

# GERMANTOWN

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# QUARTERLY



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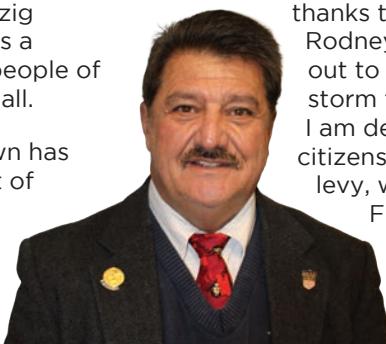
# Message from the Mayor

## TERRY JOHNSON

As we move toward the start of another year, I want to take a moment to share some of the exciting progress we have made together here in Germantown and express my gratitude to the citizens who continue to make our community such a special place to live, work, and raise a family. I also want to congratulate my fellow Council members, Mike Kuhn, Rob Rettich, and Brian Wafzig on their re-election. It is a pleasure to serve the people of Germantown with you all.

Downtown Germantown has seen a wonderful burst of color and community pride with the addition of several new murals painted on business buildings throughout the downtown area.

These works of art were made possible through grant funding and reflect the creativity and spirit of our residents and local businesses. We have also made significant progress on the Covered Bridge Repair Project, a major investment in one of our community's most beloved landmarks. The total cost of the project is approximately \$1 million, but thanks to grant funding, the city's portion will be only about \$63,000. This is a tremendous example of leveraging outside resources to preserve Germantown's historic character while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Another important milestone this year was helping facilitate the transfer of the former Germantown High School building on Comstock Street, previously owned by the Valley View School District, to Germantown Christian Schools. This transition ensures the continued educational use of this property and its ongoing service to the community.



**Mayor Terry Johnson**

Our city staff once again showed exceptional dedication during this year's major snowstorms and the July thunderstorm and severe winds that swept through the area. I want to personally thank our service crews for their hard work and quick response, as well as our residents who stepped up to help their neighbors with cleanup efforts in the aftermath. I also extend my sincere thanks to State Representative Rodney Creech for reaching out to me the day after the storm to offer his support. I am deeply grateful to our citizens for passing the fire levy, which ensures that our Fire Department can continue to provide the high level of service and safety that Germantown deserves.

This past year, we proudly celebrated many milestones and honors. The Veteran Banner Program is now in full swing, with banners proudly displayed throughout town from Memorial Day to Veterans Day each year. Additionally, Hillcrest Drive has been designated as a memorial parkway in honor of Marine Corporal Adam D. Jones, a fallen hometown hero. At Veterans Memorial Park, walkways were dedicated to longtime parks board members, Bob McClain and Bob Neff, honoring their years of service to our community. We also recognized Schenck Furniture for celebrating 90 years of business—a remarkable achievement and a testament to the strength of our local business community.

I am pleased to share that voters renewed the park levy, ensuring continued maintenance and improvements across our city parks. At the Miami Military Institute Park, new signage has been placed on

the boulder marking the park's entrance, a memorial wall was installed, and the Welday family made a generous donation to help continue the park's development and beautification. Looking ahead, Germantown has transitioned to the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) for income tax filing to improve efficiency and service for our residents. Next July, we will proudly participate in the America 250 Celebration, commemorating our nation's semiquincentennial—250 years of American independence. As always, I am incredibly proud of all that we have accomplished together and grateful for the dedication, generosity, and community spirit that define Germantown. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in making our city an even better place to call home.

