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“Old Glory” theme for Americana Festival

Big day of activities planned for July 4th in downtown Centerville



Centerville VFW Color Guard will kick off the parade at the 39th annual Americana Festival.

The 39th annual Americana Festival celebrates our nation's flag during Ohio's largest one-day event of its kind, Wednesday, July 4. The festival draws almost 75,000 people to Centerville each year. The Americana Festival Committee has a full day of activities planned, starting with a 5K run at 7:30 a.m., followed by the parade led by Grand Marshal Bob Corbin (see story below) at 10 a.m. The event also features a street fair with 300 arts and crafts booths, car show, children's activity area, stage and strolling entertainment, wide assortment of food, and spectacular fireworks display. The festival kicks off with a Patriotic Concert at Stubbs Park on July 3 at 7 p.m. (See the full schedule on page 6.)

Bob Corbin to serve as Americana Grand Marshal



Grand Marshal Bob Corbin

Bob Corbin will serve as Grand Marshal for the 2012 Americana Festival. Corbin, a former state representative and Centerville City Council member, will lead the parade and preside over the festival's daylong activities on July 4.

"We are delighted to recognize Mr. Corbin with this honor," said Duke Lunsford, festival president. "Bob has proudly served this country as a military officer, business owner and public servant. He is a true American hero."

During WWII Corbin, an artillery officer, was captured by the Germans and held as a prisoner of war. Forced to walk 350 miles in 42 days, he escaped and spent nine days in the dense Bavarian forest before making his way back behind American lines.

After returning to the Dayton area, he graduated from Otterbein College.

In 1953 he entered the food service industry, serving as executive vice president of Silver Dome System. He later purchased the company re-naming it Foodcraft Management Company.

Elected to the Ohio District 38th House of Representatives in 1977, he served with distinction for 24 years, as chair of both the House Commerce Committee and the House Labor and Finance Committee. After leaving state office because of term limits, he served a four year term on Centerville City Council.

Bob and his wife of 62 years, Ede, have two daughters. Dr. Lynn Corbin is a college professor of music at Valdosta State University of Georgia and Carol is a retired school teacher.

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CONCERTS, FESTIVALS
AND SO MANY ACTIVITIES...
ENJOY A FUN-FILLED SUMMER
IN CENTERVILLE

Centerville Farmers Market returns for fifth season

Bring your shopping list to the Farmers Market each Thursday now through the end of October. Market hours are 2:30-6:30 p.m. Located near the intersection of St. Rt. 48 and Spring Valley Rd., there's plenty of free parking, and it's conveniently located near the RTA stop.



Pick up local products like fresh vegetables and fruits, organic meats including beef, pork, chicken, turkey and lamb, farm fresh eggs, farmstead cheese, bedding plants, garden plants, fresh cut flowers, fresh-baked bread, artisan breads, honey, jams and jellies, and much more! Sign up to receive emails about the market at centervillefarmersmarket.com and visit the Facebook page for updates.

Hats off to Public Works crews

National Public Works Week, celebrated in May, recognizes the efforts of those working in the Public Works field. This is a great time to recognize those who plow the snow, collect the trash, patch the potholes, collect leaves, take care of road signs and traffic signals, mow the grass, and tend to the landscape beds about Centerville's roadways.

The goal of Public Works Week is to take a minute to thank a Public Works person. Our crews don't look for recognition. They get the job done—sometimes in less than desirable weather conditions—but always with pride. As you travel throughout our city, check out your surroundings. You'll see the good work of these hard-working folks who tirelessly take care of Centerville.

Welcome to these businesses new to Centerville:

- Ashley Lynn Photography**, 25-A Irongate Park Drive
- Salon Emerald**, 6334 Far Hills Ave.
- Olde Masters Galleria**, 25-B Irongate Park Drive
- Mattress Firm**, 5840 Wilmington Pike
- American Family Insurance**, 37 Irongate Park Drive
- ISIS Medical**, 6860 Loop Road
- American Ear Hearing & Audiology**, 1001 S. Main St.
- Outstanding Heating and Cooling**, 166 S. Main St.
- Dwyer School of Irish Dance**, 873 E. Franklin St.
- CEMS Transport**, 6635 Centerville Business Parkway

From a student's perspective

Youth in Government Day provides interaction for students, council and staff

By Trisha Khambadkone



Trisha Khambadkone

I always knew I had a passion to lead, and when I was given the opportunity to participate in Youth in Government Day, I grasped it. At first, my group visited the Police Department in which the tour was not only informative but interesting. Little did I know how rewarding my time as "Mayor" for the day would be. On April 24, 2012, I participated in a simulated City Council meeting in which we (the mock City Council) were discussing panhandling and a new parking lot. Because I was the Mayor, I led this meeting by calling upon people to speak and making a few statements myself. As the discussion went on, I realized that although my true calling in life was to become a doctor, the experience I gained from engaging in discussion with my peers will not only help me in my life in general but will also assist me with patient interaction when I become a doctor. Furthermore, meeting and having a conversation with the actual mayor, Mark Kingseed, was another experience that will remain with me. He told me how nothing in life is accomplishable without hard work and dedication; I took that piece of advice to heart and I am thankful for Mayor Kingseed taking time out of his day to give it to me. Overall, my experience in Youth in Government Day prepared me for the future in ways that were unimaginable to me prior to that day in April.

Trisha Khambadkone is a junior at Centerville High School.

Don't toss when you can recycle

Public Works has coordinated a list of local retailers and other establishments offering recycling of such items as batteries, electronics, hazardous materials, light bulbs and tires. The list is available on the City's website ci.centerville.oh.us or by calling 428-4782.

HIT US WITH YOUR BEST SHOT

The Centerville Arts Commission and the Washington-Centerville Public Library are hosting a digital photography contest and two free digital photography workshops this summer.

Start snapping your photos, as they can be submitted August 1-31 to the library's website. Learn how to get the best shot at the photography workshops offered Saturday, Aug. 18 at the library. Contest winning photos will be on display at the Centerville Police Department art gallery. Look for more information soon on the City's website ci.centerville.oh.us.



Foundation awards grants



Judy Budi, Centerville-Washington Foundation board member, presents Police Chief Bruce Robertson and Capt. Mark Casey with a grant for the canine unit.

The Centerville-Washington Foundation recently announced the recipients of the Spring 2012 round of grants. Three local organizations received \$1000 grants to further their community work. Recipients include:

- ▶ Epiphany Lutheran Church for its pantry that provides clothing, food and supplies to the needy.
- ▶ Centerville United Methodist Church for the Food4Summer program that provides children who receive free and reduced-cost breakfast and lunch during the school year with meals throughout the summer.
- ▶ The Centerville Police Department for the purchase of a dual purpose canine. The Canine Unit provides expertise with building and area searches, criminal apprehension, evidence searches and narcotics detection. The program is being revitalized after the first patrol dog, Boris, was retired two years ago.

