

GermantownNews

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- Two new basketball backboards have been installed at Palatine Park.
- Palatine Park's lake will be stocked with grass carp, bottom-feeder fish that keep the water clean. Anglers should *not* catch/keep these fish, please!
- Thanks to the Energy Audit and a new grant from NYSERDA (NYS Energy Resource & Development Authority), new solar panels will be installed on the Palatine Park Pavilion. Oil-based heating will be switched to propane at the Kellner Youth & Community Activities Building.* Both changes will lower costs.
- Repair work begins on the town Sewer System in mid-August. Sewer District residents will receive letters scheduling inspections of their hook-ups.
- The American Legion is installing handicapped-access and other provisions to obtain designation as an official Emergency Shelter. Financial help will be sought for an emergency generator; the Legion also hopes to distribute "Shelter Within" packs to those who remain in their homes.
- With the Town's budget and revenues decreasing, the Parks Commission desperately needs volunteers to help maintain the Parks and assist at events,
- Projects planned for Germantown's 300th anniversary include: (1) a unique "Analemma" outdoor sculpture; (2) a new Logo; (3) banners to fly along Main Street; and (4) establishing a Sister City relationship with a town in the German Palatinate. A brochure listing 2010 Anniversary events is due later this year.
- The size of the Police Department and its volunteer training services to the County remain under discussion. Germantown police – include 6 paid officers, 3 cadets in training and 2 volunteers.
- The Dog License & Leash Law and the Town Junk Ordinance, are both relatively unknown. Town website links to these and other Town/County Laws are planned.

*NOTE: Due to limited space, it will be called "the Kellner Activities Building" in future editions.

If you have comments, suggestions, or news to contribute, please contact the News Coordinator, Nan Eliot, at nkenteliot@gmail.com, or 537-4457 Mondays 6 – 8 pm.