Warm regards,



**Mayor Terry Johnson**

## 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](mailto:newsletter@germantown.oh.us).

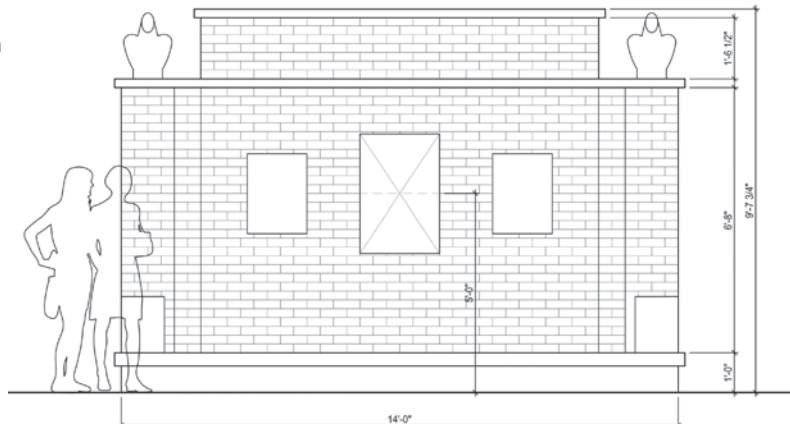
# MMI MEMORIAL WALL

A primary focal point at the MMI Park has been completed in the form of a memorial wall. The structure is made of brick, just as the school was, and situated near the original porch of the institute which was a gathering place for the cadets as seen in many historical photos. Plaques will be placed on the large monument containing information about the property, the school and Camp Miami. Two columns are adorned with eagle statuaries that keep watch over the property. The eagle is significant since it was also an important element of the Miami Military Institute insignia. Original cornerstones from the building are also embedded in the wall.

The MMI Committee wishes to thank Andrew Circle, Architect, for his

time and contribution to the design of this wall. Mr. Circle donated his services to the park and our community even though his business is located in Troy, Ohio.

We also wish to acknowledge one of our own local tradesmen, Darryl Selby, owner of Selby Masonry, for his expert craftsmanship and attention to detail in construction of the wall.



## GERMANTOWN UNION CEMETERY

We are proud to announce the launch of our new website, [www.GermantownCemeteryOH.gov](http://www.GermantownCemeteryOH.gov). There you will find tools that allow you to locate loved ones and create memorial pages that can include pictures and videos. It also provides information on our rules and regulations, as well as links for genealogy research sites, vendors to help with monuments and cleaning, scheduling interment services, and requesting memorial trees. This system will greatly enhance efficiency of the staff. Over the last year we have also digitized our burial records and maps to get everything into a single, modernized system that not only preserves our records but also makes them more accurate and accessible. We are excited to see this vision become a reality and will continue to share updates on specific features both here and on our Facebook page.

In December, we hosted the annual Wreaths Across America event, and we would like to thank all the

sponsors and volunteers who helped make this happen. Thank you also to the team who helped get the flagpole replaced and concrete poured in time for the ceremony at the center of the cemetery.

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

There will be Board meetings at the Cemetery Office at 5:00 pm on 1/12/26, 2/9/26, and 3/9/26.

The cemetery grounds open at daylight and close at dark 7 days a week. The office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. We look forward to continuing to serve you! Reach us by phone at 937-855-3011 or by email at [Office@GermantownCemetery.com](mailto:Office@GermantownCemetery.com). Follow us on Facebook for updates and communications: [www.facebook.com/GermantownCemetery](http://www.facebook.com/GermantownCemetery).



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## Important Dates

January 1 –  
New Year's Holiday  
*City Offices closed*

January 29 –  
MLK Jr. Day  
*City Offices closed*

February 16 –  
Presidents Day  
*City Offices closed*

March 8 –  
Daylight Savings Time Begins  
*Set clocks forward an hour*



# GERMANTOWN POLICE NEWS



## Fraud Awareness

Scammers become more active during tax season. Government agencies will never demand immediate payment through gift cards, PayPal, Cash App, wire transfers, cryptocurrency, or by directing you to pay at a gas station kiosk. If something feels suspicious, hang up and contact the Germantown Police Department before responding. Be alert for fraudulent calls pretending to be a family member in trouble or claiming there is a warrant to scare you into paying. Watch for fake calls from someone posing as the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles trying to collect fines, or out-of-state toll scams demanding money for tolls you never used. Text message scams are also increasing, including messages claiming you missed a delivery, won a prize, or owe a fee. Never click a link or provide personal information through text from an unknown number. Always verify by calling the organization directly using a trusted phone number.

Protect your identity by shredding documents with personal details, using strong passwords, enabling multi-factor authentication when possible, and considering a free credit freeze with Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion to prevent unauthorized accounts.