According to Judy Budi, the foundation reviews grant applications annually in the spring and fall. The Centerville-Washington Foundation is a community partner for corporate and individual charitable giving.

Lush lawns and fancy foliage may earn landscaping award

While traveling through the City, you've probably come across more than a few beautifully landscaped and well-cared for front lawns. In June residents may begin submitting nominations for summer landscape awards. All nominated properties are reviewed by a City Beautiful Commission (CBC) member with one winner designated in each of the seven Centerville regions. To nominate a yard, call 433-7151.

The City Beautiful Commission, a volunteer board comprising residents appointed by City Council, is looking for members. Other commission activities include selecting holiday lighting award recipients, planting and maintaining the landscape beds at Four Corners—the northeast corner of Main and Franklin streets, and helping City staff select plant materials, including the beautiful red, white and blue annuals planted around town. CBC also plans and offers planting and gardening workshops. The commission's primary task is an interest in keeping Centerville beautiful. For application information, call 433-7151 or visit ci.centerville.oh.us.

Mayor to teach WWI classes

Centerville Mayor Mark Kingseed shares his love and knowledge of history during a three-part series on World War I at Hithergreen Center, 5900 Hithergreen Drive. Offered over three consecutive Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m., each class covers a different theme.

JUNE 12: Origins of WWI and the first six months of battle

JUNE 19: War Years 1915-1917

JUNE 26: The Years 1918-1919, battles and the Paris Peace Conference

Contact Hithergreen Center, 435-2415, for more information about this free series.

Economic outlook: Businesses continue to grow



Construction is underway at All About Kids Childcare and Learning Center on Social Row Road.

There is continued good economic news in our community. Take a drive around Centerville, and you'll find businesses are growing and building. In addition to Dewey's Pizza, soon to build on North Main Street (see page 4), here are a few other projects:

Bethany Village is redeveloping nine cottages; this \$1.9 million project will be completed by the end of year.

As part of its long-range plan, Miami Valley Hospital South (MVHS) recently opened a \$51 million, five-story bed tower, with private patient rooms dedicated to orthopedics and obstetrical care and medical surgical care. The maternity center will open later this sum-

mer, and MVHS recently announced plans to add a second floor to the center, to better serve the needs of the community. In addition, the Comprehensive Cancer Center is on track to open in January of 2013.

St. Leonard Senior Living Community recently opened a multi-million dollar expansion including a wellness center, independent living facility, and memory services and assisted care center.

All About Kids Childcare and Learning Center is building a 10,000 square foot full-service daycare center on Social Row Road. The center, serving infants through elementary school children, will open in August.

Communications outlets keep you updated

Visit our website ci.centerville.oh.us for the latest City news. We have links to our four Facebook pages: *City of Centerville*, *Benham's Grove*, *Centerville Farmers Market* and *The Golf Club at Yankee Trace*. Our mobile app for iPad, iPhone, Droid and Blackberry smart phones and Twitter page, @CentervilleOH are also accessible from the website. For more information and the City's QR Code, see page 16.

City volunteers recognized for service

Mayor honors longtime volunteer with award

Municipal volunteers were honored in April at the City'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 Storm Water Drainage Task Force, Board of Architectural Review, Board of Tax Appeals, Arts Commission, Property Review Commission, City Township Relations Committee, 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.

There are more than 150 volunteers working in municipal offices as part of the CIVIC (Citizens InVolved In Centerville) Municipal Volunteer Program giving their time in the following areas: Benham's Grove, Building Inspection, Engineering, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, Police Department, and City Clerk, Zoning and City Manager's offices.

During the event, Mayor Mark Kingseed acknowledged those reaching a milestone in their volunteer efforts with service pins. Five-year pins were presented to Jim Abbott, Linda Brewster, Louise Gaertner, Dominic Mazzone, Dan Lynch, Gary Martindale, Doug Price, Walt Smucker and Phil Verdoorn. Receiving ten-year awards were Pam Anglin, Paul Clark, Ed Fleissner, Susan Jones, Gene O'Neil, Louise Sturtevant, Wayne Sturtevant and Mindy Tompkins. Mary Pizza received a 20-year service pin. Charlie Graham and Mary Higgins were recog-



Congratulating Charlie Graham on receiving the Award for Community Service are his granddaughter Kelly Graham, Mayor Kingseed, Charlie's wife, Evelyn, and daughter Kim Graham.



Catching up at the Volunteer Salute are Centerville volunteers Scott and Mary Graham and Jacki and Gary Martindale.

nized for 25 years of volunteer service.

Kingseed presented the Mayor's Award for Community Service to Charlie Graham, 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. Graham was appointed by Council to serve on the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) in 1987. Since that time he has given hundreds of hours of time reviewing and maintaining the look of downtown Centerville. Over his 25 years on the BAR, he has seen downtown Centerville change form. Some of the projects he's been involved with include Benham's Grove, Panera, Graeters and City Barbeque, TJ's Place of Hope, and Gallatin Oral Surgeon's office.

Kingseed noted that Graham has been called considerate, fair and conscientious by his colleagues on the BAR and that, "As chair, he's known as a diplomat and one who treats every case fairly."

Graham's community involvement includes serving as a longtime volunteer with the Serra Club, University of Dayton Alumni Association and the International Association of Financial Planning. In attendance to surprise the honoree were his wife of 56 years, Evelyn, daughter Kim and granddaughter Kelly.

DOWNTOWN CENTERVILLE SET FOR MORE IMPROVEMENTS

Another area in the heart of Centerville will soon have a fresh look. Dewey's Pizza purchased three buildings along the western side of North Main Street, directly north of Town Hall. Two of the buildings were razed and the future of the remaining house is under consideration by Centerville's Board of Architectural Review.

According to Centerville City Manager Greg Horn, City Council continues to look for opportunities to stimulate downtown redevelopment. "Some great opportunities recently presented themselves, and Council directed staff to proceed with a downtown enhancement plan." Along with Dewey's Pizza in a new building, the plan includes additional public parking and an outdoor community plaza. Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall says the house at 35 North Main Street, next to Town Hall, will be reviewed for historical significance, and a decision about its renovation or replacement will be reached soon.

As part of the redevelopment plan, the City is working with Washington Township to connect the existing parking area behind Town Hall to a new parking lot to be located behind Dewey's Pizza. Cahall notes the interconnected design will not only improve emergency access and storm water drainage but also offer up to 40 additional public

parking opportunities in addition to a new community gathering spot.

Centerville and Washington Township officials have worked together on parking areas before, as Centerville maintains the public lot located behind Panera and the township owns the parking area behind

Town Hall. The interconnected parking and public gathering space are part of Create The Vision, the city and township's joint long range development plan, adopted in 2004. Cahall says the improvement plan includes clearing rear property areas, new landscaping and lighting.

The addition of 40 spaces will be a welcomed addition to the area, which now offers about 90 spots. "Parking has always been an issue in our downtown area," says Horn. "Downtown Centerville is bustling with restaurants, services and shopping. All businesses in the Architectural Preservation District will benefit from the redevelopment." Construction is set to begin soon.



