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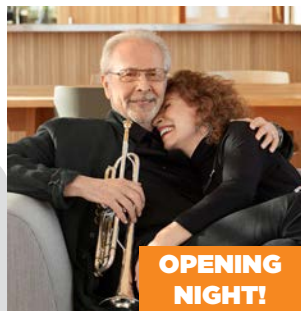
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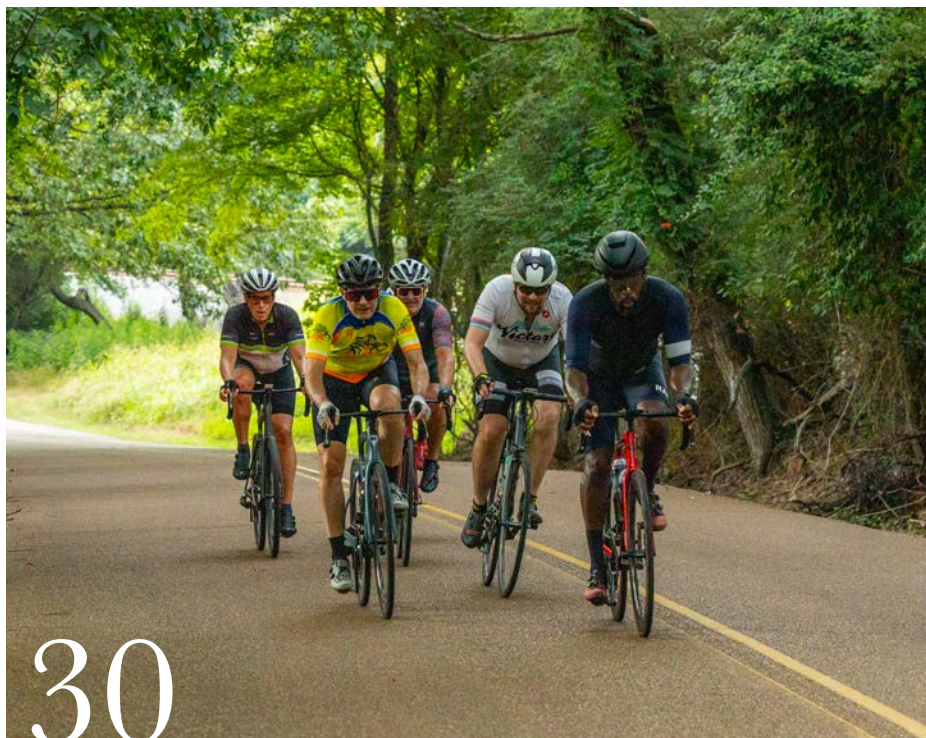
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Dear neighbors,

As your Mayor and Chamber President/CEO, we're particularly excited to bring you this issue of *Germantown Magazine* because it focuses on our beautiful parks, vibrant wildlife and abundance of recreational opportunities in your City.

Within these pages, you'll find enlightening stories about our many natural wonders here. You'll also see evidence of the progress we're making in three Key Performance Areas in the Germantown Forward 2035 strategic plan:

- **Natural Resources:** In our profile on City Arborist and Natural Resources Manager Wes Hopper, you'll read about all the work we're doing to maintain our ecosystem integrity and sustain and protect your City's biodiversity. Spend a day in the life of this skilled professional as he monitors the health of Germantown's trees and keeps our green spaces thriving.

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Germantown remains the community of choice for so many reasons! We hope this issue inspires you to get outdoors, explore our parks and enjoy all the beautiful sights and enriching activities that your City has to offer.

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A PASSION FOR Parks



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The new director of Germantown Parks and Recreation shares the power of green spaces

The Appalachian Trail is where Natalie Ruffin first discovered that the best hikes never really end. Only 13 years old at the time, she stepped off the dirt trail, shrugged off her backpack and returned home with a desire to find new paths to explore. Her short trek with a wilderness school inspired her to spend more time in nature. Though there were no mountaintop vistas in her Louisiana hometown, she camped, played tennis with her twin sister Melanie and as a college student, introduced children to outdoor recreation while working at summer camps. The active and awed young girl who thrived outdoors would concentrate on connecting others to the therapeutic power of green spaces in her career.



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As the new director of the Germantown Parks and Recreation Department, Ruffin shares a mission that is very personal. Recreational opportunities and peace found in nature "change lives," she says. "We impact people in so many ways, whether teaching a class or providing a sense of belonging. I look forward to continuing to raise awareness about who we are and what we do and to educate people on amenities and parks and encourage them to use them."

In her office, Ruffin invites nature inside with photographic memories of magical outdoor adventures. Last year, she circled back to spend a week on the Appalachian Trail, hiking farther and facing more tests than decades earlier. "I love the aspect of surviving on your own with the challenge of carrying a 35-pound backpack and hiking eight to 10 miles a day," she says. "It's a challenge that I enjoy, and challenges help me grow." When not working in parks, Ruffin plays in parks, taking her goldador dogs Tess and Wyatt out for a run in their favorite space each morning before starting work. Unwinding with a book, she enjoys the titles *Between a Rock and a Hard Place* and *Into the Wild*, stories about outdoor experiences. "Parks and Rec is a lifestyle for me."

A Productive Career

While studying business in college, she had a fortuitous meeting with a career counselor that helped her find her true North Star. Tests pointed to a fit with parks and rec studies, and she realized that her love for recreation aligned with a professional career. A graduate of the University of Mississippi with a Master of Arts in Recreation, she is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP).

In 2005, Ruffin started with the local department as a recreation superintendent, drawn by the agency's Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies designation and high standards. "It was appealing to me to be part of something bigger than myself and to come to a department where I could grow." Former director Pam Beasley retired this summer, and Ruffin valued her mentorship. "Pam let me spread my wings, and in 17 years here, I've been very hands-on which has been helpful in managing, guiding and leading. I'm very fortunate to have found something I feel called to do, and I love this city." She served as assistant director



From left to right: Sue Armendariz (Lead Park Ranger), Carlos Williams (REACH Manager), Natalie Ruffin (Parks Director) and Jared Woodruff (Park Ranger Naturalist).



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and implemented recreation and community education programs and services for every age and stage of life.

You have connected with Ruffin's work if you have celebrated at the Germantown Fireworks Extravaganza, attended a summer Groovin' and Grillin' concert or taken a Creative Aging ceramics class. At the fireworks show, swaths of red, white and blue transform the municipal park, and children savor snow cones as Memphis Wind Symphony entertains the crowd. "It is so rewarding to see how your hard work pays off when people enjoy and take part," she says. "Lots of times, people are grateful and thank us for doing it. That's why we love what we do."

Migration to the outdoors during COVID presented an opportunity, and Ruffin looks forward to keeping residents engaged. "In 2020, a lot of people got outside and stayed there," she says. Interest in pickleball surged, and all ages are picking up the game. "People love pickleball and have new friends, a new event to put on their calendars and a new lease on life." Currently, department projects include the ongoing expansion of the Greenway, restoration of lacrosse fields at Johnson Road Park and completion of a synthetic turf project at Cameron-Brown Park.

With a strong work ethic modeled by her parents, Ruffin is ready for this journey. "Not only am I passionate about serving the residents of Germantown, but I'm also excited to lead and continue to work alongside the team we have in place." With every hike and enriching program, she will move forward. ■

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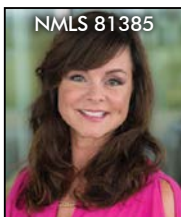
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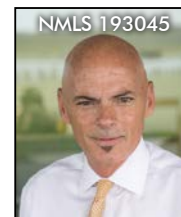
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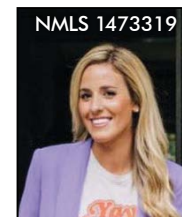
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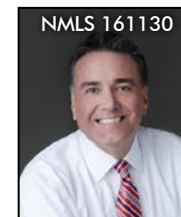
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BOBBY LANIER FARM PARK OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

Interview conducted by Stephanie Painter. Photography by Larry Kuzniewski

I've always been an outdoor person. My grandparents had a farm in Bartlett and that seemed like the country back in the day. I was in Boy Scouts, and we were outside in the summertime riding bikes and playing kick the can.

I worked in medical sales for 30-plus years and got to a point where with stress and emails, you couldn't disconnect. Then I bought a landscaping business and sold it after six years. I'm at a time in my life where I don't want to slow down, and my wife suggested I apply for Operations Coordinator.

The best thing about living in Germantown is schools that have been great for our younger children. The special education program is great for our youngest child Jack, who has Down syndrome.

I admire special education teachers in the Germantown system. Teachers in these departments have challenges every day, and they are rock stars.

I also admire my dad, who was a general surgeon in Memphis. I scrubbed in surgery with him, and while a lot of people get to work for their families, not many get to work for their dad when he is saving a life.

My favorite quote is from Carter Crenshaw, our pastor in Nashville. He said, 'The worship is now over, but the service begins now.' It stuck with me that we're just going for an hour to worship, but the whole week between Sundays is where your service is. It means doing the right thing during the week.

Germantown is unique because you have that hometown feel but can go two miles east or west and find anything you don't already have here.

We love going downtown to Grizzlies and Redbirds games, and we're die-hard Tiger basketball fans.

We are avid duck hunters during the winter. My father-in-law, brother-in-law and my sons hunt from November to January. The girls got tired of begging us to come home for Thanksgiving, so now we celebrate the holiday at the duck club in Humnoke.

It's fulfilling to spend time at home. We have a pool and a great backyard for dogs and our grandkids. Seeing your kids grow up and fulfill their dreams and have their own kids is fulfilling. Watching our youngest children Jack and Abby flourish and spread their wings is great.

State colleges are now offering a two-year program for those with special education needs. Jack said, 'Dad, I'm going to college.'

Show up and be on time. Do what you say you're going to do. Get up and work at it, and you'll go somewhere.

The best professional advice I've received was to learn to manage my expectations. No one is perfect, and I practiced managing my expectations of people and life in general.

The worst professional advice was 'go with the flow.' You need to have an opinion and a voice, or you'll get run over and won't go very far.



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THE Tree *Whisperer*

City Arborist Wes Hopper Honors the Land and Nature

Wes Hopper is fluent in the language of trees. When he walks through one of Germantown's 31 parks, he hears their stories. They tell tales of survival. They speak of the direction of the wind and the position of the sun. They talk about the microcosms of life that thrive in their bark and deep among their roots. They tell him what hurts and share their budding triumphs.

When the trees speak to Hopper, the City's arborist and natural resources manager listens carefully. Then he translates for them, guiding staff and residents in the best ways to plant, nurture and, when necessary, heal. True to his Choctaw roots, Hopper stays in tune with his surrounding environment, honoring nature, the land and the trees he loves so much.

"I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees," jokes Hopper, referring to the Dr. Seuss book *The Lorax*, in which a furry creature advocates for the Truffula forest.

Germantown's tree canopies cover more than 40 percent of the City and thrive under his supervision. Every tree in every public space is inventoried in an app on Hopper's phone. He's also the treasurer for the West Tennessee Chapter of the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council, among other credentials.

Hopper's professional accomplishments are a testament to his mastery of this native tongue. In 2020, he played a key role in

securing Germantown's designation as a Tree City of the World and oversees its three Tennessee Urban Forestry Council-certified arboretums: Poplar Estates Park, Riverdale Elementary and Oaklawn Garden.

"Wes is our resident expert and the Department's go-to person for all things trees," says Natalie Ruffin, director of Parks and Recreation. "He takes great pride in his work and has a 'can-do' attitude. He looks for the positive in everything and is one of those individuals that you just want to be around."

LOFTY GOALS

Hopper's career as an arborist started with a childhood love for climbing trees. He idolized actor Johnny Weissmuller in *Tarzan* and felt at home in the heights among branches. When Hopper was about 19, he helped a friend take down a tree and shocked onlookers with how high he climbed. That incident sparked inspiration for his career path.

"I said to myself, 'You're gonna go work for the biggest and best tree company around.' And so I looked in the phonebook and found the biggest tree company in Memphis - actually in the United States - and that was Davey Tree Expert Company," says Hopper, also a former competitive tree climber. "And so I made that my goal."

Written by Erinn Figg
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Becoming a Tree City of the World

Qualifications to be designated a Tree City of the World by the National Arbor Day Foundation:

- Maintain a tree board or department
- Have a community tree ordinance
- Spend at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry
- Celebrate Arbor Day
- Maintain an updated inventory or assessment of the local tree resource

For the third year in a row Germantown has earned this designation — one of 29 in the United States — along with its designation as a Tree City USA, which it's held for three decades.

“I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees.”

-Wes Hopper, City Arborist



After several applications, Hopper finally landed a job with the company, but it took a lot of self-teaching to be successful, particularly after his boss challenged him to learn everything he could about trees.

“When you start to try to understand something like nature, it’s never ending,” he says. “There’s always something new that you don’t know about. But my knowledge base was growing.”

Ten years later, Hopper started his own full-service tree care company, Urban Forestry. From there, a contract gig with the City ultimately led to a full-time position in 2019.

