

# TOWN CRIER

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## Two council members retire from service

Longtime council members Jim Singer and Doug Cline will be giving up their seats on December 31. Council will celebrate their achievements at a reception and dinner in their honor January 16, 2014 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, 10000 Yankee Street. Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information, call Centerville Offices at 433-7151.



Jim Singer, second from right, is congratulated on his years of service by son-in-law Dr. Edgar Santillan, daughter Dr. Melody Singer and wife, Willa Singer, at a recent council meeting.

### Jim Singer

A concern about apartments being built near his home prompted Jim Singer to become an active citizen. It was the mid 1970's and neighbors banded together to form the Black Oak Civic Association. Singer says after five years, the group finally achieved victory when another developer built single-family homes on the land. Singer says as a Council member, single-family home development has remained a primary objective for him.

Recognized by Council last year for his 35 years of service, *Singer continued on page 3.*



The Cline family on a recent outing: (clockwise) Doug, Elizabeth, Stephanie, Dan, Josh, Molly and Sarah.

### Doug Cline

During his 15 years on Centerville Council, Doug Cline has followed the same principle: Listen, learn and make the best decision for the people you represent. "It's not always the most popular way, but you have to leave politics behind and evaluate the information," he says. "I'm proud of the choices I've made." Over the summer, the longtime Council member made the announcement that he would not seek another term. Monday evenings would be reserved for family time.

Cline started on Council in 1999. While on Planning Commission, *Cline continued on page 3.*

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Warmest wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season

# BUSINESSES Continue *to grow*

There is continued good economic news in our community. Take a drive around, and you'll find businesses are growing and building throughout Centerville.

The northern part of Centerville along Far Hills Ave. is experiencing revitalization. The Shops of North Village, to be located on the corner of North Village Drive and Far Hills, will feature three food-service businesses in one building, including a sandwich shop, coffee shop and frozen dessert shop. New landscaping will be added, as trees along North Village were removed because of emerald ash borer infestation. A few doors down, a new McDonald's recently opened at its new location. The Washington Centerville Public Library has recently purchased the former McDonald's site. Plans for this area are still in development.

Also scheduled is the extension of the access drive connecting the Woodbourne Library parking lot to North Village Drive, allowing vehicles exiting the library to turn north or south onto Far Hills Ave. This project is financially supported by the Library, City of Centerville and Washington Township. In addition, the City is providing engineering and construction assistance. Additional plans include adding a drive along the south side of the library that will connect with the new access drive. A new drive-thru book drop will also be installed.



**Top:** Cornerstone of Centerville named its first tenant, Costco Wholesale, to be located on Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road.  
**Middle:** Charles Simms Development's Cottages at the Highlands is wrapping up the final building project at Yankee Trace.  
**Above:** Dunkin' Donuts, on the corner of Spring Valley Road and South Main Street, is set to open soon.

On South Main Street, a Dunkin' Donuts will offer signature coffee and sweet treats, located on the newly annexed property on the southeast corner of East Spring Valley Road and St. Route 48. Look for a grand opening very soon.

Cornerstone of Centerville has named its first tenant. Costco, a membership warehouse club, is making its first entry into the Dayton area with a 148,000 square foot building set to break ground in early spring. Anticipated opening is Fall 2014. Centerville Council approved Phase I of the development plan, Cornerstone North, at its October meeting. Oberer Development is developing the 154-acre property located on Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road. Both roads are set to be widened as part of the project. As of press time, no other tenants had been named.

Another project set to break ground in spring is Randall Residence, a lifestyle community, at Sheehan, Social Row and Paragon roads. Planned for the southern part of the 65 acres, the senior living development will have a similar look to the homes at Yankee Trace. The 35-acre campus will feature assisted living, independent living and a memory center, along with more than 20 four-unit patio homes.

Developer Charles Simms has platted the last phase of home sites at Yankee Trace. The Cottages at the Highlands feature patio homes highlighting new floor plans, designs and finishes. Many sites have golf

or wooded lot views. When these sites are sold, this almost 20-year building project will be complete. Yankee Trace is home to more than 900 families.