Dewey's Pizza is set to build on N. Main St. later this summer.



Benham's Grove kicks off anniversary celebration

Exactly 20 years to the day, many of the key people involved in the official grand opening of Benham's Grove reconvened at the same spot to commemorate the community gathering place's anniversary for a ceremonial ribbon cutting April 25.

Several council members, City staff and volunteers who were a part of the development project and ribbon cutting ceremony in 1992 were in attendance including Shirley Heintz, mayor at the time, and Sally Beals, a council member who served as project chair for the renovation. Also attending were council members who are still serving: Jim Singer, Brooks Compton and Mayor Mark Kingseed. Elenora Stone attended on behalf of her late husband, former council member J.V. Stone. Former Centerville staff member Judy Gilleland, who served as project manager, Sharma Stone, designer show house coordinator, and Patricia Fleissner, a volunteer who coordinated the vendor's area of the show house, also took part in the ceremony. "There were so many people involved in the renovation and opening," said Sally Blommel, Benham's Grove administrator. "We wanted to thank and recognize them for their extraordinary efforts."

Following the ribbon cutting, a Founders' Day brunch was held, courtesy of the Friends of Benham's Grove. Those involved in the project were recognized and shared memories of the renovation and subsequent designer show house. Displays in the Gerber House showcased photos and video exhibits of Benham's Grove's development and archival pieces from the Gerber family, the last residents of the property.

The celebration kicked off a year-long schedule of events including a community open house and vow renewal ceremony, dinner dance and special photo days. The Americana Festival and Tree Lighting ceremony, annual community events that Benham's Grove hosts, will also be a part of the celebration.

Over its 20 years, Benham's Grove has been the site for thousands of special events. Share your favorite Benham's Grove memories and photos at benhamsgrove@benhamsgrove.com. Stories will be posted on the Benham's Grove Facebook page.



Mayor Kingseed joins former mayors, Shirley Heintz and Sally Beals to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Benham's Grove.

Benham's Grove anniversary celebration in full bloom

Benham's Grove is having a party...lots of them! Events commemorating the 20th anniversary of the opening of the community gathering place continue this summer.

Join the community celebration at Benham's Grove, 2-5 p.m., July 29. Everyone is invited to this free birthday party featuring entertainment, tours of the Gerber House, Barn and Cottage, displays of the history of Benham's Grove, refreshments and, of course, birthday cake. Mayor Kingseed officiates a wedding vow renewal ceremony at 3:30 p.m. at the Rotary Gazebo. Couples who wed at Benham's Grove are encouraged to attend, but anyone wanting to reconfirm their commitment is welcome. To participate call 433-1913 by July 13.

Dance under the stars with The Friends of Benham's Grove, 7-11 p.m., Friday, August 10. The evening includes a "Taste of Benham's Grove", featuring samplings from the many vendors who have catered events there over the past 20 years, cash bar, silent auction, raffle prizes, music by "Soul Express" and more. For ticket information and further details visit benhamsgrove.com or call 433-1913.



Third grade students along with Mayor Kingseed plant trees during Arbor Day.

In recognition of its commitment to community forestry, the Arbor Day Foundation honored the City of Centerville as a Tree City USA. This is the 26th consecutive year for Centerville to receive this distinction.

Centerville met the four standards to become a Tree City USA Community: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The City of Centerville and the City Beautiful Commission celebrated Arbor Day with a ceremonial tree planting in April at Benham's Grove, 166 N. Main St. Third grade students from each Centerville grade school joined Centerville Mayor Mark Kingseed to plant trees. Nine trees, representing the nine Centerville elementary schools, were planted. In addition the Centerville Garden Club presented Benham's Grove with an anniversary gift of 30 new bushes which were planted behind the Gerber House and along the south fence.

Call before you build

Before you start your home improvement project, call the City's Planning Dept. 428-4760 to determine whether you'll need a permit. This includes driveway work or connecting drainage pipe to a public sewer.

Americana Festival

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CELEBRATING OLD GLORY

The Americana Festival Committee invites you to celebrate our country's independence with activities for the entire family in downtown Centerville.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28: Americana Talent Show: 5:30 p.m.
Rec West, 965 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Americana STING Baseball Tournament
Played at area fields. The public is invited. Schedule TBA.

TUESDAY, JULY 3: Centerville VFW Flag Ceremony and Centerville Arts Commission's Holiday Concert, featuring the Centerville Community Band and the Centerville Community Chorus, 7 p.m., Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Rd.

Show your patriotism! Homes and businesses displaying patriotic decorations are eligible for the Spirit of Americana Patriot award.

For information about the Festival call 433-5898 or go to AmericanaFestival.org.

Kalaman Golf Tournament registration available

Annual event supports scholarship fund

The 15th annual Officer John P. Kalaman Memorial Golf Tournament is Monday, September 10, at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. All proceeds raised during the four-player scramble go to the John P. Kalaman Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors and college students. The scholarship fund was established in 1998 in memory of Centerville Police Officer John Kalaman who was killed while attending to an accident scene. The tournament begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start. A silent auction follows at 4:30 p.m., with a pig roast at 5 p.m. The \$125 entry fee includes green fees, cart, range balls, prizes, box lunch and pig roast. If golf doesn't fit your schedule, come for the pig roast, open to the public at \$35 per person. Tournament registration forms are available at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road and The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, 10000 Yankee St. For more information, or to support the event through sponsorship call 428-4776.

A Day in Scotland

Put it on your calendar! The Centerville Arts Commission, the Centerville-Washington Diversity Council and Centerville Library host a Day in Scotland, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Saturday, September 8 at the Centerville Library. More details to come at ci.centerville.oh.us.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4:

5K Run: 7:30 a.m.

Centerville High School Stadium, E. Franklin St.

Americana Parade: 10 a.m.

Begins at Centerville High School on E. Franklin St., and ends at Cline Elementary on Virginia Ave.

Town Hall Theatre: Live entertainment on stage.

Street Fair: 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

N. Main St. from Franklin St. north into Benham's Grove, East on Iron Gate Park Dr. and at the Park District Activity Center. Arts, crafts, food and much, much more.

Entertainment: 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Stage and strolling entertainment throughout Street Fair, Benham's Grove and the Activity Center.

Antique, Classic & Custom Car & Truck Show: 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

N. Main St. and in Marion's Piazza parking lot.

Children's Activities: 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Activity Center Park—Activities, entertainment, pony rides, inflatables, games, spray ground and more—all designed for kids!

Asahel Wright Community Center: 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

26 N. Main St.—Visit the former home of Orville and Wilbur Wright's great uncle Asahel.

The Grand Finale: 8:30–10 p.m.

Centerville High School Stadium

Entertainment: 8:30 p.m.

100 Yard Dash: 9:20 p.m.

Fireworks: 10 p.m.

Enjoy music synchronized to the fireworks on Fly 92.9.

