

Welcome to the first issue of our joint community newsletter.

In an effort to save the area taxpayers money and to make sure that all the citizens of the community are kept abreast of important information about news and programs that affect us all, representatives of four local government bodies have joined together to bring you information about our community.

The Village of Farmersville, Jackson Township, the City of Germantown and the Germantown Public Library have agreed to cooperate on producing a tri-annual newsletter for the citizens of our area. This is a way for all of us to keep in touch with our constituents and patrons, and do so in a manner that will save all of us money – your tax dollars.

We could use your help. We have struggled to come up with a good name for our newsletter. So we would like to invite you to help us out, and take a chance on winning a prize. Give us any feedback you have about our newsletter, and suggest a name for us to use in the future. The suggestion that is selected as the permanent name for our newsletter will win a prize – a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Please use and tear-off the bottom of this page for your comments and suggestions – both for the name, and any suggestions you may have about content. This is a new venture, and we are committed to making this newsletter serve you, the taxpayers. We need your help and input to make sure we are on the right track. You may return your comments/suggestions to the Village of Farmersville Offices, The Jackson Township offices, The City Building in Germantown or the Germantown Public Library. If you prefer, you may email your comments and suggestions to Gillian Izor at izorgi@oplin.org.

Thanks for your help, and we hope that you enjoy our newsletter.

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Suggestion for Name _____

Other Comments _____

Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Municipality of Germantown

Tax Reminder

Per Ordinance 181, the Municipality of Germantown has a mandatory income tax filing if you are age 18 or older.

All tax returns for 2011 are due April 17, 2012.

If you paid taxes to other cities and are claiming a credit please be sure to attach a W-2 that shows the tax and city name so that we can allow the credit.

If you owe \$100.00 or more on your 2011 taxes you **MUST** make a declaration of estimated tax for 2012 and pay quarterly.

The Municipality is no longer able to fill out City tax forms.

Storm Water Winter Tip

Treating Your Driveway and Sidewalks for Snow and Ice



As the days grow shorter and the temperature grows colder, we know the potential for dangerous winter weather is right around the corner. But, did you also know that the salt we typically use to treat those slippery surfaces resulting from snow and ice accumulations can be harmful to stream water quality and contributes to pollution in storm-water runoff? We know too much salt is bad for our bodies, we've seen what it can do to our cars and driveways, and so it's natural to assume that it can't be that great for water quality

in streams.

The City has to use salt in order to keep the streets safe for travel; however, the City uses a number of proactive measures to help keep our streams healthier. Our equipment is specifically set to apply just the right amount of material on the streets throughout the City.

These are steps residents can take to also help reduce the level of chloride in our streams:

- * Reduce the amount of salt needed by shoveling early and often
- * Apply de-icers early - it'll keep ice from bonding to the surface and you won't have to use as much
- * Don't use more than you need - a little goes a long way when used correctly
- * Consider using de-icers that are more eco-friendly
- * Products with calcium-magnesium acetate, magnesium chloride, and calcium chloride (to name a few) are effective at lower temperatures and require less material to work
- * Sand can provide traction with no chloride

Working together, we can put our streams on a "low salt diet" this winter and help keep streams healthy for aquatic life and our ecosystem!

Keeping the Streetlights On.

Miami Valley Lighting has launched a new website to better serve our customers by simplifying how streetlight outages are reported. Visit www.lightingsimplified.com to report any streetlight problem or call the City Office at 855-7255. We thank you for your help.

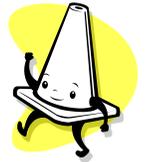


Christmas in the Park 2011-Huge Success!!

This year's Christmas in the Park was a huge success. We want to thank everyone for their hard work on such beautiful and creative exhibits. We want the 2012 Christmas in the Park to be even bigger! Please contact the City office if you have any comment, suggestions or concerns to help improve next year's event.

