 14,
December 9

Card Bingo

3rd Wednesday at 11 am: October 21,
November 18, December 16

Special Announcements

October 2 - 10:30 am **Bus trip to Young's Dairy, Corn Maze & Adventure Golf**

October 8 - 4:30 pm **Senior Oversight Meeting**

October 9 - 11 am **Bus trip, Lunch at Warped Wing, then to Windmill Farms**

October 13 - 12 pm **Lunch & Bingo at Kingston**

October 20 - 12 pm **Lunch & Goodbye Neuropathy Seminar with Dr. Rob Prewitt**

October 21 - 10 am **Medicare questions and help** with Dave Engle

October 30 - 11 am **Bus trip, Lunch at Richard's Pizza, then to Barn-N-Bunk**

November 6 - 10 am **Bus trip, World Equestrian Center Competition in Wilmington**

November 13 - 9:30 am **Veteran's Breakfast**, each Veteran will receive a gift and will be honored. Feel free to bring a guest.

November 13 - 5 pm **Bus trip, Deck the Diamond Holiday Event-Dragon's Stadium**

November 20 - 12 pm **Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon**

December 2 - 12 pm **Christmas decorating & Lunch**

December 4 - 11 am **Bus trip, Lunch & Christmas shopping at Town & Country**

December 11 - 10:30 am **Bus trip to LaComedia to watch Santa Claus.** RSVP by 11/9

December 15 - 5 pm **Bus trip to Eaton, Dinner at Fiesta Charra, then drive-thru Whispering Christmas**

December 18 - 9:30 am **Christmas Breakfast & White Elephant Game**



Carillon Park Train Ride



Ford's Garage Lunch Outing



**1950s
Sock Hop**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 pm Chair Volleyball	10 am Open Computer	10 am Quilters 10 am Social Hour with Coffee & Donuts	12:30 pm Dominoes 1 pm Mah Jongg 2 pm Euchre	1 pm Chair Volleyball

GERMANTOWN SENIOR CENTER

ONE-MILL RENEWAL LEVY

The Germantown Senior Center provides health, educational, and recreational programs that assist seniors in maintaining vital, independent lives as well as serves the community as an emergency shelter and polling location.

There are a wide variety of activities for our seniors, such as physical fitness activities, lunch activities, social activities, bus trips, crafts, open computer, and game activities. The center also hosts health screenings, health fairs, craft fairs, music events, community events, free tax service, and informative seminars.

The center has become a focal point for seniors and their families to find information concerning services available in Montgomery County. The seniors also have numerous opportunities to volunteer their time and talents.

To continue operation of the center and assisting our community's seniors, Germantown and German Township officials have placed a one-mill renewal levy on the November 3 ballot. This issue is a continuation of the present one-mill levy and is not a new tax.

Remember to vote November 3!

GERMANTOWN POLICE NEWS

Welcome to Our New Police Officers!

The Germantown Police Department has welcomed several new officers to the team, each bringing different experiences and backgrounds to the community. We wanted to take a moment to introduce them and give residents an opportunity to learn a little more about the officers they may see around town. From their previous experience, to what brought them to Germantown, and even what they enjoy outside of work, here's a chance to get to know some of the new faces of GPD.

Patrol Officer Mark Evanoff

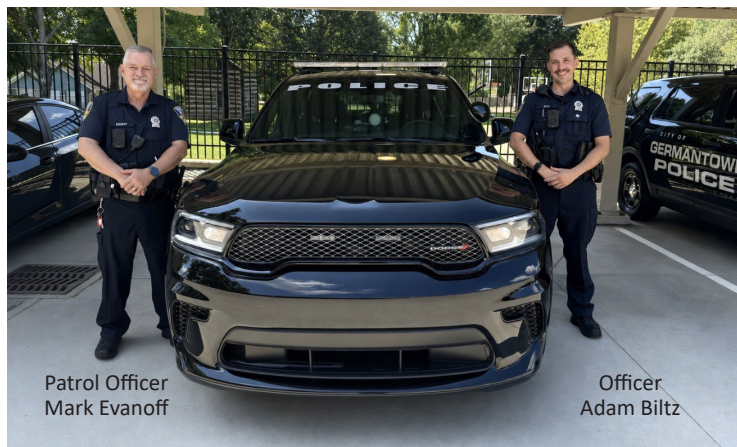
The Germantown Police Department welcomes Patrol Officer Mark Evanoff, a retired Toledo Police Department officer who brings 23 years of law enforcement experience to the community. He spent 16 of those years as a sergeant and served primarily in field operations and patrol. His experience also includes approximately four years in accident reconstruction and 16 years working with Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) programs. After retirement, Officer Evanoff realized he missed the profession. "I missed it, the action and camaraderie," he said. "I like helping people." He hopes to bring his years of experience dealing with people and helping them through difficult situations to his role in Germantown.