Rain date for Fireworks only, is Thursday, July 5 at 10 p.m. at the CHS stadium.

Zoning Guide for Summer

Recreational vehicles, which include all trailers, can be parked in the driveway for three days per 7-day period for loading, unloading and cleaning. Only one RV—parked over three days—is permitted per property. The vehicle must be parked on a hard surface on the side of the house with screening to the side. Maximum size is 8' wide x 12' tall x 30' in length.

Weeds and grass may be no longer than 8 inches tall. Clean your yard of any downed tree branches and other items. Brush piles should be no larger than 2'x2'x4'—one per property. Contact Public Works, 428-4782, for information on special pickup for brush. You may also drop off brush 8 a.m.–4 p.m. every Wednesday and 9 a.m.–noon every third Saturday at the Public Works Center, 7970 South Suburban Road.

Library to add Sunday hours

Washington-Centerville Public Library has added Sunday hours throughout the summer at Centerville Library, 111 W. Spring Valley Road. Currently, the libraries are only open on Sundays, September through May. Beginning July 8, the Centerville Library will be open 1–5 p.m. each Sunday and Woodbourne Library will continue to offer Sunday hours during the school year. For more information, visit wclibrary.info.

SPLASH INTO SUMMER

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NEIGHBORHOOD POOL

Centerville is known for its tree-lined boulevards, lively downtown and charming neighborhoods that offer residents a strong sense of community. In addition to great schools and parks, two of our neighborhoods are home to swim clubs: Pleasant Hill and Black Oak.

Pleasant Hill Swim Club (PHSC) is nestled inside the Pleasant Hill neighborhood on Zengel Drive. With more than 330 families, the club boasts the only high dive in the area, plenty of shady spots to cool down, a playground, new full length basketball court, sand volleyball court, full snack bar, baby pool, and is home to the Fighting Fish swim and dive team.

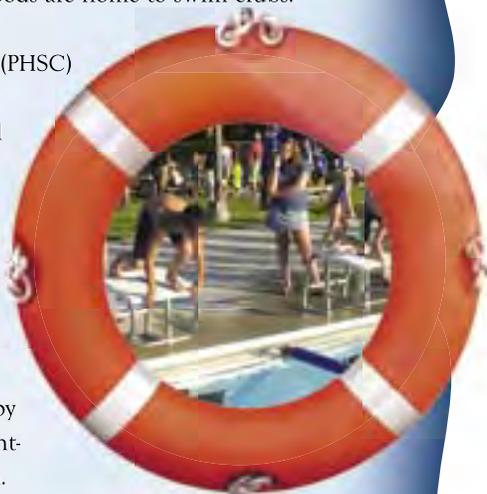
Karen Posey, PHSC member, says the club's location across from Pleasant Hill Park is the perfect setting for fun and relaxation. She says members enjoy using the grills and picnic areas for family gatherings and parties.

According to Mike Ryan, longtime member and club vice president, while the club hosts a full social calendar and family-friendly atmosphere, the best feature of the club is its members. "What makes Pleasant Hill Swim Club great is our people," says Ryan. "Our employees and members are very special and create a fun, safe and relaxing environment."

Black Oak Swim Club, located in the rolling hills of the Black Oak neighborhood on Ambridge Road, is unveiling a new pool. According to member Andrea Reilly, along with two new diving boards, additional highlights include a large corkscrew slide and a mushroom water feature that sprays and cascades water.

Built in 1970, Reilly says the club has been a constant for Black Oak residents for more than three generations of families, and welcomes new members each year for swim, social events and other activities. She says the club's commitment to giving back makes Black Oak special. The club partners with Hannah's Treasure Chest, sponsors clothing drives, participates in the Americana Parade, and provides Red Cross instruction. "The club is excited to contribute to improving the Black Oak neighborhood by building this new pool and helping other community programs," says Reilly. "It will offer some things that are unlike any other neighborhood pools."

Both clubs are accepting new members. For information about Pleasant Hill Swim Club, call 433-2232 or visit pleasanthillswimclub.com. To contact Black Oak Swim Club, call 433-4006 or visit blackoakswimclub.com.



Bargains galore at Hithergreen sale

Find just what you're looking for at the Hithergreen Garage Sale, Thursday, June 7, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. and Friday, June 8, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. at 5900 Hithergreen Drive. The center's gym, auditorium and hallways will be stuffed with stuff—from tiny trinkets to unusual thingamabobs—all displayed by category. Antiques and collectibles have their own room; jewelry is cleaned and sorted; books and videos fill table after table; and electronics, housewares, garden implements and hundreds of other items fight for space and a chance to be your new treasure. Homemade baked goods and lunch round out this Hithergreen fundraiser that started 17 years ago and now brings in around \$10,000 for the center each year. Call 435-2415 for more information.



Shoppers look for treasures at the Hithergreen sale.

Summer reading at the library

The Washington-Centerville public library's Summer Reading theme, Read Happily Ever After, begins June 11. Age-appropriate reading clubs are available for kids to adults. Register at the Centerville or Woodbourne libraries or online. Summer entertainment for children includes a Princess Party, Knights in Training, Fairy Tale Bingo, Mike Hemmelgarn, and a character visit from Elephant & Piggie. Teens can attend weekly Totally Teen Tuesdays and participate in cool contests for prizes. Adults have the opportunity to win prizes via random drawings just for reading books. For details, go to wclibrary.info/src.



Rotary Club celebrates 40th anniversary

Centerville Rotary Club celebrates 40 years of service to the community with a gala dinner on June 13. The dinner, a black tie optional event, will be held at a local country club, and the public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$65 and can be purchased by contacting Erich Eggers, 438-0031. Proceeds go toward "End Polio Now," in recognition of Rotary International's commitment to battling polio.

Centerville Rotary raises funds for several community services. The annual Pancake Breakfast helps fund college scholarships for local high school students and supports the Food 2 Go program. The club also distributes dictionaries and thesauri to local grade school students. Centerville Rotary comprises people from the South Dayton area who care about their local and global community. For information call 438-0031 or visit centervillerotary.com.

COOL EVENTS SET FOR SUMMER AT YANKEE TRACE

Kick off your summer nights at the restaurant at Yankee Trace, 10000 Yankee Street. Enjoy dinner inside our comfortable dining room or outside on our patio with its unbeatable view! Featuring special dinner events throughout the week, stop by for Jazz on the Green, Neighborhood Nights and Friday Night Specials. For more information call 438-3585 or visit yankeetrace.org.

JAZZ ON THE GREEN

Yankee Trace hosts local jazz musicians on the patio every Wednesday evening. The combination of golf course views, smooth music and delicious food and drinks will keep you coming back. Jazz on the Green is offered 6–9 p.m., Wednesdays, June 6–August 29, with the exception of July 4 and July 18. Performers include Brian Cashwell, Rick Evans, Deron Bell and Paul Caver.

