

VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN – What You Need to Know!

Village Hall 2023 Holiday Hours

Village Hall Business Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Village Hall will be **closed** on the following dates:

- Thursday, November 23, 2023
- Friday, November 24, 2023
- Monday, December 25, 2023
- Tuesday, December 26, 2023
- Friday, December 29, 2023
- Monday, January 1, 2024

Germantown Quarterly Newsletter

The next quarterly Community Newsletter will be available October 1st on the Village’s website: <https://www.germantownwi.gov/> [Search ‘newsletter’ in the ‘How can we help you?’ search box.]

Copies of the newsletter can be picked up at Village Hall, Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

New Faces in the Village Clerk’s Office!

The Village of Germantown is excited to introduce the newest members to the Clerk’s department. Village Clerk, Donna Cox (pictured below - right), and Deputy Clerk, Kasie Miller (pictured below - left), bring years of experience to the Village and are looking forward to serving you!



Interested in Becoming a Poll Worker?

Contact the Clerk’s Office at 262-250-4745 for more information on how to apply.



Right-of-Way (Ditch) Mowing

Village right-of-way (ditch) mowing occurs twice per year. The first mowing occurred in Spring with a single pass and widening of corners. The second right-of-way mowing encompasses a more thorough clearing of ditches and corners. Mowing began in September and will be completed by the end of November.

Fall Brush and Yard Waste Reminders

Effective 2023, the Village’s Spring and Fall brush pick-ups were combined into one annual pick-up, which took place in June 2023. Accordingly, there is no additional Fall brush pick-up in 2023.

The Department of Public Works also reminds residents that the Village does not pick-up leaves in the Fall. You are encouraged to take yard waste (grass, leaves, garden waste, brush, branches, limbs) to the Residential Yard Waste Facility at N116 W17230 Main Street. The facility is open:

Now through November	Tuesdays and Thursdays	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm
	Saturdays	8:00 am – 3:30 pm
December through January	Saturdays Only	8:00 am – 3:30 pm
Holidays	Closed on all observed holidays throughout the year.	

Stormwater Pollution Education

Did you know that falling leaves from trees can pollute our freshwater sources?

When leaves and other organic debris pile up on streets, sidewalks, and driveways, they can be washed into storm drains by rain and melting snow. Left to decompose, they break down resulting in unwanted algae growth that can be harmful to people, plants, and wildlife.

Standing leaves can also clog storm drains, making it harder for rainwater to flow away safely, potentially leading to localized flooding.

You can be a part of the solution by:

Mulching leaves in place, composting them, or bag them and take them to the Residential Yard Waste Facility for disposal.

If your property is near a storm drain, you are encouraged to clear the drain of standing debris to prevent localized street flooding and decomposition into local lakes and streams.

Remember it is against Village Ordinance to rake or blow leaves into the road.

Visit <https://www.respectourwaters.org/> to learn more fall-friendly tips.

You can also join 'Adopt Your Drain' which is a local program that provides Germantown residents with the opportunity to prevent stormwater pollution without leaving your yard.

Visit <http://www.adoptyourdrain.com> to adopt today and report on what you find. Every drain counts!

Preparing Your Home for Winter

As Winter approaches and temperatures fall below freezing, residents and business owners need pay close attention to keeping inside piping insulated and warm. If your piping runs through a crawl space or through outside walls, which are not properly insulated, the pipes can burst.

Additionally, if your water meter sits below a basement window that has been left open, the cold air can migrate downward, freezing out the meter and piping, causing them to burst.

Most importantly, if you own or have purchased an outside hose bib backflow preventer, do not install them on an existing frost proof outside hose bib. Frost proof hose bibs are designed to drain out when closed. If you install a back flow preventor on a frost proof hose bib, water can be held inside the device, damaging the piping and potentially causing a leak.

Frost Proof Outside Hose Bib



Outside Hose Bib Backflow Preventer



Parking Permits

Overnight parking on Village streets is regulated by *Germantown Municipal Ordinance 7.05(5): All Night Parking Regulated*. These regulations are in effect year-round.

- Parking permits can be obtained at the Germantown Police Department 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for \$10.00.
- The permit must be displayed on the front dash and visible through the windshield.
- Street parking is enforced from 2:00 am - 6:00 am, and must observe the even/odd side of the street parking schedule:
 - On even days of the month (i.e., the 18th), vehicles must be parked on the even side of the street
 - On odd days of the month (i.e., the 29th), vehicles must be parked on the odd side of the street

For additional information, please contact the Police Department's **non-emergency** number at 262-253-7780.

Dog/Cat Licenses

Licensing of dogs and cats is regulated by *Germantown Municipal Ordinance 12.15(3): Licensing of Dogs and Cats & 12.15(4): Rabies Vaccination*. Dogs or cats over the age of 5 months old must be licensed with the Village and have a current rabies vaccination. Dog and cat licenses can be obtained at Village Hall during normal business hours.

Christmas Tree Pick Up

Natural Christmas trees will be collected curbside by Village personnel. Trees must be placed curbside by the following dates:

Monday, January 8th by 6:30 am

Monday, January 22nd by 6:30 am

NO additional pickups after January 22nd

Residents are also encouraged to utilize the Residential Yard Waste Facility (N116 W17230 Main Street) for disposal.