

# GermantowNews

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This is the first monthly edition of a new information source for Germantown. The **GermantowNews** joins our web site ([www.Germantownny.org](http://www.Germantownny.org)) and Cable Channel 35 to augment your town information network. It will let Germantowners know what's happening and what's being planned for our town.

This community service project is being produced and distributed at no cost to taxpayers. All Town officials, committee heads, and department heads will contribute information. News of special events and charitable activities will also be included.

The **GermantowNews** will be posted each month in local businesses, the Library, and other public locations. It will have its own page on the Town web site and on Channel 35. Here's this month's news:

- A monthly Email Blast of the **GermantowNews** is planned. If you would like to receive a copy by Email, please contact [Gtownny@valstar.net](mailto:Gtownny@valstar.net).
- Approximately 20 "Neighborhood Telephone Trees" are being considered for emergency communications. We are seeking retired or semi-retired folks to be Telephone Tree Captains, each making 10-15 calls to their neighbors when there is critical news or an emergency. Please let us know if you're interested.
- There is a new Shop Germantown First section on the website. It lists all the businesses, products and services available in our community. If you would like to add your business, call the Town Hall (537-6687, Ext. 300).
- Next year's Germantown School Budget passed by a wide margin, and Lynn Clum was re-elected to the School Board on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Did you know that, according to law, all dogs in Germantown must be licensed? Licenses are available at the Town Hall during regular hours.
- A public forum was held May 11<sup>th</sup> for residents to learn more about town planning and rezoning. Margaret Irwin, River Street Planning & Development, Troy, gave a presentation. There will be another public forum in the fall.
- Beginning in June, inspections by Town officials will be scheduled to ensure that excess storm water is not being deposited into the Municipal Sewer System. Please call Town Hall to set up your inspection.

If you have comments, suggestions, or news to contribute, please contact our News Coordinator, Nan Eliot, at [nkenteliot@gmail.com](mailto:nkenteliot@gmail.com), or 537-4457 Mondays 6 – 8 pm.