

# VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN – What You Need to Know!

## Village Hall Hours

Village Hall Business Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

## Department of Public Works

### Winter is Here!

#### Shovel Responsibly

When snow blowing or shoveling your driveway, please do not put snow back into the roadway after the street has been plowed. During cold periods, this snow gets frozen and compacted and can create 'speed-bump-like' hazards in the road.

#### Play Safely

Kids playing in snow piles at the end of a street, or in the center of a cul-de-sac, or along the edge of the road, should be careful around snowplows. Parents, please talk to your children about playing safely, especially when snowplows are present.

#### Drive Carefully

Respect and assist snowplow operators as they clear roadways and keep the driving public safe.

- Understand that snowplows are exempt from many rules of the road. Please be aware that an operator may make unusual maneuvers when plowing, such as frequent lane changes, driving in and out of turn lanes, around median islands, turning around in the middle of intersections, backing up, etc.
- It is important to keep a safe distance behind snowplows. Watch how closely you follow them and don't get in between multiple plows working together in groups.
- Never try to pass a snowplow on either side of the truck. The large equipment has many blind spots, which combined with flying snow, make for a dangerous situation.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

#### Don't Forget to Turn Off Outside Water for Winter!

Winter can be a tough season for your pipes. This is due to the fact that water expands up to 10% more in volume when it freezes. So, if a pipe is full of water and the water inside of it freezes, the pipe can be subjected to pressure, causing it to break or burst. The joints and valves can also break potentially leading to costly repairs and replacements. Water supply pipes leading to outside faucets or hose bibs are especially vulnerable.

- Begin by removing the hose and/or any splitters from your outside faucet(s).
- Locate your water shut off valve, which is typically inside in the basement. [In many cases, each outdoor faucet/spigot/hose bib is connected to its own inside water shut off valve.]
  - Close the water shut off valve(s).
- Go to each outside faucet and turn them on to drain any remaining water.
  - Leave it open for a minute to ensure the line is clear.
- Now that the water between the inside shut off valve and the outside faucet(s) are drained, close the faucet(s) outside.

#### NEW Yard Waste Collection Site!

Effective January 1, 2025, the Yard Waste Collection Site moved to the NEW Department of Public Works facility located at W130 N10200 Town 9 Parkway. [Accessible from Donges Bay Road, just west of Wausaukee Road.]

- The new Residential Yard Waste Facility will provide more space and easier access for residents dropping off yard waste or picking up mulch or compost.
- The prior Main Street location is now permanently closed for drop offs.

#### Permits are Required for the NEW Residential Yard Waste Facility!

- An entry permit is required to enter the new Residential Yard Waste Facility on Town 9 Parkway.
- Permits must be visible and located on the lower-right passenger-side corner of the windshield.
- The permit is free and can be obtained at the DPW window at Village Hall during normal business hours.
- Permits are valid for 2 years.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> by 6:30 AM

Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> by 6:30 AM

There will be no additional pickups after January 20<sup>th</sup>

Residents are also encouraged to utilize the new Residential Yard Waste Facility (W130 N10200 Town 9 Parkway) for disposal.

## 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. Licenses must be renewed annually.

- Dog and cat licenses can be obtained at Village Hall during normal business hours.
- ONE application must be completed PER pet.

Renewal applications received **after March 31<sup>st</sup>** incur an additional **\$5 late fee**. Renewal applications will be returned unprocessed if the late fee is not included.

## Village of Germantown Website Launch

The Village of Germantown is launching a new and improved website at the end of January! We're thrilled to bring a fresh look, easier navigation, and better access to all the latest community news, resources, and online services. Mark your calendar and get ready to explore all it has to offer at: [www.germantownwi.gov](http://www.germantownwi.gov)

## Village of Germantown Quarterly Newsletter

The next quarterly Community Newsletter will be available January 1<sup>st</sup> on the Village's website.

If you would like to be notified automatically when a newsletter is available, go to the Village website; click on the 'Notify Me' icon at the bottom of the homepage; sign in/subscribe; and you will receive the newsletter directly to your email!

Copies of the newsletter can also be picked up at Village Hall during normal business hours.

## Permits are Required for Solicitors

Solicitors are required to obtain a permit from The Village. As part of the permit process, The Village completes a background check. License holders are required to carry a copy of their license on their person. Each license bears a raised Village of Germantown seal, the license holder's name, and the name of the company they represent. Residents can ask solicitors to show their permits. If they don't have one, or decline to show it, residents can call the Police Department's **non-emergency** number at 262-253-7780. The Police Department will try to locate the solicitor and may cite them if they do not have a permit. More information can be found on The Village website and Facebook page.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>), vehicles must be parked on the even side of the street
  - On odd days of the month (i.e., the 29<sup>th</sup>), 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.

## Winter Stormwater Practices

The protection of our rivers and lakes does not stop just because the weather turns cold. In fact, salt can be one of the most impactful pollutants that regularly enter our waterways, as well as damaging our stormwater infrastructure through corrosion. Our highway maintenance crews and plow drivers are trained regularly on how to best balance the impacts and cost of salt application while maintaining a safe surface to drive on. This winter, follow these tips to help reduce the impact we have on our local watershed:

- A good salting practice is to use approximately 1 coffee cup of salt per 20 feet of driveway.
- Sweeping and collecting excess salt on your driveway helps keep it out of storm sewers but can save you money by allowing you to reuse it during the next freeze event.
- If the temperature falls below 15 degrees Fahrenheit, standard road salt begins to lose effectiveness exponentially as the weather gets even colder. Save your salt and apply sand for traction or other ice melting strategies when the temperatures drop.
- Shoveling periodically during snowfall events can be an effective tactic to reduce ice buildup and salt use. Additionally, salt will not have an impact on ice thicker than ½ an inch, so preventing it from forming will help you in the long run.

Visit [www.respectourwaters.org](http://www.respectourwaters.org) for more winter weather management tricks to help us keep our waterways clean!

## 2025 Election Dates

**Spring Primary** (if needed): February 18, 2025

**Spring Election:** April 1, 2025

To check your Polling Location, see what's on your ballot, or view In-Person Absentee Hours visit: [www.MyVote.WI.Gov](http://www.MyVote.WI.Gov)

## Licensing Reminders

The below licenses/permits are valid from January 1st until December 31st. Please contact the Clerk's Office if you need to renew or apply. All forms can be found on the Village's website.

- Animal Fancier's Establishment
- Pet Grooming
- Boarding Kennel
- Food Vendor
- Pet Shop
- Secondhand Article/Jewelry Dealer

## Citizen Appointments: Are You Interested in Serving on a Board/Committee/Commission?

Anyone interested in applying can obtain an **Application for Board, Committee, or Commission** from the Village Clerk's Office or download the application from our website.