

GERMANTOWN, TENNESSEE

TALK of the TOWN



Trash and Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, when conditions could become unsafe for contractors to collect garbage, visit Germantown-TN.gov or call 757-7200 for updated information.

Get Ready to Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8, 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.

Using Portable Heaters Safely

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations.

- Do NOT plug space heaters into power strips or extension cords. Power strips are not designed to handle the high current flow required by a space heater and can overheat causing a fire.
- Keep the space heater at least 3 feet away from combustible materials such as furniture, bedding and curtains.
- Make sure your space heater has an automatic shut-off. If it tips over, it shuts off.

- Turn it off when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Unplug the heater when it is not in use.
- Install working smoke alarms on every level of your home and in every bedroom. Make sure to test them monthly.

Connecting With Neighborhood Leaders

The City communications team sends regular communications to neighborhood leaders, informing them of City news, roadway closures, messages from the Mayor and more. If you're a leader in your Neighborhood Association or Homeowners Association, contact Community Engagement Coordinator Erinn Figg at EFigg@Germantown-TN.gov or 757-7203 to make sure your name is on the contact list.

Inspire Your Neighbors

The Neighborhood Preservation Commission's annual Tour of Remodeled Homes and Landscapes is set for Sunday, April 26, from 2 to 5 p.m. If you've recently remodeled, redesigned or renovated your home or yard within the past two years, we'd love to showcase your transformation and inspire fellow homeowners. To participate, please reach out to Community Engagement Coordinator Erinn Figg at EFigg@Germantown-TN.gov or 757-7203.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all, volunteers and commissioners will help direct foot traffic, and the Germantown Police Department will be on-site additional support.

Enjoy a Worry-Free Spring Break

Spring Break is just around the corner. Did you know that the Germantown Police Department will check your home while you're on vacation? Officers will make a daily check on the security of your home while you and your family are away for at least four days and up to one month.

During the day, officers will check the exterior doors and windows. After dark, officers will check your home from the street. The police department will check your home at least once a day, workload permitting.

To receive this service, fill out a vacation check request form online at Germantown-TN.gov/Services/Police-Department/Vacation-Home-Check or stop by the police station at City Hall and complete the form.



Special Events

Arbor Day Dogwood Tree Giveaway

Friday, March 6, 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. Dogwoods and native tree
seedlings will be available. All seedlings are
distributed on a first-come, first-served basis
and available free to residents who show
proof of residency with a utility bill or valid
driver's license. Information about the varieties
of trees will be made available on the Parks
and Recreation Facebook page. The event is
sponsored by the Germantown Beautification
Commission and Tree Board.

Friends of the Germantown Animal Shelter Charity Auction

Saturday, March 21, 5 to 7 p.m.
Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike
Bid on items ranging from gifts from local
shops and restaurants to household goods, pet
gifts, and autographed sports memorabilia. All
proceeds benefit Germantown Animal Shelter
programs and activities. Tickets are \$20 in
advance and \$25 at the door. Purchase tickets at
the Germantown Animal Shelter, 7700 Southern
Avenue. For more information, contact Steve
Morley at 826-7123.

Community Garden Kickoff Meeting

Thursday, March 26, 6 to 7 p.m.
Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2660 Cross Country
The community garden is a central feature of
the Farm Park and serves as a working model of
suburban agriculture. Individuals and families
interested in gardening, healthy food access,
and community stewardship are welcome to
participate—returning members, experienced
gardeners, and newcomers alike. Members
commit to at least two hours of volunteer
service per week, supporting all aspects of
garden operations. For details, email FarmPark@
Germantown-tn.gov.

After-Dark Egg Hunt

Friday, March 27, 7:45 p.m.
Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2660 Cross Country
Ages: 9 to 12 years
Come dressed in your best glow gear for this
flashlight egg hunt. Eggs are filled with candy,
prizes are awarded, and participants should
bring a flashlight and a bag to collect goodies.
Space is limited, and pre-registration is required.
Register at Germantown-TN.gov/Registration.
Rain date: Tuesday, March 31.

Kiwanis Club Pancake Day

Saturday, March 28, 7 a.m. to noon
Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike
Pancake Day is back with all-you-can-eat
pancakes served with sausage, milk, juice,
and coffee. Tickets are \$10 per adult or \$40
per family, with children ages 5 and younger
eating free. All proceeds support Germantown
youth programs. Enjoy live entertainment by
the Don Peters Bluegrass Band and door prizes
throughout the event.