For Officer Evanoff, patience, tact, and impartiality are among the most important qualities an officer can have. He believes officers should listen to both sides of a story and work with people to resolve situations. Returning to policing has also given him an appreciation for how technology, including in-car computers, modern report-writing systems, and body-worn cameras, has changed the profession. As residents see him around Germantown, Officer Evanoff wants them to know what they can expect: "I'm a fair guy, and I will treat you with respect, but I hope to get respect in return." Away from work, he enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, tending to his cats, relaxing, and traveling when he can. "I'm a modest guy," he said. "I like working in Germantown, I think it is a good town with good people."

Officer Adam Biltz

The Germantown Police Department also welcomes Officer Adam Biltz, who joined the department after previously working in hospital policing. He began his law enforcement career with Kettering Health Network Police in 2019 and later worked with the Lindner Center of HOPE and UC Health West Chester. Officer Biltz is also Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) certified, which complements his experience working with people during stressful situations. His time in the hospital environment taught him the importance of communication and remaining calm. "Your command presence and voice are the most important tools on your belt," Officer Biltz said. "Being able to defuse and de-escalate situations is the best approach in policing."

Officer Biltz studied Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati (UC), where he earned his bachelor's degree with a minor in Psychology. After several years in hospital policing, he was ready to experience a different side of law enforcement and felt Germantown was a good place to make that transition. He enjoys the small-town atmosphere and hopes residents will come to know him as being approachable, level-headed, and someone they can trust when they need help. He looks forward to gaining experience and pursuing new training opportunities, including becoming drone certified. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his family, fishing with his son, playing disc golf, and watching college football. And, as a UC graduate, "Go Bearcats!"



Patrol Officer
Mark Evanoff

Officer
Adam Biltz



Germantown Police Department Awards and Recognition

The Germantown Police Department is proud to recognize two outstanding officers for their exceptional service, professionalism, and dedication throughout 2025.



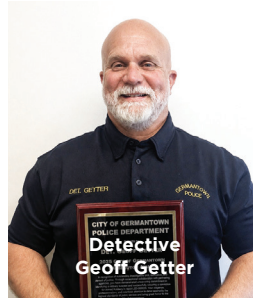
Officer Michael Beculheimer was selected as Officer of the Year in recognition of his outstanding work ethic, dedication,

and performance. His commitment to excellence and service reflects great credit upon himself and the Germantown Police Department.

Detective Geoff Getter was honored with the Germantown City Prosecutor Award in recognition of his exceptional investigative skills, dedication, and pursuit of justice. Through diligent investigative work and collaboration with partnering

agencies, Detective Getter was instrumental in identifying a robbery suspect and helping secure a conviction for Armed Robbery.

Please join us in congratulating Officer Beculheimer and Detective Getter on these well-deserved honors. Their professionalism, dedication, and commitment to serving the Germantown community exemplify the very best of the Germantown Police Department. Congratulations, Officer Beculheimer and Detective Getter!



Congratulations to Florist Roger Neargarder on His Retirement!

The Village Flower Shop has officially closed and its owner, Roger Neargarder, is looking forward to a well-deserved rest. He has served Germantown and surrounding communities for 53 years.

Thank you, Roger, for touching our lives in such a special way during times of both sadness and joy. It's now your time to smell the roses!

Community Policing in Action



Officer **Scarlett Biggs** has been actively engaging with members of the Germantown community through several recent outreach events. As part of these efforts, she visited local daycare centers, where she spent time reading to children, answering questions, and sharing plenty of smiles and hugs. Officer Biggs also visited the Germantown Senior Center, where she had the opportunity to speak with local seniors and build connections with residents. These interactions are an important part of community policing and provide officers with opportunities to connect with residents outside of traditional calls for service. Through continued involvement in community events, the Germantown Police Department remains committed to building positive relationships, strengthening trust, and staying connected with the community they serve.