### Top Five Scam Red Flags

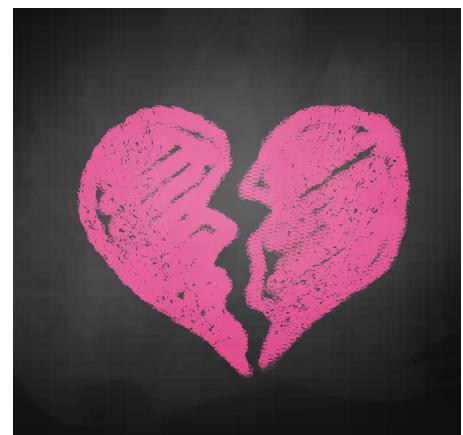
- Caller or message sender demands immediate payment or threatens arrest or legal action
- Requests for money through gift cards, wire transfers, payment apps, cryptocurrency, or gas station kiosks
- Refuses to let you verify information or speak to a trusted family member
- Claims to be a relative or official and demands secrecy
- Requests for bank information, Social Security numbers, or other private data

## Human Trafficking Awareness

January is recognized nationwide as Human Trafficking Prevention Month, bringing attention to a crime that can happen in any community, including small towns like Germantown. If you believe someone may be in danger or being controlled by another person, contact the Germantown Police Department or the Montgomery County Human Trafficking Hotline at 937-225-4357.

### Red Flags to Watch For

- A person appears fearful, anxious, or controlled by someone else
- Signs of injury, neglect, or being unable to speak on their own
- No access to ID, money, or freedom to come and go
- Working excessively long hours or living where they work



## Teen Dating Violence

February is recognized nationally as Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month, and here in Germantown we want to ensure our local youth feel safe, respected, and supported in their relationships. If you're a teen or a parent in the Germantown area, remember: healthy relationships begin with trust, respect, and clear boundaries. Stay alert for signs of dating abuse, physical, emotional, online, and digital. If you feel unsafe or see someone your friend seems afraid of, reach out to the Germantown Police Department or a trusted adult right away. Prevention and awareness start with our community.

# Meet Your City Volunteers

## **TOM WINNING**

*Chairperson of Economic Development Committee*

For this quarterly edition, we would like to introduce you to Tom Winning. Tom volunteers for the City of Germantown through his role as Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee. Tom is a busy man; when he is not working at the First National Bank of Germantown; he also is a member of the Historical Society, Rotary, and the Germantown Lions. Tom brings great insight and wisdom to every meeting he attends, and the City greatly appreciates having him serve.

Tom initially joined the Economic Development Committee in 2010. He had lived in Germantown his whole life, but he did not become civically engaged until he retired from his former job and started working at the FNBG. Tom recalls hearing about the committee and requesting to join. "At the time I was the president of the bank, and I was interested in finding out what was going on in the community and how the bank could be involved and help foster development," he said. Tom has remained an involved member of the committee since joining and has been the chairperson for many years.

As a member of the Economic Development Committee, Tom sees himself and the other members as having an intermediary role between the City government and the business community. "I have an appreciation for what is required to run the City, but I also have an appreciation for what is required to get a small business to operate successfully," Tom shared. Being able to see both sides enables Tom to approach community business

interests objectively while also being able to help these owners/operators understand what some potential impediments are. Tom takes this role seriously, and if there is an area or situation that he feels bears consideration for change, he is not afraid to voice his opinion. "I push when things don't make common sense to me. Sometimes it might be a government regulation, sometimes it might be other factors, but I tend to push until I reach a resolution that seems equitable and reasonable," said Tom. Tom believes that at the end of the day, everyone wants the town to have occupied buildings and successful businesses. Therefore, finding middle ground and opportunities for collaboration between the City and local businesses is huge.

Tom has especially enjoyed his time on the committee over the past few years, seeing the Downtown Redevelopment Plan being put into action, which he feels is very positive for the community. He also appreciated getting to work with the consultants during its constructing. "I enjoyed watching it come together; there were some very talented people involved," Tom shared. While it will be an ongoing project, items are already being implemented from the plan, with the Economic Development Committee

spearheading these initiatives and providing recommendations to city council.

