

### Mark Your Calendars

**Mid-October — Leaf Pick-Up Begins**

**October 31—Beggars' Night 6-8 pm**

**November 2—Voting Day**

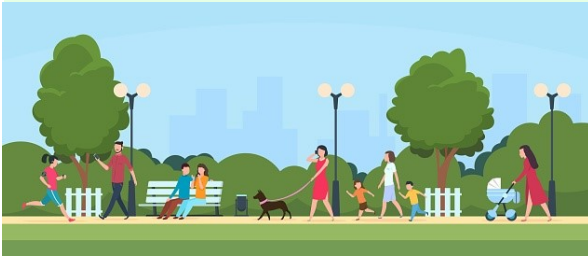
**November 7—Daylight savings time ends  
Turn clocks back one hour**

**November 15—On Site income tax assistance at  
City Hall 10 am – 2 pm**



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ment for the latest updates re-  
garding City facilities and func-  
tions.

## KEEP OUR PARKS BEAUTIFUL! VOTE IN NOVEMBER!



The current ½ mill park levy must be renewed every 5 years. The levy generates \$69,623 for operation and maintenance of **Veterans' Memorial Park and Playground, Kercher Park** and **Weber Soccer Complex**. We also mow **Hillcrest Park** and **Miami Military Institute** property. Specifically, the Park Levy is used for our baseball, softball, football and soccer fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, disc golf course, parking lots, playgrounds, hike/bike trail, shelters and other park buildings. The funds generated by the cur-

rent levy pay for less than half of the annual cost of operation and maintenance. This is why a replacement levy is on the ballot in November. If passed, an additional \$33,768 will be made available for operation and maintenance. These levy funds, and additional city funds, combined with the invaluable support of our many sports groups who contribute money and volunteer time, allow us to maintain and improve our facilities. Help us ensure that our parks will be here for the benefit of children, adults and future generations. Thank you for voting!



### City Charter Amendments on the November Ballot

In November, there will be several local issues on the ballot. One of those issues will address potential changes to the City Charter. While most people know the role of City Council, not everyone knows the role of the City Charter. The City's Charter is essentially the rulebook for the City, similar to the United States Constitution which is the rulebook for the United States and, like the United States Constitution, because the Charter is a living document, there must be a provision which allows changes to the Charter much like amendments to the Constitution.

The authority to amend the Charter is found in two places, Sections 11.04 and 11.06. Section 11.04 allows City Council to "propose amendments to the voters" of the City to change the Charter, while Section 11.06 establishes a Charter Review Commission which "may make recommendations to Council to alter, revise, or amend the Charter." The ballot issues which will be on the ballot in November of this year are there as a result of both the Charter Review Commission's work and City Council initiating a proposed amendment to the voters.

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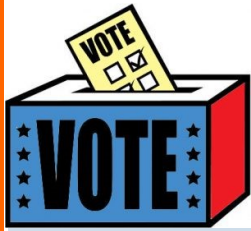
### Your Germantown City Officials

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| Mayor Steve Boeder              | 620-9532 |
| Council President Terry Johnson | 855-7328 |
| Council Member Bonnie Koogle    | 416-4533 |
| Council Member Mike Kuhn        | 313-0539 |
| Council Member Rick Reed        | 367-3954 |
| Council Member Rob Rettich      | 361-8711 |
| Council Member Brian Wafzig     | 530-0766 |
| City Manager Judy Gilleland     | 855-7255 |

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## City Charter Amendments (Continued from Page 1)

Pursuant to the Charter, the Charter Review Commission meets “every fifth year” which means that because the Charter Commission met in 2021, they will meet again in 2026. The Charter Review Commission is comprised of volunteers from the City who study the Charter in detail, meet several times over the course of months, and make recommendations to Council as to potential changes to the Charter. The proposed changes on this year’s ballot fall, essentially, into two categories: (1) language cleanup and (2) updating.

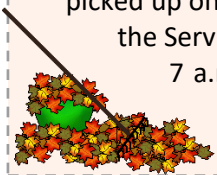
As an example of clean-up language, in Section 1.06 the ballot issue asks that voters approve a change from a reference to “the United States” to “the United States of America.” As an example of updating, a couple of Sections in the Charter reference publishing the annual budget summary in “newspapers of general circulation”; because newspapers of general circulation are simply not what they were in 1976 when the Charter was originally enacted, the requested change is to allow the annual budget summary to be published in “media of general circulation.”

Another example of updating is the City Council initiated request to allow Resolutions to become effective on the day they are passed by Council. This is consistent with most cities. Resolutions are used to allow the city to award contracts, or to give authority to apply for grants, for instance. Resolutions deal with more procedural or day to day issues, as opposed to Ordinances which create laws. Currently Resolutions take 90 days to become effective, the same time period as Ordinances. Allowing Resolutions to become effective on the day they are passed means that the city will be able to attend to business in a timely manner and will eliminate the need for an Emergency Resolution. Ordinances will still require two readings and 30 days thereafter to become effective.

In closing, please keep in mind that the examples in the previous paragraphs are just that, examples. Please take the time to review the requested Charter amendments and, most importantly, vote in November.

### Leaf Collection 2021

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, not behind parked cars, mail boxes, trees, shrubs, etc. The Street Department will be collecting leaves daily. Leaves will not be picked up on holidays. The City will continue to allow residents to bring leaves to the Service Department located at 148 S. Water Street between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday–Friday. Please place leaves in the designated area. Bagged leaves must be emptied and the bags taken with you. Brush is **not** accepted.



### Tax Assistance at City Hall

There will be on site income tax assistance at City Hall on Monday, November 15, 2021 from 10 am – 2 pm.

### GERMANTOWN FIRE—EMS OPEN BURNING



As autumn gets under way and leaves begin to fall, residents are reminded that most open burning is prohibited inside city limits. Burning of leaves, tree trimmings, grass and weeds requires Ohio EPA notification in advance and 1,000 foot distance to neighbor.

Contact Germantown Fire Department for more information.



### EMS Chief Retires

EMS Chief Bev Campbell retired as of the end of her shift January 1, 2021 after 40 years of dedicated service to the Germantown/German Township Community. Bev began her EMS career with Germantown Rescue Squad in 1980 as a volunteer, attained Paramedic status in 1986 and was Chief when Germantown Fire Department and Germantown Rescue Squad merged in 2007. She retained her EMS Chief status with Germantown Fire-EMS Department until her retirement. Thank You Chief Bev Campbell. Enjoy a long, happy, and healthy retirement!