## Welcome to these businesses *new to Centerville*

**First Day Natural Lighting**, 7913 South Suburban Road

**X-Treme Krete Transformations**, 93-R Compark Road

**Paul Family Dentistry**, 7073 Cloyo Road

**Reclaim**, 90-D Compark Road

**Gem City Cross Fit**, 93 Compark Road

**Mirabella Boutique**, 6380 Far Hills Ave.

**Fine Tuned Music Center**, 963 E. Franklin St.

**Fire Science**, 84 Westpark Road

**Advacare Systems**, 90 Westpark Road

**South Dayton School of Dance**, 101 E. Alex-Bell Road, Suite #130

## Fourth quarter taxes due

Fourth quarter income taxes are due no later than Friday, Jan. 31, 2014. You may drop your income tax payments as well as your quarterly waste collection payment in the convenient drop box in the rear parking lot of the Municipal Building, 100 W. Spring Valley Road. Residents may also drop Montgomery County water and sewer payments in the box. Call the Tax Office at 433-7151 with any questions.



Jim Singer

(Singer continued from page 1) over the summer Singer decided to not seek reelection. "It was time for someone else to step in and serve on this Council," he says. After hundreds of council meetings and work sessions, he'll have his Monday evenings free. "I'll miss the terrific people on city staff and my fellow council members."

The president of his Akron North Central High School senior class, Singer attended the University of Akron, participating in the ROTC program. Upon graduation, the Air Force second lieutenant was assigned to Wright Patterson Air Force Base—his first choice. Although trained as an electrical engineer, Singer was adept at many types of engineering, and utilized those skills in aeronautical, civil and other disciplines. Following his two-year commitment, Singer continued working at Wright-Patt in a variety of capacities, retiring in 1989.

Singer says he's intrigued by new technology and pleased that Centerville stays ahead of issues and trends, citing the City's installation of two electric vehicle charging stations, Council's approval of a resident utilizing solar panels, and the creation of the Stormwater Drainage Task Force. The task force was formed in 1989 and still meets to review policies and procedures.

He's proud of the many achievements Council accomplished during his tenure. The Golf Club at Yankee Trace and the numerous outstanding residential developments top his list.

Now entering his eighth decade, he will retire from Council on December 31. Calling himself a fair-weather fan, Singer says he likes following college football and professional baseball. He also enjoys reading and keeping up to date on politics, especially congressional activities. He and his wife of 52 years, Willa, have one daughter, Dr. Melody Singer.

He also offers his appreciation to the many citizens who volunteer their time to keep Centerville such a wonderful place, and extends an invitation to those thinking about getting involved in their community. "Volunteer," he says. "Whether you want to make something happen or work to make something not happen. Find your spark and work for ways to make your community better."

## Former mayor passes away

Former mayor Shirley Heintz passed away in late October. Mrs. Heintz served on Council 1980 to 1984. She led Centerville as Mayor 1984 to 1996. Under her leadership, the City took on several projects including the development of Yankee Trace, Stubbs Park and Benham's Grove. "She had a rare gift that enabled her to balance grace with tenacity, and vision with practicality," says City Manager Greg Horn. "Mayor Heintz served our community with distinction for sixteen years and always exemplified a level of civility and professionalism that is increasingly rare in politics today." She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Paul, six children and eight grandchildren.



Shirley Heintz



Doug Cline

(Cline continued from page 1) he was selected by Council to fill the remaining three-year term of Council member George Smith, who was moving out of state. The Beaver Creek native would go on to be elected three times, serving the Centerville community for 15 years.

In 2002, as a Council member, Cline undertook the co-chair position for Create the Vision, the Centerville and Washington Township long-term development plan. The process would take two years, giving Cline the opportunity to work with a community volunteer board to research, talk with residents, review land developments and write the plan. He feels great satisfaction knowing that the document is still relevant and utilized. He's also proud of Centerville's revitalized downtown area. When he first started on Council, there were several unoccupied sites and buildings in need of repair. Now the streets are filled with shops in a vibrant downtown.