Tom respects residents' responsibilities, be they familial, professional, or otherwise, and knows that time is often at a premium. However, he also believes that it is possible to find even small opportunities to be involved and have an impact. "If you just give a bit while you can, you can make a difference," said Tom. When asked why he chooses to volunteer, Tom said that, "I think it's important to leave things better off than when you started and make a difference. That is what motivates me, it's not real profound, but it is what drives me."



If you are looking for more ways to volunteer and be civically engaged, might we recommend joining a City board or commission like Tom? Members are always needed, and a full list of groups, as well as an application, are available on the city website. All meetings of city boards and commissions are also open to the public, so residents are encouraged to visit one to get a better idea of what goes on and ways they can be involved.

Thank you, Tom, for choosing to volunteer and serve your community!

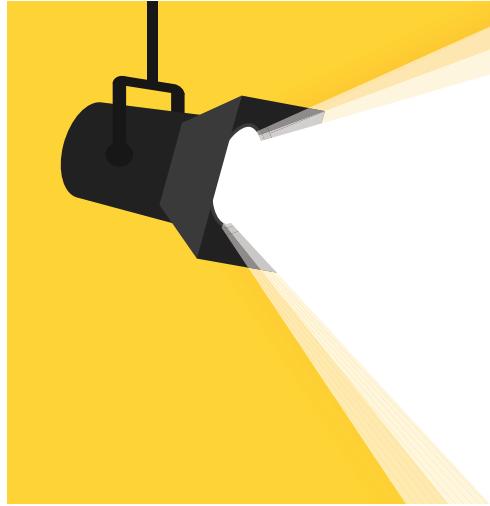
## National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

January 9, 2026 is a nationwide day to recognize and thank the men and women who serve in law enforcement. The Germantown Police Department plays a vital role in protecting our residents, responding to emergencies, and

supporting community safety every day. We extend our sincere appreciation to all Germantown Police officers for your dedication, professionalism, and ongoing commitment to serving our community. If you see an officer

around town, a simple smile or thank you is a great way to show your support.





# Germantown Business Spotlight

## Fitness Centers in Downtown Germantown

Sticking to a fitness schedule can be difficult, especially when the days are short and it is cold outside. Fortunately for Germantown residents, there are two fitness centers conveniently located in the downtown area: JU Fitness Loft and the Uland Training Center (UTC). Both are owned and operated by Jessi Uland, a lifelong athlete and advocate for fitness. A gymnast when she was a child, Jessi went on to pursue cross-country and basketball in high school, followed by being a member of both the basketball and track and field teams in college. Jessi found purpose not only in her own athletics, but also through encouraging others. "I love to help people. I started coaching youth sports at 16, so that path of helping others with their health and wellness began pretty young," said Jessi.

Jessi first began offering fitness classes at a few locations in Miamisburg before opening her first business in Germantown, the JU Fitness Loft, in 2018. At JU, patrons can attend a number of different instructor-led classes throughout the week. While bolstering the class programming and client base, Jessi also set her sights on her next goal. "My dream was always to have my own gym, but that is a very big cost up front," said Jessi. After years of careful planning and saving, Jessi officially opened the Uland Training Center (UTC) in January of 2024. The UTC offers extreme convenience to patrons, since it is open 24 hours a day and is equipped with all of the exercise equipment one would need for any type of workout. There are 14 circuit cable machines, 2 squat racks, dumbbells, treadmills, bikes,

recline bikes, elliptical, and even a tower with interchangeable pieces that can hit every muscle group. For those interested in getting started but unsure of where to begin, Jessi can help you get connected to personal trainers at the gym. There are also

low commitment ways to dip your toe in the workout water, such as visitor passes that Jessi can provide which allow for three free visits over a 10-day period. Jessi is also happy



to set up free tours for interested individuals.

One of Jessi's favorite parts of this journey has been seeing a special community form around the gym and getting to know all of her patrons. "Everyone is always so welcoming," she shared. Still, some people may find the idea of starting a workout regimen on their own to be too intimidating, or maybe even boring. For those individuals, the JU Fitness loft may be just what they need to start meeting their health goals. JU offers a wide variety of programming, from classes focused on stretching and yoga, to lower tempo workouts, to up-tempo courses that are cardio-heavy. According to Jessi, Ufit and

beginner TRX are the best for first-timers; however, all of her classes are structured so that those participating go at their own pace. Ufit utilizes a lot of body weight movements and some dumbbells, while TRX uses suspension trainers. TRX is especially impactful in promoting core strength and balance, something we lose as we age. Classes are also small, generally capped at 10 participants, so everyone is ensured personal attention from the instructor.