GERMANTOWN QUARTERLY

Suggestions and Recommendations

Thank you for reading Germantown's 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 newsletter, please email newsletter@germantown.oh.us.



Election Day is fast approaching! New residents or first-time voters may be unaware of where their polling place is located. There are three polling stations in Germantown:

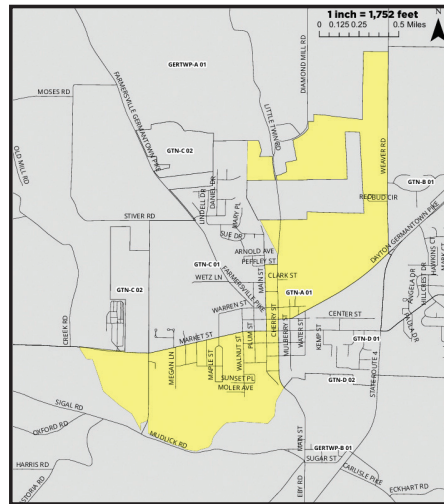
The Germantown Senior Center (33 N. Cherry Street) which serves precincts A and B

Valley View High School (6027 Farmersville Pike) which serves precinct C

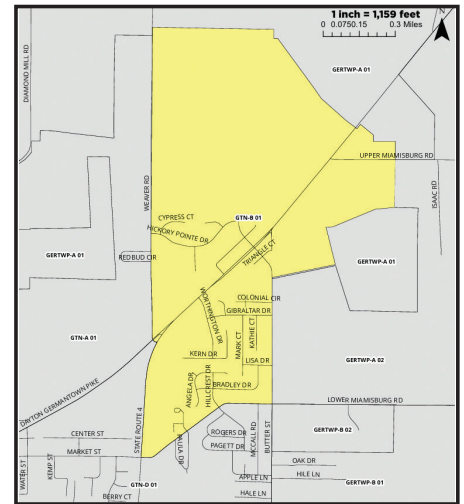
Germantown Church of the Nazarene (8140 S. Butter Street) which serves precinct D

Please see the maps at right to identify your precinct. If you have questions, need information about early voting or would like to request a mail-in ballot, feel free to call the Montgomery County Board of Elections at 937-225-5656 or visit their website at www.montgomery.boe.ohio.gov.

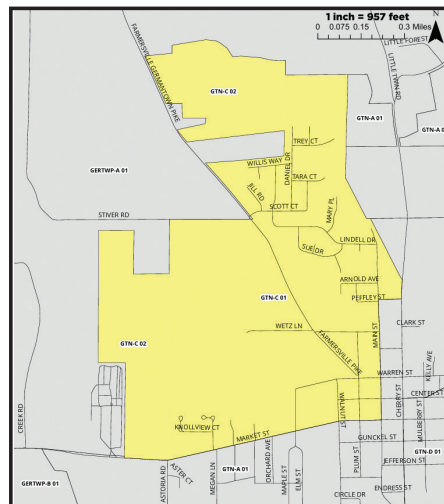
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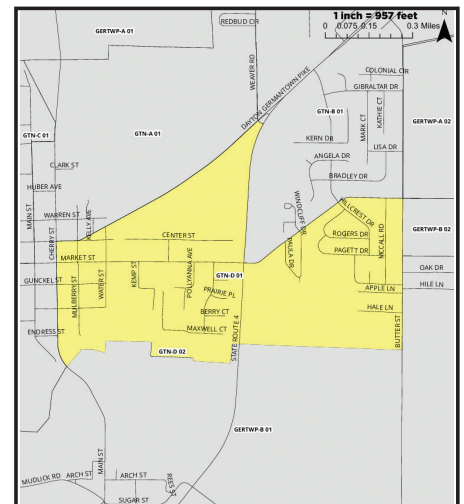
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PRECINCT D



Please do your civic duty and vote!

Labor Donations by Local Contractors Appreciated by MMI Park

The Miami Military Institute Park Committee wishes to acknowledge and thank the following local contractors for recently donating time and effort. We appreciate you!



Cole's Lawn & Landscaping generously supplied several days labor in the creation of a new, and very large, landscape feature at MMI Park.



Gibson Tree & Lawn Care also provided free of charge labor to the park by cutting tree stumps left after storms.