Eggstravaganza

Saturday, March 28, 8:45 a.m. to noon
Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2660 Cross Country Dr.
Hop on over for egg hunts, games, and activities,
including age-divided hunts with prizes. Meet
the Easter Bunny and collect candy-filled
eggs—don't forget a basket. Pre-registration is
required, and participants must register online
by Thursday, March 26, at Germantown-TN.
gov/Registration. For age groups and times,
visit Germantown-TN.gov/calendar. Rain date:
Tuesday, March 31.

50+ Group Activities

Retirees and working adults can join in the fun
with the Germantown 50+ Group. All activities
take place at The Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar
Pike, unless otherwise noted. To register for 50+
Activities, contact Jennie Gould at JGould@
Germantown-TN.gov or (901) 751-5652.

Group Line Dance

Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Fee: \$3 per visit
No registration is required.
Improve coordination, memory and energy
levels. Beginner dances are taught during the
first hour. Intermediate dances are taught during
the last half-hour.

Gentle Yoga

Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
1:30 to 2:15 p.m.
Fee: \$3 per session
No registration is required.
This all-levels yoga class combines both seated
and standing postures. Whether you're new to
yoga or looking for a gentle practice, this class
offers a welcoming space for all. Bring a yoga
mat and blanket. Additional props are provided.

Club Crochet

Tuesdays, March 3 and 17
10:30 a.m. to noon
Germantown Regional History and Genealogy
Center, 7779 Poplar Pike
Fee: \$3 per session or \$15 for five sessions
Bring your hook and yarn and enjoy a peaceful
atmosphere with snacks and drinks. Whether
you're experienced or just beginning, you'll feel
at home making new friends and learning a skill
to last a lifetime. A starter kit is provided for new
participants.

Morning Coffee on the Farm

Wednesday, March 4, 9 to 10 a.m.
Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2660 Cross Country
Free. No registration is required.
Gather in the stables for a relaxing cup of coffee
and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Farm
Park. This unique experience allows coffee
lovers to get out in nature, learn more about the
Farm Park and interact with the animals.

Bingo

Friday, March 13, noon to 1 p.m.; lunch at 11:30
Bring a new \$1 gift or a prize for the Bingo
winner table. This free event is sponsored by the
Senior Advisory Commission.

Creative Aging Concert: Joyce Cobb

Friday, March 20, 11 a.m.
Free
Joyce is a singer, teacher and actor with
a remarkable career: she signed with Stax
Records, scored a Top 40 hit with "Dig the Gold,"
opened for The Temptations, Muddy Waters and
Al Jarreau, toured Europe, performed with the
Memphis Symphony Orchestra and starred in
local productions.

Let's Dance with DJ Fernando

Saturday, March 28, 7 to 9 p.m.
Fee: \$7. Registration is not required.
Come and join in with DJ Fernando Martinez and
dance to his popular music picks.

Germantown Performing Arts Center (GPAC)

For more information, visit GPACweb.com or call
the box office at 751-7500.

Peanut Butter & Jam: Iris Collective Animal Jam

Saturday, March 7, 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Watkins Studio Theater
Animal Jam is a fun-filled children's concert
where music meets the animal kingdom! Iris
Collective's string trio will perform playful,
animal-inspired music that will have your little
ones roaring, hopping and fluttering along.
Kids are encouraged to come dressed as their
favorite animal or bring along their favorite
stuffed animal friend for this musical safari.
Tickets are Pay-What-You-Can.

The Hot Sardines

Friday, March 14, 8 to 10 p.m.
Highland Capital Performance Hall
Fueled by the belief that classic jazz feeds
the heart and soul, the Hot Sardines are on
a mission to make old sounds new again
and prove that joyful music can bring people
together in a disconnected world. In the talented
hands of this New York-based ensemble,
music first made famous decades ago comes
alive through their brassy horn arrangements,
rollicking piano melodies and vocals from a
chanteuse who transports listeners to a different
era with the mere lilt of her voice.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo

Friday, March 20, 8 to 10 p.m.
Highland Capital Performance Hall
As a boy growing up during the Apartheid,
Ladysmith Black Mambazo founder Joseph
Shabalala dreamed of creating the best group
of traditional South African singers his county
had ever known. Now, 65 years since the group's
origination, Ladysmith Black Mambazo has not
only conquered all of South Africa but has also
become a worldwide phenomenon, receiving
more Grammy wins (five) and nominations (19)
than any other World Music group in history.