Patrons of the UTC have flexible options when it comes to payment, including the ability to set up auto-billing or choosing to allow their account to expire. Jessi is also empathetic to her clients and said that, if something comes up, she also has the ability to freeze an account temporarily. If you are a member of UTC, you also get one free drop-in per month for a class at the Fitness Loft. Patrons can pay as they go for additional classes at JU or purchase a 6-week membership, which allows for unlimited classes during that time.

Jessi practices what she preaches, continuing to push herself in her own fitness journey as she runs ultramarathons. She and her husband have also instilled a zest for athletics in their children, whom they greatly enjoy coaching together in basketball and baseball/softball. Looking toward the future, Jessi has goals to add a few specific machines to the UTC (including a StairMaster) and is excited at the potential for expansion within their current building. In the meantime, Jessi Uland continues to offer high-quality options every day of the week for residents to pursue their fitness goals and lead healthier, happier lives.



## GERMANTOWN AQUATIC CENTER

Thank you to all of the members and visitors who attended the Aquatic Center this past summer! It was a pleasure having you with us. We also must thank our amazing staff for doing a wonderful job of keeping patrons safe and creating a comfortable, welcoming atmosphere for all to enjoy.

As many have likely seen, the water slides were retired at the close of the 2025 season. They served the pool well for over 20 years, but it was time for them to be replaced. The pool has contracted with

Mason Waterslides for new slides which will be ready for summer of 2026. Mason Waterslides is the company that built the old water slides, so we are confident that our guests will enjoy the new slides just as much. We are very grateful to the residents of Germantown and German Township for passing the last pool levy, which affords much-needed projects and improvements that keep our pool functioning and enjoyable for all.

The Pool Board and Pool Oversight Committee wish to express sincere

gratitude to Jason Gentry for his phenomenal work overseeing the mechanical upkeep and maintenance at the Germantown Family Aquatic Center over the past decade. While his role was slightly more behind the scenes, Jason was instrumental in the implementation of the state-of-the-art filtration system installed at the pool, and his efforts have helped foster an excellent experience for all visitors. Thank you for all your tremendous work, Jason; we wish you all the best!



## Thank you to the Welday Family

Mayor Terry Johnson presented the Welday Family with a Certificate of Appreciation at the November City Council Meeting and thanked them for their generous donation of \$10,000 to the MMI Park Fund. Rick, whose full name is Richard Brown Welday, Jr., is the great grandson of Colonel Orvon Graff Brown, Founder of the Miami Military Institute, and Lulu Reed Brown.

Rick shared that it has "filled his heart" to see what MMI means to our community. He went on to say that he and his family have heard stories their entire lives about Germantown, the institute and his great grandparents. Among other things, his great grandmother, Lulu Reed Brown, played a major role in teaching the young cadets proper etiquette and social graces in formal dining as well as ballroom dancing. Expressing his own appreciation for our city, Rick said that he was "very grateful to be able to come alongside Germantown to help."

# Upcoming Events at Germantown MetroPark

**January 17**

## Common Feeder Birds

9:00am - 11:00am

AGE: 18 & up

Cost = \$5

Registration required, register online at metroparks.org by day of event. Get to know Ohio's common feeder visitors, learn how to identify them, and study their behaviors. We will begin with a short presentation on bird biology, behavior, and how to attract birds to the backyard, followed by a practicing session using the feeding station. Bring binoculars if you have them; a limited supply will be available. Weather Dependent.

**February 7**

## Celebrate Backyard Birds

10:00 am - 11:30 am

AGE: 3-13

Cost = FREE

Registration required, register online at metroparks.org by day of event

Like a canary in a goldmine, birds are indicators of changes in the health of our local habitats. Come join the nation as a part of the Great Backyard Bird Count while learning the important roles birds play in our environment. Bring binoculars if you have them; a limited supply will be available. Weather Dependent.