Cline says it's important for a community to have a good mix of business and residential development. "Centerville offers an excellent balance for our residents," he says, citing the beautification awards, pocket park on Alex Bell and property maintenance code as just a few ways the City works to keep neighborhoods thriving.

Just months following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, in February 2006, Cline was part of a City and Township group that brought supplies and vehicles to three areas hit hard by the storm. That would be the first of three visits to the New Orleans area. He traveled again later that summer to prepare homes for demolition, and then returned the following year to assist with rebuilding efforts. Calling the experiences memorable and rewarding, he says the journeys were a highlight of his service.

In March 2010, another experience would change Cline's life. He suffered a serious heart attack that led him to reassess priorities. His wife and five children were his main concern. It was a tough time for Cline, who says Mayor Mark Kingseed's courageous battle with cancer served as an inspiration for him. "I knew I wanted to make some changes and have more time with my family." Cline decided to not seek reelection. Instead he'll have more time for school, sports and other activities.

In addition to his adult children, Dan, an investment advisor in Chicago, and Stephanie, a third grade teacher at Cline Elementary School, he and wife Elizabeth are the parents of three youngsters, Sarah, 11; Molly, 10 and Joshua, 8.

As a young man, Doug Cline was inspired by President John F. Kennedy. He has followed Kennedy's call to service, as a leader and volunteer. Cline calls former Ohio House of Representative Bob Corbin, who served with him on Centerville Council, another political hero. His greatest mentors, however, lived in the same house. "My parents instilled ethics and values. My dad showed me how to be a leader," says Cline. "I hope I've done the same with my children."

## Benham's Grove perfect choice for winter events

December is the perfect month to host an event at Benham's Grove. Twinkling lights, gorgeous holiday decorations and cozy fires are just a few of

the reasons to hold your party there. Throughout the year, this community gathering place is a great venue for business getaways, celebrations and gatherings. For more information visit [benhamsgrove.com](http://benhamsgrove.com) or call 433-1913.



## Crews ready for snow season

One of the primary services Centerville provides each winter is plowing snow and spreading salt to keep roadways safe. Public Works strives to improve operations by being efficient and cost-conscious. Prior to a winter storm event, we check weather forecasts to plan our attack. Several years ago Centerville added brine to our toolbox. Brine is a salt-water solution sprayed on dry roadways ahead of a forecasted storm. It forms a film on the roadway surface and helps prevent ice and snow from bonding to the pavement. Public Works trucks are outfitted with a wetting system. As the salt leaves the bed of the truck and flows to the salt spreader, it is sprayed with brine. Brine helps the salt melt faster improving roadway conditions quicker.

Centerville is divided into six areas. During a winter storm event where snow and/or ice are accumulating on roadways, trucks that are outfitted with plow blades and salt spreaders are dispatched to each area. Priority streets—major roadways, hills, bridges, and emergency routes—are cleared first. Collector streets within each area are the second priority. Once priority streets are clear, crews begin clearing residential streets. However, as long as it's snowing, crews must focus on priority streets.

When clearing residential areas, crews make one pass in and one pass out to provide for two-way traffic. After first and second priority roads are completely clear, crews make a second pass through residential neighborhoods. Depending on the severity of the storm, crews may leave residential areas to concentrate on priority roadways and then return when available to clear the residential streets.

### Residents can help expedite snow and ice removal:

- Remove parked vehicles from the street to avoid being plowed in.
- Pile snow on the left side of your drive (facing your house from the street) to avoid being plowed in.
- Don't plow snow from driveways onto public streets.

Centerville's Municipal Code requires property owners clear snow and ice accumulations from sidewalk "within a reasonable time, which will ordinarily not exceed 12 hours." Residents who live downtown or where children walk to and from school are asked to make special effort to clear sidewalks as soon as practical. City crews clear sidewalks at City-owned properties and gazebo bus stops.

For assistance with snow removal, call the City, 433-7151, for a snow removal resource list, including volunteers.

Public Works crews continue to work smarter to optimize storm operations. The safety of the traveling public is the first concern and every effort will be made to provide the highest level of service to our residents. For more information call 428-4782.