“I went home to my wife Bobbi and said, ‘Honey, I got offered this position in Germantown as their urban forester/natural resource manager.’ She started crying,” he says. “I asked, ‘Are those good tears or bad tears?’ She said, ‘These are good tears. You take that job. It’s what you’ve always wanted to do.’”

Native Trees To Plant This Fall

Elm trees, swamp chestnut oaks, shumard oaks, overcup oaks, black oaks, nuttall oaks, kousa dogwoods, flowering dogwoods or tupelo trees



Planting tips from City Arborist Wes Hopper:

- Dig the correct-sized hole. It should be slightly larger than the root ball.
- Plant it slightly shallow: The root system should be just above ground level.
- Prune your tree during the winter. “If you prune your trees during the growing season, you’re taking energy away from the tree.”
- Water your tree every night, so the water won’t evaporate in the sun.
- Try the app iNaturalist to identify trees and connect with other users for tips on care.
- Email questions to WHopper@Germantown-TN.gov. “I want people to know that I’m a resource.”



LIVING HIS DREAM

Today, it's hard to describe a typical day in the life of Hopper. He might be checking up on Germantown's trails and greenways. He might be advising City staff on vegetation that gets planted in new developments. Or, he might be down in the dirt, planting and caring for trees himself.

"As the City's Natural Resources Manager and City Arborist, Wes provides a unique skill set for our community, one that is necessary for the preservation of our City's cherished natural resources," City Administrator Jason Huisman says. "We're honored to have someone with his level of expertise on staff looking after our precious resources on a daily basis."

Most important to Hopper is often assisting residents, whether it's with a concern about a beehive in a park, a wayward wild animal or a suggestion on how to improve our natural resources.

"We recently got some great feedback from some citizens about the East Greenway," he says. "They had ideas for how to beautify it and make it more comfortable for seniors, like adding benches with shade covers."

Some of Hopper's park activities might surprise a casual observer. On a recent sunny Friday, he arrived at Poplar Estates Park with his usual tools and a few extras: a leather pouch that belonged to his late brother, a Native American ceremonial feather, some sage and cedar. In the midst of his rounds in the park, he paused to conduct a sage smudging ceremony for a grieving friend and an ailing coworker.

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Along the paved Greenway trail, about five degrees cooler in the shade, a pair of runners keep steady pace. A bell rings. “On your left,” comes a voice from behind, and a cyclist passes with a polite nod. The path winds through the woods, and a bare patch in the foliage reveals a group of kayaks easing down the Wolf River.

With 31 parks, more than 17 miles of designated bike lanes and a steady current of flowing water along the northern border of the city, Germantown residents have many ways to experience the outdoors only steps away from home.





Written by Candice Baxter
Photo by Larry Kuzniewski

RUN

The Germantown Thoroughbreds meet at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings at Panera Bread on Poplar. Running together for over a quarter century, the open group accepts all paces and is diverse in age, ability and distance. The 12-mile route alternates weekly between two courses, and members take turns providing water stops about every four miles.

"The running community is very open and accepting," says Charles Hurst, the group leader for over a decade. "People join from out of town, visitors looking for a good run, as well as regulars."

One route is an out-and-back along the Greenway where shade is very much appreciated. The other course begins with a steady downhill slope, through neighborhoods and across the rolling hills of C.D. Smith Road, past the smell of barbecue in Old Germantown and back up to the starting point.

A bond forms over the miles as runners motivate one another to go farther, dig deep and get up the hill. Afterward, many stay for coffee on the patio, catching up on past races and future goals.

"The beauty of running is you can do it however you want: marathons, a 5K or socially. You just need good shoes and socks," says Cameron Thomas, training and outreach manager of Grivet Outdoors. As a runner for 25 years, he says many newcomers are surprised to find the running community so welcoming.

"People were constantly asking, 'How do I get faster?' So we started a track series of speed workouts for free at Houston High School," Thomas says. With student athletes out for the summer, every Thursday evening, he provided water and led drills with quick feet and high knees for anyone who wanted to train. "Because getting faster means improving form." He hopes to make the summer track series an annual event.



Photo by Alex Ginsburg Photographics

BIKE

Any day of the week except Fridays, a cyclist can find an open group ride in Germantown. From advanced training with the Wolf River Dawn Patrol to the Cameron Brown Park Ride Easy, the Memphis Hightailers Bicycle Club sanctions weekly rides with certified leaders. Individual membership to MHBC costs \$40 annually, but a free two-month trial is available for newcomers.

On Monday evenings, J.P. Kotha leads the Cameron Brown Park Ride Easy. “This is a great ride for beginners,” says Kotha, “or a good recovery ride when you push hard on the weekends.” Patient with cyclists learning to use gears and safety hand signals, Kotha has led the ride for three years.

A dozen brightly dressed cyclists cover 18.5 miles in two loops. The route follows neighborhood roads, up two steep hills and down an exhilarating stretch to flatten out through the Wolf River Nature Area. “We average around 14 to 16 miles per hour on flats,” he says, “but this is a no-drop ride. So no one gets left behind.”

There is safety in numbers, and Skip Griffin leads the most popular ride in town. On Tuesday evenings the Mellow Mushroom Ride leaves the Target parking lot at 6 p.m. and includes up to 200 cyclists in good weather. In four speed waves ranging from upper to intermediate, groups head to the Collierville square and back, then circle around Southwind for a hard push down C.D. Smith Road. The course spans almost 30 miles, and afterward many riders stick around for rehydration and celebratory pizza.

THE BEST FLOAT EXPERIENCE IS A SAFE ONE

Always wear a life jacket.

State law requires every paddler to have a properly fitted, U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD). Hardshell vessels are highly recommended, as broken limbs can snag inflatable watercraft.

Never float alone.

Every river trip contains an element of risk. Go in groups of two or more and check river and weather conditions prior to launch.

Take a guided tour.

Beginners should seek formal training and paddle with experienced guides the first few trips.

The Wolf River Conservancy leads tours on many of the river’s sections throughout the year. Find their schedule at wolfriver.org. Blues City Kayaks’ “Most Germantown Thing You’ve Never Done” tour costs \$70 for singles or \$100 per two-seater tandem, including shuttle, boat, paddle and life jacket. Find information on kayaking lessons, certification courses and tours on various waterways across the Mid-South at bluescitykayaks.com.

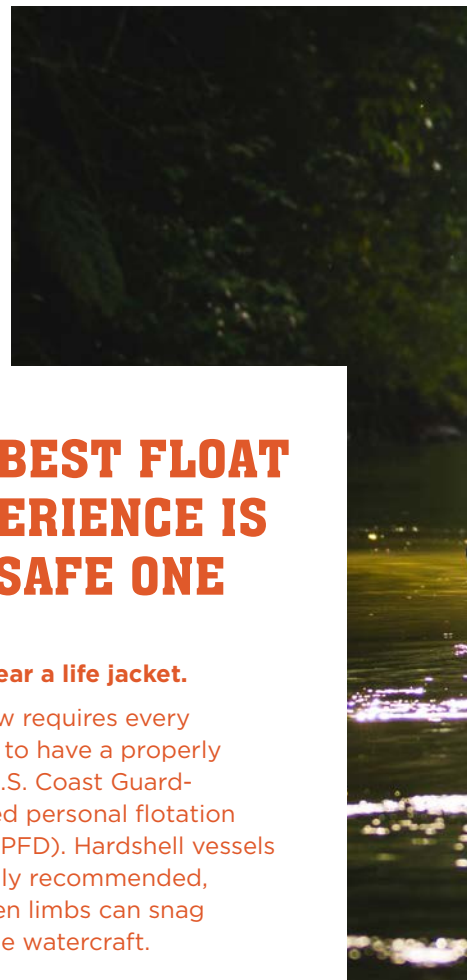




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PADDLE



Protected by the Wolf River Conservancy, the water and its banks running along Germantown's northern border are the closest locals can get to undisturbed wilderness within the city limits. The river is alluvial, meaning "carried by water," with a stream bed made of silt deposited from elsewhere. The slow yet steady current meanders northwest from the Ghost section and empties into the Mississippi River.

Ande Demetriou, owner of Blues City Kayaks, leads regular tours from Houston Levee Road to Germantown Parkway. "The trip takes around three hours, and we go about four-and-a-half miles with a couple of stops," he says. "The hardest part is put in." Demetriou shuttles paddlers from the Lucius E. Birch Nature Area and carries boats down rough terrain under the bridge near Wolf River Boulevard.

Following the current around a bend, a flutter of monarchs trails along the shore. Pink tufts of mimosa trees accent the riverbank greenery, and every so often a breeze scatters dry leaves across the shimmering water.

The first stop is a testament to nature's power, a curve of dry sand bed where the river changed course near Gray's Creek due to a flood in 2019. Then for almost an hour stretch, traffic noise disappears, leaving only the stir of paddle strokes and birdsong. Indigo buntings and kingfishers call to one another.

The river widens where the Army Corps of Engineers began channelization in the early 1960s. Street noise returns, buffered by a lush line of forestation. What appeared to be one Great Blue Heron zigzagging ahead the whole trip is revealed to be a siege of three taking flight together from a tall treetop.

After a picnic lunch on the sandbar behind Chick-fil-A, minnows scatter with each step into the waist-deep water. Take out lies just on the other side of the Germantown Parkway bridge where echoes of overhead traffic bounce between the pylons. On the left, a bell rings as a cyclist passes a pair of runners keeping pace along the Greenway. ■



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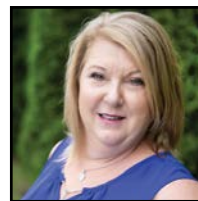
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ARE YOU READY TO REACH EVERY HOME AND BUSINESS IN GERMANTOWN?

A close-up photograph of an Eastern Bluebird perched on a dark, curved branch. The bird has a vibrant blue head and back, a rusty-orange breast, and a white belly. It is facing left, looking slightly upwards. The background is a solid, bright green.

EASTERN *Bluebird*

SYMBOL OF HOPE AND HAPPINESS

Written by Candice Baxter
Photography by Larry Coley



Designated by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen as the official bird of Germantown

Perched on a wire above a clearing, an Eastern Bluebird calls out in beautiful song. With a brilliant royal blue back and head contrasted by a fiery-orange breast, spotting a male has long been perceived as a sign of coming happiness. Females are gray with blue tinges, and one responds.

Last year, the Eastern Bluebird was designated by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen as the official bird of Germantown. Native to North America, the species most common to the local area does not migrate, but lives out its life within a mile of its birthplace. They once thrived mostly in the cavities of hollowed trees.

"Much of their habitats were destroyed in the 1950s through the 1970s, old trees clear cut for subdivisions," says Fred Robertson, president of the Shelby County chapter of the Tennessee Bluebird Society since its inception. "The hard winter of '78 decimated a third of the population, and then the Bluebird Society was established. Now there's over 20 million bluebirds in the U.S."

Local repopulation is due in large part to the creation of nesting box trails, providing habitat and protection for the Eastern Bluebirds in the city. Along with local garden clubs and community volunteers, the Natural Resources Division monitors and maintains over 25 nesting boxes. Park rangers use the trails for environmental education, connecting citizens with nature and wildlife.



Fred Robertson, Shelby County chapter President of the Tennessee Bluebird Society. Photograph by Candice Baxter

Robertson notes several places to find bluebird trails around town, including Poplar Estates Park, the Wolf River Nature Area and Forest Hill Elementary School. The most active trail is in Bobby Lanier Farm Park. "They produce bluebirds in that park like you wouldn't believe," Robertson says ten nesting boxes can hatch over 100 fledglings per season.

"They are chicks until they learn to fly, then they're called fledglings," he says. Until then, they need a safe place to grow.

Robertson builds nesting boxes from reclaimed fence wood and notes the need for plans and precise measurements. "The entry hole spans only an inch-and-a-half in diameter to prevent larger predators from entering." He notes other specifics for a successful nesting box including ventilation, and an opening to monitor the nest without disturbing it.

"The best place for a nesting box is in an open area or clearing with a water source 50 to 100 yards away." Robertson says to avoid erecting boxes near tall trees which harbor nearby hawks. "And if you have more than one box, put them as far apart as possible, because male bluebirds are very territorial."



Nesting season runs March through September, and a mating pair can fledge up to 15 chicks. Robertson recommends erecting the nesting boxes in late fall. "Those baby birds are going to start looking for a place to stay when cold weather comes."