**February 7**

## Conservation History

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

AGE: 10-17

Cost = \$3

Registration required, register online at metroparks.org by day of event

Learn about key conservation efforts and figures that have shaped our current conservation practices. Weather Dependent.

**March 1**

## Paint-A-Park

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

AGE: All ages

Cost = FREE

Registration required, register online at metroparks.org by day of event

Spring is in the air! The birds are chirping and spring flowers are sprouting. Come join us at the Twin Valley Welcome Center to find those signs of spring. We will be creating art with a prime view of the Window on Wildlife and wildflowers on the trails. Supplies will be loaned on site for you to create with and at the end of the program all participants will be given the opportunity to share their art work on our digital gallery. Weather dependent. Create a work of art inspired by nature. Art supplies available to borrow or bring your own.



**March 15**

## Try Backpacking

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

AGE: All ages

Cost = FREE

Registration required, register online at metroparks.org by day of event

Are you interested in backpacking but don't know how to get started? Then stop in anytime during this hands-on program! Meet with staff to ask your backpacking questions, try on a backpack, experiment with some of the gear, and set off on the trail. Backpacks are available on a first-come first-served basis. Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Weather Dependent.

## For Your Information...

### Rumpke Holiday Schedule

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

### Downtown Event Calendar

Check out the 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.



### Sidewalk Maintenance

Residents and business owners should be advised that they are responsible for maintaining sidewalks and driveway aprons next to their property, per city code (521.06). Keeping sidewalks clean and free of tripping hazards reduces liabilities for

property owners, who can be held liable if someone is injured on the sidewalk in front of their property. Sidewalks should be kept in good repair and free from snow, ice, leaves, grass clippings, debris, or any nuisance. Violation of this section could result in a minor misdemeanor.

## Create a Lasting Tribute in Our Parks

Looking for a special way to honor a loved one or celebrate someone who made a difference? The City of Germantown's Commemorative Park Bench Program offers a heartfelt way to do just that.

With a \$2,000 contribution, you can donate a beautiful 6-foot bench featuring recycled cedar-toned slats and a personalized plaque. Each bench adds comfort, charm, and meaning to our parks—creating a place for visitors to rest and remember.

This program is operated at cost and as a service to your loved one. All funding goes into creating, placing, and caring for your bench. The City does not profit from this program.

To learn more or to participate, visit [www.germantown.oh.us](http://www.germantown.oh.us) or call 937-855-7255.



### Dog Licenses

You may purchase your 2026 dog license at the City Hall, One North Plum St., Monday-Friday 8am -4:30pm through January 31, 2026. Spayed/neutered \$20, Unaltered \$24, there is a \$0.75 outpost fee for each license. Please call City Hall with any questions at 937-855-7255.



### Snow Removal

Please help our Service Department with the snow removal process

- Place curb markers to show plows the edge of your lawn or driveway.
- If possible, use off street parking when snow accumulation is predicted
- Set garbage/recycling cans behind the curb so as not to interfere with plows

- Snow cleared from your property should remain on your property.
- Plowing streets could result in snow at the end of your driveway, unfortunately, this is unavoidable and we apologize. Plows will distribute snow evenly within cul-de-sacs when possible.

# Center Street Market Returns in April



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

## Message from the **REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY**

Effective January 1, 2026, the City of Germantown will be changing its municipal income tax service provider from the Central Collection Agency (CCA) to the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA).

RITA is a government agency formed by Ohio cities and villages to collect municipal income tax as a shared service. The City of Germantown chose RITA to collect its municipal income tax because of its ability to offer residents and businesses online tools and services, and because of its ability to provide the City with efficient and effective tax collection solutions that result



in cost savings and increased collections.

Beginning January 1, 2026, all Germantown tax payments and returns for current and prior tax years are to be sent to RITA. Residents are encouraged to use RITA's online account tool to file and pay municipal income tax, enroll in electronic billing, view account history, and more. Residents will have access to RITA's MyAccount application beginning February 1, 2026.

