

GERMANTOWN, TENNESSEE

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City Set to Begin Water Meter Replacement Project

The City of Germantown is pleased to announce the upcoming launch of a major infrastructure project to replace all residential and commercial water meters throughout the city. This initiative, aimed at modernizing the water metering system, is set to begin as early as October 2024.

Over the next 18 months, under the direction of the City's Public Works Department, teams of contractors will work to install advanced Kamstrup ultrasonic meters for all 14,500 water customers. This new technology will provide more accurate readings and offer residents access to real-time water usage data via a secure online portal. The new meters will transmit water usage readings via radio frequency to data collectors located on the city's water towers and civil defense siren poles, improving both service accuracy and customer access to information.

To ensure a smooth transition, the City's communications team will partner with the contractor to notify residents in advance of their meter replacement. Residents can sign up to receive emergency notifications at Germantown-TN.gov/alert. Contractors will knock on doors and attempt to speak with residents before temporarily turning off the water to replace the meter. The installation teams will be easily identifiable, wearing uniforms and driving vehicles clearly marked with the VEPO logo.

"We are excited to begin this important upgrade to our water system," said Public Works Director Bo Mills. "This project will not only improve our ability to serve residents, but will also empower them with tools to better manage their water usage and detect any issues early."

Residents can expect brief service interruptions during the installation process. The City will provide updates and notify residents before

installations occur in their area. The project is anticipated to be completed by summer 2026. For more information about the water meter replacement project, visit Germantown-TN.gov/meters or contact Germantown Customer Service at CustomerService@Germantown-TN.gov or (901) 757-7200.

Code Check: Recreational Vehicles

We know how much everyone loves their recreational vehicles, whether it's a boat, RV or even a golf cart. But to keep our neighborhoods looking their best, the City has guidelines to follow when it comes to storing these fun rides.

First, while it's tempting to keep your RV or boat in the driveway, they can only be there for up to three days within a 30-day period. After that, they need to be stored elsewhere. The term "recreational vehicle" covers a lot of ground - from boats and motorhomes to snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles and even trailers and airplanes.

For those with smaller lots, any recreational vehicle that's longer than 20 feet or taller than 8 feet needs to be stored in a garage, carport or a fenced area behind your home. And no matter what, these vehicles need to be parked at least 15 feet away from any property line and from the rear of your home. If your recreational vehicle is less than 6 feet in height, there's a little more flexibility with placement.

Also, if you have a motor home, you're allowed to park it in your driveway for up to 72 hours within a 30-day period - plenty of time to load up for your next adventure or unload after a fun trip!

We appreciate everyone's efforts to keep our community looking great, and following these guidelines ensures that our neighborhoods remain safe and beautiful for all.

Get in on the Action at the Germantown Neighborhood Summit

Tuesday, September 24, 5:30 to 8 p.m.
The Great Hall & Conference Center,
1900 South Germantown Road

Hosted by the Neighborhood Preservation Commission, the free Annual Neighborhood Summit, is a wonderful opportunity for residents to get to know fellow community members while they learn about what's new and upcoming in Germantown. The event also includes free refreshments, a business expo, door prizes, neighborhood awards and engaging speakers. This year's theme is Neighborhoods in Action – come join the fun! For more information, visit Germantown-TN.gov/Summit.



Germantown Community Library

Your library presents learning opportunities for all ages. For a complete listing of events and programs, visit Germantown-Library.org.

Special Events

The City of Germantown presents special events throughout the year. Events are FREE unless otherwise noted. In the event of inclement weather, call 751-5669 for event status. For the most up-to-date event information, visit Germantown-TN.gov/Calendar.

Germantown Night Out

Tuesday, October 1, 5 to 9 p.m.

Residents will be turning on their front porch light, locking their doors and heading outside to pause and celebrate Germantown as a safe community. Some neighborhoods will be hosting a large gathering and others are getting together in small groups. October is Crime Prevention Month and is a great time to recognize the people who work all year tirelessly to prevent crime. Together with Germantown Night Out, residents will have the opportunity to visit with Eddie Eagle, McGruff the Crime Dog, Ollie the Otter, Germantown Police Officers, Fire Department, Aldermen and City Officials. To request a visit, contact Erinn Figg at 757-7203 or EFigg@Germantown-TN.gov.

Farm Park Family Camp Out with Park Rangers

Friday, October 11

Check-in and tent set-up begins at 4 p.m. Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2660 Cross Country Drive
Fee: \$50 per tent (four person max), \$10 for each additional camper

Spend a night under the stars and relax by the campfire enjoying a traditional cookout dinner and s'mores. Grab your pillow and sleeping bag for a family-friendly movie on the big screen. Breakfast will be served the following morning. Campers supply their own tents and camping equipment. Pets are not allowed. Register online by Monday, October 7 at Germantown-TN.gov/Registration.

