

GERMANTOWN, TENNESSEE

TALK *of the* TOWN



Holiday Closings and Solid Waste Collection

City offices and Germantown Community Library will be closed Monday, February 19, for Presidents Day. Garbage collection will not be impacted and collection will occur as regularly scheduled. For more information, call 757-7264 or contact Neighborhood Services at NeighborhoodServices@Germantown-TN.gov.

Holiday Tree Disposal

Germantown residents can place undecorated live Christmas trees at the curb (not in the street) for regular yard waste pick up. Artificial Christmas trees will also be accepted for collection as long as all ornaments and other materials are removed.

Trash Collection During Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, where conditions become unsafe for contractors to collect garbage, visit the City website at Germantown-TN.gov or call 757-7200 for updated information. Information will also be posted to the City's social media pages and on Nextdoor.

Join in the Big Read

Germantown is a community that values education and lifelong learning. Join in as the community comes together to read and discuss "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri. Programs and events are scheduled for all ages, January 19 through February 23. See the back of this page for February events.

Germantown Community Library is offering free book club kits that include copies of the book, bookmarks and Big Read reader's guides. Individuals may also pick up a free copy of the book while supplies last.

Germantown is one of only 79 organizations nationwide to receive a grant to host an NEA Big

Read project between September 2018 and June 2019. A program of the National Endowment of the Arts, the NEA Big Read broadens our understanding of our world, our communities and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book.

About "The Namesake"

"The Namesake" demonstrates how the familiar struggles between new and old, assimilation and cultural preservation, striving toward the future and longing for the past, play out in one particular set of foreign-born parents and their American-born children.

The novel opens with the birth of Ashimand and Ashoke Ganguli's first child, a son. Following Bengali custom, the child is to have two names – a pet name used by family and friends and a "good" name to be used by everyone else. Almost by mistake, the boy comes to be known as Gogol, after his father's favorite Russian author. As Gogol enters school, his parents attempt to change his name to something more typical, but the boy refuses to become someone he doesn't know." He soon regrets his choice.

The novel's descriptions of Bengali food, language, family customs and Hindu rituals draw us deep inside the culture that Gogol's parents treasure while highlighting his alienation from it. Gogol goes through life without ever fully embracing his heritage. His decades-long unease with his name is a perfect distillation of the multiple conflicts experienced by first generation American immigrants. At the novel's climax, when loss compounds loss and Gogol's family structure is forever changed, he begins to understand his parents' longing for the past and the sacrifices they made to help be what he is – truly American.

Plan Ahead to Prevent Frozen Pipes

Don't get caught in the cold! Help protect your home from frozen pipes with these simple steps.

- Check sprinkler or irrigation systems to be sure they are turned off and fully drained. Garden hoses should be disconnected, drained and stored before the first hard freeze. Protect outside faucets with faucet covers.
- Identify your home's freezing points. Check your home for pipes in areas that might be prone to freezing including crawl spaces, unheated rooms, basements, garages and exterior walls. Pipes that are exposed to cold can be wrapped with inexpensive foam pipe insulation or electrical pipe heaters. Even fabric or newspaper can help.
- When temperatures are predicted to dip below freezing, allow a small trickle of water to run overnight to keep pipes from freezing. Consider collecting the water for later use. The cost of a short-term trickle is much less costly than a repair of a burst pipe.
- Keep your pipes warm. Open cabinet doors to expose pipes to warmer room temperatures.
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature day and at night. If you plan to be away during cold weather, leave the heat set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.

me & mrs jones presents: A Fancy Little Flea Market

Saturday, February 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Germantown's Bobby Lanier Farm Park
2660 Cross Country Drive
Tickets \$10

Hosted by the DIY boutique me & mrs jones, the fancy little flea market will feature select vintage and handmade products, vendors from all over the region and DIY demonstrations throughout the day. To pay and stay in the loop on the event schedule and details about vendors and workshops, join the mailing list at mrsjonespaintedfinishes.com.

Adult Valentine Dance

Friday, February 8, 7 to 10 p.m.
Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike
\$15 per person

Dance the night away to favorite 50s and 60s tunes as Alex Ward and his Pig and Whistle Show provide record-spinning entertainment. Soft drinks and appetizers are served. Alcohol is prohibited. Space is limited. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Parks and Recreation office, 2276 West Street, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 757-7375.

Big Read Events

Germantown Book Club: "The Namesake"
Monday, February 4, 12:30 p.m.
Germantown Community Library, 1925 Exeter
Join the Germantown Book Club for a special discussion featuring "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri. Copies will be available for checkout at the Information Desk while supplies last. Pre-registration is not required.

745s Craft Club: Family Tree Necklaces
Friday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.
Germantown Community Library, 1925 Exeter
Celebrate your own family tree by crafting a special necklace from wire and stone. Pre-registration is required and begins January 24. Call 757-7323.

