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**GERMANTOWN TRAILS
PURPOSE STATEMENT:**

• Germantown Trails is a not for profit organization and its general purposes are:

• To promote and stimulate interest in the Germantown Trails Neighborhood Association.

• To provide a central point for the gathering and dissemination of information throughout the neighborhood

• To foster civic interest in members.

• To be of assistance to our neighbors in time of need.

• To establish a liaison with local governing bodies, built strong rules and regulations to maintain the original high quality of the subdivisions and to promote the general welfare of the association.

BOARD MEMBERS:

John Davis
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BLOCK CAPTAINS:

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Laura Meanwell

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Boyd & Dorothy Lee

Mark & Nici Scott

Jackie Brochner

Robbie Ann Pahlow



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T R A I L S

Neighborhood Association Newsletter



Spring is **HERE**, so it's time to **PARTY!!**

please join us

**Sunday, March 25
Pickering Center
7771 Poplar Pike
2 - 4 p.m.**

to celebrate the arrival of Spring
and to recognize our wonderful block captains
who do so much to keep us informed!

This will be a great opportunity to

❁ meet new friends ❁ catch up with neighbors ❁

❁ view all Kids' Art Expo entries* ❁

❁ sign up for interest/social groups ❁ suggest a *new* interest group ❁

❁ meet your block captain ❁ **THANK** your block captain! ❁

❁ become a member of our association** ❁

Please bring a finger snack or sweet to share!
(coffee, sodas, beer, and wine will be provided)

(*See details attached to post on your 'fridge)



** With the new year comes the **GTNA Annual Membership Drive**. For those of you who are considering joining the Germantown Trails Neighborhood Association for the first time, consider these benefits of membership:

- Representation at CONA
- Service from the Sunshine Committee when your family is experiencing good times and bad
- Participation in quarterly social events
- Voice in decisions that affect our neighborhood, such as the selection of signage to designate the boundaries of our Association.

For \$15 a year, you can be a part of a growing and dynamic group of families in our beautiful part of Germantown. If you paid your dues in the last quarter of 2006, your are current for the 2007 year. If not, please consider joining us, both at the Pickering Center and as a new member of the Germantown Trails Neighborhood Association. Just fill out the form inside and return it to Dick Vandenberg. Welcome!

Neighbor Spotlight

A new feature of our newsletter is this Neighbor Spotlight: an interview with someone who lives in the Germantown Trails Neighborhood Association, and who has been nominated as someone interesting to know.

Our first interview is with **Vikki Given**, who lives at **2139 Hundred Oaks Cove**. Here's what we found out about her.

Q: First of all, Vikki, tell us about your family.

VG: My husband, Shawn, is a manager at Federal Express; he's been there 23 years. And my son, Samuel, is a Junior at Houston High School.

Q: And how long have you been here?

VG: We've been in this house for fourteen years.

Q: Vikki, tell us where you are from originally, and where all you have lived.

VG: I was born and raised in Memphis, and then moved to here; completely local!

Q: What brought you out to Germantown?

VG: Well, we bought our first house out in the county. My husband had actually never lived in the Memphis city limits. He grew up in this area, and we decided, after we'd been in our first house for a little while, that this would be a good place to buy a house and raise a family. And it had good schools.

Q: So your son was two when you moved here; you must have looked forward to having him in Farmington Elementary.

VG: Definitely. That's one of the reasons we chose this house: it's really nice being able to walk to school. Plus I was there a lot, both in the PTA and just being a mother in the classroom, and all that sort of thing.

Q: Great. So, have you read any good books lately?

VG: You know, my favorite author is Mary Kay Andrews. She writes women's book, and they're set in the South, in the Carolina area. They're just a lot of fun. Her last book was called Blue Christmas.

Q: How 'bout movies — any favorites or good ones you've seen recently?

VG: We don't go to the movies a lot anymore! We used to go to all the children's movies, and we'll rent movies occasionally. The last movie I've seen? We watched Hollywoodland, and it was pretty good. And I'm looking forward to seeing The Departed; we'll rent that.

Q: Tell me what your personal interests.

VG: Oh, gosh. I like to be outside when the weather is nice, do things that pertain to the yard. I like cooking out on the weekends — that's something we look forward to when the weather gets nice. My husband loves NASCAR. He goes to several races a year. And we love to watch football. It all depends on the season!

Q: What's the one thing you'd like your neighbors to know about you?

VG: Wow, this is hard!

Q: Ok, try this: what's the one thing you'd like to tell your neighbors about their neighborhood?

VG: I guess it's that I like being in a neighborhood where I know everybody. Let them know that, if they need anything, I'm here. I'm fixing to lose my next door neighbor here pretty soon; it's gonna be hard. She's been here 25 years — she's the original owner of the house — and she's moving to Arlington to be closer to her kids. We've been good friends all these years; we've even gone on vacations together.

Know someone that you'd like everyone else to get to know?

Nominate the next Neighbor Spotlight by contacting Lee Avant (624-5666 or lavant@stmarysschool.org).

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

New Neighbor
Carolyn Shannon
8537 Sherman Oaks

New Neighbor
Jerome & Melissa Ainley
8422 Sherman Oaks

New Neighbor
Matthew & Lauren McGinnis
8421 Sherman Oaks

Baby Girl
Blake & Ashley Pera
2136 Tabor Court

If you are new to the area, please call Ellen Reckord (309-3291) or Roberta Dalpini (756-7914).

Are you suffering from

SPRING FEVER ?!

We've got just the cure!

Enter the

Kids of Germantown Trails

"When I Dream of Spring..."

ART EXPO!



