

GERMANTOWN QUARTERLY

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Message from the Mayor

TERRY JOHNSON

Dear Germantown Community,

I hope this message finds you well and that you have all enjoyed the holiday season with family and friends. The New Year is a time to both reflect and look to the future. Because of our town's continued commitment to our values, and to one another, the foundation for continued growth and success is strong.

We celebrated some exciting milestones together this year and also welcomed new businesses that have added energy and fresh opportunities throughout town. As mayor, it's been a pleasure to attend ribbon-cuttings and grand openings for many of these establishments. Local businesses are a hallmark of what makes our small-town America great.

Our public spaces continue to develop as well, with ongoing efforts at the Miami Military Institute (MMI) Park and the installation of new playground equipment at Hillcrest Park, providing wonderful additions for families and visitors to enjoy. We also got to experience a once-in-a-lifetime event as a community with the solar eclipse

that occurred in Ohio this past April. Many residents gathered together in Kercher Community Park to share this amazing day. It was a privilege to know that our community got to experience the wonder of this event together.

A cornerstone of Germantown's history, our beloved covered bridge, also saw renewed support this year. With the help of State Representative Tom Young, we are receiving a \$250,000 grant from the State of Ohio to make essential repairs to ensure this landmark remains safe and standing for future generations. This bridge is more than a piece of architecture; it's a symbol of our past, and I'm thrilled we can continue to preserve it.

We've also introduced a new

Veteran Banner Program, which will debut in full next Memorial Day, honoring those Germantownians who have served and sacrificed. Those who wish to sponsor a banner can find the information on our website. My appreciation goes out to Kay Fradl, Connie Shaffer, David Shortt, Tiffani Tobias, and Ben Amburgey, for working with me to make this a reality. Additionally, we've recognized the legacies

of former Mayor Ted Landis and Council President Lynn Koogle with street dedications, honoring their contributions in a lasting way.

Finally, this year saw the retirements of two dedicated leaders who have served Germantown for many years: Police Chief, Roy McGill, and Law Director, Tom Schiff. Chief McGill's unwavering commitment to our safety leaves a remarkable legacy, and we welcome our new Chief, Matt Burns, a long-serving member of the force who will continue this dedication. We also look forward to working with our new Law Director, Scott Davies, who brings great experience and a fresh perspective to the role.

Every step forward is made possible by the dedicated members of our city staff, council, and community volunteers. I am grateful for their tireless efforts and for the trust you place in us to guide this community responsibly.

Thank you for another great year; here's to an even better one in 2025!

Sincerely,



Mayor Terry Johnson



Mayor Terry Johnson



New Playground Equipment at Hillcrest Park

New play equipment has been installed at Hillcrest Park, purchased using grant funds provided by the Montgomery County Solid Waste District. Thank you to all who were involved in this project!

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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 newsletter@germantown.oh.us

Meet Your City Employees

KELLI NOVAK *Clerk of Council, Zoning Compliance Officer and Assistant to the City Manager*

In this quarterly edition, we would like to introduce you to Kelli Novak. Kelli holds many titles, such as Clerk of Council, Zoning Compliance Officer, and Assistant to the City Manager. Thus, she has many duties within our local government and is pivotal in making sure things are functioning correctly in our city. Luckily for us, Kelli is a very passionate person that gives her all to her varied roles.

Kelli was born in nearby Beavercreek, Ohio and is a graduate of BCHS. She has two degrees; the first is in interior design, the second is from RETS Institute of Technology and is in medical assisting. She worked in a few different industries at the beginning of her career, spending time as a florist and a personal assistant. Her last position prior to coming to Germantown was at NIC (National Inspection Corporation). This role helped bolster a skillset well-suited for work in local government. It is also where she first met our previous City Manager. "I had a good rapport with the Germantown city manager at the time, and it was the right timing when the opportunity to work here presented itself," said Kelli. Everything fell into place for her coming to work here. "Mayor Landis and the acting city manager interviewed me and I was hired on the spot," said Kelli. She was confirmed by City Council at their following meeting as Clerk of Council, Zoning Compliance Officer, and Assistant to the City Manager. For Kelli, this was a fairly smooth transition due to the skills and education she had previously received. "I knew how to read plans and permits, and speaking with contractors came easy to me as I used to work in a design studio," said



Kelli. She quickly picked up the other parts of the job. "Working in a small community with a small staff, you learn fast and do your part."