THURSDAY NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT

We're serving a delicious special for you—our neighbors! The menu includes a half rack of ribs, French fries and coleslaw all for \$12.95. Offered 5–8 p.m., Thursday evenings: June 14, July 12 and August 9.

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

Two Can Dine for \$24 — Served on a platter for sharing, enjoy tossed salad with breadsticks, roast pork loin, chicken, sausage, a skewer of shrimp, along with with roasted vegetables and a potato. This event is offered 5–9 p.m. every Friday through August 31 (excluding June 29 and July 27).



Artist Jim DeLange

Arts Commission announces gallery exhibits

The Centerville Arts Commission offers monthly exhibits at the art gallery at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Enjoy the following artists' works:

JUNE	Jim DeLange, Glass
JULY	Devon Hansen, Painting
AUGUST	Andy Snow, Photographer
SEPT/OCT	Sharon Govender, Painting/Photographer
NOV/DEC	Photo Contest Winners

The Centerville Art Gallery is staffed 24-hours per day and exhibits may be viewed anytime, day or night. All exhibits are free and open to the public.

Heart of Centerville continues popular monthly evening series

Summer in downtown Centerville is hot, especially during the Third Friday After Hours events, when Heart of Centerville businesses and shops stay open late and fun activities are scheduled.

Third Friday events, offered 6–9 p.m. monthly, also raise funds and awareness for local organizations and charities. "The Heart of Centerville not only puts on a great event, but also makes it count," says Mary Ellen Lee, Heart of Centerville member.



Along with summer specials and discounts, the series includes:

JUNE 15 Taste of Centerville	Sample signature dishes from local restaurants; \$20 to participate, Proceeds benefit Centerville's Food 2 Go
JULY 20 Sounds of the Town	Enjoy local musical acts; Partnering with Centerville High School Spirit Chain
AUGUST 17 Chic in the 'Ville	Big fashion show; \$10 "shopping bag" discounts, Proceeds benefit Clothes that Work

"The response to the Third Friday series has been phenomenal," says Lee. "It is a great opportunity to celebrate our local community." For more information, visit heartofcenterville.com.

Travel back in time during youth workshops

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFERS SUMMER PROGRAMS



Students participate in hands-on activities during the workshops.

Kids can spend a morning in the 1890's making a tin lantern, churning their own butter, choosing penny candy treats, or experiencing school complete with a slate, McGuffey Reader, and lunch pail during the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society's Summer Youth workshops.

Geared for students entering grades 3-5, the workshops

offer a unique opportunity to learn and experience our local history. Other classes explore downtown Centerville architecture and tell the stories of historic buildings. The Stories in the Stones workshop allows students to search clues in cemeteries uncovering Centerville's past by sketching and doing gravestone rubbings.

All workshops are 9 a.m.–noon and offered July 24–August 3. Classes are small so register early. Registration accepted until June 29. For more information contact Amy Goldman, Education Coordinator, 291-2223 or amycwth@sbcglobal.net. Registration forms are available at the Walton House, Asahel Wright House and Nutt Cottage.

2012 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



Concerts fill park with music

The 2012 Summer Concert Series, presented by the Centerville Arts Commission, kicks off June 10 at Stubbs Park Amphitheater, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. Concerts begin at 7 p.m., except where otherwise noted. The amphitheater offers lawn seating only, so bring your blanket or chairs. All concerts are free and open to the public. Concessions are provided by Centerville Pizza & BBQ.

Bands Pictured (Clockwise from Top): U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors, Parrots of the Caribbean, The Soul Pocket Band, The Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra, Phil Dirt and The Dozers

JUNE 10

Ticket to Ride invites you “across the universe” on a “magical mystery tour” exploring the Beatles’ “revolution” in popular music and culture.

JUNE 17

The 17-piece **Kim Kelly Orchestra** plays big band to contemporary.

JUNE 20

Hal Melia, Scott Belck, Phil DeGreg & LA’s Slammin Sammy K, in concert with the very talented students from **Miami Valley Jazz Summer Camp All Stars** and the **Dayton Jazz Orchestra Big Band**.

JUNE 24

The **Lebanon Grand Opry House Band** perform classic country with the best show this side of Nashville.

JULY 1

U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors is the official touring big band of the United States Army. This 19-member ensemble, formed in 1969, has received great acclaim at home and abroad performing America’s original art form, jazz.

JULY 3

Kick off the patriotic holiday with our annual Americana Concert, with performances by **Centerville Community Band** and **Centerville Community Chorus** along with a special canon performance by the **Fifth Ohio Light Artillery**.

JULY 8

David Cousino, aka The Six String Genius, performs an eclectic mix of musical styles.

JULY 14

Tom Daugherty Orchestra takes you back in time when Sinatra’s smooth voice ruled the airwaves. Dancing is encouraged at the second annual Dance Night.

Special thanks to Platinum Sponsors: Centerville Storage Inns, Heartland of Centerville, LCNB, Molly Maid-Beavercreek and Naples Insurance Services-Nationwide for their support.

JULY 15

Originally formed in 1963, **The Stumps** playlist includes the best of the ‘60s along with a sampling of ‘70s favorites.

JULY 22

Dulahan performs a unique mix of original tunes, classic pub favorites, sea shanties, tender ballads, and lively rebel songs with a special appearance by **Dwyer School of Irish Dance**.

JULY 28

Our hometown **Centerville Community Band** plays every type of music from jazz to Broadway to patriotic tunes.

JULY 29

Now in its 21st season, the **Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra** continues its tradition of bringing high quality symphonic music and entertainment to the Miami Valley.

AUGUST 5

U.S. Air Force Band of Flight performs a diverse repertoire including original band compositions and orchestral transcriptions, popular Broadway and show tunes, marches, and patriotic selections.

AUGUST 12

Crowd favorites **Phil Dirt & The Dozers** perform vintage rock and roll hits from the ‘50s, ‘60s, and ‘70s.

AUGUST 19

Cincinnati’s favorite party band, **Soul Pocket** brings a high energy mix of soul, Motown, R&B, rock and funk.

AUGUST 26

The #1 Jimmy Buffett tribute act in the country, the **Parrots of the Caribbean** are sure to entertain.

SEPTEMBER 16

Enjoy myriad guitar styles at the annual **Guitar Fest**, 4-7 p.m., sponsored by the Dayton Classical Guitar Society.

SWING INTO SUMMER *with* DAYTON'S #1 COURSE

Get your swing grooving at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. Voted the #1 golf course in Dayton for the past seven years, Yankee Trace offers many specials and programs for golfers and potential golfers of all ages. Call the Golf Shop, 438-GOLF, or visit yankeetrace.org for a complete list of the great activities happening at your local golf resort.



Lesson programs advance your skills

Get Golf Ready: for adults interested in trying out golf for the first time, this new lesson program offers four one-hour sessions and three on-course sessions for \$99.

Get Better Golf: a more intense format, improve your game with four one-hour sessions and three on-course sessions for \$99.

Improve your skills...for free

Yankee Trace is pleased to offer complimentary clinics to help improve your game. Register at playgolfamerica.com.