Let your artistic creativity run wild!
Use any medium or form of art you like...
posters, sculptures, models, drawings,
ANYTHING GOES and is welcome!!

1 GRAND PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED FOR EACH AGE GROUP
and your photo will be submitted to the newspaper!

Age groups: 5 and under, 6-9, 10 and older

Please fill out and attach the below entry label
to your work of art and drop off to
Cat Marinich (248-1205)
8418 Willow Oak Rd.
NLT Friday March 23, 2007

****Judging will take place at the Germantown Trails Spring Party on Sunday March 25 at the Pickering Center****



Title: "When I Dream of Spring, _____

Artist: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

2007 LEADERSHIP TEAM

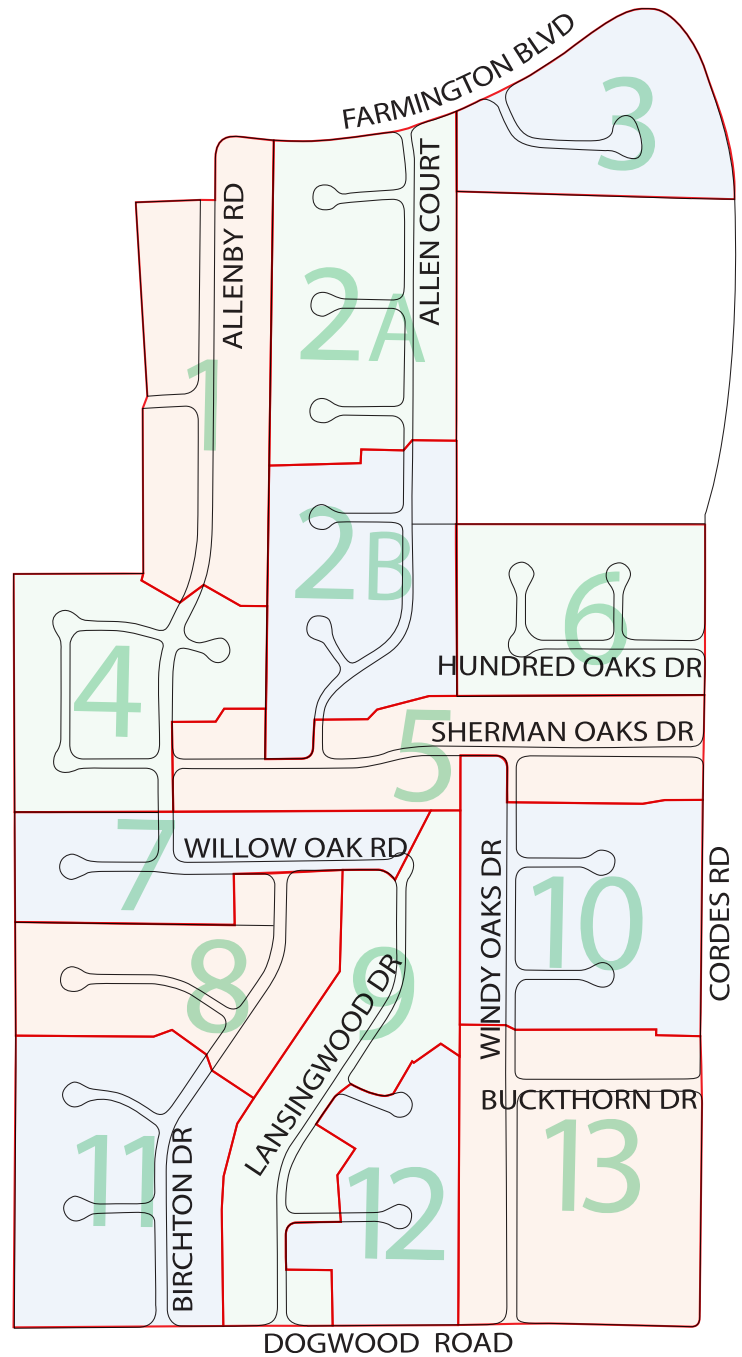
John Davis — Chair
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 Roberta Dalpini, Ellen Reckord —
 Sunshine Committee
 Boyd Lee — Neighborhood Watch/
 Security Committee
 Richard Dalpini — Block Captain Committee
 Dorothy Lee — CONA Delegate
 Lee Avant — Newsletter

BLOCK/CAPTAIN	PHONE
1 Hugh & Alice Colville	754-6374
2A Jole Lovelace	758-0372
2B Jason Cassellius	751-2801
3 Richard & Ellen Powell	759-9776
4 Laurie Johnson.....	624-2554
5A Richard Dalpini.....	756-7914
5B Al Gabriel	756-5732
6 Vikki Given.....	754-9143
7 Richard Jensen	754-4051
8 Laura Meanwell	309-3456
9 Pam Travis	757-8403
10 Boyd & Dorothy Lee	755-0102
11 Mark & Nici Scott	755-8142
12 Jackie Brotncher	755-3355
13 Robbie Ann Pahlow	461-4448

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you or someone you know would benefit from a helping hand, please contact one of these neighbors and let them know how they can help:

Ellen Reckord..... 309-3291
 Roberta Dalpini..... 756-7914



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*I wish to join the Germantown Trails Neighborhood Association!
 Please send me information:*

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

DUES: \$15.00

Please make check payable to: GTNA

*Drop off payment at Dick Vandenberg's house
 2054 Allen Court Dr.
 624-5666*

dvandenberg@transactiongraphics.com

*Don't Forget:
 We Need Volunteers for
 Committees and Projects!*

*Please contact
 Dick Vandenberg at 624-5666
 dvandenberg@
 transactiongraphics.com
 or*

*John Davis
 at 759-1109
 jdavis@cybermemphis.com*