Eastern Bluebirds are also a testament of resilience. Once nearly extinct, some believe seeing a flock, no matter how small, represents hope. With local nesting box trails and protected wildlife corridors, expect to see many more in the future. ■

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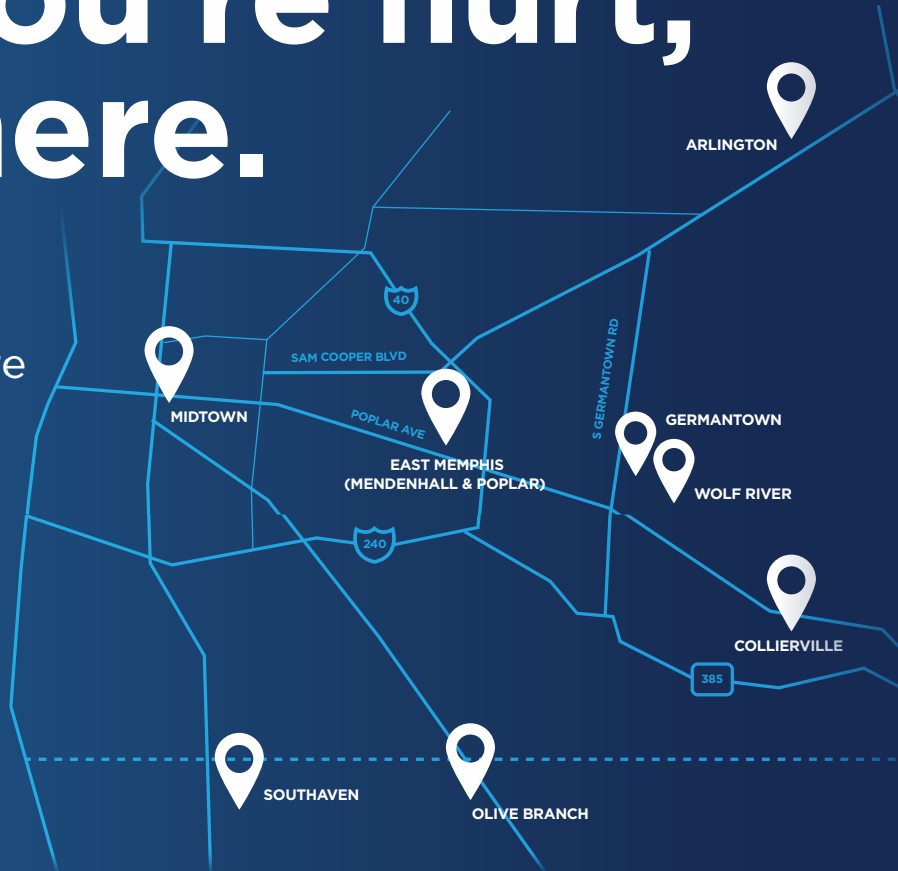




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GERMANTOWN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 9:30 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, NOON TO 6 P.M.

Germantown Civic Club Complex, 7745 Poplar Pike

The Germantown Festival is one of the longest, continually running festivals in the region for good reason. This year marks the 49th weekend of free, family-friendly fun. With children's activities, rides and games, arts and crafts shopping from nearly 400 local and national vendors, live entertainment, tasty food, car exhibits and the hilariously competitive Running of the Weenies, there is something for everyone. Free shuttle service helps avoid a parking hassle. For more details, visit germantownfest.com.



RUNNING OF THE WEENIES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Best dressed contest at 11 a.m., race at 11:30 a.m.

Germantown Charity Horse Show Arena, 7745 Poplar Pike

Fee: \$10 per dog for costume contest, \$35 per dog for race

The Running of the Weenies is a race for those lovable wiener-shaped Dachshunds. Presented by the Germantown Animal Shelter, these short but swift racers never fail to entertain. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, September 1, at 3:30 p.m. No late registration will be accepted. Register at the Germantown Animal Shelter, 7700 Southern Avenue. For more information, call (901) 757-7358.



AMNESTY DUMPSTER AND RECYCLING DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 7:30 A.M. TO NOON

Amnesty Dumpster Day gives Germantown residents a chance to get rid of unwanted bulky items not picked up by sanitation service providers. As always, proof of Germantown residency is required and only homeowner-generated materials will be accepted. Amnesty Dumpster Day is sponsored by the City of Germantown and the Environmental Commission. For more information, visit Germantown-TN.gov/Amnesty or call (901) 751-7685.

SMALL FRY TRI

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Ages 2 to 3 years, 10 a.m.

Ages 4 to 6 years, 10:30 a.m.

C.O. Franklin Park, 7725 Poplar Pike

Fee: \$8, T-shirt guaranteed for those who register by Friday, August 26

Preschoolers will have the opportunity to run, bike and swim (run through fire truck spray) to the finish line, where everyone receives a medal. Participants are asked to bring a bicycle or tricycle. A size-appropriate helmet is required. Register online by Wednesday, September 14 at Germantown-TN.gov/Registration. You may also register in-person at the Parks and Recreation office, 2276 West Street. Late registration and packet pick-up will take place at the Parks and Recreation office on September 15 and 16. There is no event day registration. Small Fry Tri is sponsored by Campbell Clinic.

TASTE OF THE TOWN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 6 TO 9 P.M.

The Great Hall & Conference Center,
1900 South Germantown Road

Ages: 21 years and older

Fee: \$75 in advance, \$80 at the door

Join the Germantown Area Chamber of Commerce for an enjoyable culinary and social experience guaranteed to satisfy any palate. Immerse yourself in the flavors and specialty samples from a variety of food and drink vendors in the Germantown area all while enjoying an annual auction filled with packages and experiences from local businesses. Purchase tickets online at www.germantownchamber.com or at the Chamber office, 2195 South Germantown Road. For more information, call (901) 755-1200.

TOUR OF REMODELED HOMES AND LANDSCAPES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2 TO 5 P.M.

It's time to see some exciting transformations! Find decorating inspiration and explore new design possibilities for your home or yard at the Neighborhood Preservation Commission's annual Tour of Remodeled Homes and Landscapes. Tours will be



carefully supervised by City volunteers and homeowners will have the opportunity to explain their renovation process and products used. For more information visit, Germantown-TN.gov/HomeTour.

NIGHT RIDER FAMILY BIKE RIDE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

**Games and festivities begin at 6 p.m.,
ride at 7:15 p.m.**

Cameron Brown Park, 8628 Farmington Boulevard

Fee: \$10, T-shirt guaranteed for those who register by August 27

You don't want to miss this family-friendly night of fun! The route is approximately three miles, and participants are encouraged to decorate their bicycle or tricycle. A size-appropriate helmet is required for all riders. The Germantown Police department will assist with the ride. Music by DJ AD Davis will follow. Register online at Germantown-TN.gov/Registration. Pick up packets at the Parks and Recreation office on September 29 and 30. The event is co-hosted by the City of Germantown and the Germantown Area Chamber of Commerce.



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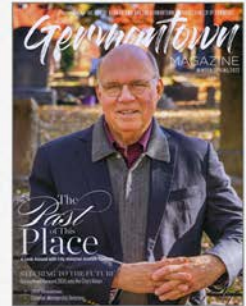
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Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2660 Cross
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Fee: \$45 per tent (four person max), \$10 for
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Spend a night under the stars with family
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your 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 3 at
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FARM PARK HALLOWEEN BOO- LOOZA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

BOO-looza, 5 to 8 p.m.

One Fright Only (haunted trail),
7 to 9 p.m.

Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2660
Cross Country Drive

Come out to the Farm Park for
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KIWANIS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 7 A.M. TO NOON

Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike

The Kiwanis Club Pancake Day has been a community tradition for 50 years. Join the Kiwanis Club of Germantown for their annual all you can eat pancake breakfast. A \$5 donation will get you all the pancakes, sausage, milk, orange juice and/or coffee your heart desires. All proceeds support youth programs in the Germantown community. Children ages 5 and under eat free. In addition to the delicious pancakes, there will also be live entertainment by Home Grown Tomatoes.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Outdoor festivities 5 p.m., tree lighting 5:30 p.m.

Municipal Park Lake, 1900 South Germantown Road

Watching the first flicker of the white light on the holiday tree is a long standing tradition in Germantown. Families gather in Municipal Square to sing holiday songs, toast marshmallows and enjoy the beginning of the holiday season as a community. Afterward comes the much anticipated lighting of the tree. Following the festivities, merrymakers can enjoy refreshments and visit with Santa inside City Hall. No rain date.

GERMANTOWN HOLIDAY PARADE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2 P.M.

Lining the City streets, residents watch as decorated floats, horses, school groups, clubs and booming marching bands slowly make their way along the parade route and wave to their neighbors. Be sure to stay until the end to get a glimpse of Santa aboard a Germantown fire truck. This year, in support of the U.S. Marine Reserves Toys for Tots organization, uniformed Marines

and volunteers will travel along the parade route to collect new, unwrapped toys for children. The parade begins at the corner of Kimbrough Road and Farmington Boulevard, proceeds west on Farmington Boulevard to Exeter Road, turns north on Exeter Road and ends at Germantown Athletic Club. For more information or to participate, contact Michelle Forbert at (901) 757-7638 or MForbert@Germantown-TN.gov. The rain date is December 11.





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50+ GROUP

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MONDAYS, 11:30 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Fee: \$15 punch card for five sessions

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TUESDAYS, 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Fee: \$15* punch card for five sessions

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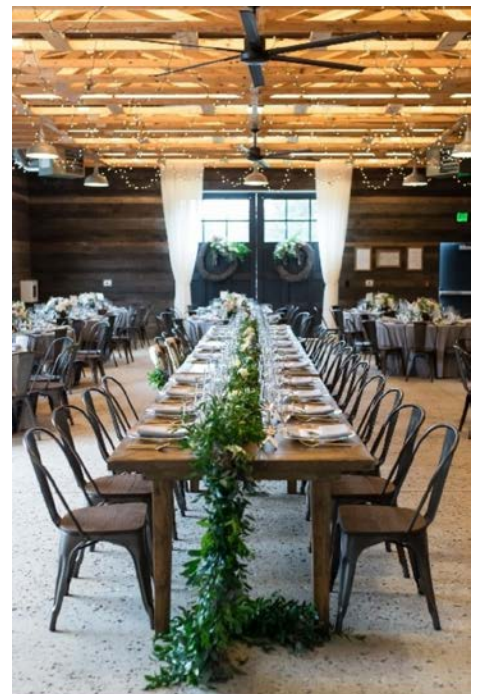
Bring a partner. For more information, contact Germantown Bridge Director Diane Dillman at (817) 291-8462 or D1955g@aol.com. **Please note that the fee for this class will increase to \$6 beginning the week of September 12.*

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Wolf River Greenway, 8088 Wolf
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WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 7, 14, 21
AND 28; OCTOBER 5, 12, 19 AND 26;
NOVEMBER 2 AND 9, 1:30 TO 3:30 P.M.

Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike

Fee: \$100 includes cost of text

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THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 7, 28 AND
NOVEMBER 4, 10 TO 11 A.M.

Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike

Instructor: Shawna White, Dixon Gallery and Gardens

Each session is an hour long and materials are provided. Each session will have a different focus, use different themes to teach various art-making techniques and highlight a different aspect of current exhibits at the Dixon. Classes are free and space is limited. Pre-registration is required and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, call the Parks and Recreation office at (901) 757-7375.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT CEDAR HALL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 11 A.M.

Cedar Hall, 3712 Broadway Road, Bartlett

Fee: \$25 includes lunch, tax and tip

Meet, eat and socialize at this antebellum estate full of elegance and Southern charm. The estate is decorated by noted interior designer, John Mark Sharpe. Space is limited. Register at the Germantown Parks and Recreation office, 2276 West Street. Make checks payable to the City of Germantown. For more information, contact Regina Allen at (901) 751-5656 or Regina@Germantown-TN.gov.

HOLIDAY DANCE FEATURING THE BOOMERS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.

Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike

Fee: \$5 per person

Dance the night away with the Boomers, an energetic group that performs rock music from the 50s through 70s era with a little country thrown in for fun. The Boomers have been entertaining for over 15 years and are a mix of men and women who dress in era costume – poodle skirts and saddle oxfords as well as bouffant wigs, with the men in matching costumes and wigs to complete the whole Boomer experience. The Boomers have entertained everywhere from Missouri and Arkansas to Tennessee and Mississippi and enjoy including the audiences by involving them in the entertainment. Light refreshments will be served. Alcohol is prohibited. Space is limited. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Parks and Recreation office, 2276 West Street.

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TAP DANCE LESSONS WITH COLLAGE DANCE COLLECTIVE

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22 AND 29, 11 A.M. TO NOON

Germantown Community Theatre, 3037 Forest Hill Irene Road

Instructor: Danielle Pierce, Collage Dance Collective

In this high-energy weekly tap program, participants learn the fundamentals of rhythm tap, tap terminology and short combinations to prepare them for intermediate and advanced study. The program will focus on strengthening musicality, rhythm, timing, speed and coordination. Participants learn how to hear and interpret music in a more advanced way through combinations that employ syncopation and dynamics.

Participants also learn the history of tap, one of the oldest American forms of dance that dates back to the mid-1800s and has significant roots in the African American experience. Participants must supply their own tap shoes.

STORIES PROJECT: THEATRE & STORYTELLING WORKSHOP WITH THEATRE MEMPHIS

MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 12, 19 AND 26; OCTOBER 3, 17, 24 AND 31 AND NOVEMBER 7, 1:30 TO 3 P.M.

Instructor: Becky Caspersen, Theatre Memphis

Join Becky Caspersen from Theatre Memphis for "Stories Project" where participants create an original script by recounting their most treasured tales. Participants recount memorable life

moments, then turn those cherished memories into a scripted performance. The group will work together to find connections in their stories to develop one cohesive performance piece, which will be performed by Theatre Memphis facilitators and the brave members of the storytelling group. Join us and share your story with the world! No class on October 10 in observance of Columbus Day.