Since that time, Kelli has also taken on roles in Human Resources, supervising the building and zoning permitting, and is active in property maintenance. Lovingly dubbed the "chaos coordinator," Kelli does a little bit of everything around the city. As Clerk of Council, she is responsible for maintaining all City records, such as minutes from City Council

meetings, as well as items from all of the other boards and commissions. She also helps to look out for the safety and well-being of the town through her duties in zoning and property maintenance. "Most codes are put in place to improve a city and make sure people are safe," said Kelli. She also emphasized that it is her job to ensure that properties meet the city codes. "I hope that people understand that it is nothing personal. Kelli, the person, doesn't necessarily care what you do on your property; however the code that Council adopted cares and it is our job to enforce it." Kelli also wished it known that the City welcomes people calling to ask questions about building or zoning prior to their projects beginning. Such projects often come with unexpected aspects, and the City will gladly be of assistance.

When she is not juggling her various responsibilities at work, Kelli greatly enjoys spending time with her family; her husband David and her 13-year-old son Landen. "Being a mom is the most amazing thing in the world," she said. Kelli attends many sporting events, cheering on her son. As a family, they love going

to the lake together and boating. Kelli is especially passionate about traveling, and finds seeing different parts of the world to be an amazing experience, although her favorite would have to be the Caribbean.

Thank you, Kelli, for all of the ways you have a positive impact on the Germantown community!



Downtown Event Calendar

Check out the new Downtown Event Calendar on the City of Germantown website and stay up-to-date with what's going on Downtown! Access the calendar under the Downtown tab.

Important Dates

- January 1 - New Year Holiday
City Offices closed
- January 20 - MLK Jr. Day
City Offices closed
- February 17 - Presidents Day
City Offices closed
- March 9 - Daylight Saving Time begins
Set clocks forward an hour

Rumpke Holiday Schedule

There will be no service delays on either Martin Luther King Jr. Day or Presidents Day. Please put out your waste as normal.

GERMANTOWN POLICE NEWS

Theft Prevention: Lock It or Lose It!

As temperatures drop, the number of home and vehicle burglaries can rise. Keep your home and car safe this winter by following these tips:

- Lock all doors and windows
- Install or check security cameras to deter criminals.
- Avoid leaving packages visible in your car or home.
- Remove valuables from your car to reduce the risk of theft.

Congratulations to Patrolman **Cameron Denniston** who was sworn in this past September!



March is National Fraud Awareness Month

Fraud can happen to anyone, but awareness is your first line of defense. Some common scams to watch out for include:

- Phishing emails or phone calls.
- Impersonation scams (fraudsters pretending to be someone you trust).
- Lottery or prize scams.

Always verify before giving personal information, and report any suspicious activity to your local police department.

Fire Prevention Week 2024



October 6th - 12th was Fire Prevention week. Germantown Fire-EMS visited Valley View Local schools to present fire safety information to the students. We finished off the week with our annual Fire Prevention Open House where we welcomed many visitors into the Fire Station and provided them with educational fire safety materials. The children got to see the ambulance and fire trucks while enjoying ice cream and popcorn. Sparky the Fire Dog also made an appearance!



Christmas Tree Fire Hazard

The Ohio Fire Marshal recommends removing Christmas trees after the holidays or when they are dry because they can be a fire hazard.

Here are some ways to dispose of a Christmas tree:

- Create a wildlife habitat: Remove

Annual Burn Ban

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has an annual burn ban that prohibits open burning in unincorporated areas from 6 AM-6 PM from October 1st-November 30th and March 1st-May 31st.

all decorations, then place the tree in a location and stack brush around it in a square. Cover the top with more brush to create a shelter for small animals.

- Dispose on private property: Get permission before discarding a tree on private property.