For residents who want the convenience of online tools without

the creation of an online account, RITA offers FastFile and FastPay. Paper tax forms are also available at [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com). Businesses may also find the applicable forms at the same site.

All Germantown tax payers should have previously received a letter in the mail containing information about RITA, including the account number that should be used when communicating and filing with RITA. Questions may be directed to RITA's customer service representatives at 800-860-7482. There are also links with information for new members at RITA's website.



## 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 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: January 28, February 25, March 25

### Breakfasts

9:30 am January 23, February 27, March 27 with Bible Study following at 10:30 am

### Lunch & Learn

Friday at 11 am: January 16, February 20, March 20

### Lunch & Shopping Bus Trip

Friday at 11 am: January 9 & 30, February 6 & 13, March 6 & 13

### Penny Auction

1st Wednesday at 11 am: January 7, February 4, March 4

### Card Bingo

3rd Wednesday at 11 am: January 21, February 18, March 18

### Special Announcements

January 8- 4:30 pm  
Senior Oversight Meeting

January 9- 11 am  
Bus trip, Lunch at Yumi Buffet & Shopping at Target

January 16- 12 pm  
Yearly Planning Meeting

January 19  
Closed for MLK Jr. Day

January 20- 12 pm  
Lunch & Organize

January 30- 11 am  
Bus trip, Lunch at Chili's & trip to Antiques Village

February 6- April 10 on Fridays at 9:30 am-12:30 pm,  
AARP Income Tax Appointments- Call the center to schedule your appointment

February 6- 11 am  
Bus trip, Lunch at Longhorn & Shopping at Amazon Fulfillment Ctr



Veterans' Breakfast



Thanksgiving Luncheon

February 9- 5:30 pm  
Special Dinner & Dance

February 13- 11 am  
Bus trip, Lunch at Angry Chicken & Shopping at Goodwill, then DQ

February 16  
Closed for Presidents' Day

March 6- 11 am  
Bus trip, Lunch at Elsa's, then Bill's donuts

March 13- 11 am  
Bus trip, Lunch at Marion's & Shopping at Town & Country

March 17- 5 pm  
Let's meet for dinner at The Florentine for Taco Tuesday

March 20- 12 pm  
Ice Cream Sundaes after lunch to celebrate the 1st day of spring

March 31- 1 pm  
Movie & Treats at the Center

| MONDAY                | TUESDAY             | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                      | FRIDAY                |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 pm Chair Volleyball | 10 am Open Computer | 10 am Quilters<br>10 am Social Hour with Coffee & Donuts | 1 pm Mah Jongg<br>2 pm Euchre | 1 pm Chair Volleyball |



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POSTAL CUSTOMER

# Water Pollution

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Be Salt Smart This Winter

By Andrew Rickard, Montgomery Soil & Water Conservation District

With the fall weather disappearing, and early snowfall this year, we will be salting our sidewalks and driveways in no time. Salt is an important part of winter safety. It keeps the surfaces we walk and drive on from becoming an icy hazard. However, it can also be a harmful pollutant to our environment. Keep reading to find out why salt is a harmful pollutant and how you can play your part in keeping it out of our waterways.

The chemical name for salt is sodium chloride. When salt is applied to hard surfaces and the snow melts, the meltwater mixes with the salt. This meltwater runs off the hard surfaces that salt is applied to and drains into the storm drain. From here it ends up in local waterways. Even small increases in sodium chloride content can massively impact aquatic life. Chloride can effect how fish breathe and reproduce. It can also wipe out insect populations that these aquatic ecosystems rely on for food. Chloride levels in some urban

areas rise so high each winter that many freshwater species simply can't survive.

So how can we keep Germantown from having these issues? Be salt smart! Below are some good practices to reduce your salt usage this winter.

- Shovel before salting. Salt is meant for deicing in thin layers not an entire snowdrift.
- Check the temperature. The effectiveness of rock salt swiftly decreases below 15°F.

- Use less. A little goes a long way! Too much salt is a waste of money and creates more runoff.
- Sweep up leftover salt. This prevents unnecessary runoff and can be reused for future storms.

By adopting these salt smart habits, we can keep our sidewalks safe and our waterways clean!



**"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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