INDIAN CULTURE AND DANCE WITH JAY KUMAR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 10 TO 11 A.M.

Jayashree "Jay" Kumar has been teaching Indian dance for over two decades. Jay and her students have performed at major events, such as Memphis in May, Diversity Memphis and at Memphis India Association events. Jay is excited to bring a fascinating demonstration of Indian dance and customs to the 50+ community. Interested participants can learn a few dance moves themselves.

MEMPHIS SIDESHOW BAND

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 10 TO 11 A.M.

John Groesse—singer and bassist—and Hal VanCanneyt—singer and guitarist—make up the Memphis Sideshow. The duo performs oldies, standards, country, blues, R&B, gospel and rock, adding their unique spin to the music with the assistance of tracks created in their studio, giving the sound of a full band. Memphis Sideshow offers an eclectic mix of material that will make you want to get up and dance or at least tap your feet and sing along. John & Hal create lasting memories through music!

DULCIMER LESSONS

THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 6, 13, 20 AND 27, 1:30 TO 3 P.M.

Instructor: Lee Cagle

Lee Cagle performs traditional American/Celtic folk music on mountain dulcimer. Her music, combined with stories of old, has entertained audiences throughout the southeast since 1988. Lee is president of the Memphis Dulcimer Gathering, Inc., and is a multi-instrumentalist, singer and storyteller. New dulcimer players experience the fun of learning to play the mountain dulcimer. This simple instrument is a perfect starting place for those with no musical experience, yet it can offer interest and challenge for the experienced musician.



These workshops will provide the basic techniques needed to build a solid foundation for playing a variety of songs and musical genres. Participants will learn rhythm, strumming techniques, origins of the instrument and basic music theory. All materials and handouts will be provided. A few dulcimers are available for use during class for those who do not own an instrument.

THE JIM MAHANNAH BAND

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 10 TO 11 A.M.

This popular band includes saxophone, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, keyboard, guitar, bass, drums and vocals. The band has played together for over 25 years and is a highly versatile group, playing weddings, conventions and concert performances throughout the Mid-South.

HOLIDAY MUSIC FEATURING JEANNE SIMMONS AND LEESA WILKINSON

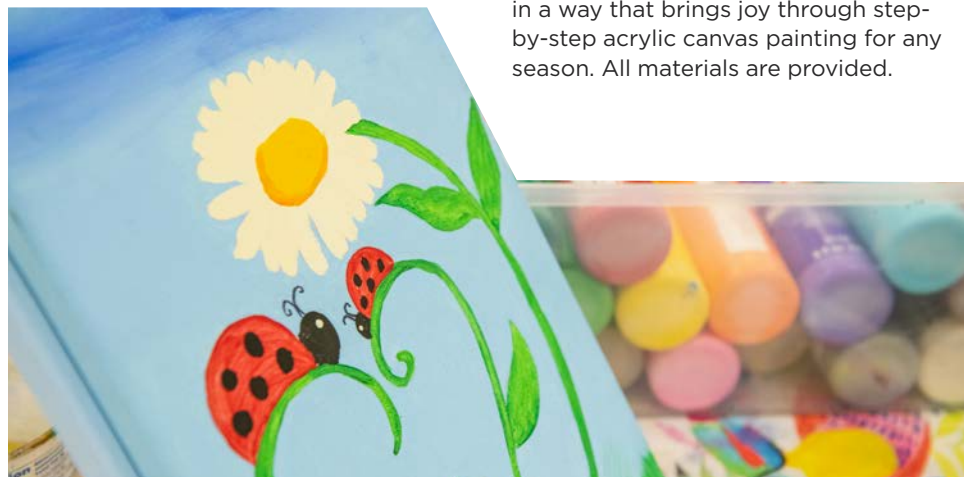
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 10 TO 11 A.M.

Join Jeanne Simmons and Leesa Wilkinson for a holiday celebration. Jeanne has performed with the Germantown Symphony Orchestra and the Memphis Symphony Orchestra as well as played for numerous productions at Theatre Memphis and the Orpheum Theatre. Leesa earned a Master's Degree in Music Education and has been a music director and piano accompanist for over 25 musical productions including *Nunsense*, *Cinderella*, *Forever Plaid* and *My Fair Lady*.

JULIE INJOY ART

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 10 TO 11 A.M.

Julie Christen, or Julie InJoy, believes that every single one of us is creative. She wants to help participants in a single session rediscover their creativity in a way that brings joy through step-by-step acrylic canvas painting for any season. All materials are provided.



50+ ADVENTURE SERIES

For information about upcoming trips, contact Regina Allen (901) 751-5656 or Regina@Germantown-TN.gov.

DAY TRIP TO THE MORTON MUSEUM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, NOON TO 1 P.M.

Morton Museum, 196 North Main Street, Collierville

Pack a lunch and meet up at the Morton Museum in Collierville to learn about the bold and brave women of Shelby County. This presentation features stories about women featured on the Memphis Women's Legacy Trail, including Corinne Derenburger, Carolyn Gates, Nina Katz and others. The Memphis Women's Legacy Trail is a project dedicated to documenting and celebrating extraordinary women who have improved Shelby County through their lives and work. Following the presentation, a brief dedication ceremony and reception will be held honoring Ms. Anna Holden, a well-known educator active in Collierville during the late 19th century, who will be awarded the prestigious "Women in American History" medal and certificate. Drinks and desserts will be provided. This event is free. Participants provide their own transportation. Parking is available. Space is limited and registration is required. Registration deadline is Thursday, August 11. To register, contact Regina Allen at (901) 751-5656 or Regina@Germantown-TN.gov or Sheri Bancroft at (901) 751-5652 or SBancroft@Germantown-TN.gov.

THE GREAT OUT WEST APRIL 2023 (10 DAYS AND 9 NIGHTS)

Fee: TBD

Travelers will enjoy a train ride on the scenic Silverton Express. Travelers will also be able to visit the awe-inspiring Zion National Park, Arches National Park, Mesa Verde National Park and Bryce Canyon National Park. The fee will include transportation, 9 nights lodging and 11 meals (9 breakfasts and 2 dinners). For more information about this trip or to get your name on the travel list, contact Regina Allen at (901) 751-5656 or Regina@Germantown-TN.gov.

CAPE COD AND MARTHA'S VINEYARD OCTOBER 7 THROUGH 15, 2023 (9 DAYS AND 8 NIGHTS)

Fee: \$850

Travelers will enjoy guided tours of

Hyannis and Sandwich, the JFK Museum and the Cape. Travelers will also be able to take a ferry ride over to Martha's Vineyard to spend the day, as well as visit Provincetown, Chatham, Plymouth Rock and much more! Fee includes transportation, 8 nights lodging and 14 meals (8 breakfasts and 6 dinners). For more information about this trip or to get your name on the travel list, contact Regina Allen at (901) 751-5656 or Regina@Germantown-TN.gov.

SPECIAL RECREATION

Special recreation activities are for those with intellectual or physical challenges, their friends and family. For more information, contact Michelle Forbert at (901) 751-7638 or MForbert@Germantown-TN.gov. Space is limited. Register online at Germantown-TN.gov/Registration.

BINGO!

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 1, OCTOBER 6 AND DECEMBER 1, 6 TO 7 P.M.

Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike

Join us for a fun night out with friends and family. Play a couple rounds of Bingo and enjoy light refreshments. Registration is required.

ART BY ME

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 8, OCTOBER 13 AND NOVEMBER 10, 6 P.M.

Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike

Students receive step-by-step instructions. All materials are provided and everyone will take home their creation. Space is limited and registration is required.

SMASHING ACES TENNIS PROGRAM WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 14 THROUGH OCTOBER 12, 9 TO 10 A.M.

Germantown Municipal Courts, 1910 South Germantown Road

This fun tennis program is designed to provide basic instruction from skilled tennis instructors in stand-up and wheelchair tennis. The program covers the basic skills of forehand, backhand and serve, as well as basic strategy and match play while using adapted equipment such as smaller racquets and low compression tennis balls. Space is limited and registration is required.

DANCES WITH A THEME FRIDAYS, 7 TO 8:30 P.M.

Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike

September 16 - College Night

October 21 - Costume Party

November 18 - Plaid Party

December 16 - Ugly Sweater Party

PUMPKIN PAINTING AT THE FARM PARK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 10 A.M.

Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2660 Cross Country Drive

Enjoy a colorful and creative experience where everyone is an artist. Supplies are included, just bring your imagination. Registration is required.

TRUNK OR TREAT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 6 TO 7 P.M.

Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike

Participants can trick-or-treat from trunk to trunk in a line-up of decorated vehicles parked in the Pickering Center parking lot. Sign up is required for those wanting to hand out candy.

COOKIE DECORATING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 6 P.M.

Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2660 Cross Country Drive

Come design and decorate creative cookies that taste great and ignite imaginations. Take home what you don't eat. All supplies are provided. Registration is required.





COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

Students expand their creativity, learn new skills and have fun with friends while being physically active in a safe environment. Our contracted instructors have proven experience and provide quality instruction. Program opportunities are offered in four to six week sessions. For more information contact Michelle Forbert at MForbert@Germantown-TN.gov or (901) 751-7638. Register online at Germantown-TN.gov/Registration.

FALL SESSION: SEPTEMBER 12 THROUGH OCTOBER 28 (NO CLASSES OCTOBER 10 THROUGH 14)

WINTER SESSION: JANUARY 23 THROUGH MARCH 6, 2023 (NO CLASSES ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20)

SPRING SESSION: MARCH 27 THROUGH MAY 12, 2023 (NO CLASSES ON FRIDAY, APRIL 7 AND MONDAY, APRIL 10)

ART - Through a variety of art mediums, children tap into their creativity and imagination. They also develop artistic skills as they explore pointillism, weaving, 3D form, canvas painting and so much more.

LEGO CLUB - Lego Club combines science, technology, engineering, math and creative fun into weekly challenges and activities for the Lego lover in your life.

BATON TWIRLING - The class will cover basic baton skills, elementary dance moves, marching techniques and teamwork. Baton is included in the registration fee.

LITTLE MEDICAL SCHOOL - Students will role-play a doctor, perform a physical exam, and use real medical tools while learning about the heart, lungs, digestion and surgery. Students take home a real stethoscope, disposable lab coats, graduation diploma and much more.

ROBOTICS - Students will program and develop their own gaming apps and also build and control some of the most advanced Lego robots. We program with the MIT developed Scratch coding system and use Dash and Mindstorm robots.



THE BOBBY LANIER FARM PARK

The Bobby Lanier Farm Park is a 10-acre education and demonstration center for sustainable living through agriculture and stewardship. The Farm Park is open to pedestrians from dawn to dusk unless reserved for a special event or during inclement weather. The Farm Park driveway is located at 2660 Cross Country Drive - turn east on Stout Road from Germantown Road. Public parking is available at the Cloyes Soccer Fields. Overflow parking is available behind the Fire Station and adjacent to Germantown Elementary School. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation office at (901) 757-7375.

BEEKEEPING 101

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 1, 8, 15 AND 22, 10 TO 11 A.M.

Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2660 Cross Country Drive

Fee: \$65

Join Professional beekeeper Tom Tompkins of Papa T's Honey Bees for a four-week crash course on everything beekeeping. Classes will include topics such as introduction to backyard beekeeping, types of honey, honey bees to wasps, pollination and bee friendly plants. Pre-registration is required. To register, visit Germantown-TN.gov/Registration.

THE EASY CUT FLOWER GARDEN WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 5, 19 AND NOVEMBER 2, 6 TO 7:30 P.M.

Fee: \$130

Instructor: Pam Beasley - garden curator, micro flower farmer and floral designer

This program is designed to be an immersive experience for anyone wanting to create a diverse, productive and easy home cut flower garden. You'll start by learning the basics: what kinds of flowers grow best in our climate, how to plant for season-long harvest, how to choose a location for growing and how to prepare your soil. If you've been dreaming of growing your own fresh-cut flowers from March to November, then this workshop series will equip you with the knowledge and inspiration you'll need. Reference materials and handouts included. Pre-registration is required. To register, visit Germantown-TN.gov/Registration.

PUMPKIN BIRD FEEDERS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 4:30 TO 5:30 P.M.

Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2660 Cross Country Drive

Not sure what to do with your pumpkins after Halloween? Recycle them for nature. Bring a pumpkin and join Germantown Park Rangers as they show you how to repurpose your pumpkin by turning it into a beautiful bird feeder. Limited pumpkins will be available for those who do not have one. Pre-registration is required. To register, visit Germantown-TN.gov/Registration.

FORCING BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND WINTER SEASON

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 4 TO 7 P.M.

Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2660
Cross Country Drive

Fee: \$85.00 (includes bulbs,
container and all supplies for class
project)

Instructor: Pam Beasley - garden
curator, micro flower farmer and
floral designer

A fun hands-on workshop, where
you learn the art and science of
forcing beautiful flowers indoors
to bring cheer to your home or to
give as a special gift. Participants
will choose from specially sourced
Amaryllis, Paperwhites and Spring
Bulbs for the class project and
also receive discount coupons for
additional bulbs and containers. A
detailed workshop handout will also
be provided to make it easy to refer
to everything that is covered in the
class. Pre-registration is required. To
register, visit [Germantown-TN.gov/
Registration](http://Germantown-TN.gov/Registration).