GERMANTOWN UNION CEMETERY

On Nov. 6th the cemetery was helped by eight Valley View High School students who volunteered for community service during their "Focus on Your Future Day." The students were a huge help with fall cleanup efforts and helped fulfill over twenty headstone picture & location requests through FindAGrave. The students had to navigate through the cemetery grounds using a map, locate the memorials requested and take a picture with GPS coordinates. They did a fantastic job! We greatly appreciated their enthusiasm and help. FindAGrave is an online directory of burial records that are generally maintained by volunteer efforts. This allows family and friends see a picture of the headstone and location information to easily find their loved ones throughout the cemetery and assists with genealogical research. For those interested, you can visit www.FindAGrave.com to make or fulfill requests.

The annual Wreaths Across America event was held on Saturday, Dec. 14th alongside over 4,800 other locations across the country. We would like to thank all the sponsors who purchased wreaths and all the volunteers who spent their Saturday

afternoon walking the grounds placing the wreaths to honor veterans!

Spring cleanup is right around the



corner! Starting April 1, 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. Flowers mounted to monuments will not be disturbed, but we do recommend fastening them to the monument securely and writing your last name on the bottom. The heavy winds tend to blow artificial flowers off monuments. If we can determine

where they belong, we will try to put them back.

As a reminder, please continue to be mindful of slippery conditions while driving or walking the cemetery. The staff is working hard to keep the roadways safe, but may at times, need to close off sections deemed unsafe.

The cemetery grounds open at daylight and close at dark seven days a week. The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00am-3:00 pm. Feel free to stop by the office with any questions or help finding records. We look forward to continuing to serve you! We can be reached by phone at 937-855-3011 or by email: Office@GermantownCemetery.com

Upcoming Events:

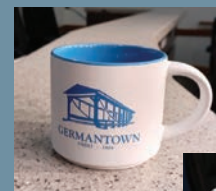
- Monday January 13, 2025 – 5:00 pm Board Meeting at Cemetery Office
- Monday February 10, 2025 – 5:00 pm Board Meeting at Cemetery Office
- Monday March 10, 2025 – 5:00 pm Board Meeting at Cemetery Office



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

Germantown Mugs and Yard Flags for Sale at City Hall

Residents may purchase a yard flag for \$10 or a mug for \$5. Flags have a standard logo option or a winter design. The mugs have 2 options as well; the City logo or the Police and Fire Department.





Germantown Business Spotlight

Dipsticks Ice Cream Shop

Nick and Kaitlyn Ranson, owners of Dipsticks, belong to a family that has been involved in the local business community for more than half a century. Don's Pizza Palace, a staple of Downtown Germantown, was opened by Nick's father in 1970. Nick helped out in the shop as a kid, helping make the pizzas and even delivering them as a teenager. When the time came, he and his wife, Kaitlyn, took over the business, continuing to build on what is now 54 years of history. In recent years they have expanded their culinary enterprise, purchasing Parkside Pizza in 2022 (formerly Captain 9's). Their newest addition is Dipsticks, an ice cream shop located at 17 East Center Street. While they are long-time experts in the pizza business, the Ransons had tossed around the idea of opening an ice cream shop, feeling it would be a good fit for the downtown. "We had talked about doing ice cream, but never found the right spot to put it in," said Kaitlyn.

"Then, we had someone approach us about buying the building, and we thought the ice cream shop would be great there."

Dipsticks is aptly named for many reasons. Foremost being, it allows the Ransons to celebrate the history of the



building in which they are located. "It was the old auto parts store, so we tried to stay with that theme and pay homage to Ben Tinch," said Kaitlyn. The legacy of the building and store are on clear display for those who visit. There is a framed sales receipt from 1937, back when the building was a Plymouth dealership. There is an old Plymouth sign to go along with it as well. "We also have hubcaps, oil cans, an old belt hanger that we found hanging, and a tool box that holds straws and other items," said Nick. The shop is also aptly named because of the items it serves. Besides sundaes and ice cream cones, Dipsticks offers chocolate-covered bananas, chocolate-covered strawberries (both on sticks), dipped ice cream cones, and perhaps the most popular: dipped cheesecake. "It can be either chocolate or cherry-dipped. There's nowhere else you could go and get that," said Nick.