Repairing our City Streets

As most of you have noticed Cherry Street and a portion of Main Street have been repaired. We want to thank everyone for their patience and support during these projects.



New Fire-EMS Equipment

Germantown Fire-EMS is expecting the arrival of a new addition to our Emergency Apparatus fleet sometime in February/March 2012, a 2011 Rescue truck on a Ford F-550 4x4 chassis built by Toyne Fire Apparatus. The truck will feature all new, state-of-the-art Genesis Hydraulic Extrication Equipment, vehicle stabilization kit and heavy lifting air bags. This truck and its equipment were donated To Germantown Fire-EMS by Germantown Rescue, Inc. and we graciously thank them.

Keep an eye out and protect your neighborhood!



Many people think that burglaries will occur in the dead of the night while your families are sleeping. In reality, most burglaries occur in broad daylight while you are away.

The Miami Valley has experienced a rash of daytime burglaries over the past year, and most thieves are targeting jewelry. Protect yourself by securing doors and windows prior to leaving for the day. Lock-up any expensive jewelry and do not keep it visible to anyone. Keep an eye on your neighborhood. If you see a car that does not belong or a person that does not look familiar call the police at 855-6567.

Collaboration between law enforcement and the community is essential in curbing the problem of daytime burglaries. Working together will ensure a safer and more secure Germantown.

Come Join Us

All of our meetings are open to the public and we encourage our residents to attend. These agendas are posted at the City Office, Germantown Post Office and the Germantown Public Library. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the City Office at 855-7255.

Council -1st and 3rd Monday 7:00p.m. in Council Chambers

Park Board -1st Wednesday 7:00p.m. in the Depot

Fire Oversight -1st Monday 5:30p.m. in Council Chambers

City Beautiful -2nd Monday 7:00p.m. in Council Chambers

Board of Zoning Appeals -2nd Monday 7:00p.m. in Council Chambers

Economic Development -3rd Wednesday 1:00p.m. in Conference Room behind Chambers

Pool Board/Pool Oversight -3rd Wednesday 7:00p.m. in Council Chambers

Planning Commission -4th Tuesday 7:00p.m. in Council Chambers

These dates, times and locations may change, please check with the City Office



Historical Society of Germantown

You are cordially invited to join the Historical Society of Germantown. New and renewal memberships will be accepted by mail or at the headquarters of the Historical Society. Thank you for helping maintain the museum and helping to continue the programs of historic preservation, collections, exhibits and education. Applications may be obtained at the City Office, 75 North Walnut Street.

Annual Memberships:

Individual	\$10.00 (students complimentary)
Business/Organization	\$50.00
Family	\$20.00
Supporting	\$100.00 (individual or family)

Continuing Membership:

One time contribution	
Life	\$500.00 (Individual)
Patron	\$1,000.00 (individual)



Spring Community Garage Sale

Think Spring and start cleaning out those closets to participate in our Spring Community Garage Sale. The dates will be Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20. Please contact the City office for any additional information by calling 855-7270 or 855-7255.

Germantown Area Senior Center

Not a member of the Senior Center yet? Contact Margaret at the Center (855-4191) or Vicki Downs (855-1313 for information.

Useful Phone Numbers

Water Department –855-7260
 Tax Department –855-7258
 Police Dept (Non-Emergency)–855-6567
 City Manager’s Office –855-7255
 City Building –855-7270
 Clerk of Council/Zoning –855-7255
 National Inspection Corp.-428-1622
 Mayor Landis –855-6411
Council Members:
 Steve Boeder –855-7689
 Terry Johnson –855-7328
 Lynn Koogle –855-3282
 Mike Kuhn –855-0467
 Ed Schwaberow –855-4950

Meeting minutes, meeting times/dates and other information about the Municipality of Germantown are available on our web site at www.germantown.oh.us or at the Municipal Offices. If you are a Time Warner Customer you can also watch our Council meetings and get other useful information on your Channel 5.

VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE and JACKSON TOWNSHIP

From the Mayor of Farmersville

I want to wish all of the Village residents a very happy, safe and prosperous New Year. We are very fortunate to live in such a great community.

We are now starting to see the effects of the economic downturn reflected in our revenue. Our revenue from property tax collections and Local Government funding from Montgomery County are down 7.5% and 33% respectively. It is important that we remain fiscally diligent and prioritize our capital expenditures. I will be working with Council to establish a long range (5 year) capital spending forecast. This forecast will be used to plan future projects and development as well as enhance our annual budgeting process.

There are several open Council committee positions available. The committees do not take a great deal of time, typically one meeting per month. Please give Melodie Dill a call at the Village Office for additional information. We want your input.

Thanks for your support over the past year. I look forward to serving you in this upcoming year. Again, my best wishes for a very Happy New Year.

Jeff Morneault, Mayor

FARMERSVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Congratulations to Mayor Jeffery Morneault and Council Member Jane Morgan. At the December 27th Council meeting, the reelected Mayor and Council Members were sworn in and rejoined their fellow Council members on the dais. Mayor Morneault is serving his 2nd term in office and Jane Morgan is serving her 3rd term in office. At the January 9th meeting, Sharon Attaway was appointed to the council for a 4-year term. Ms. Attaway will be sworn in at the January 23rd meeting.

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming our Mayor and Council members.

Jeffery Morneault, Mayor
Liberty Walton
Sharon Attaway

Jim Cottman
Jane Morgan

Brenda Gisewite
Daryl Weller

FARMERSVILLE VILLAGE MEETING SCHEDULE

Council Meetings: 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:00 P.M.

Planning/Service Committee: 2nd Monday at 6:00 P.M.

Finance Committee: 4th Monday at 6:30 P.M.

All meetings are held in the Council Room (unless otherwise noted), which is located at 117 E. Walnut St. All meetings are open to the public. Residents are encouraged to attend.

The Farmersville Village Offices will be closed to observe the following Holidays:

Martin Luther King Day – January 16

President’s Day – February 20

Visit our website for additional information: www.farmersville.us

FARMERSVILLE LOCAL INCOME TAX INFORMATION

Farmersville has a local income tax of 1%, applicable to all residents of the village, to non-residents working within the Village and to all businesses located or performing services within the Village of Farmersville. Every resident 18 years and older and any business located or performing services within the village is required to file an annual return whether or not any income was earned or any tax was due.

Annual Tax Returns are due by April 17, 2012. Estimated taxes are due quarterly, one month after the end of each quarter.

The Village of Farmersville does not tax Social Security, Retirement & Disability Pensions, Unemployment, Welfare benefits and interest. However you are still required to file a tax return.

Tax Returns can be found:

- In the mail.
- Farmersville website – www.farmersville.us
- Farmersville Village Building – 117 E. Walnut Street
- Calling Farmersville Tax Office at 696-2020.

Farmersville/Jackson Township Community Center and Shelter



It's not too late to think about reserving the Community Center or Shelter for your next event. Call the Township at 696-3010 for rental rates and availability.



SNOW REMOVAL



In March of 1994 Farmersville Village Council enacted Ordinance 94-07. This ordinance prohibits parking on designated streets during heavy snowfall. Heavy snowfall is described as having a depth of three (3) inches or more, or when two (2) inches has fallen and additional accumulation is predicted. During this period no motor vehicle shall be permitted to park or stand upon any part of Center Street, Walnut Street or Jackson Street for a twenty- four (24) hour period following the accumulation. Questions can be directed to the Village Office at 696-2020.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 11, 2012 at 2:00am.
Remember to set your clocks forward.



NORTHEAST WATERLINE - PHASE III

The Village of Farmersville has been awarded a grant from the Montgomery County Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$70,753 for the Northeast Waterline Project Phase III. The Village will contribute \$5,830 in in-kind contributions.