SPORTS

Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis online at Germantown-TN.gov/Registration or at Germantown Parks and Recreation office, 2276 West Street, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Acceptable payment methods include credit card or check. No cash is accepted. For more information, contact Sports Coordinator Alex Comas at (901) 757-7382 or Acomas@Germantown-TN.gov. In the event of inclement weather, call (901) 751-5669 for details on program status.

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS,
SEPTEMBER 8 THROUGH NOVEMBER 20

Houston Levee Park, 9777 Wolf River
Boulevard

Fee: \$550 per team

Ages: 18 years and older

Area businesses, churches and organizations are encouraged to enter teams in this recreational league. Divisions include men's recreational, coed recreational, and men's church. Teams play a 10-game schedule and an end-of-season tournament. Pre-registration is required. Registration closes on Monday, September 5. To register online, visit Germantown-TN.gov/Registration.



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SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 6 P.M.

Municipal Park, Exeter Road

Fee: \$20 per team

Ages: 18 years and older

Join the excitement for sand volleyball as we continue to host tournaments at the sand court in Municipal Park.

YOGA IN THE PARK

SEPTEMBER TBD

Municipal Park, Exeter Road

Fee: TBD

Ages: 18 years and older

Yoga is an excellent form of exercise regardless of your age or practice level. It combines body movements, breathing and mental relaxation while relieving stress and maintaining your health and well-being. Learn basic moves to strengthen your body and increase your flexibility. Enjoy the peace and serenity of a yoga class in one of our many scenic parks.

PICKLEBALL

Join other Pickleball enthusiasts at the Cameron Brown Park Pickleball complex, 8628 Farmington Boulevard. Open Play is available any time there are no clinics/tournaments taking place

GPR MIXED DOUBLES PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Cameron Brown Pickleball Courts, 8750 Farmington Boulevard

Fee: \$30 per team

Pickleball is a paddle sport that was created for all skill levels. The rules are simple, and the game is easy for beginners to learn. Participants will play against other pickleball players and compete in a round-robin tournament. Prizes will be awarded to the tournament champions and runner ups.

GPR MEN'S DOUBLES PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Cameron Brown Pickleball Courts, 8750 Farmington Boulevard

Fee: \$30 per team

GPR WOMEN'S DOUBLES PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Cameron Brown Pickleball Courts, 8750 Farmington Boulevard

Fee: \$30 per team



YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Boys divisions based on age, 6 to 13 years

Girls divisions based on age, 6 to 12 years

Fee: resident \$130, nonresident \$182 per player

Practices begin in November. Games begin in December and end in March. Players can anticipate an average of three activities per week. Teams play an eight-game regular-season schedule with an end-of-season tournament. Registration begins Tuesday, September 6. Late registration takes place October 17 through 21, or until divisions fill. A \$10 late fee applies.

HOUSTON LACROSSE

FALL SESSIONS RUN SEPTEMBER THROUGH OCTOBER

Boys and girls, grades 1 through 12, all skill levels

The club is committed to encouraging sportsmanship and fair play while emphasizing the importance of teamwork. For more information, contact Wally Gardner at gardner.wally@gmail.com. Register online at houstonlax.net.

GERMANTOWN BASEBALL LEAGUE

Germantown Baseball League is a community-based, nonprofit organization providing high quality youth baseball for athletes ages 5 through 18. Registration information is available at GBLbaseball.org.

GERMANTOWN CROQUET CLUB

For a modest fee, enjoy competitive play with other adult croquet enthusiasts. Club benefits include weekly scheduled play time, use of croquet equipment, instruction and club socials. The club plays year round on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at various times. For more information, call (901) 757-7375.

GERMANTOWN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Germantown Football League (GFL) is a community-based, volunteer organization that partners with the City of Germantown to provide recreation youth flag and tackle football, as well as cheerleading, for children ages 5 through 12. GFL offers a unique, family-friendly game day atmosphere not found anywhere else. Teaching safe techniques and solid fundamentals are top priorities. For more information, visit gflfootball.com.

GERMANTOWN LEGENDS SOCCER

Legends soccer is the recreational and competitive soccer provider for the City of Germantown. Legends leadership offers a season packed with training sessions and camps in addition to league play. For more information, visit GermantownLegendsSoccer.com or contact Ted Bartels at (901) 652-5797 or INFO@GermantownLegends.com.

GERMANTOWN YOUTH RUGBY

Germantown Rugby Club is a community-based, not-for-profit organization providing contact rugby for boys and girls ages 12 through 18. Germantown Rugby high school boys are two-time State Champions and are nationally ranked in the Top 30. The middle school boys program has won five State Championships, while the girls program is state runner-up. Registration information is available at germantownrugbyclub.teampages.com.



TENNIS

Smashing Aces Tennis works with Germantown Parks and Recreation to offer various tennis programs around Germantown. There is something for everyone, including open classes and clinics, USTA adult leagues, recreation leagues, junior clinics, social mixers/tournaments as well as private, semi-private and team lessons. Carla Brangenberg, Director of Tennis, has 30 years of teaching experience and has served as a high school tennis coach for over 20 years. She maintains a PTR Master Professional certification.

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REACH BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

This program combines recreation, education, arts, community and health activity opportunities. REACH is offered on all full days of school adhering to the Germantown Municipal School District calendar. Children must be 5 years old and in kindergarten to be eligible for enrollment. Advanced payment and registration is required. Monthly payments must be received on or before the first of each month. Monthly registration fees will be prorated for months with extended breaks. Daily payments must be received prior to the child attending REACH. Before care payments must be received by 6 a.m. the day the student attends and after school care payments must be received by noon the day they plan to attend. Payments must be made online at Germantown-TN.gov/Registration. Discounts are provided for City of Germantown and Germantown Municipal School District employees, families that participate in the Free or Reduced Lunch Program and those with multiple children. For more information, contact REACH Manager Carlos Williams at (901) 757-7389 or Cnwilliams@Germantown-TN.gov or contact REACH Coordinator Kyle Graves at (901) 751-5692 or Kmgraves@Germantown-TN.gov. You can also visit Germantown-TN.gov/REACH.



MONTHLY DOGWOOD AND FOREST HILL

Fee: \$130 per month, 7 to 8:30 a.m. before school care

\$195 per month, 3:45 to 6 p.m. after school care

FARMINGTON AND RIVERDALE

Fee: \$120 per month, 7 to 8:15 a.m. before school care

\$205 per month, 3:30 to 6 p.m. after school care

ALL SCHOOLS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Fee: \$315 per month

DAILY

\$10.75 before school care

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information, contact Park Ranger Naturalist Jared Woodruff at (901) 751-7684 or JWoodruff@Germantown-TN.gov.

INSECTS OF THE NIGHT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 7 TO 9 P.M.

Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2660 Cross Country Drive

Join Germantown Park Rangers and Entomologist Duane McKenna to learn more about and take a closer look at nocturnal insects using special equipment. This event is open to all ages and pre-registration is required. To register, visit Germantown-TN.gov/Registration.

GERMANTOWN ASTRONOMY NIGHT FRIDAYS, SEPTEMBER 30, 7 TO 9 P.M. AND OCTOBER 28, 6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.

Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2660 Cross Country Drive

Have you ever wondered what is beyond the night sky? Join the Memphis Astronomical Society (MAS) to look into the night sky. MAS will provide the equipment and staff to help you look at all the interesting sights, from planets to far away galaxies. This event is open to all ages and pre-registration is required. To register, visit Germantown-TN.gov/Registration.

BECOME A RANGER RESERVE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 5 TO 6 P.M.

Parks and Recreation office, 2276 West Street

Ages: 21 years and older

If you enjoy being outdoors, learning about nature and connecting with your community, becoming a ranger reserve is a great volunteer opportunity for you. Germantown is looking for volunteers to work as reserves to help out at large events, patrol our parks and help as needed. Attend this informational meeting to learn more about what is expected of a reserve ranger. Pre-registration is required. To register online, visit Germantown-TN.gov/Registration.

CERTIFIED ARBORIST PREP COURSE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AND THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Fee: \$125 per person

Join Germantown Arborist Wes Hopper

and Park Ranger Naturalist Jared Woodruff as they go over key points to prepare you for the Certified Arborist Exam. The course will take place over two days and lunch will be provided. Textbooks will not be provided; however, chapter notes will be available. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To register online, visit Germantown-TN.gov/Registration.

GERMANTOWN ATHLETIC CLUB

Germantown Athletic Club is located in the heart of Germantown neighboring the Germantown Performing Arts Center and Municipal Park. The Club's variety of amenities and services attracts fitness enthusiasts of all types. Mix fitness with pleasure with group fitness classes, indoor and outdoor pools, the very latest in cardio and strength training equipment and so much more.

Becoming a member at Germantown Athletic Club is making a commitment for a better you. We offer a variety of plans to meet your needs. Choose "membership" at gacfitness.org or call (901) 757-7370 for more information.

HOURS: MONDAY TO THURSDAY, 5 A.M. TO 10 P.M., FRIDAY, 5 A.M. TO 9 P.M., SATURDAY, 7 A.M. TO 9 P.M. AND SUNDAY, 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

Learn more about the Club at gacfitness.org. We are @GermantownAthleticClub on Facebook, @GtownAC on Twitter and Instagram.

CHILD CARE

Germantown Athletic Club provides children ages 8 weeks to 11 years a fun and healthy environment. We believe healthy lifestyles start early. Children are welcome in the Club's Child Care area for up to two hours daily while parents exercise. A variety of activities are offered during Child Care visits such as Les Mills™ Born to Move virtual fitness classes, arts and crafts, holiday parties and much more. Choose "kids" at gacfitness.org for more information.

CHILD CARE HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m.

Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, 12 to 4 p.m.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

KIDS NIGHT OUT

SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, 5:30 TO 9 P.M.

September 10 - Pajama Jam

October 22* - Neon Nonsense

November 12 - Heroes vs. Villains

December 10 - Snow Much Fun!

Fee: \$25 per member, \$15 each additional sibling

Every kid deserves a special night out... and so do you! Kids Night Out is open to children ages 1 through 11 years old. Children will be divided by age groups and participate in crafts and other fun activities. Dinner is also provided. Children ages 4 and up have the option to swim. Registration deadline is the Tuesday prior to each event. For more information, contact the Youth Activities



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Department at (901) 757-7368 or choose “kids” at gacfitness.org. *Due to fall break, Kids Night Out will be offered the third Saturday of the month in October.

FALL BREAK CAMP

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 THROUGH 14, 7 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

Fee: \$150 per member, \$165 nonmember

Fall Break Camp is provided for children, kindergarten through grade 6, to enjoy time at the Club during days when schools are closed. Children participate in many activities including swimming, arts and crafts and much more! This program is a great way to meet new friends and have fun in a safe, caring environment. Children should pack two snacks and lunch each day. Registration deadline is the Tuesday prior to each event or earlier if capacity is met. For more information, contact the Youth Activities Department at (901) 757-7368 or choose “kids” at gacfitness.org.

BITS, BYTES AND BOTS

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 THROUGH 14, 9 A.M. TO NOON

\$210 per member, \$225 nonmember

Campers will have the opportunity to sample a variety of programs offered by Bits, Bytes and Bots. Campers will create video games as well as learn computer programming and Robotics coding during this week-long half day camp. Camp is provided for children, second through sixth grade. Registration deadline is the Tuesday prior to each event or earlier if capacity is met.



EXTENDED CARE FOR BITS, BYTES AND BOTS

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 THROUGH 14, NOON TO 6 P.M.

Fee: \$50

Registration deadline is the Tuesday prior to each event or earlier if capacity is met.

VACATION FUN DAYS

NOVEMBER 21, 22 AND 23, 7 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

Fee: \$35 per member, \$40 nonmember

Vacation Fun Days are provided for children, kindergarten through grade 6, to enjoy time at the Club during days when schools are closed. Children participate in many activities including swimming, arts and crafts and much more! This program is a great way to meet new friends and have fun in a safe, caring environment. Children should pack two snacks and lunch each day. Registration deadline is the Tuesday prior to each event or earlier if capacity is met. For more information, contact the Youth Activities Department at 757-7368 or choose “kids” at gacfitness.org.

WINTER BREAK CAMP

DECEMBER 19 THROUGH 23 AND DECEMBER 26 THROUGH 30, 7 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

Fee: \$150 per member, \$165 nonmember

Winter Break Camp is provided for children, kindergarten through grade 6, to enjoy time at the Club during days when schools are closed. Children participate in many activities including swimming, arts and crafts and much more! This program is a great way to

meet new friends and have fun in a safe, caring environment. Children should pack two snacks and lunch each day. Registration deadline is the Tuesday prior to each event or earlier if capacity is met. For more information, contact the Youth Activities Department at 757-7368 or choose “kids” at gacfitness.org.

FITNESS

PERSONAL TRAINING

Needing to get back on track or aiming to go to the next level? The Club's certified personal trainers can help! Options include one-on-one, partner and small group training packages. Choose “fitness” at gacfitness.org to connect with a certified personal trainer.