Fun Was Had By All at the 2026 PRETZEL FESTIVAL

The 46th Annual Pretzel Festival took place this past September. Thank you so much to the committee for all their hard work and dedication to putting on this incredible event. We also thank all the residents who came out to show their support.



Germantown Christmas Activities

Germantown Small Business Saturday

There will be festivities held in Downtown Germantown on Saturday, November 28 for Small Business Saturday. This will be a day full of holiday festivities! Residents should check the Downtown Germantown Facebook Page for more information.

Letters to Santa

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 the mailbox located in the lobby at City Hall by Friday, December 11. Remember, a self-addressed, stamped envelope is critical for Santa to respond!

Christmas in the Park

The annual Christmas celebration in Veterans Memorial Park will be held on December 12. You are invited to visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves in the Depot. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. This event is free to the public and organized by the Germantown/German Township Parks Board. Check the City of Germantown Facebook Page for more information.

Christmas Lights at Veterans Memorial Park

Veterans Memorial Park will be lit up once again with Christmas lights that are synced with music, creating an exciting and beautiful show all ages should enjoy. Once the holiday season has begun, come visit the park and take a walk through our very own winter wonderland!



GERMANTOWN FIRE NEWS

Knox Box Loaner Program

October is Fire Prevention Month, Our Knox Box Loaner Program is offered in partnership with the German Township Police Department. A Knox Box is a secure key box placed outside a home that allows emergency responders to enter quickly when a resident cannot get to the door. This can be especially helpful for older residents,

people who live alone, anyone with limited mobility, or someone recovering from surgery or an illness. It can also prevent unnecessary damage to a door or window during an emergency. Eligible residents may borrow a Knox Box at no cost for up to 90 days. For more information or to see if the program is right for you or a family member, contact Germantown Fire-EMS Administrative Assistant Roni Saul.



Fall Fire Safety Reminders from Germantown Fire-EMS

October is Fire Prevention Month, and Fire Prevention Week will be observed October 4-10. This year's theme is **"Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower."** The focus is on safely charging phones, tablets, power tools, e-bikes, toys, and other devices that use lithium-ion batteries.

Always use the correct charger for your device and charge it on a hard, open surface. Avoid charging devices on beds, couches, or underneath pillows. If a battery becomes unusually hot, begins to swell, changes shape, leaks, or gives off an odor, stop using it immediately. As cooler weather

moves in, please take a few minutes to check the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Smoke alarms should be installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed outside sleeping areas and on every level, following the manufacturer's instructions. Test your alarms monthly and replace the batteries when needed. Smoke alarms should generally be replaced once they are 10 years old. Carbon monoxide alarms also expire, so check the date printed on the alarm and follow the manufacturer's replacement recommendations.

Germantown Fire-EMS Open House

Germantown Fire-EMS will hold an open house on October 10 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the firehouse. Stop by to meet our members, see the fire

trucks and equipment, pick up fire-prevention materials, and enjoy light refreshments. We hope to see you and your family there.

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POSTAL CUSTOMER

Water Pollution DID YOU KNOW?

Peak Construction Season *by Montgomery SWCD*

Summer weather brings the peak time for construction projects. Rainfall can wash the exposed soil and construction debris off of the construction site and directly into storm drains. Ohio EPA sets regulations for all construction sites over an acre. Part of these regulations is the requirement for each site to have a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3). The SWP3 describes the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) a site will use. BMPs are operational practices used to manage the quality and quantity of stormwater runoff. BMPs like silt fencing, filter socks, or wattles are placed to collect and stop sediment from running offsite, while practices like inlet protection are in place to stop sediment from entering storm drains.

The Montgomery Soil and Water Conservation District works

with several cities, including Germantown, to ensure that BMPs are in place so that construction sites stay clean and no pollutants are threatening water quality. Site inspections are conducted biweekly and documented to identify any violations.



MSWCD passes inspection reports to the City who enforces the regulations. Once a construction site is complete, MSWCD does a final inspection to ensure there

is no risk of construction pollutants in the immediate future.

If you see any issues such as sediment running off of construction sites, the discharge of muddy water into storm drains, or erosion, feel free to reach out to MSWCD or the city. During this summer season and onward keep an eye on stormwater and look out for anything that may be harmful to our waterways.

CITY OF GERMANTOWN

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Germantown, Ohio 45327

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