

Menu of Services for GVS Members

Research and Archives

conducted by **Ronan Thompson**
with support from the **Historic Preservation and Advocacy Committee**

Historic House Plaques	Personal Requests	Support COA History	Event Support	Archives Processing
This six-month research process is completed alongside property owners with info packet.	Submit research questions to Ronan about your family or property history.	Submit requests to learn more about the historical COAs placed upon properties.	Historical research for GVS Events like Maifest, Haus und Garten home and dinner host support.	Over 1,900 online listings and 34 physical collections are maintained.

Preservation Resources

conducted by **Jack Doran**
with support from the **Historic Preservation and Advocacy Committee**

COA Process	German Village Guidelines	Contractor Project History	Incentive Programs
Learn how to use the COA portal and understand the City's expectations for your application.	Learn how the guidelines apply to your upcoming project plans.	Find contractors experienced in historic preservation and check out their past work.	Learn about the GVS Sidewalk Incentive Program and the City's Curb Replacement Program.

Tourism and Education

conducted by **Rachel Lewellen and Ronan Thompson**
with support from the **German Village Business Community and Historic Preservation and Advocacy Committee**

Visitor Center	Local Asset Map	Video Histories	Brickline Project
This exhibit space welcomes 2,000+ tourists annually, provides education on local attractions, history, and architecture, and supports our package service.	Managed by the German Village Business Community, this map is available within the GVS Visitor Center for the public.	These short films highlight the Village's multi-faceted story, including those who created and sustained it.	This immersive interpretive signage trail celebrates the Village's culture and heritage.

Community Connections

conducted by **Rachel Lewellen**
with support from the **Membership Committee and the German Village Business Community**

Signature Events	Member Directory	Welcome Ambassadors	Weekly Newsletter
The German Village Society's Meeting Haus connects neighbors through signature events like Haus und Garten Tour, Village Lights, Oktoberfest, GVS Birthday Party, and more!	GVS Members can access the member directory through the member portal, where listings facilitate meaningful relationships and support time-sensitize asks for help!	GVS volunteers ensure new neighbors are greeted into the Village with a Welcome Bag that includes fun business deals with details about GVS services.	Keep up with our events calendar, community meetings, advocacy updates and City alerts.

Advocacy and Civic Relations

conducted by **Kristy Ramey and Courtney Thraen**
with support from the **Historic Preservation and Advocacy Committee**

Collect Policy Feedback	Aggregate Results into Reports	Amplify Results	Answer Inquiries
Launch a variety of surveys on pressing matters, such as water meters, scaled utility projects, advocacy priorities, parking, and more.	Streamlined reports include executive summaries with background, key findings, recommendations, and next steps for policy consideration.	Survey results are shared directly with the offices of elected and administrative officials and GVS marketing platforms.	Members' issues help illuminate greater patterns to observe for surveys, data collection, and policy development.

Convener and Conduit

your membership sustains the operational and maintenance costs of the GVS Meeting Haus, including Brent Warner Fest Hall and Visitor Center

Village Engagement Committee	GV Business Community	Non-Profit Groups	Arts & Culture Events
Host monthly meetings for 13 community groups to create add-on value for locals across the South Side.	Host monthly meetings to support business needs, workforce development, and tourist attraction.	Support blood drives, food pantry collection, clothing drives, and more to support the greater South Side.	Host concerts and receptions with rehearsal space for arts and culture groups.