Being a locally-owned shop is important for Nick and Kaitlyn; both they and their families are from the community, and they appreciate the idea of their place of business being "the town's." They enjoy being able to provide their customers with that unique, hometown experience. It also means that Nick and Kaitlyn have more room to experiment with their menu options. "It's a perk getting to

be creative and try what you want," said Nick. Such items include their strawberry crunch sundae and Little Debbie ice cream cake milkshake.

There have been many cool moments since Dipsticks opened. One that Nick and Kaitlyn recalled was getting to serve ice cream to the elementary school students as they walked down from Comstock one school day. Another came when a resident

helped them patch a hole in their front wall. "We had one brick in the wall that was bad, and it was not a standard brick. We were originally going to just cover the spot, but then a customer told us that he had a couple extra bricks leftover from when this building was built that his grandpa had kept," said Nick. The gentleman brought one back, and it fit perfectly. "You won't find that in a big town, I promise you," said Nick.

The business ethos of Nick and Kaitlyn Ranson can perhaps be best summed up by the slogan outside of Don's Pizza; "Your Hometown Pizza Shop." The couple hope to bring that sentiment to Dipsticks as well. They want to not just exist within the community, but to be a part of it. Much like the donated brick, they feel that Dipsticks is a perfect fit for Downtown Germantown. If you're looking for something sweet, why not stop in for one of their unique dessert options?



MIAMI MILITARY INSTITUTE PARK

Thank you to those individuals and businesses that have generously donated labor, materials, and expertise to MMI Park in 2024. SRM Materials' local quarry provided a large boulder to be used for signage at the entrance of the park. They also transported and placed the impressive 8-ton feature. A special note of appreciation to Sarah Peck for facilitating this donation and delivery.



Scott Weidle was kind enough to offer hardscape suggestions to further enhance the boulder area and Chris Gross, owner of CG Welds, fabricated the signage affixed to the boulder.

Due to drought, fall planting of the pollinator areas was postponed until this spring to meet the seasonal window for successful growth. We

are honored to have Dan Taylor, a retired landscape designer from

Vogel's Nursery, assisting with design renderings and sharing his knowledge of plants. A walking path will be added and memorials have already been placed for MMI cadets

who were Killed in Action. Thank you to the Germantown Lions Club for providing benches located at the memorials.

One major project in 2025 will be the erecting of a monument where the institute once stood. In addition, a history of the buildings and original cornerstones will be placed within the same monument. The general history of the school and Camp Miami will be on public display as well, near the original flag pole.



MMI Park has arisen through the joint effort of the citizens of Germantown and a supportive city council. As the park comes to life, we hope everyone will visit and enjoy this tranquil green space while celebrating the incredibly rich history of the site.

GERMANTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATES

The Historical Society of Germantown has had another very busy, very productive year. As you read this first city newsletter edition for 2025, we will have had our Holiday Home Tour. 2024 was the first year we were able to accomplish this very popular event since prior to the Covid epidemic. Hopefully, the weather cooperated, and we were able to also host our new, popular, horse-drawn wagon, holiday lights tours on two different weekend evenings. This is a wonderful family-oriented event



that allows participants to enjoy the beauty of the season in an old-fashioned way.



The first silhouette is a man with a hoe, representing our farming heritage. The second is a woman holding a book, representing the original purpose of our museum, an Andrew Carnegie library built in 1907. The last silhouette is a woman praying to the heavens in honor of the many churches in our Germantown and German Township Community.



We recently installed three decorative, steel folk-art silhouettes in the front yard at 47 W Center St. These new installations add more public art in Downtown Germantown.

This folk-art was a donation from Cleary Machine Co, Inc. out of West Alexandria, as well as the Paul Kasperski family.

GERMANTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wi-Fi Hotspots

The library has wi-fi hotspots available for checkout! If you need internet access at home or on the go, wi-fi hotspots can allow you to connect your device to the internet, free of charge.

