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Volunteers recognized for service

Centerville Mayor honors longtime volunteer with award

Municipal volunteers were honored May 11, 2017 at the City of Centerville's annual Volunteer Salute held at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. The event recognizes the more than 300 volunteers working in Centerville municipal offices and as members of council-appointed boards and commissions including the Business Task Force, Storm Water Review Committee, Board of Architectural Review, Board of Tax Appeals, Arts Commission, Property Review Commission, Charter Review Commission, Records Commission, City Beautiful Commission, Planning Commission, CRA Housing Committee, Personnel Appeals Board, Sister City Committee, Friends of Benham's Grove Board and Centerville City School District Personnel Appeals Board.

CIVIC municipal volunteers work in each of the City's five sites: Police Department, City Building, Public Works Center, Benham's Grove and Yankee Trace providing outstanding services to citizens and the community and saving the City and taxpayers thousands of dollars by their volunteer efforts. CIVIC volunteers contributed almost 15,000 hours of service in 2016 to the City.

During the event, Mayor Brooks Compton and City Council acknowledged those reaching volunteer years of service milestone. Five-year pins were presented to Tom Bankston, Bob Forth, Fran Groleski, Mary Scott and Richard Stevens. Receiving a ten-year service pin were Linda Brewster, Amy Korenyi Both, Dan Lynch and Gary Martindale. Paul Clark, Pam Anglin and Mindy Tompkins were honored for 15 years of service. Carolyn Meininger and Mary Pizza were recognized with 25-year awards while Charlie Graham received a 30-year award.

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Meininger, Pizza and Graham also received certificates of appreciation from Centerville Council. Meininger, a volunteer since 1991, has served on numerous commissions including Arts, Planning and Records. Pizza was appointed to the Sister City Committee in 1992, serving several terms as chair. Graham, who served on the Board of Architectural Review since 1987, recently resigned from the appointment. He received the Mayor's Award for Community Service in 2012.

Mayor Compton presented the Mayor's Award for Community Service to Jim Durham, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the City of Centerville. The award, announced as a surprise, is given each year to a volunteer serving in the CIVIC Municipal program or on a council-appointed board or commission. As a member of the Planning Commission since 1989, he has been involved in the development and plan review of countless major projects including The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, Miami Valley Hospital South, Kroger Marketplace and Cornerstone of Centerville. City projects including new facilities for the Police Department and Public Works and many residential and commercial projects have been under his review during his 28 years on the Planning Commission.

A professor of law at the University of Dayton Law School, he has been voted Professor of the Year five times by Dayton law students. Since 2003, he has served in several leadership roles with the American Bar Association's Real Property, Trusts, and Estates section. In addition, he has worked with two Uniform Laws commissions with respect to issues related to real property matters and ethics matters. "Those who nominated him call him a leader, faithful and passionate about doing the right thing for the long-term," said Compton during the presentation. "Our city has benefited greatly from his expertise, and we are most grateful for his efforts." Mayor Compton presented Durham with a framed print of Centerville's City Hall.

For more information about the City's volunteer program, call 433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov.

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