

GERMANTOWN, TENNESSEE

TALK *of the* TOWN



Holiday Closings and Garbage Collection Schedule

Germantown Athletic Club and the Germantown Community Library will close at 5 p.m. on Saturdays, December 24 and 31. The Athletic Club and Community Library will be closed Sundays, December 25 and January 1. City offices will be closed Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26 and on Monday January 2.

All garbage, recyclables or yard debris collection will occur as regularly scheduled. For more information, call 757-7264.

City offices and the Library will be closed Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Holiday garbage schedule will be in effect, delaying collection by one day for the entire week.

Holiday Decorations

As a reminder, Germantown Code of Ordinances states that Christmas decorations must be removed by January 25.



Trash Collection and Inclement Weather

For trash collection updates in cases of inclement weather, where conditions become unsafe for contractors to collect garbage, please visit the City website at Germantown-TN.gov, check out The City of Germantown, Tennessee Government on Facebook or call 757-7264 for information.

Remodeled Home Tour

The 2017 Tour of Remodeled Homes and Landscapes will take place Sunday, April 23, from 2 to 5 p.m. Anyone who has recently remodeled or landscaped their home and would like to share their improvements should contact Sherrye Clark at SClark@Germantown-TN.gov or call 757-7203. There are sponsorships available and plenty of opportunities for volunteers.

Fire Safety Tips

The holiday season is upon us and the temperatures are starting to fall. The Germantown Fire Department would like to help you stay safe during this festive season with a few holiday safety tips:

Never leave cooking unattended. Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles and wear clothes with short, rolled-up or tight-fitting sleeves when cooking. Turn pot handles inward on the stove where children can't bump or grab them. Enforce a "Kid-Free-Zone" three feet around the kitchen stove. If grease catches fire in a pan, slide a lid over the pan to smother the flames and turn off the heat. Leave the lid on until cool. Don't overload extension cords or run them under rugs. Replace any cord that is cracked or frayed. If an appliance smokes or has an unusual smell, unplug it and have it repaired by a professional.

Germantown Half Marathon and Mayor's Cup 5k

Although the races aren't until March, registration is now open. Registration costs vary upon availability, so register soon. It is time to get off the couch and start training, Germantown!

Sunday, March 12, 7:30 a.m.

**Location: Germantown Athletic Club,
1801 Exeter Road**

Half Marathon

\$40 spots: 50 entries
\$45 spots: 350 entries
\$55 spots: 500 entries
\$65 spots: 500 entries
Total: 1,400 entries

Mayor's Cup 5k

\$20 spots: 150 entries
\$25 spots: 150 entries
\$30 spots: 250 entries
Total: 550 entries

Registration for both races is available online at GermantownHalfMarathon.com, during packet pick-up on March 11 at Germantown Athletic Club or on the day of the race.

Bad Art Day

Saturday, January 7, 2 to 4 p.m.

Location: Germantown Community Library, 1925 Exeter Road

Use the full range of the library's craft supplies to create the worst piece of art your creativity can inspire, from inscrutable abstract glitter art to creative kitten collages. The producer voted worst artist will win a prize at the end of the program. Pre-registration is required and begins December 17. Call 757-7323 for more information.

Jazz in the Box presents Katie Thiroux, bass & vocals

Friday, January 13, 7 p.m. and 8: 30 p.m.

Location: GPAC, 1801 Exeter Road

Katie Thiroux began playing acoustic bass at the age of 8 and soon after started exploring jazz and classical vocal styles. Since then, she has built a reputation on her swinging bass and clear vocals. Thiroux's instrumental arrangements are both inspired by and reflective of her musical idols: Ray Brown, Oscar Peterson, Chet Baker and Anita O'Day. Her passion for jazz music extends beyond performance and technique. Thiroux believes that exposure to jazz history, culture and styles through education is vital in keeping the music alive and thriving.