Museum Passes

Museum passes have been a popular addition to the library's collection. Use your library card to check out a family pass and visit a museum or educational location free of charge. Passes currently offered include:



- Boonshoft Museum of Discovery/ Sunwatch Indian Village
- Dayton Art Institute
- Learning Tree Farm
- Carillon Park
- Armstrong Air and Space Museum
- Aullwood Audubon
- Johnston Farm and Canal Boat

Sprout Early Learning Backpacks

Sprout Early Learning Backpacks are full of high-quality early learning materials, books, and activities with easy-to-follow activity guides that make learning fun! All materials are developmentally appropriate for young children and teach valuable concepts children need to know. Each backpack is themed and typically includes several picture books and two to four educational games or toys. Use your library card to borrow a Sprout Backpack to unpack at home.

Memory Care Kits

Memory Care Kits are theme-based bags for caregivers and families to connect and engage with people living with Alzheimers, Dementia, memory loss, or cognitive impairment. Memory Care Kits include interactive activities such as puzzles, games, books, DVD's, and items for creativity.

How to Order

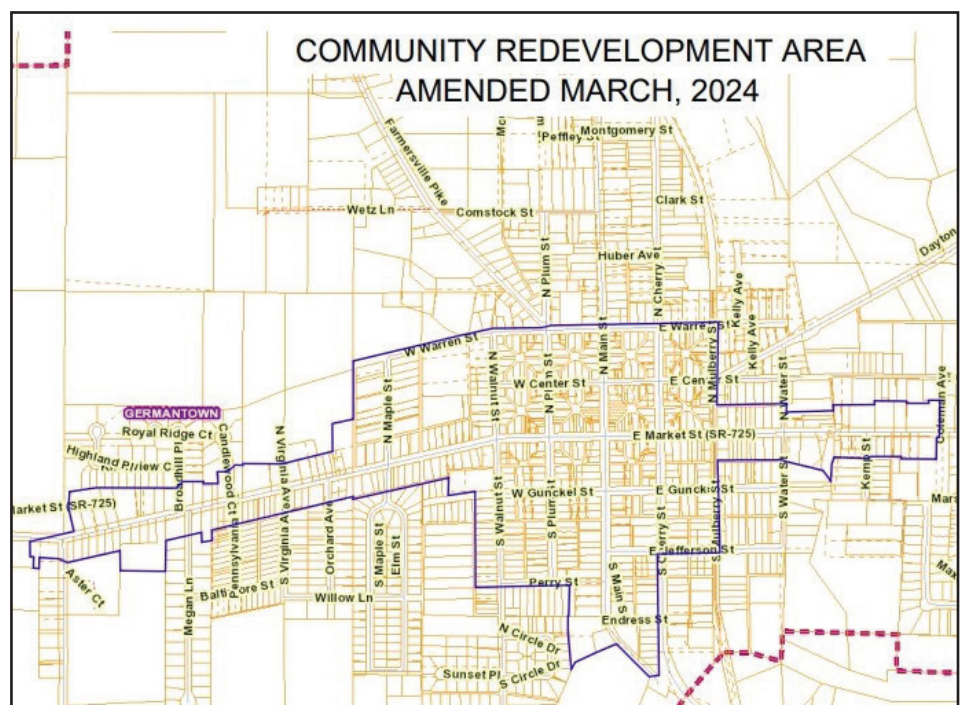
Patrons can reserve all these items and more with our app! Download the SEO (Serving Every Ohioan) app and enter your library card information. Then browse millions of books, movies, and materials from over 100 Ohio libraries and reserve for pick up right here in Germantown.