## City looking for volunteers to help elderly residents

The City of Centerville is compiling a list of individuals, groups, and organizations willing to volunteer to assist elderly and disabled Centerville residents with snow removal. The list is maintained by City staff and available to residents. The City also maintains a list of individuals and companies that perform snow removal for a fee. "There are many older or disabled residents who are unable to rake leaves or shovel their walks," says Greg Horn, Centerville city manager. "Some residents can afford to pay for the service, but often do not know whom they can call. Others may not be able to afford the service, especially if it is an unusually bad winter."

Once residents receive the resource list from the City, it is their responsibility to make the necessary arrangements. Any group or individual interested in volunteering or listing a business for this service, or would like to receive the resource list information, should call City Offices, 433-7151.

## CENTERVILLE FIRST LOCAL CITY TO OFFER ELECTRIC-VEHICLE CHARGING-STATIONS

Centerville has two public "level two" electric-vehicle charging stations: one at the Centerville Municipal Building, 100 W. Spring Valley Road, and another in the downtown public parking area, off of W. Franklin Street. While charge times vary, level two stations can fully charge a battery in as little as four hours. There is an introductory fee of \$.50 per hour and both stations accept credit cards. Each charging unit can accommodate one vehicle and customers can choose the length of charge time. The stations are available 24 hours a day. Signs directing motorists to the two locations have been posted on W. Spring Valley Road, W. Franklin and North Main streets.



## LIGHT UP YOUR HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

In early December, City Beautiful Commission members will travel Centerville roadways looking for festive holiday decorations. One winner will be recognized in each of their seven zones. Commission members look for holiday displays that truly 'catch their eye.' It could be the big 'WOW!' factor with lots of lights or a simple, yet elegant display that captures the spirit of the season. To nominate a neighbor, call City offices, 433-7151, by December 9. Every home nominated will be reviewed by a commission member.

## Election brings two new Council members

JoAnne Rau, John Palcher and incumbent Brooks Compton were elected to Centerville Council as a result of the Nov. 5 election. Each member will serve a four-year term. Rau and Palcher will be first-time Council members, while Compton will be starting his 23rd year of service. They join Council members John Beals, Paul Gresham and Belinda Kenley along with Mayor Mark Kingseed.

Three positions were available as Compton's term ended, and longtime council members Doug Cline and Jim Singer did not seek reelection. Look for more information about both new Council members in an upcoming issue.

## Register your pooch

Ohio law requires that dogs older than three months be licensed. Residents may purchase a 2014 Montgomery County dog license Dec. 1 through Jan. 31 at the Centerville Municipal Building, 100 W. Spring Valley Road. Spayed and neutered dog licenses are \$20, unaltered dog licenses are \$24. Multi-year licenses are available only through the Montgomery County Auditor's Office. More information is available at 225-4314, or mcohio.org.



## Watch out for ash borer

The emerald ash borer is claiming trees all over our community. The pesky insects have caused ash trees throughout the City to decline and die; looking not only unsightly but also creating dangerous situations as limbs may fall, injuring persons or property. The City has been aggressive in combatting EAB. Public Works has removed more than 550 of the 1,169 ash trees from Stubbs Park and 16 ash trees from roadway medians. Six ash trees were removed from North Village Drive, as they were also in various states of decline. The developer of the Shops of North Village will plant new trees along with shrubbery as part of the landscaping plan. The Golf Club at Yankee Trace maintenance crews have removed 263 ash trees with another 94 to be taken out over the next several months.

Ash trees are being replaced throughout the City with a variety of trees including maple, oak, sweetgum, elm and locust. More than 250 trees have already been planted at Stubbs Park. There are almost 50 ash trees located within the City that are being treated for EAB and responding well.

If you have an ash tree in your yard it is recommended that you examine it for signs of EAB. A frequent misconception is that even though the canopy is starting to die, if a new spurt of growth pops from the trunk, the tree will survive. This is not true. The tree is already in serious decline and will eventually die. Of major concern is that these trees become quite brittle as they die. For this reason if you have an ash tree in your yard – especially one showing signs of decline – consider removing it before it falls and causes potentially serious damage to your property. More information on the EAB may be found on the Ohio Department of Natural Resources website: [ohiodnr.com/Forestry/EAB](http://ohiodnr.com/Forestry/EAB).