EQUIPMENT ORIENTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Know before you go! Contact the Fitness Department to schedule a time to learn how to safely and effectively operate the strength and cardio equipment. There is no fee for this service. Choose “fitness” at gacfitness.org or contact the Fitness Department at (901) 757-7372 for more information.

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

Free to members, the Club offers over 100 classes weekly including Les Mills BODYPUMP™, BODYFLOW™, and BODYCOMBAT™, dance, yoga, Pilates, water aerobics, strength, cycle and Silver Sneakers®. Classes are led by certified instructors. Les Mills™ Virtual classes are available to members when live classes are not in session.



AQUATICS

The Club offers an indoor, eight-lane lap pool, hot tub, 25-meter outdoor pool and splash park. Burn the calories away in water aerobics, improve your stroke, or join the Gators Swim Team! For more information, contact the Aquatics Department at (901) 757-7366 or choose "aquatics" at gacfitness.org.

GROUP YOUTH SWIM LESSONS

Learn to swim in a group setting. Each session consists of eight 50-minute lessons. The prerequisite for each level is successful demonstration of skills taught in the preceding level. There are no refunds or make-up days.

SATURDAY SESSIONS (LEVELS 1 THROUGH 6)

SATURDAYS, 10:30 A.M. OR 11:30 A.M.
(EIGHT 50-MINUTE LESSONS)

Fee: members \$100, nonmembers \$115 per session

Session 1: September 10 through October 29

WEEKDAY SESSIONS

MONDAYS THROUGH THURSDAYS
(EIGHT 50-MINUTE LESSONS)

Levels 1 and 2: 4:30 p.m., Levels 3 and 4: 5:30 p.m., Levels 5 and 6: 6:30 p.m.

Fee: members \$100, nonmembers \$115 per session

Session 1: September 12 through 22

Session 2: September 26 through October 6

Session 3: October 17 through 27

Session 4: November 1 through 10

BABY AND ME GROUP SWIM LESSONS

SATURDAYS, 10 A.M. (FOUR 30-MINUTE LESSONS)

Fee: members \$60, nonmembers \$75 per session

Session 1: September 10 through October 1

Session 2: October 8 through 29

Join fun-filled classes designed to help the parent and child get comfortable with the water. Parents and toddlers ages 1 to 3 are introduced to the basics, including blowing bubbles, kicking, floating and breath control.

STROKE TECHNIQUE CLINICS

SATURDAYS, 9 A.M. (FOUR 1-HOUR SESSIONS)

Fee: members \$45/month, nonmembers \$60/month

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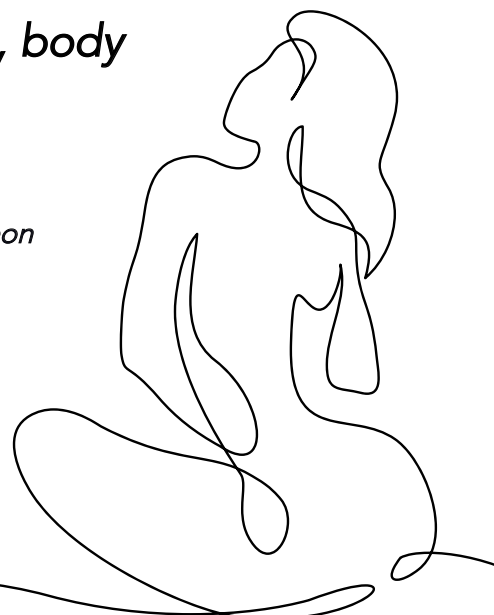
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Session 1: September 10 through October 1

Session 2: October 8 through 29

This program focuses on improving technique in all four competitive strokes. It is designed to be consecutive and cumulative. Attending all classes is encouraged.

ADULT GROUP SWIM LESSONS

SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. (FOUR 1-HOUR LESSONS)

Fee: members \$45, nonmembers \$60 per session

Session 1: September 11 through October 2

Session 2: October 9 through 30

Learn the various swim strokes in instructor-led classes designed specifically for adults. Classes include an introduction to swimming and refinement of all formal swim strokes.

AMERICAN RED CROSS LIFEGUARD TRAINING AND RECERTIFICATION

Certification Fee: members \$225, nonmembers \$240

Recertification Fee: members \$100, nonmembers \$115

Session 1: October 12, 13 and 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Session 2: December 20, 21 and 22, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Become a Certified American Red Cross Lifeguard. Prerequisites for the certification include swimming three hundred yards consistently, retrieving a ten pound brick and treading water for two minutes. All sessions must be attended. There are no refunds or make-up days. Re-certification classes will be offered on the last day of each session. For more information, contact the Aquatics Department at 757-7366 or choose "aquatics" at gacfitness.org.

PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

Fee: members \$35, nonmembers \$50

Prefer a more private setting? Develop a more efficient stroke, learn how to swim or improve timing in a one on one setting. Private lessons are available for adults and children. Choose "aquatics" at gacfitness.org to connect with a swim lesson instructor.

GERMANTOWN SWIM TEAM

Germantown Athletic Club is the proud home of the Germantown Gators Swim Team (GST). GST is a volunteer supported competitive, year-round swim team. Through advancing the sport of swimming, recruiting new athletes

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GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Germantown Community Library, 1925 Exeter Road, has more than 139,000 print, audio, video and online materials. For information call (901) 757-READ (7323) or visit Germantown-Library.org. Like us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/GermantownCommunityLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/GermantownCommunityLibrary).

HOURS:

Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m.

The library will be closed September 5; November 24 and 25; December 23, 25, 26 and 31.

GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY CARDS

A library card is required to check out materials. The card is available at no charge to Germantown residents, students and staff of Germantown K through 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 City of Germantown employees. All others 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 card-holding patrons with 24-hour access to a vast array of research and information resources. Germantown Community Library offers card holders access to the READS eLibrary and RBDigital for eBooks, eMagazines 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 about the Books by Mail program or to request an application, call (901) 757-7323.

FRIENDS OF GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The store is open Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Friends of Germantown Community Library support the library through bookstore sales and volunteer service. Membership is \$10 for the calendar year. Visit the Friends Bookstore to find gently used adult and children's books, DVDs, CDs, LPs, audiobooks and more. Prices range from \$.50 to \$5.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Pre-registration is not required unless otherwise stated. Call (901) 757-7323 to register for a program or for more information.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 15, 10 A.M.

Ages: 3 to 5 years old

This story time helps to strengthen children's pre-literacy skills and to prepare them for a bright future of reading.

ALL AGES STORYTIME

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 6 THROUGH DECEMBER 13, 10 A.M.

With music, stories and fun, this story time helps prepare children of all ages with the skills and foundations of literacy and a lifetime of learning.

TODDLER TIME

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 7 THROUGH DECEMBER 14, 10 A.M.

Ages: 18 months to 36 months

Children can explore and interact more through music, interactive questions and stories!

BOOK CLUB SERIES

WEDNESDAYS, 4:30 TO 5:45 P.M.

Ages: 7 to 14 years

September 7 - *Keeper of the Lost Cities*

September 28 - *Exile (Keeper of the Lost Cities)*

October 19 - *Everblaze (Keeper of the Lost Cities)*

November 16 - *Neverseen (Keeper of the Lost Cities)*

Have fun reading! Jump into the series and discuss each book with your peers. Fun activities included at each meeting.

TEDDY BEAR CLINIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 3 P.M.

Ages: 1 to 5 years

Bring in your favorite stuffed animal for their checkup. Learn how to help their health and get them into tip-top shape. Registration begins August 10.

THE PIZZA EQUATION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 4:30 P.M.

Ages: 6 to 12 years

Get your math on! Get ready to calculate pieces and pies as well as reducing those picky eaters' choices. Registration begins August 13.

DOT DAY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 4:30 P.M.

Ages: 3 to 7 years

Come join us for Dot Day! We will read "The Dot" by Jason Reynolds and then create dot art for you to take home. Registration begins August 15.

SUMMER SCIENCE SPECTACULAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1 P.M.

Ages: 7 to 12 years

Come join us as we enter the lab and discover how various reactions take place as we perform a fun series of experiments.

CHESS CLUB FOR KIDS

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 27, OCTOBER 25, NOVEMBER 15 AND DECEMBER 27, 6 P.M.

Ages: 5 to 9 years

Come test your chess skills against your peers while learning new tactics, strategies, and positions each month. Registration begins a month before the event.

FALL GARDEN CONNECTION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 4:30 P.M.

Ages: 6 to 12 years

Join us as we discuss the care of fall fruits and vegetables as well as examine how best to incorporate them into meals. Registration begins September 11.

PUMPKIN DAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 4:30 P.M.

Ages: 6 to 14 years

Come paint a pumpkin with us as we celebrate Pumpkin Day. Registration begins September 28.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 4:30 P.M.

Promenade around the library in your best costume, then adjourn to the storytime room for more Halloween-themed fun. Open to all ages.

PRINCESS DAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 4:30 P.M.

Ages: 5 to 12 years

Get treated like royalty as we celebrate Princess Day. This holiday is a day dedicated to the idea that everyone, no matter who they are, can be a princess. Join us as we decorate cookies and tiaras. Registration begins October 19.

MINNIE AND MICKEY BIRTHDAY BASH

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 3 P.M.

Ages: 1 to 5 years

Join us in celebrating the most famous "Mouse" birthdays by making crafts and playing games. Registration begins October 21.

WEATHER WONDER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 5 P.M.

Ages: 6 to 12 years

Join us in conducting some experiments that mimic the weather. Registration begins October 28.

NATIONAL MAPLE SYRUP DAY TASTE TEST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1 P.M.

Ages: 3 and up

Embrace a Canadian staple with this program that has kids exploring taste! Registration begins November 3.

COZY CROCHET

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 4:30 P.M.

Ages: 7 and up

Have you ever wanted to learn how to crochet? Now you can! Learn a basic stitch to use in making your very own scarf! Registration begins November 13.

GINGERBREAD DECORATING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 4:30 P.M.

Ages: 7 to 17 years

Come decorate your own gingerbread cookie!

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS AND TWEENS

Pre-registration is not required unless otherwise stated. Call (901) 757-7323 to register for a program or for more information.

HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 4:30 P.M.

Ages: 10 to 17 years

Have fun while creating some Korean inspired crafts and enjoying some snacks. Registration begins August 9.

MARVEL MADNESS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 5 P.M.

Ages: 10 to 17 years

Prepare to show off your powers! Use the power of knowledge during this trivia night dedicated to the Marvel movie franchise. Registration begins August 26.

CHESS CLUB FOR TEENS

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 29, OCTOBER 27, NOVEMBER 17 AND DECEMBER 29, 6 P.M.

Ages: 10 to 17 years

Come test your chess skills against your peers while learning new tactics, strategies and positions each month. Registration is required and begins a month before the program.

CARD MAKING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 4 P.M.

Ages: 13 to 17 years

Create your own card with stencils, stamps and embellishments. Registration begins September 3.

CUP OF COFFEE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1 P.M.

Ages: 13 to 17 years

Learn about the history of coffee while enjoying a cup of your own! Registration begins September 22.

ANIME DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2:30 P.M.

Ages: 13 to 17 years

Hang out at the library for a movie and a snack. Registration begins October 5.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 4:30 P.M.

Ages: 10 to 17 years

Do you love creating stories? Join us for a program that will explore tips and tricks to enhance your writing skills! Registration begins October 8.

DIY GIFT MAKING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 4:30 P.M.

Ages: 13 to 17 years

Get creative and create a gift from assorted craft items. Registration begins November 2.

SOLVE THE SHERLOCK MYSTERY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 5 P.M.

Ages: 10 to 17 years old

Test your skills as a detective and see if you can solve the mystery! Registration begins November 19.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Pre-registration is required for Adult Programs unless otherwise noted and begins three weeks prior to each event. Call (901) 757-7323 to register for a program or for more information.

TINY ART SHOW: FALL HARVEST

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Usher in the cooler temperatures and changing leaves of autumn by participating in the Fall Harvest Tiny Art Show. Paint your own miniature canvas and return your work for display at the library throughout the fall. Art kits are available first come, first served. Limited quantity available. Pick-up begins September 1 and completed pieces must be returned by September 12.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Friday, September 2, 2 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Basics

Friday October 14, 11 a.m.

Excel for Beginners

Wednesday, November 30, 2 p.m.

Intro to Google Docs & Sheets

Experience using a keyboard, using a mouse and browsing the Internet is required for each program. Participants will need access to an email account for Zoom. Pre-registration is required and begins three weeks before each program date.

OPTIMIZING YOUR OFFICE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 6 P.M.

Could your office use an overhaul? Take an optimal office quiz to find out. Use your score to focus on areas that need attention and learn new ways to be more productive. Get tips and tricks for setting up filing systems, better managing your time and making effective lists. Presented by Professional Organizer Karen Eskin. Pre-registration is required and begins August 17.

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VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

Thursday, September 8, 1 p.m.

Dr. Michele Borba - Raising Thrivers:
Parenting Tips & Tools to Help Kids
Thrive in an Uncertain World

Tuesday, September 20, 1 p.m.

