

GERMANTOWN, TENNESSEE

# TALK *of the* TOWN

## *Spring Forward*

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 10 at 2 a.m. Remember to turn all clocks ahead one hour before bedtime on Saturday night. The Germantown Fire Department reminds residents to change the batteries in smoke detectors when changing the clocks. Remember to test smoke detectors once a month and replace those that have been in service for 10 years or longer.

## *Friends to Host Annual Charity Auction Benefitting Germantown Animal Shelter*

The Friends of the Germantown Animal Shelter will host their seventh annual charity auction on Saturday, April 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike. There will be a variety of items to bid on, including gift offerings from local shops and restaurants, unique household items, gifts for your pets and autographed sports memorabilia. All money raised will be used to support various needs and activities at the shelter. Tickets for the event are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door and \$10 for children under 12. To purchase tickets, stop by the Germantown Animal Shelter at 7700 Southern Avenue, Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Steve Morley at (901) 826-7123.

## *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](http://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.

## *Students Invited to Battle of the Brains*

The Germantown Education Commission is proud to announce that the Battle of the Brains will again provide a competitive playing field for groups of students interested in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). All students from Germantown High School and Houston High School, regardless of residency, are eligible to participate. High school students who live in Germantown but attend a school outside the City or who participate in home school may also compete. Members of the community, especially younger students interested in math and science, are invited to attend the event and learn about the projects.

Made possible by a generous donation by IBERIABANK, the competition is scheduled for Saturday, March 30, giving students months to research and prepare their projects. The competition has been moved from its usual morning time, to 2 p.m. to avoid conflict with the foreign language competition taking place on the same date. During the competition, students present their methodology and findings to university professors, chosen for their expertise in the project field. Winners receive substantial cash prizes with members of the first place team receiving \$300 each. Registration forms and details are available online at [Germantown-TN.gov/BattleoftheBrains](http://Germantown-TN.gov/BattleoftheBrains). Space is limited. Applications and abstracts may be submitted at any time, but must be received by the March 1 deadline.

The Battle of the Brains was developed in 2009 by the Germantown Education Commission as a way to revive and nurture interest and celebrate student achievement in STEM subjects. In addition to generous cash prizes, members of the winning team have their names added to the coveted Einstein Trophy, donated by the Dr. Dino Palazzolo family.

Interested students may contact Stacey Ewell, Education Commission staff liaison, at [SEwell@Germantown-TN.gov](mailto:SEwell@Germantown-TN.gov) or (901) 751-7559.

## *Celebrate Germantown's Tree City Status by Planting a New Tree*

### **Dogwood Tree Giveaway**

Friday, March 1, 9 to 11 a.m.

Germantown Crossing shopping center, Farmington Boulevard at Germantown Road

Celebrate Germantown's Tree City USA status by planting a tree. Dogwood seedlings are available to residents who show proof of residency with a utility bill and valid driver license. All seedlings are Tennessee grown and are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Discount coupons for the Farm Park Fruit Tree Sale are available for the first 100 customers. The Germantown Tree Board and Beautification and Parks and Recreation Commissions present the event. The rain date is March 2.

### **Farm Park Fruit Tree Sale**

Friday, March 1, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2730 Cross Country Drive

The Fruit Tree Sale offers a great variety of hardy, disease-resistant fruit trees that produce well in this region. Prices range from \$15 blackberries to \$60 4-in-1 peach trees, with prices and varieties between. Other favorites include apple, pear, muscadine grape, plum, fig, apricot and persimmon. Farm Park staff and local Master Gardeners offer buyers training in the selection, planting, care and harvest. Rain date is March 2.

## *Germantown Half Marathon and Mayor's Cup 5K*

Sunday, March 10, 7:30 a.m.  
Germantown Athletic Club, 1801 Exeter Road  
Half Marathon: \$55 to \$70  
Mayor's Cup 5k: \$20 to \$30  
Registration for both races is available online at [GermantownHalfMarathon.com](http://GermantownHalfMarathon.com), at the race or during packet pick up at the Sports and Fitness Expo on March 10 at Germantown Athletic Club. Register early for the best rate.

## *G'Town Adventure Series*

Call 757-7375 for more information. Register online at [Germantown-TN.gov/Register](http://Germantown-TN.gov/Register).

### Fly Fishing Trip

Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23  
Fee: \$50  
Whether you are interested in learning to fly fish or a seasoned pro, this is the trip for you! Fish the day away and tent camp along the scenic Spring River near Hardy, AR. Transportation is provided. The fee does not include license fees and equipment. Call 757-7375 for more information.

