

Village Residents:

I am excited to bring you some updates about what has been happening in our Village.

The Village recently acquired approximately 1.67 acres of land from the library. This parcel is situated directly across Holland Road from the Village Hall and the public works maintenance facility. This purchase presents a valuable opportunity for future development on community-owned property. The site enjoys a prime location opposite the Village Hall and lies along the existing sidewalk that connects J.R. White Park to the Germantown Crossing shopping center and business district.

While no specific development plans have been finalized for this property at this time, the Village strategically seized a timely opportunity to acquire the land for potential future municipal needs.

Among the preliminary ideas discussed by the board:

- A new community center or expanded Village Hall facility
- Additional parking to support J.R. White Park and enhance visitor access
- A dedicated storm shelter to provide safe refuge for residents during severe weather events or tornadoes
- And other long-term public uses that would benefit the growing community

This forward-thinking purchase positions the Village to address future infrastructure, recreation, and safety priorities as needs evolve, without immediate commitment to any single project. The board will continue to gather input and explore options.

Zack Hecht, Superintendent of Public Works and Nathan Henricks, Chairman of the Streets Committee presented and received approval for the 2026 Street Maintenance program. Project locations within the Village limits include:

Apple Drive (Village Portion)	Hickory Creek Court (Village Portion)
Arbor Vitae Drive	Highland Court
Butternut Court with cul-de-sac	Independence Court (Village Portion)
Combs Cove with cul-de-sac	Jerry Avenue
Countryside Drive (Village Portion)	Jo Avenue
Fandel Road (Village Portion)	Lourdes Road (Village Portion)
Hannah Drive	Somerset Drive
	Warrior Way with cul-de-sac

The Village is making significant improvements to aging sewer lines in the Whispering Oaks subdivision at a fraction of traditional costs through a process called Cured-In-Place Pipelining. This process offers a proven trenchless repair of aging sanitary and storm sewer pipes. Roots, infiltration, and all but the worst broken pipes can be repaired in place without a disruptive digging operation. CIPP offers a minimum 50-year lifespan replacement at a fraction of the price of new pipe while also leading to increased pipe capacity due to reduced friction loss.

This process should also significantly reduce the burden and expense for our lift station and sewer treatment plant by reducing the infiltration of ground water into our sewer system. If you are interested in more details about this process, you can go to this link: <https://hoerr.com/trenchless-rehabilitation/cipp/>

Thanks to the hard work of our Sewer Chairperson, Betsy Cunningham, and the Public Works team, this project is moving forward smoothly to enhance reliability and protect our community's infrastructure for decades to come.

The Village is also thrilled to share some exciting developments for the upcoming projects at our new Oak Grove Park on Fandel Road. Heather Armistead, Chair of the Parks Committee, will provide an update on these planned improvements in upcoming Village communication. Stay tuned for more information!

The Village Board and staff are proud to serve you, while not just maintaining, but enhancing our Village so that we can continue to grow as a safe and fun community, of which all of us are proud to call home.

Thanks.

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Village of Germantown Hills