The project components include the installation of a new 10" PVC waterline along Dean Drive from the intersection of Carolyn Drive, 450 feet east, including connecting to all intersecting waterline mains. Fire hydrants will be added or replaced with new. Water meters to be replaced with new, back to existing street right-of-way line, if required.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Mark your calendar for the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 7th at 2:00 pm at the Farmersville/Jackson Township Park. This event is sponsored by the Farmersville Fire Association.

TRASH RATE INCREASE FOR 2012

The Village of Farmersville's trash rate will increase by \$.50 per month or \$6.00 annually starting in January 2012.

CAMP

The Community Action Mission Program (CAMP) has been serving the Valley View and New Lebanon communities for over ten years. CAMP, associated with the Miami Valley Food Bank operates a pantry located at the Masonic Temple, 54 Jackson Street in Farmersville. This facility is open every Thursday from 5:30 – 7:30 pm for those living within these two communities. CAMP also provides assistance with tax preparation. To set up an appointment call 937-751-6235.



Recycling Center

The Farmersville/Jackson Township Joint Park Recycling Center is open the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00 am until noon. The center is located at 14440 Farmersville Gratis Road, behind the ball diamonds.

Items accepted are: paper, plastic, glass, aluminum, paint, oil, car and household batteries, anti-freeze and labeled chemicals.

This is a service available for Farmersville and Jackson Township residents only.

Senior Citizen Center Schedule

The Farmersville/Jackson Twp. Senior Citizen Center is located at 49 E. Walnut St., Farmersville.

Bingo: Mondays, 1:00 pm
 Fridays, 1:00 pm

Euchre: Wednesdays, 1:00 pm
 Saturdays, 7:00 pm

Bid Euchre: Fridays, 7:00 pm

Jackson Township Income Tax Service

The Farmersville/Jackson Township Senior Center will again be hosting free tax preparation starting in February. You can schedule your appointment by calling 696-3010 after January 30, 2012. Tax preparers are certified through the AARP Foundation Tax Aide Program. This service is for Senior Citizens and low-income residents.

Jackson Township Election Results

Trustee Debra Johnson was reelected as Jackson Township Trustee for four (4) more years. Her term will start January 2, 2012. Debbie Mabry, Fiscal Officer did not run and Diana Winkler was elected for four (4) years as the new Fiscal Officer. Her term doesn't commence until April 1, 2012.

Jackson Township and Farmersville/Jackson Township Joint Park Board 2012 Meeting Schedule:

- ◆ The Jackson Township Board of Trustees Meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month at 4:30 pm. Meetings are held at the Township Administration Building, 49 E. Walnut Street, Farmersville. All meetings are open to the public.
- ◆ Farmersville/Jackson Township Joint Park Board Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:45 pm. All meetings are held at the Jackson Township Administration Building, 49 E. Walnut Street, Farmersville. All meetings are open to the public.

Jackson Township Trustees

Thomas E. Sears, President
William D. Peters, Vice-President
Debra L. Johnson, Trustee
Debbie Mabry, Fiscal Officer
Police Chief, Jon J. Schade

Jackson Township Office is located at:
49 E. Walnut Street, Farmersville OH 45325
Township Office phone number: (937) 696-3010, Fax: (937-696-4402
Township website: jtwpmc.com

What's New @ your Library



A New Consortium

Beginning this spring, the library will be leaving the Dayton Metro Consortium of Libraries and joining a new group. This new consortium, C.O.O.L. (Consortium of Ohio Libraries), will include several libraries to the north of Germantown. We will still be able to offer the same services such as Inter-Library loans and transit requests from our new partner libraries. The biggest change you will see will be a new look for our on-line catalog. This move will realize a cost savings to the library of over \$10,000 per year which will be put toward expanding our collection. We want your input on the kinds of materials you want to see added. Check our website for links to two surveys or stop by the circulation desk to fill out these surveys or add your suggestions to our list of requested titles and authors.