- ▶ **Girls and Guardians:** 3–4 p.m., Saturday, July 14
- ▶ **Couples Golf Clinic:** 3–4 p.m., Saturday, July 21
- ▶ **Family Golf Clinic:** 3–4 p.m., Saturday, July 28

Summer Special Events

- **Centerville residents receive 10% off regular green fees** (ID required). Reserve your tee time online and receive an additional 5% off. This offer is valid through September 30.
- **June is Women's Golf Month** at Yankee Trace. Green fee and merchandise specials will be offered throughout the month.
- **Celebrate Father's Day** with specials in the Golf Shop, June 11–17. All Men's fine golf apparel is 25% off. See coupon on page 16.
- **Family Golf Night** is back by popular demand. Every Thursday evening in June each member of the family gets 9-holes, golf car, range balls and Yankee jumbo hot dog combo for \$12.50.
- **Take Your Daughter to the Course Week**, July 9–15. Girls ages 6–17 play FREE anytime with paying adult for the entire week. Sally Kusters, LPGA, hosts a complimentary clinic for daughters and guardians, 3–4 p.m., Saturday, July 14.
- **Friday Evening Couples League** begins June 1, for \$30 per person, this includes 9-holes, golf car, prize fund and dinner.
- **Happy Hour Golf** is noon–4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, includes 18-holes of golf, golf car, warm-up basket of range balls, Yankee jumbo hot dog, chips and beverage, \$35. See coupon on page 16.

GET YOUR KIDS IN THE GAME

Youth programs for all skill levels

Your junior can play golf all summer long with these specials, camps and leagues. Private lessons are also available. All leagues and camps are supervised by Yankee Trace professionals who offer tips and instruction during league play.

All juniors ages 6–14 play FREE with a paying adult every day of the week after 7 p.m. June 1– August 24. Reservations required.

Youth Summer Camp I: June 11–15

Youth Summer Camp II: July 9–13

Ideal for kids ages 6–11, each camper gets five days of instruction, an end of the week golf tournament, Nike golf shoes, Nike golf glove and Nike sleeve of golf balls. Limited spots available, sign up early.

Youth Player's Camp: June 25–29

Ages 11–17, for intermediate or advance junior golfers, includes professional instruction and playing time on the course

Youth Monday and Wednesday League I begin June 11 and June 13

Youth Monday and Wednesday League II begin July 23 and July 25

For juniors looking to get ready for high school golf or improve their overall game, these leagues run five consecutive weeks.

Streets set for repair

This year's Street Program—repairing and resurfacing of streets—is underway. Fenway Court will receive new curb, storm structures and underdrain and be milled and resurfaced. Other streets included in the program are:

- Ambridge Road from Bigger to Langdon
- Applecreek Road from Rahn to Burning Bush
- New England Drive from Marshall to Kings Row
- Qualston Court
- North Village Drive from Whittington to near South Village Drive
- Sheldon Drive
- Virginia Avenue from White Birch to Jeanette
- Heritage Lake Drive (275 feet west of Yankee)
- South Suburban Road (125 feet south of E. Franklin)

Planned work varies on each street and may include curb replacement, storm structure repair, milling, pavement base repair and asphalt resurfacing. Sidewalk repair work will be done in the neighborhoods southwest of the City Building. Residents are asked to work with and around the contractor during improvements. All work should be done by mid-August. Residents whose streets are slated for work will receive a letter from the City providing specific details of what's planned for that street. Questions may be directed to Public Works, 428-4782, or by email publicworks@centervilleohio.gov.

Grant funding has been received to resurface East Spring Valley Road from South Main Street to Atchison Road. This work will likely occur late this fall. ODOT will mill and resurface SR 48/Far Hills Avenue from I-675 northward into Kettering. This work is planned for late summer with an October completion. This ODOT resurfacing project will be at no cost to the City under the state's local resurfacing initiative. Centerville will include, in our annual street program, concrete curb repair ahead of ODOT's resurfacing.

ODOT also has a project on SR 725/Alex-Bell Road that will include minor rehabilitation of the bridge located just east of Pelbrook Farm Drive. Alex-Bell will be closed for 14 days beginning mid-July. A posted detour will direct traffic around the work area on Wilmington Pike, Bigger Road and Cloy Road. During the road closure, Pelbrook Farm will be accessible from the *west* and Penridge will be accessible from the *east*.

Curbs are important part of storm drainage system

The City's storm drainage system is made up of numerous components including underground storm sewer pipe, catch basins and storm manholes. Did you know that curb is also a part of the storm system? Curbs direct water flowing off the roadway surface toward catch basins where it flows into storm sewer pipe. Streets without curb have side ditches, or swales, that collect the water flowing off of the pavement. Just as storm sewers carry water downstream toward creeks, streams, ponds and rivers, so do these side ditches.

The City's Storm Water Master Plan, a report on file with the Ohio EPA, details objectives that the City has in order to follow the six Best Management Practices (BMP's) set forth by the OEPA. One of the Best Practices deals with illicit discharge and illegal dumping. Residents are reminded to work diligently to keep all components of the City's storm sewer system open, free and clear of all debris. NEVER allow anything to accumulate in a drainage way or storm sewer. Damage to the system can be two-fold: grass clippings or anything dumped in the path of the water may block the flow and cause water to back up and create problems upstream and, since the storm water drainage system carries 'clean' water—rainwater—downstream to creeks, streams, ponds and rivers, any foreign substance can be potentially harmful to the wildlife that lives there. We've all see news footage of fish kills and birds covered with oil following a major oil spill in the ocean. Imagine that on a smaller scale in your own neighborhood or a local park where a stream or pond is enjoyed.

Residents are encouraged to keep drainage paths on your property clear and to report any observation of illegal dumping. For information about the storm drainage system or any public improvement in your neighborhood, contact Public Works, 428-4782, or email publicworks@centervilleohio.gov.

NATURAL RECYCLING

Centerville practices 'natural' recycling. Public Works collects brush from residents—downed trees limbs, material trimmed from bushes, shrubs, and trees—and grinds it to make mulch for landscape beds along roadways, in Stubbs

Park and at other City-owned properties. Last year's wind storms provided plenty of material. Turning brush into mulch accomplishes two goals: it saves that material from going to a landfill, and it saves the City money otherwise spent to purchase mulch.

City residents who show proof of residency are permitted to drop off brush every Wednesday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., and every third Saturday, 8 a.m.–noon, at the Public Works Center, 7970 S. Suburban Road. Woody brush is accepted. Limbs must be cut to no longer than 8 feet in length and no greater than 10 inches in diameter. Tree trunks, root balls, grass clippings, ornamental grass, leaves and whole trees are not accepted. This service is for City residents doing their own work—it is not available for contractors. Residents may call for a special pick up of brush, for a minimal charge. Call Public Works, 428-4782 or e-mail publicworks@centervilleohio.gov.