Night Rider Family Bike Ride

Saturday, October 12

Games and festivities 6 p.m., ride 7:15 p.m. Cameron Brown Park, 8628 Farmington Blvd.
Fee: \$10

Participants are encouraged to decorate their bicycle or tricycle. A size-appropriate helmet is required for all riders. The Germantown Police department and Park Rangers will assist with the ride. Music by DJ Rockin' Robin will follow. Registration closes on Friday, October 11 at 5 p.m. Register online at Germantown-TN.gov/Registration or at the Parks and Recreation office, 2276 West Street. T-shirts are only guaranteed for those who register before September 26. Pick up T-shirts at the Parks and Recreation office on Friday, October 11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Germantown Area Chamber of Commerce. There is no event day registration.

Harvest Moon Fall Festival

Saturday, October 19, noon to 6 p.m.

Fee: \$10 per person

Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2660 Cross Country Drive

Come on out to the Bobby Lanier Farm Park and take part in the Harvest Moon Fall Festival, sponsored by Campbell Clinic. There will be inflatables, a corn maze, hay rides, games, a pumpkin patch, petting zoo, the Fairy Tale Trail hosted by Germantown Community Theatre, pony rides, live music and much more! Food trucks will also be onsite for food purchase. This family friendly event will have something for everyone! Tickets are required to gain entry to the festival. To purchase tickets in advance, visit Germantown-TN.gov/Registration. Tickets will also be available on site for purchase.

Germantown Senior Expo

Thursday, October 31, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Great Hall and Conference Center, 1900 South Germantown Road

Seniors, friends and family are encouraged to attend this expo focused on enhancing quality of life for people age 50 and older. Enjoy free coffee and refreshments. Booth space at this exclusive event is available for exhibitors. For more information, contact Michelle Forbert at 751-7638 or MForbert@Germantown-TN.gov.

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. For more information, contact Senior Programs Coordinator Jennie Gould at 751-5652 or JGould@Germantown-TN.gov.

Jeremy Shrader Trio

Friday, October 4, 11 a.m. to noon

The Germantown Community Theatre, 3037 Forest Hill Irene

Jeremy Shrader performs jazz/swing, big band and blues music with his various combos The songs of Frank Sinatra, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, and other great masters live on through his voice and trumpet. No registration required.

Club Crochet

Mondays, October 7 and 21, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Instructor: Debbie Hochstein

Fee: \$3 per session or \$15 punch card for five sessions (first-timers are FREE)

Bring your hook and yarn. A starter kit is provided for new participants. The first 45 minutes are dedicated to beginners and the final 45 minutes are for more advanced crocheters.

Intro to Jazz Dance

Mondays, October 7, 14, 21 and 28, 10 to 11 a.m.

Germantown Community Theatre, 3037 Forest Hill Irene

Instructor: Danielle Pierce

The course promotes mind and body wellness and aims to increase muscle strength, joint support and mobility. It also increases cognitive functions such as coordination and concentration. New and returning students are

welcome. Dancers are encouraged to participate in all four weeks of course to benefit from the full course curriculum. Participants should wear shoes and clothes that you can comfortably and safely move in.

Bingo

Friday, October 11, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fee: \$5 per person for pizza, drink and dessert. Bingo is free.

Pizza will be served at 11:30 a.m. Bingo begins at noon. Bring a new \$1 gift/prize for the Bingo table.

Club Sewing

Mondays, October 14 and 28, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Instructor: Debbie Hochstein

Fee: \$3 per session or \$15 punch card for five sessions (first-timers are FREE)

No need to bring any supplies. We will have the sewing machines along with some starter fabric and thread. As sewing skills improve, each participant will supply their own materials as needed. Enjoy a relaxing atmosphere with snacks and drinks while learning how to sew.

Papa T's Honey Bees Presentation

Wednesday, October 16, 1:30 p.m.

Tom Tompkins with Papa T's Honey Bees will share how his interest in bees turned into a hobby. He will share fun facts, information and how to purchase his local honey. Plus there will also be samples to try.

Real-Life Ghost Stories: True Tales

Wednesday, October 23, 1:30 p.m.

Join with storyteller Rick Shoop as he shares some of his personal experiences and also experiences of his family and friends. He will cover a multitude of topics based on his time growing up in Columbus, OH. The participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions and possibly tell some real-life stories of their own. Hot chocolate and snacks will be served.

The Grove at GPAC

Concerts in The Grove

Thursdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

October 3	Dance Party with A Dizzle and the Fo Shizzles
October 10	Nick Black
October 17	Rachel Maxann
October 24	Turnstyles
October 31	Landslide: A Memphis Tribute to Fleetwood Mac

On select Thursdays, join us for some of the area's best musicians. Enjoy music, food trucks and cornhole, all in the beautiful, park-like setting of the TruGreen Lawn. Cocktails and drink specials are available on the First Horizon Foundation Plaza. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Outside food and drinks are permitted at Concerts in The Grove. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by Southworth Capital Management.

For a complete listing of City events, visit Germantown-TN.gov/calendar.