Legal Resources

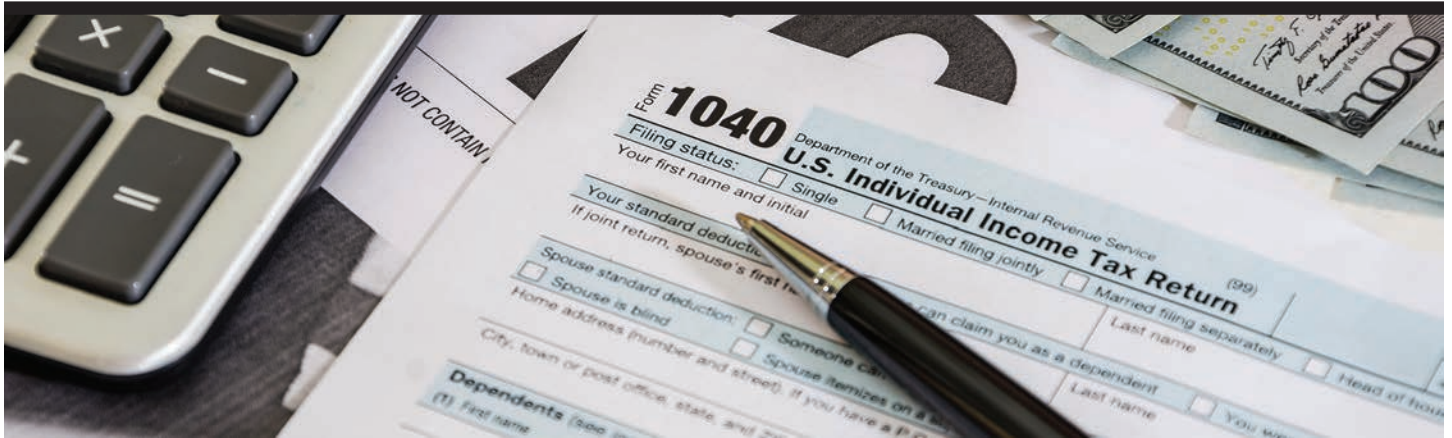
Montgomery County Clerk of Courts Help Center visits the library the 4th Thursday of each month from 1-2 pm. The Help Center provides free legal information and community resources with a knowledge of over 30 different legal topics including wills, child support, divorce, food resources, tenant/ landlord issues, and bankruptcy. Clerk of Courts representatives offer private consultation and advice during this outreach hour.

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA

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 qualifies. Those interested in applying for this program should contact Will Parsons at the City, 937-855-7255.



TAX SEASON FAQs



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. Estimated tax must be paid by the fourth quarter due date to be timely paid. 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").

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.

Estimated Tax due dates are:

- 1st quarter 2025 - 4/15/25
- 2nd quarter 2025 - 6/15/25
- 3rd quarter 2025 - 9/15/25
- 4th quarter 2025 - 1/15/26

Haven't finished paying your 2024 estimated tax? Fourth quarter is due

by 1/15/25 - 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 "tax forms" on the left.

How can I get assistance with completing my Germantown 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 specific dates in Germantown. These dates will be announced in January, and you can contact the local CCA representatives to schedule an appointment time after January 31, 2025. 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 ccatx.ci.cleveland.oh.us - Tax Forms 2024 - 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 Department
PO BOX 94520
Cleveland OH 44101-4520

The signed Taxpayer Assistance form must be included in order for CCA to prepare your return. 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 3/31/25 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 billings, letters received, or any other questions that may come up!

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

Filing Due Date for 2024 Germantown Return

For individuals and calendar-year businesses, the 2024 return is due by 4/15/25.



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 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: January 29, February 26, March 26

Breakfast

9:30 am January 24, February 28, March 28 Bible Study following at 10:30 am

Chair Exercise & Yoga

Chair Exercise at 10 am, Yoga at 10:30 am: January 7, February 4, March 4

Lunch & Learn

Friday at 11 am: January 17, February 21, March 21

Lunch & Shopping Bus Trip

Friday at 11 am: January 10, February 7, March 7

Penny Auction

1st Wednesday at 11 am: January 22, February 5, March 5

2nd Wednesday Craft Days

Starts at 11 am: January 8, February 12, March 12

Card Bingo

3rd Wednesday at 11 am: January 15, February 19, March 19

Special Announcements

Jan. 9- 4:30 pm, Senior Oversight Meeting

Jan. 10- 11 am Bus trip, Lunch at Chili's & Shopping at HomeBuys

Jan. 17- 12 pm, Yearly Planning Meeting

Jan. 20- Closed for MLK Jr. Day

Jan. 21- 5 pm, Let's meet for dinner at The Florentine for Taco Tuesday

Feb. 7- April 11 on Fridays at 9:30 am-12:30 pm, AARP Income Tax Appointments-Call the center to schedule your appointment.