If you have questions about this move, please contact the library staff.

New Staff

The library is pleased to announce the arrival of a new addition to our staff. Ms. Gillian Izor joined us as the Assistant Director in September of 2011. A native of Germantown, Gillian obtained her undergraduate degree from Miami of Ohio and recently completed her Master of Science in Library Science, graduating with distinction, from the University of Kentucky.

Gillian will be taking charge of adult programming and adult collection development. If you have suggestions for programming or materials that would make our collection better able to serve you, please feel free to contact her at the library or via email to izorgi@oplin.org.

New Computers

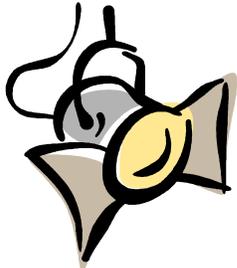
The library is excited to say that it has been able to purchase laptop computers. This will enable us to begin offering computer classes in our community room. For more information about upcoming classes stop by the circulation desk or visit the calendar on our web page. If there are classes you would like to see available, please let the staff know

Services

Currently we offer free internet access and Wi-Fi. We also offer Readers Advisory services to help you find your new favorite book or author. Research services are available to assist you in finding the right information for whatever your need. Whether you are looking for health information, tax forms or need information about how to start a business or return to school, we can help you. We have space available to reserve for your group to meet. Space is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis. See the staff at the circulation desk to arrange your meeting space. Additionally, notary services are available by appointment at no cost to you. All services are confidential.

Surveys

Please check out the two surveys available either on-line at our web page or at the circulation desk. We want to know what new materials and programs you want @ Your Library.



Program spotlight

Brrrr! It is getting colder and colder outside – why not come in from the cold to browse our amazing collection of books, movies, music and more for all ages.



For Kids and Teens

Kids **Story time** runs from now through March 15. Story time is held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am and is a 45 minute program of stories, crafts and snacks. No registration is required. Stories are aimed for the 3-5 age group, but all ages are welcome.

Join the **Chess Club** on the **second Saturday of each month at 1pm**. Bring your chess sets if you have them. All are welcome.

For Teens

The **Teen Literature Group** will continue to meet **Tuesday afternoons at 1:30pm**. Contact Miss Savannah for a reading list and additional information.

The **Anime Club** will continue its weekly meetings, but will return to Monday meetings at 3:30 pm and will gather the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

For Adults

The **Valley View Crafters** meets on the **first and third Mondays at 5pm**. No sign-up is required; however we do encourage you to contact Sharon South at the library for a list of needed materials prior to the meeting time. Contact the library for information about this month's craft.

Intro to Sewing classes will be held the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Please contact Sharon at the library for class schedule and supplies lists.

One by One Cancer Support will meet the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. **Caregivers and family of Persons with Mental Illness** will be meeting the last Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the history room. The aim of this group is to give caregivers and family members strategies to equip them for everyday life with loved ones who may be suffering from a variety of mental disorders and diseases. **When a Relationship Ends...** is a six-session class that will each Monday beginning January 9th through February 13th at 6:30 pm. These meetings will help develop tools for moving on after the end of a relationship. **Alzheimer's Caregivers Support** groups which meet the last Tuesday of the month at either **1:00 pm at 6:30 pm**.

For All Ages

Please check out our new website. Our recently redesigned site has been made more user-friendly and has the capacity to be updated in a timelier manner. You can now view our monthly calendar at a glance or sort through programs by type.

Coming **April 23, 2012** help us to celebrate the **World Night of the Book**. Details about this event will be posted in the library and on our web site.

The Friends of the Germantown Public Library will be offering a program entitled "Come in from the Cold" on Saturdays throughout the winter months. Join us at noon for local musicians and mulled cider.

The Friends group is raising money to repair the front sidewalk at the library. There are note cards for sale in the lobby of the library and there is a continuous books sale in the Friends Room to the left of the circulation desk. All items are \$0.25.