Call before you dig

Call for utility locations before digging—it's the law. Ohio Utility Protection Service (OUPS) is a free service. Call OUPS with the location of your planned work. They will call member utilities including DP&L, AT&T, Vectren and Montgomery County to locate underground lines in the vicinity of your work. Dial 811 (or 1-800-362-2764). Operators will walk you through a series of questions. After the information is received, utility companies will mark their underground lines. For more information, visit oups.org.

Citizens' Police Academy accepting applications

21st class set to start in August

Here's your chance to learn what goes on behind the scenes at the Centerville Police Department. The fall Citizens' Police Academy begins August 29 and runs through November 14. Classes are Wednesday evenings, 6:30–9:30 p.m. in the Centerville Police Department training room.

The 12-week course gives citizens the opportunity to learn more about the various functions of the department. Officers present information on topics such as laws of arrest, search and seizure, use of force continuum, firearms, asp & taser, criminal and drug investigations, OVI and crash investigations and crime scene investigations. Participants also go on the firing range and ride along with an officer. The class is free to the public. Registration forms are available in the lobby or online at ci.centerville.oh.us under the Police tab.

This program is our most popular offered and available on a first come first served basis. For more information, call Community Relations Officer John Davis, 433-7661.

BIKES SAFETY TIPS

When riding your bicycle, have fun, but use caution. Here are some helpful hints from the Centerville Police Department for enjoying a safe ride:

- ✓ Always wear a helmet—It's the law in Centerville
- ✓ Obey traffic signs
- ✓ Use traffic signals
- ✓ Ride a properly fitted bicycle
- ✓ When riding in a group, keep a safe distance between bikes
- ✓ Brake before you turn a corner
- ✓ Look out for objects on the road

Every Time You Ride Your Bike Do the ABC Quick Check

A	Air in tires
B	Brakes
C	Cranks & pedals
QUICK	Look at wheel axles, nuts and bolts
CHECK	Take a short ride

Centerville's Bicycle Helmet Ordinance

No person under the age of 18 years shall operate a bicycle, or ride as a passenger on a bicycle equipped with a passenger seat, within the City unless such person is wearing a protective helmet on his/her head, with the chin strap fastened under the chin. Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be subject to penalty.

CAUTION! KEEP KIDS SAFE

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

Bring the family to the Centerville Police Department, 1–4 p.m., Saturday, August 4 for games, activities, prizes, contests and interactive booths. With a focus on children's safety, the event celebrates National Night Out Against Crime. This year's event will be an Open House, giving the public a glimpse behind the scenes at the Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road.

GO DOG GO!

KEEP YOUR DOG HAPPY AND SAFE WHEN OUT FOR A WALK

Dog walking can be an enjoyable experience for both you and your pet.

Not only is it great exercise, but also a chance to spend time with your dog.

Before you and Fido hit the neighborhood, the City reminds you that Centerville's law requires owners to keep their dogs under control.

🐾 Dogs should be on a leash when walked and in a fenced yard or other enclosure when at your home.

🐾 Dogs should not run at large in the road or in a yard without the homeowner's consent.

🐾 It's your responsibility to clean up after your dogs.

For more information about Centerville City Ordinance 618.01, commonly known as the "leash law", go to ci.centerville.oh.us, click on Municipal Code under Quick Links.

The Centerville Washington Park District has an off-leash dog park located at Oak Grove Park on Social Row Road. For more information, visit cwpcd.org or call 433-5155.



Vacation house checks provide peace of mind while you're away

Centerville is a safe community. However, crime can happen anywhere. Don't come home from a relaxing vacation only to find you've been burglarized. Be proactive and let a neighbor and the Centerville Police Department know that you will be out of town.

Residents may submit a Vacation House Check requesting a police officer check the security of your residence while you are away on an extended vacation. During routine patrols, as time allows, the police officer will check the exterior of your residence, including windows and doors, to make sure they are secure.

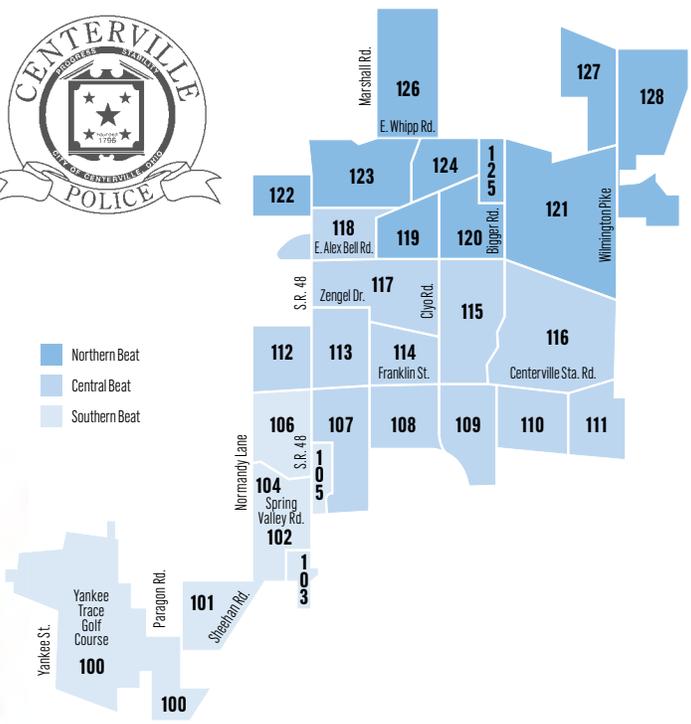
If forced entry is located or your residence is found unsecured, the officer will attempt to contact you or a keyholder at the phone numbers you provide. The form is available online at ci.centerville.oh.us, under departments go to Police. Print, complete and return the form to the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road.

AREA	ROBBERIES			RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES			BREAKING & ENTERING			THEFT OF/FROM VEHICLES			OTHER PROPERTY THEFTS			CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/DAMAGE		
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	RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS BURGLARIES					
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UNDETERMINED	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-

Residential & Business Crime Statistics

Statistic Totals: February-April 2012



Fireworks are fun...but leave the big stuff to the professionals

The Washington Township Fire Department reminds residents that even though you can buy fireworks in Ohio, it doesn't mean you can use them in Ohio. Know the laws before you purchase. Firecrackers, cherry bombs and bottle rockets are illegal. The only fireworks legal in Ohio are those that snap, crackle or pop.

Sparklers cause more injuries than any other firework. If you must have sparklers, use adult supervision and follow these tips:

- Keep burning sparklers away from clothing and flammable objects.
- Use sparklers outdoors only, keep away from vehicles and buildings.
- Light only one sparkler at a time.
- Alcohol, fireworks and sparklers do not mix.
- Do not point or throw sparklers at another person.
- Place used sparklers in a bucket of water.



For more fire safety information, contact the Washington Township Fire Department, 433-3083 or visit washingtontwp.org/fire.

February 20, 2012

Mayor Kingseed welcomed Pastor Kirk Lithander of Fairhaven Church to present the invocation.