A Conversation with Simon Winchester

Tuesday, September 27, 1 p.m.

Trust: Author Talk with Hernan Diaz

Thursday, October 13, 3 p.m.

Not Nice: Stop People Pleasing, Staying
Silent, & Feeling Guilty - Author Talk
with Dr. Aziz Gazipura

Tuesday, October 18, 6 p.m.

Zain Asher - Where the Children Take Us

Tuesday, October 25, 6 p.m.

The Diamond Eye: Author Talk with Kate
Quinn

Wednesday, November 2, 3 p.m.

Lisa Napoli - susan, linda, nina & cokie

Thursday, November 10, 1 p.m.

Bonnie Garmus - Lessons in Chemistry

Wednesday, December 14, 11 a.m.

Nicole Eustace - Covered in Night

The library is excited to share a mix
of online talks from notable authors

and thought leaders this fall and
winter. Each event will include the
opportunity to ask questions. For more
details or to register, visit libraryc.org/germantownlibrary.

NO-PRESSURE READING GROUP

**TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 13, OCTOBER
11, NOVEMBER 15 AND DECEMBER 13,
6 P.M.**

Share in a guided discussion on current
reads and get book recommendations
from others. Unlike a traditional
book club, this reading group allows
participants to discuss what they
are reading right now rather than
committing to a certain title. Attendance
at all sessions is encouraged but not
required. Pre-registration is required
and begins three weeks before each
program date.

5 KEYS TO RETIRING FEARLESSLY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 6 P.M.

Questions about retirement may include:
Will I have enough? How will taxes affect
retirement? Will I be able to leave a
legacy? Will I be a burden on my loved
ones? Attend and find out how to be
more confident in a retirement plan.

Presented by Financial Advisor Randy
Austin. Pre-registration is required and
begins August 25.

UNDERSTANDING GLOBAL WARMING'S IMPACT ON BIRDS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1 P.M.

Artist and birder Jennalyn Speer
will present how global warming is
impacting birds and ways individuals
can help birds cope with the threats
of global warming. Pre-registration is
required and begins August 29.

TECH TABLE: LIBRARY RESOURCES

**TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 20 AND
NOVEMBER 8, 10 A.M.**

**THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 27 AND
DECEMBER 8, 6 P.M.**

Visit the tech table to ask questions and
learn more about the library's website,
the Libby app and more. First come, first
served; participants should bring their
own devices.

COURSE AND COLOR: HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 3 P.M.

Join us for an afternoon of coloring as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Learn about notable Hispanic figures and their contributions ranging from arts to activism and everything in between. Pre-registration is required and begins August 31.

POETRY READINGS: BEHIND THE WORDS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2 P.M.

Poet Chris Pepple invites participants to join her conversation on writing and publishing poetry. She will also discuss creating blogs and websites to share poetry. She will share her personal journey as a poet as she encourages writers to find their own writing styles and experiment with telling their stories through poems. Q & A time will be offered for participants. Pre-registration is required and begins September 2.

COFFEE BEAN ART

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1 P.M.

Enjoy a cup of coffee and create unique works of art with coffee beans for National Coffee Day. Pre-registration is required and begins September 8.

HEADACHES: MAYBE IT'S NOT ALL IN YOUR HEAD

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2 P.M.

Join us for this educational seminar from physical therapist and international podcast host Jason Ward. Pre-registration is required and begins September 9.

THE CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE OF BIRDS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1 P.M.

Birds have inspired cultures around the globe. Come learn about ways birds have been used in art, literature, music, dance, and religion throughout history and in contemporary societies. Pre-registration is required and begins September 12.

PANTRY PERFECTION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 6 P.M.

Join us for Getting Organized Week. Having an organized and well-stocked pantry saves time, money, and frustration. Avoid last minute trips to the grocery store and late-night fast food runs by having a plan in place. Learn how to shop smarter and create your own personal stash of staples so

an easy, healthy meal is always at hand. Presented by Professional Organizer Karen Eskin. Pre-registration is required and begins September 13.

FALL LEAF CRAFTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1 P.M.

Join in the fun as we enjoy the fall season by making arts and crafts from leaves in several inventive ways. Attendees are free to bring in their own leaves. Pre-registration is required and begins September 24.

HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE 101

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 6 P.M.

Discover the must-have homeowners insurance coverages and learn what you need to know about all types of homeowner coverage. Presented by Insurance Agent Andrea Shoaf. Pre-registration is required and begins September 26.

WILL TAXES AFFECT YOUR RETIREMENT?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 6 P.M.

Learn strategies to help work toward a lower tax bracket in retirement. With retirement, many things are left behind – the daily grind, the commute to work, maybe even a previous home. However, one thing that will always remain is a tax bill. When a person understands how investments are taxed and sets strategies accordingly, decisions can be made that help keep income taxes in check. Presented by Financial Advisor Randy Austin. Pre-registration is required and begins September 28.

HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCH A BOOK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2 P.M.

A book launch can be impressively successful with the right approach. After interviewing authors as they launch their fiction and nonfiction books and working with many of them personally, Chris Pepple offers advice on what works and what doesn't. She will give insights into successful book launches that have connected authors with readers and helped lead to successful book sales. Q & A time will be offered for participants. Pre-registration is required and begins September 29.

DELVING INTO HALLOWEEN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 4 P.M.

Learn about the history of Halloween, then join the fun as we partake in holiday treats and create spooky crafts to liven up the home. Pre-registration is required and begins September 30.

AUTUMN JEWELRY DIY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3 P.M.

Celebrate the autumn season by crafting an acorn marble necklace and beaded leaf bracelet. Pre-registration is required and begins October 3.

MINI PUMPKIN PAINTING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 3 P.M.

As we approach Halloween, join us for an afternoon of crafting as we paint pumpkins anyone would be proud to display on their stoop. Whether designs are spooky or silly, let creativity be your guide. Pre-registration is required and begins October 5.

DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 4 P.M.

Come learn about the history of Día de los Muertos while we enjoy Mexican snacks and decorate calaveras in celebration of the holiday. Pre-registration is required and begins October 11.

AUTUMN PLATE LETTERING ART

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2 P.M.

Decorate a festive dinner plate using pretty fonts, fall images, and acrylic paint. Pre-registration is required and begins October 14.

JUST SAY NO TO SCAMS AND FRAUD

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 6 P.M.

Older adults are constantly targeted for scams and fraud, and those schemes are only getting more and more sophisticated. Learn how to spot the signs of all the latest scams, as well as Medicare fraud, and how to report them in addition to practical tips for identity protection. Millions of seniors get scammed each year. Bring a friend and learn how not to be another victim. Pre-registration is required and begins October 19.

WHY YOU NEED TO BE HEARD: HOW TO AVOID MISDIAGNOSIS AND UNNECESSARY TESTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2 P.M.

Join us for this educational seminar from physical therapist and international podcast host Jason Ward. Pre-registration is required and begins October 21.

ARTIST TALK: JENNALYN SPEER
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 11 A.M.

Come view the works of artist and birder Jennalyn Speer as she shares several pieces from her most recent painting series. Jennalyn uses watercolor, acrylics and paper collage to create colorful and symbolic research-based paintings about birds. Her art raises awareness about the threats birds face and the conservation approaches needed to protect birds. Pre-registration is required and begins October 22.

MACRAME BRACELETS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 3 P.M.

Learn how to craft bracelets using basic macrame knots. Pre-registration is required and begins October 26.

AUTO INSURANCE 101
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 6 P.M.

Discover what your automobile insurance coverages really mean and why state minimums are very dangerous. Presented by Insurance Agent Andrea Shoaf. Pre-registration is required and begins October 27.

BAD ART DAY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 10 A.M.

Spend the morning creating the worst art possible. Use our art supplies or bring your own. The worst artist will receive a prize for their creation. Pre-registration is required and begins October 29.

ORNAMENT CRAFTING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 4 P.M.

Come create festive holiday ornaments to decorate for the season. Pre-registration is required and begins November 11.

STRING MANDALAS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2 P.M.

Create colorful patterns through woven string art. Pre-registration is required and begins November 14.

NAME THAT TUNE: HOLIDAY EDITION
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 6 P.M.

Get in the holiday spirit with an extra festive edition of Name that Tune. Guess songs from classic holiday television shows and films as you work towards the grand prize. Refreshments will be provided. Pre-registration is required and begins November 16.

**GERMANTOWN REGIONAL HISTORY
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The Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center (GRHGC), at 7779 Poplar Pike, serves as a repository and research center for materials related to history and genealogy. The GRHGC has more than 16,000 reference materials in its collection. Materials are available for the United States and some European countries. Call (901) 757-8480 for more information.

The Tennessee Genealogical Society is also located in the Center. Information about the Society is available at tngs.org.

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EARLY MIGRATION TO TENNESSEE AND THE TRAILS THEY FOLLOWED BY J. MARK LOWE (VIRTUAL)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 10 A.M.

Fee: free for members, \$5 nonmembers

Many factors contributed to the decision regarding the route an individual traveled to reach the western frontier. By locating the paths used by the families throughout the colonies & beyond, we can often predict original locations. Combining narrative text and stories with maps, deeds, photographs and historic narrative content should help us build more knowledge about our ancestors and their traveling companions.

SETTLERS TRAVELING BY RIVERS, RAILS AND DUSTY ROADS BY J. MARK LOWE (VIRTUAL)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 11:15 A.M.

Fee: free for members, \$5 nonmembers

Steamboats, stagecoaches and railroads provided passenger transportation and freight movement across this state and beyond. The favored routes changed with time and technology. Timetables, railroad maps, travelers' guides and stage contract records should help us understand the travelers of the day.

COLONIAL RESEARCH IN MARYLAND BY DEBRA A. HOFFMAN (VIRTUAL)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 10 A.M.

Fee: free for members, \$5 nonmembers

A review of available Maryland colonial records of genealogical value will be provided, including where to access those records.

LET'S DISCUSS IT (VIRTUAL)

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 24, OCTOBER 22 AND DECEMBER 3, 10 A.M.

Free.

Join our popular discussion group and learn what is trending in Genealogy.

Joe Burns or John Ware will examine the latest websites, software programs, technologies and tools.

TNGS QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING & PRESENTATION OF TENT GRAVES IN TN BY LINDA MOSS MINES (VIRTUAL)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 10 A.M.

Fee: free for members, \$5 nonmembers

Join us for the Fourth Membership Meeting for the year open to members and nonmembers. We encourage everyone to attend this meeting in order to receive an overview of what is going on with our Society, upcoming programs and events. Linda Moss Mines, Vice Chairman on the Board of Trustees of the Charles H. Coolidge National Medal of Honor Heritage Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee, will speak on the history of tent graves used in Upper, Middle Tennessee and Kentucky.

WHEN GENEALOGY GETS CREEPY: MOURNING RITUALS, PHOTOGRAPHY AND BODY SNATCHERS BY CHERI DANIELS (VIRTUAL)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 10 A.M.

Fee: free for members, \$5 nonmembers



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As we seek out those dead ancestors, we sometimes stumble upon details that give us the creeps. Join us as we take a tour through the macabre side of genealogy - elaborate mourning rituals with hair from the deceased, a graveyard quilt, spooky photographs, memento mori and the lucrative business of body snatching in the 19th century!

A SALEM WITCH: THE TRIAL, EXECUTION AND EXONERATION OF REBECCA NURSE BY DANIEL A. GAGNON (VIRTUAL)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 6 P.M.

Fee: free for members, \$5 nonmembers

Join Daniel A. Gagnon, author of *A Salem Witch: The Trial, Execution, and Exoneration of Rebecca Nurse*, for a discussion of his new biography of an innocent woman accused and executed for witchcraft in 1692. He'll discuss Puritan Massachusetts, how the Nurse family's role in several disputes prior to the witch hunt was different than previously thought, as well as how Nurse's case helps answer the important question of whether the accusations of witchcraft were caused by mental illness or malicious intent.

THE GRIM REAPER BY JOHN WARE (VIRTUAL)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 10 A.M.

Fee: free for members, \$5 nonmembers

As it has been said, death is inevitable. This presentation describes the various sources that document death, where to find those records and what you can derive from that data. The presentation discusses the various types of records of death, records surrounding cemeteries, locating and finding graves and how to care for gravestones. Finally, a brief review about other records that can substantiate death for your personal genealogical history.

CROWDSOURCING WITH SOCIAL MEDIA TO OVERCOME BRICK WALLS IN GENEALOGY RESEARCH BY AMIE BOWSER TENNANT (VIRTUAL)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 10 A.M.

Fee: free for members, \$5 nonmembers

Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest are not just for teenagers anymore. These are just three of the many social media apps and websites that you need to utilize for your family history. Answers to brick walls are waiting! Using social media as a type of crowdsourcing will amaze you, so join us for this fun and informative topic.