Feb. 7- 11 am Bus trip, Lunch at Outback & Shopping at Treasure Trove

Feb. 10- 5:30 pm, An evening with Dinner & Elvis

Feb. 17- Closed for Presidents' Day

Feb. 18- 5 pm Bus trip, Dinner & Movie "Captain America"

Mar. 7- 11 am, Lunch at Marion's & Shopping at Town & Country

Mar. 17- 10:30 am, Woodburning Class

Mar. 14- 12 pm, Lunch & Home Awareness and Security Presentation with Lt. Dave Williams and Germantown PD

Mar. 20- 12:30 pm Bus trip, 1st day of spring Lunch & Cox Arboretum



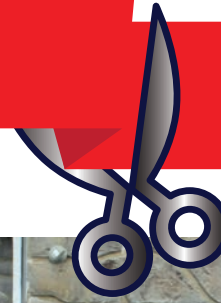
Veteran's Breakfast



Thanksgiving Luncheon

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

RIBBON CUTTINGS



HEDY & CO. ARTISAN MARKET

Congratulations to new businesses **Hedy & Co.** and **Sowing Seeds Primary Care** on their grand openings. Hedy & Co is an artisan market in Downtown Germantown where one can purchase unique, handcrafted goods. Sowing Seeds Primary Care is a new primary care medical office off of Route 4.



**SOWING SEEDS
PRIMARY CARE**

**Now announcing
“VIP Thursdays”
in Downtown
Germantown!**

The local boutiques have decided to extend their hours on Thursday nights to at least 7 pm to offer more flexibility for their customers that cannot



attend during normal business hours.

Stop by **Harvest Moon, Hedy & Co., Milk and Hunny, and Sweet Rivers** Thursday nights!



We are looking forward to warmer weather and the Farmers Market returning to Downtown Germantown. Be sure to stop by this Spring!

*****ECRWSSDDM****

POSTAL CUSTOMER

Water Pollution DID YOU KNOW?

Your Home Can Contribute to Stormwater Pollution

Did you know common components of your home can contribute to stormwater pollution? Your roof and gutter system plays a critical role in protecting local streams. When properly maintained they manage stormwater runoff and reduce the amount of pollutants that enter bodies of water.

Here is how they contribute to the health of local streams.

- **Prevents Erosion:** Proper drainage ensures that water does not flow uncontrolled over lawns or paved surfaces, reducing the risk of soil erosion.
- **Prevents pollutants loads from reaching streams:** Roofs and gutters, when functioning properly, can prevent pollutants that accumulate on roofs (e.g., leaves, debris, oils, fertilizers) from being washed directly into local streams.

While properly maintained roofs and gutters are one line of defense in stormwater pollution, other options include rain barrels, cisterns and use of low-impact development (LID) techniques.

- **Rain Barrels:** Rain barrels can be placed at downspouts to capture water mitigating the volume of runoff generated by roofs. This water can be used for irrigation, landscaping or other non-potable uses.
- **Cisterns:** Like rain barrels, cisterns can be used to collect water from downspouts. Cisterns can also be constructed underground for long-term storage keeping water cool and preventing evaporation.
- **Low-Impact Development (LID):** LID practices are put in place to manage stormwater at the source and promote sustainable water management. Examples include green roofs and infiltration systems. Green roofs are designed to capture and filter rainwater, can reduce runoff, provide insulation and help mitigate urban heat island effects. Infiltration systems are gutters that direct water into permeable surfaces or infiltration trenches that allow rainwater to seep into the ground rather than flow into storm drains.

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

CITY OF GERMANTOWN

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Germantown, Ohio 45327

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