Maximizing Your Social Security Benefits

Tuesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Germantown Community Library, 1925 Exeter Road

Gain strategies to overcome challenges in planning for retirement and Social Security. Pre-registration is required and begins January 3. Call 757-7323 for more information.

me & mrs jones presents: a fancy little flea market

{with special guest Miss Mustard Seed!}

Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Farm Park, 2660 Cross Country Drive

Fee: \$10

Me & Mrs. Jones, a DIY boutique located at 2135 Merchant's Row, is hosting Marian Parsons for this special event on January 28. Better known as Miss Mustard Seed, Marian is a blogger, author, photographer, wife and mother. She's the inspiration behind the Miss Mustard Seed Milk Paint line of DIY home improvement products. The fancy little flea market will feature select vintage and handmade vendors from all over the region and painting and styling demonstrations by Marian throughout the day. She'll also sign copies of her books. Food trucks and a coffee bar will provide concessions for purchase. For more information, join the mailing list at

mrsjonespaintedfinishes.com. Learn more about the special guest at missmustardseed.com.

Germantown Community Library

Location: 1925 Exeter Road

Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m. The library will be closed January 1, 2 and 16.

Germantown Community Library Cards

The library has more than 139,000 print, audio, video and online materials. A library card is required to check out materials from Germantown Community Library. The card is available at no charge to Germantown residents, students and staff of Germantown K-12 public and private schools, students and staff of Union University's Germantown Campus, Memphis School of Preaching, Germantown business owners and family members, active military personnel and their families and full-time and part-time City of Germantown employees. Collierville residents with a Collierville library card in good standing can receive a free library card with limited privileges. All others can pay \$50 for a yearly membership card.

Website and Databases

Library cardholders can go online to look up account information, renew materials, place holds and search the collections of Wolf River Library Consortium libraries. The library's online databases provide cardholders with 24-hour access to a vast array of research and information resources. Germantown Community Library cardholders have access to the READS eLibrary and OneClickDigital for eBooks and eAudiobooks. Visit Germantown-Library.org for detailed descriptions.

Books by Mail

Germantown Community Library offers Books by Mail, a free service for homebound seniors. The library will mail regular print, large print or audio books to Germantown residents, age 60 or older, who are confined at home. There is no charge for shipping or return of library materials. For full details or to request an application, call 757-7323.

Friends of Germantown Community Library

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. Prices range from \$.50 to \$5.

Germantown Gators Swim Team

Location: Germantown Athletic Club Pool

Germantown Swim Team is a year-round, competitive swim team for members and non-members of the Germantown Athletic Club. Team members are accepted throughout the year. Visit the official team site at GSTswimming.com. For more information, contact Scott Robinson at 757-7390 or Scott@GACfitness.org.

Commemorative Brick Program

Friends of The Germantown Animal Shelter
Memorialize a beloved pet or honor a special person, with a commemorative brick at the Germantown Animal Shelter. The bricks will be installed in the walkway directly in front of the shelter. Money raised will be used to help pay for medical procedures, furnishings, upgrades and improvements to the shelter. Each brick will cost \$75 and will be the standard 4" by 8" size. It will contain up to three lines of text with 20 characters maximum per line. For more information, contact FriendsoftheGermantownShelter@gmail.com.

Battle of the Brains

Registration deadline: January 6

Battle: Saturday, February 4

Location: Houston High School, 9755 Wolf River Boulevard

The Germantown Education Commission is happy to announce an opportunity for high school students attending Germantown or Houston High Schools, as well as Germantown resident students attending school outside of the City, to compete on an academic level. The Battle of the Brains provides a competitive playing field for groups of students interested in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The Battle is generously sponsored by IBERIABANK.

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. Space is limited. Applications and abstracts may be submitted at any time, but must be received by the January 6 deadline.

Interested students may contact Stacey Ewell, Education Commission staff liaison, at sewell@Germantown-TN.gov or (901) 751-7559. Thanks to IBERIABANK for support of our local students.