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FALL SEMINAR WITH CRAIG ROBERTS SCOTT, MA, CG, FUGA (VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Germantown Church of Christ, 8723 Poplar Pike

Fee: \$35 members Virtual; \$45 members In-Person w/Lunch; \$45 nonmembers Virtual; \$55 nonmembers In-Person w/ Lunch

Schedule of Lectures:

9:15 to 10 a.m. - Pension Records: You Stopped Too Soon

10:15 to 11:15 a.m. - Bounty Land Colonial to 1855

12:30 to 1:30 p.m. - Research Your Mexican War Ancestor

1:45 to 2:45 p.m. - World War I Ancestors

Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG, FUGA is the President and CEO of Heritage Books, Inc., a genealogical publishing firm with over 8,500 titles in print. A professional genealogical and historical

researcher for more than thirty-five years, he specializes in records of the National Archives, especially those that relate to the military. He has coordinated the Military tracks at IGHR, SLIG and GRIP in years past. He is currently the Coordinator of the SLIG Consultation Track, helping students solve their brick wall problems.

WORLD WAR II "INTERMENT CAMPS" AND MASS INCARCERATION IN THE U.S. BY LINDA HARMS OKAZAKI (VIRTUAL)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 10 A.M.

Fee: free for members, \$5 nonmembers

When you hear the phrase "Internment Camps," do you automatically assume this references the experience of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II? Or do you think of Alien Enemies detained at camps run by the U.S. Army or Department of Justice? Does terminology matter? Is there a difference? Why? Genealogist Linda Harms Okazaki will discuss the differences in terminology (colloquial,

archival, and culturally respectful), review the events leading up to the incarceration of a wide range of people following the attack on Pearl Harbor, describe the experiences of those inmates and most importantly, help you to understand and locate genealogically relevant records. This event is being held in memorial of Pearl Harbor Day.

A VERY MERRY GENEALOGY CHRISTMAS BY TINA SANSONE (VIRTUAL)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 10 A.M.

Fee: free for members, \$5 nonmembers

Let's put a little family history into our holidays this year! Come learn about activities and traditions centered around the holidays and family history. We will give ideas of what to put on your wishlist for Santa to bring this year.

A CASE STUDY PROVING ORAL HISTORY BY DR. DEBORAH ABBOTT (VIRTUAL)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 10 A.M.

Fee: free for members, \$5 nonmembers

This lecture will ask attendees to put on their "CSI" hat and utilize their "Detective" skills to solve a series of questions that will bring a family to life. Using oral history, together we will identify and describe the scope of the problem and determine what additional research is needed to answer the questions. We will identify what we know to be fact and the resources that support the facts. We will learn the importance of carefully analyzing documents and determining clues that will lead us to alternative resources. The importance of using collateral and cluster genealogical methods will be emphasized.

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Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder

PEANUT BUTTER & JAM SATURDAYS, 10:30 A.M.

September 10 - Obruni Dance Band
(Duncan-Williams Performance Hall)

November 5 - Percussion Party
(Watkins Studio Theater)

Now in its 27th season, this program introduces children ages 8 and under to a variety of genres, including music, dance and multicultural arts in an informal concert setting. Parents and children are invited to move and groove in these highly interactive performances held on scheduled Saturdays in the Watkins Studio Theater or Duncan-Williams Performance Hall.

OPENING NIGHT WITH HERB ALPERT AND LANI HALL FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 8 P.M.

Duncan-Williams Performance Hall

Creator and innovator, musician and producer, artist and philanthropist, Herb Alpert is a man with a profound passion. A legendary trumpet player, Alpert's extraordinary musicianship has earned him five #1 hits, nine Grammy Awards (the latest from his 2014 album *Steppin' Out*), 15 Gold albums, 14 Platinum albums and over 72 million records

sold. Two-time Grammy Award-winning vocalist and producer Lani Hall started her singing career in 1966 as the lead singer of Sergio Mendes's breakthrough group *Brasil '66*. Also in 1966, A&M Records signed *Brasil '66*, and Lani met her future husband, music legend Herb Alpert. Herb and Lani married in 1973. Since 2006, Hall and Alpert have been touring with their band to sold-out audiences.

RICKY SKAGGS AND KENTUCKY THUNDER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 8 P.M.

Duncan-Williams Performance Hall

If there were an "All-Star Team" for bluegrass, Ricky Skaggs would be a starter. But what about an All-Star Team for country music? Guitar master Chet Atkins credited Skaggs with "single-handedly saving country music." It's just a sign of the strength and diversity of his musical excellence, which began with a public performance with Bill Monroe at age 6 and went up from there. He has played with everyone from Ralph Stanley to Emmylou Harris and is a member of multiple music Halls of Fame, including gospel, country and bluegrass.

After over 50 years of professional music, Ricky Skaggs continues to grow and blend even more with cross-cultural/cross-genre styles, and he is a 15-time Grammy winner.

JAZZ IN THE BOX FRIDAYS, 7 P.M.

September 30 - Shelly Berg

October 28 - Verve Jazz Ensemble

Duncan-Williams Performance Hall

The hottest little jazz club around is GPAC's Jazz in the Box! Featuring both new and well-established artists, Jazz in the Box gives you an opportunity to get up close and personal with live jazz. Cabaret seating and drinks for purchase make this a perfect way to kick off your weekend.

AN EVENING WITH JESSICA VOSK SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 8 P.M.

Duncan-Williams Performance Hall

Jessica Vosk, celebrated singer and actress is known for her starring roles on musical theater and concert stages. Vosk made her Carnegie Hall debut in November 2021 in a sold-out solo

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show titled *My Golden Age*. Before the infamous shutdown, Vosk finished an acclaimed run as Elphaba in *Wicked* on Broadway, having played the role for two years. Exceptional in every way, Vosk received this rave from *Broadway World*: “[T]here are times when Jessica Vosk sings that you find yourself wondering how a sound so beautiful, so perfect, so pure could exist in real life.”

OLD CROW MEDICINE SHOW **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 8 P.M.**

Duncan-Williams Performance Hall

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MAVIS STAPLES **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 8 P.M.**

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Hailed by NPR as “one of America’s defining voices of freedom and peace,” Staples is the kind of once-in-a-generation artist whose impact on music and culture would be difficult to overstate. She’s both a Blues and a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, a civil rights icon, a Grammy Award-winner, a chart-topping soul/gospel/R&B pioneer, a National Arts Awards Lifetime



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Achievement recipient, and a Kennedy Center honoree. She marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., performed at John F. Kennedy's inauguration, and sang in Barack Obama's White House. She's collaborated with everyone from Prince and Bob Dylan to Arcade Fire and Hozier. At a time when most artists begin to wind down, Staples ramped things up, releasing a trio of critically acclaimed albums in her 70s with Wilco's Jeff Tweedy.

JOEY ALEXANDER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 8 P.M.

Duncan-Williams Performance Hall

At the young age of 18, Bali-born Grammy Award-nominated pianist Joey Alexander has accrued a lifetime of accolades. He appeared on primetime TV at the 58th Grammy Awards, performed for the Obamas at the White

House, was the youngest artist ever invited to lead a band at the Newport Jazz Festival, sold out his debut at Carnegie Hall's Zankel Hall, sold out the Rose Theater at Jazz at Lincoln Center, and topped the Billboard Jazz Albums chart with multiple releases. garnered a front-page profile in the New York Times and was profiled by 60 Minutes.

AN EVENING WITH DAVID SEDARIS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 7:30 P.M.

Duncan-Williams Performance Hall

This is a unique opportunity to see best-selling humorist David Sedaris in the intimate setting of the Duncan-Williams Performance Hall. As always, Sedaris will be offering a selection of all-new readings and recollections, as well as a Q&A session and book signing. Books will be available for sale at the event, courtesy of Novel.

**TERRANCE SIMIEN AND THE ZYDECO
EXPERIENCE WITH MARCELLA SIMIEN**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 8 P.M.

Duncan-Williams Performance Hall

Terrance Simien, two-time Grammy-winning artist and 8th-generation Louisiana Creole has been shattering the myths about what his indigenous Zydeco roots music is—and is not—for 40 years. Leading his Zydeco Experience bandmates, Simien has become one of the most respected and accomplished artists in American roots music today. He and his band have performed over 9000 concerts and toured millions of miles to over 45 countries during their eventful careers. Joining Terrance for this special show is his daughter Marcella Simien.

CHARLES LLOYD OCEAN TRIO
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 8 P.M.

NEA Jazz Master and native Memphian Charles Lloyd, now in his eighth decade, has never sounded better. The depth of his sound reflects a lifetime of experience. His concerts and recordings are events of pristine beauty and elegance, full of intensely felt emotion and passion that touches deep inside the heart. This is not entertainment but the powerful, uncorrupted expression of beauty through music. When music vibrates, the soul vibrates and touches the spirit within. "Lloyd is one of the greats, rather like Joan Miro in modern art, he has no peer to save himself. Music of total transport and delight."

DELFEAYO MARSALIS AND THE UPTOWN JAZZ ORCHESTRA
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 8 P.M.

Duncan-Williams Performance Hall

Delfeayo Marsalis is one of the top trombonists, composers and producers in jazz today. Known for his "technical excellence, inventive mind and frequent touches of humor" (Leonard Feather, Los Angeles Times), he is "one of the best, most imaginative and musical of the trombonists of his generation" (Philip Elwood, San Francisco Examiner). Featuring up to 18 accomplished musicians, the Uptown Jazz Orchestra sets the global standard for celebrating jazz in its authentic musical form, inspiring the next generation of jazz musicians.

GPAC YOUTH SYMPHONY PROGRAM WINTER CONCERT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 4 P.M.

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Now in its 13th season, the GPAC Youth Symphony Program (GYSP) gives opportunities for young musicians across in the Mid-South area to perform musical masterworks under the direction of experienced conductors and teachers, to improve upon their technique, learn basic music theory, work with an ensemble and interact with professional guest artists performing at GPAC. With four distinct ensembles, GYSP's excellent music education fosters musical growth with an emphasis on the interconnectedness of art, music, culture, history, and society. Through this program, our students are equipped with the tools to become the next generation of music advocates, educators, performers and patrons.

GERMANTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY CONCERT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 7 P.M.

Duncan-Williams Performance Hall

Join the Germantown Symphony Orchestra for this annual Holiday tradition. The GSO will perform Holiday favorites, and the performance will end with a much-beloved sing-along.

THE GROVE AT GPAC

The Grove is designed to be an outdoor reflection of GPAC's indoor space, aiming at the same level of experience, quality, diversity of talent and educational experiences, presented in a lush, shady setting called the TruGreen Lawn. There is a covered 40' by 60' stage that features a giant 18' by 31.2' extremely high-definition video screen. The screen is mounted on a trolley, allowing for it to be moved upstage and "become" the performance or downstage to assist or enhance a performance. There is a paved entrance plaza, called the First Horizon Foundation Plaza, to welcome guests, featuring a large covered bar, seating areas, performance areas for small combos, the Donor Wall, art areas and more. For information and tickets, call the GPAC box office at (901) 751-7500, visit GPACWeb.com or drop by weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

THURSDAYS IN THE GROVE
THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 10, 5 TO 8 P.M.

This fall, plan to spend Thursday evenings in The Grove at GPAC. Enjoy live music, food truck fare and cold drinks in the lush, shady setting of the TruGreen Lawn.

GROOVIN' ON THE GREEN
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2 TO 4 P.M.

Join us for this rollicking afternoon filled with music, food, friends and fun to benefit Girl Scouts Heart of the South! Groovin' on the Green will feature live music by local favorite Marcella & Her Lovers, an exciting vendor fair, food trucks, special surprises and more. VIP guests will also receive preferred seating and a VIP package containing everything needed to enjoy an amazing outdoor afternoon with friends.

GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY THEATRE

The Germantown Community Theatre (GCT) has been a part of the Mid-South performing arts scene since 1972. Located at 3037 Forest Hill Irene

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SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN
SEPTEMBER 9 THROUGH 25

Smoke on the Mountain tells the story of a Saturday Night Gospel Sing at a country church in North Carolina's Smoky Mountains in 1938. The show features two dozen rousing bluegrass songs played by the Sanders Family, a traveling group making its return to performing after a five-year hiatus. Pastor Oglethorpe, the young and enthusiastic minister of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, has enlisted the Sanders Family in his efforts to bring his tiny congregation into "the modern world." Though they try to appear perfect in the eyes of a congregation who wants to be inspired by their songs, one thing after another goes awry, and they reveal their true - and hilariously imperfect - natures.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS
OCTOBER 21 THROUGH NOVEMBER 6

In 1912 pompous industrialist Arthur Birling, who has hopes of a knighthood, his superior wife Sybil and young son Eric are celebrating the engagement of daughter Sheila to eligible Gerald Croft when they are visited by blunt Inspector Goole. He tells them of the suicide of a young woman named Eva Smith, and though they all claim not to have known her, the inspector demonstrates that each in their own way contributed to her downfall.

PETER AND THE STARCATCHER
DECEMBER 9 THROUGH 18

It is 1885 during the reign of Queen Victoria, and two ships from the British Empire set sail on the high seas for the imaginary kingdom of Rundoon. On one ship, The Neverland, three orphan boys encounter a smart and witty girl named Molly Aster, the daughter of an English lord and minister to the queen. This is the beginning of the legend of Peter Pan.

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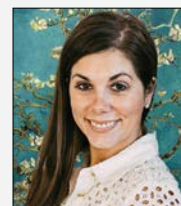
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