Council accepted Jill Wallace's resignation from the Arts Commission. Mrs. Wallace accepted a position as receptionist for the City of Centerville.

Council designated March as Developmental Disabilities Month in Centerville.

Presentations:



Heart of Centerville members presented the spring and summer calendar of events during February's council meeting.

Representatives from the Heart of Centerville, a downtown merchants' group, presented information about the organization and upcoming events including a ScanVenger Hunt, Community A'Fair and Third Friday events.

Board/Commission Appointments:

- Ginny Strausburg was appointed Chairman of the Arts Commission.

March 19, 2012

Mayor Kingseed welcomed Pastor Winston Baldwin of Seventh Day Adventist Church to present the invocation.

Council designated March 31, 2012 as Theater Day in Centerville.

Board /Commission Appointments:

- James Durham was reappointed as a member of the Planning Commission.
- Marilou Enslein was reappointed as Chair of the City Beautiful Commission.
- Sierra Kelley was reappointed as a member of the Arts Commission.

In Housekeeping measures, Council:

Set for public hearing an ordinance regulating panhandling and prohibiting an aggressive panhandling.

► Serve your community

The City has openings on the following Council-appointed boards or commissions: Centerville Arts, City Beautiful, and Sister City. For more information or an application, contact Debbie James at 433-7151, or djames@centervilleohio.gov or go to ci.centerville.oh.us and click on Departments, then Volunteer Opportunities.

April 16, 2012

Mayor Kingseed welcomed Pastor Chad Current of Living Hope Church to present the invocation.

Council accepted the resignation of Martin Holzinger from the Arts Commission. Mayor Kingseed thanked Mr. Holzinger for his service.

City Manager Greg Horn recognized Police Chief Bruce Robertson who earned a master's degree in Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Presentations:

Mayor Kingseed welcomed Mary Scott to the Arts Commission.

Eagle Scouts Shawn Collins, Alec Stackhouse and Nathaniel Kinsella were recognized for their scouting achievements.



Shawn Collins and Alec Stackhouse were recognized for achieving Eagle Scout rank.

Council proclaimed April 25, 2012 as Benham's Grove Founders' Day in Centerville. Sally Blommel, administrator, Benham's Grove, presented the events scheduled to recognize the community gathering place's 20th anniversary.



Friends of Benham's Grove members June Ovington and Linda Brewster, along with Benham's Grove Administrator Sally Blommel accept a proclamation from Mayor Kingseed.

Centerville High School students taking part in Youth in Government Day, which gives students an opportunity to meet with government officials, were introduced.



Centerville High School students taking part in Youth in Government Day attended the April Council meeting.

April 18 was proclaimed as Arbor Day in the City of Centerville.

May 7-10 was proclaimed as Operation Clean Sweep in the City of Centerville.

Board /Commission Appointments:

- Kera Estep was reappointed to the Arts Commission.
- Debbie Schmidt was reappointed to the City Beautiful Commission.
- Pam Cima was reappointed to the School Personnel Appeals Board.
- Judy Budi was reappointed to the School Personnel Appeals Board.



Mayor's Message from Mark Kingseed



Mark Kingseed joins Weller student Grant Dowler, Incarnation student Abigail Mouse, Grace Leedy from Weller and Will Homan from Incarnation during the Arbor Day ceremony at Benham's Grove.

If you spend a lot of time listening to the news or following election campaigns, you might get the impression that everything is falling apart, doom is just around the corner and all of us should go hide in our basements. I think it's important to step back from the daily hubbub so we can think about and appreciate all the great things going on around us. Those of us who live in this great city have a wealth of opportunity to enjoy ourselves, take advantage of fun events and participate in the many activities that make this community so special—especially during the summer.

For example, I hope everyone will attend at least one of the 17 free concerts sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission at Stubbs Park. The first concert is June 10 and the last is September 16. There is a wide variety of musical groups which will appeal to everyone in the family. The full schedule with dates and performers is on page 9.

Of course, Stubbs Park (which is owned by the City) itself is a gem which citizens should take advantage of. A beautiful setting on W. Spring Valley Road, it's a great place for a picnic or just enjoying the outdoors.

Downtown merchants have been very active in helping make downtown Centerville a destination for shopping, dining and fun. The Heart of Center-

ville organization is sponsoring "Third Friday" celebrations throughout the summer. There's plenty of free parking and great entertainment at each of these events. In fact there are great dining and shopping opportunities throughout Centerville. I like to support the local merchants as much as possible and I hope you'll join me in that effort.

The biggest event for which Centerville is known throughout the state is the Americana Festival. Enjoy the Patriotic Concert on July 3 at Stubbs Park. On the Fourth, citizens can participate in the parade, street fair, car show, 5K run, fireworks and other patriotic activities. This year is even more special because we are honoring Grand Marshal Bob Corbin. Bob served as our state representative for 24 years, and I had the good fortune to work with him for four years when he served on Centerville City Council. I'm delighted that he is being recognized for all his service to the community.

Every Wednesday evening the restaurant at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace hosts Jazz on the Green. The view from the patio at the restaurant is extraordinary, and with great food and musical entertainment, it is always a night to remember.

Don't forget the Farmers Market each Thursday. You can shop for fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, flowers, honey and many other locally grown delicacies. The Farmers Market is located at

Spring Valley Rd. and St. Rt. 48. I grew up on a farm in Shelby County and I'm delighted that the Centerville Farmers Market has been such a success.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Benham's Grove complex on N. Main Street. Please check out the city website for anniversary events including a marriage vow renewal on July 29 and a Dancing under the Stars night sponsored by the Friends of Benham's Grove on August 10.

There are a tremendous number of family-fun activities

offered throughout the summer which you can enjoy. We are all fortunate to be living in this great community and I hope you take advantage of as many of the opportunities as you can!

As always, my colleagues on City Council and I are deeply grateful for the opportunity you have given us to serve. I hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable and healthy summer.

Mark Kingseed

City of Centerville

100 W. Spring Valley Rd., Centerville, OH 45458



City Manager.....Gregory B. Horn

The Centerville Town Crier is a continuing effort to improve communication between you and your City officials. Comments or suggestions for future issues are welcome and should be directed to the Office of the City Manager. Council members welcome your calls and emails.

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Public Meetings at the Municipal Building

City Council..... 8 p.m., third Monday monthly
Board of Architectural Review..... 7:30 p.m., first Tuesday monthly
City Planning Commission 7:30 p.m., last Tuesday monthly
Centerville Arts Commission 7 p.m., first Wednesday monthly
Boards of Tax & Personnel Appeals
& Property Review Commission At the call of the chairperson

Public Meetings at the Public Works Center

7970 S. Suburban Road
City Beautiful Commission..... 7 p.m., first Tuesday monthly

Public Meetings at the Police Department

155 W. Spring Valley Road
Sister City Committee 7 p.m., first Tuesday monthly

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City offices will also close Monday, September 3, in observation of Labor Day. Waste collection will be delayed one day that week.

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