### Ghost River Float Trips

Saturdays, March 30 and May 4  
Fee: \$50 per person  
Take a scenic trip down the historic Ghost River and experience the sights and sounds of untouched nature. The fee includes kayak, personal flotation device and lunch. Space is limited to 20 spots per trip.

## *Celebrate Ag Day at the Farm Park*

### Ag Day Celebration

Saturday, March 23, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2660 Cross Country Drive  
The purpose of Ag Day is to educate all Americans about the importance of American Agriculture. Visit the Farm Park to celebrate Ag Day and learn about the Farm Park 4-H Club, Community Garden, Farm Park Farmers' Market and more. Students are encouraged to enter the poster contest (details below). Winning Ag Day posters will be on display during the event.

### Ag Day Poster Contest

The Bobby Lanier Farm Park invites students in Grades K through 8 to enter the Ag Day Poster Contest. The purpose of the Ag Day Poster Contest is to give local students the opportunity to express what "Agriculture: Food for Life" means to them. Rules and entry forms are available at the Parks and Recreation office, 2276 West Street. Entries are due on or before Monday, March 18, by 5 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation office.

Winners will be announced on National Ag Day, Tuesday, March 19. Awards will be presented at the Ag Day event on Saturday, March 23. For more information, contact Joni Roberts at (901) 498-8684 or [JRoberts@Germantown-TN.gov](mailto:JRoberts@Germantown-TN.gov).

## *At the Library*

1925 Exeter Road  
Visit [Germantown-Library.org](http://Germantown-Library.org) or call 757-7232 for more information or to register.

### Mind and Meditation Workshop

Sunday, March 10, 4 p.m.  
Join certified instructors from the Art of Living Foundation in fun-filled sessions to relax and recharge your body, mind and spirit. In these introductory sessions, you will get a glimpse of yogic breathing exercises, guided meditation and a taste of the Happiness Program. Pre-registration is required and begins February 11.

### 3D Printing for Adults

Monday, March 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 February 11.

### Spring Flower Arrangements

Tuesday, March 12, 10:30 a.m.  
Join Ebha's Floral Creations for a workshop in creating beautiful arrangements with spring flowers. Pre-registration is required and begins February 19.

### Southern Gardening: Weeds

Monday, March 11, 6:30 p.m.  
Join a local Master Gardener for an overview of the identification of common weeds and how to deal with them. Pre-registration is required.

### Murder Mystery Party

Saturday, March 16, 2 p.m.  
Adults are invited to become part of the cast and dress for the occasion to solve a mind-boggling murder mystery during this group game. Hors d'oeuvres are provided. Pre-registration is required and begins February 23.

## *Coming Soon to GPAC*

Germantown Performing Arts Center  
1801 Exeter Road  
Visit [GPACweb.com](http://GPACweb.com) for additional information.

### Shawn Colvin

Friday, March 1, 8 p.m.  
With her inimitable voice and matchless guitar stylings, three-time Grammy Award winner Shawn Colvin stands out as singular and enduring talent. In the 20 plus years since the release of her debut, Colvin has won three Grammy Awards and released ten albums. Her songs are works of craft and catharsis that become treasured companions for their listeners. Local favorites Amy LaVere & Will Sexton will open the show.

### Visual Arts Exhibit: Parsing Banality: Post-Painterly Art of Dilettantism

By Steven Heard  
March 5 through March 31  
Artist's Reception, March 22, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### Jazz in the Box featuring Anthony Wilson

Friday, March 22, 7 and 8:30 p.m.  
The hottest little jazz club around is GPAC's Jazz in the Box! Featuring both new and well-established artists, 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.

### PB & J – Mario the Maker Magician

Saturday, March 30, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
Back by popular demand, NYC's Mario the "Maker" Magician (as seen on Sesame Street, the Sprout Channel and most recently on tour with David Blaine) is making his way to GPAC in his 1971 VW bus! More than just a performer, Mario is also an inventor who creates his own props. He is known for his dedication to the Maker Movement and STEM initiatives and his integration of DIY electronics and robotics into his performance. Regardless, he never sacrifices the old-school slapstick vibe that audiences so love. Its vintage meets the future Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin for the modern age, with a mad inventor twist.

### Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour: 60th Anniversary

Saturday, March 30, 8 p.m.  
A Star-Studded Evening. Monterey Jazz Festival holds the distinction of being the longest consecutively running jazz festival in the world. This all-star and exclusive presentation celebrates the Festival's legacy expanding the boundaries of live jazz presentation. Starring Cécile McLorin Salvant and featuring Melissa Aldana, Yasushi Nakamura, Bria Skonberg, Christian Sands and Jamison Ross.