"The Namesake" Matinee
Saturday, February 9, 2 p.m.
Germantown Community Library, 1925 Exeter
Mira Nair's adaptation faithfully and richly translates the much-loved book and as Gogol, Kal Penn perfectly emotes the complexity of being raised in the states by immigrant parents. The movie will be followed by discussion led by Library staff.

The Meaning of Names
Sunday, February 10, 2 to 4 p.m.
Tennessee Regional History and Genealogy Center, 7779 Poplar Pike
Join the conversation about the meanings of surnames and the influence of immigration on names and culture. For more information, call 757-8480. Pre-register at TNGS.org.

Germantown Big Read Teen Book Club
Tuesday, February 12, 6 p.m.
Germantown Community Library, 1925 Exeter
Ages: 12 to 18 years
Come in and grab your free copy of "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri at the Children's Desk. Read the novel and join us for a discussion while enjoying light refreshments. Pre-registration is required and begins January 22. Call (901) 757-7323.

"The Jungle Book"
Thursday, February 21 at Germantown Community Theater
Saturday, February 23 at Germantown Community Library
Watch as students from GCT's All Children's Theatre classes perform an adapted version of Rudyard Kipling's classic tale of Mowgli the man cub and a panther named Bagheera.

Fun on the Farm

2660 Cross Country Drive
Contact Joni Roberts at 498-8684 or JRoberts@Germantown-TN.gov for more information.

Walkabout Wednesdays at the Farm
Get started on your New Year's resolution by walking the beautiful trails at the Farm Park. The Farm is open dawn to dusk and picnic tables provide a resting spot or place for a snack. Make Wednesday your day to get moving toward a healthier you.

Something About Herbs
Saturday, February 2, 10 a.m.
Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike
How to grow a variety of herbs in the home garden and then have fun using them will be the theme. Cooking with herbs is just the beginning of this adventure as Evelyn shares her love and knowledge of herbs.

At the Library

1925 Exeter Road
Visit Germantown-Library.org or call 757-7232 for more information or to register.

3D Printing for Adults
Monday, February 4, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for a self-guided workshop to create or download models for 3D printing. Staff will be on hand for light assistance. Models must be reviewed and approved during a scheduled session before printing. Pre-registration is required and begins three weeks before each program date.

Book Swap
Saturday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.
Adults are invited to drop in during our book swaps, where you can meet fellow book lovers to trade gently loved books and reading recommendations. Bring between one and ten books in good condition to potentially swap with fellow attendees. Pre-registration is required and begins three weeks before each program date.

Speed Friending
Saturday, February 16, 2 p.m.
Looking for a friend? Meet other Germantown locals ages 50+ to share hobbies and interests and if you make a connection, swap contact information. Snacks are provided. Pre-registration is required and begins January 26.

eBook and eAudiobooks Demo
Tuesday, February 19, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.
Drop by the center of the library any time during the demo to discover how to check out and download free eBooks and eAudiobooks with your library card, with personalized help for getting started.

Friends Book Sale
Don't miss the biggest book sale of the year! The preview sale for Friends of the Library members takes place Thursday, February 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. Memberships are available to purchase at the door. The book sale is open to the public Friday and Saturday, February 22 and 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Friends of Germantown Community Library support the library through fundraising and volunteer service. Membership is \$10 for the calendar year. Visit the Friends Bookstore to find gently used adult and children's books, videos, DVDs and recorded books. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Prices range from \$.50 to \$5.

Coming Soon to GPAC

1801 Exeter Road
Visit GPACweb.com for additional information.

Visual Arts Exhibit: See Me, Hear Me, I am Human
By Lin Powell
February 1 through March 3
Artist's Reception, February 2, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Jazzmeia Horn
Saturday, February 2, 8 p.m.
Winner of the 2015 Thelonius Monk International Vocal Jazz Competition and 2013 Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition, Jazzmeia Horn has a name that speaks for itself, capturing her very essence. JazzTimes calls the Texas native "a fully realized stylist and a first-rate scatter" with "vivacity, imagination, gutsiness and sociopolitical savvy."

ArtSavvy – Artist Chat with Jin Powell
Tuesday, February 12, 7 p.m.
Explore an interactive gallery with visual artist Jin Powell and her exhibit titled See Me, Hear Me, I Am Human. Participants take a guided tour of the gallery while exploring her inspirations and techniques, including bamboo pens. Jin Powell is a sculptor, painter and drawer currently living in Memphis.

Jazz in the Box featuring Kevin Bales
Friday, February 22, 7 and 8:30 p.m.
Jazz in the Box gives you an opportunity to get up close and personal with live jazz. Cabaret seating and drinks for purchase make this a perfect way to kick off your weekend.