Stefan Minnig, Mayor Mark Kingseed, Maureen Russell Hodgson and Greg Horn accept the 3CMA Savvy Award for Best City Newsletter.

## Centerville's newsletter wins national award

*"Town Crier" recognized for efforts*

The city of Centerville's newsletter, *Town Crier*, received a first place Savvy Award for Best External Publication from 3CMA, City County Communications & Marketing Association. The City's publication was selected from entries representing jurisdictions across the United States. 3CMA judges called the newsletter's layout "clean and crisp with colorful graphics and beautiful photos" and liked that a number of stories featured Centerville's programs and services. According to the judges, *Town Crier* is a "leading example in public communications" that "told a story about Centerville, Ohio that made the judges want to move there." The publication received first place honors in the 0-83,000 population category.

*Town Crier* is a quarterly publication, delivered to every Centerville residence. Stories are submitted by city departments and local organizations. Maureen Russell Hodgson, the city's community resources coordinator, serves as editor, and page design is created by Stefan Minnig of Red Wagon Workshop. Mound Printing serves as printer. The publication is also available via the City's website [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov).

3CMA is a national organization based in Washington, D.C. Its Savvy Awards competition attracts hundreds of entries each year.

## Local program wins regional award

A video program regarding funding inequities between Ohio cities and urban townships recently received First Place honors from the Alliance for Community Media, Central States Region. The program, *A State of Inequity in Ohio*, discusses the outcome of a University of Toledo Urban Affairs study and was selected from professional entries across Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Kentucky as part of the Philo Festival of Media Arts Video Competition.

Recognized in the Political Awareness category, the program featured several local and regional officials including Centerville Mayor Mark Kingseed and City Manager Greg Horn, and was produced in cooperation with the Dayton Area Mayors and Managers Association. Hosted by Centerville's Community Resources Coordinator Maureen Russell Hodgson, Carl Suchomel of Miami Valley Communications Council, served as director and editor. The study showed a significant subsidy for townships and additional tax burdens for cities. The program is available at [DaytonAreaMayorsandManagers.com](http://DaytonAreaMayorsandManagers.com).

## Annual breakfast highlights music's role in Civil Rights movement

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*Breakfast to be held Jan. 20*

Music was an invisible foot soldier that provided hope, courage, determination and faith and fueled the spirit of resistance for the Civil Rights movement, says Dr. Mellonee Burnim, featured speaker for the 14th annual MLK Jr. Breakfast. Scheduled for 7:30 a.m., Monday, January 20, 2014 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, 10000 Yankee Street, the event is presented by the Centerville-Washington Diversity Council.

Following breakfast, Dr. Burnim will illustrate music's vital role in the movement led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Burnim is professor and past Director of the Ethnomusicology Institute in the Department of Folklore and Ethnomusicology, and adjunct professor in the Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies at Indiana University-Bloomington.

Tickets are \$15 and available through December 30. For reservations call the City of Centerville, 433-7151. For program information call Kara Ware, 435-2415. The Diversity Council is seeking new members. Membership is free. Contact CWDC Chair Georgia Mergler, 433-8091, or visit [cwtdiversity.org](http://cwtdiversity.org).



Dr. Mellonee Burnim



Artist Virginia Krause Hess and Sgt. Clarence Cassell at the U.S. Marine Corps sculpture following the dedication ceremony on Veterans Day.

## Veterans Memorial dedicated

As part of the Veterans Day Ceremony, Nov. 11 at Stubbs Park, five bronze sculptures were dedicated on the Memorial Plaza. Each medallion depicts a scene of sacrifice or service in tribute to the U.S. Armed Forces: Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. Designed by Centerville resident and internationally recognized sculptor Virginia Krause Hess, representatives from each branch of the service unveiled their respective piece. Mrs. Hess

graciously donated her time, talents and materials to create the sculptures. The program included presentation of flags from the Centerville Memorial Post 9950 Color Guard, the Centerville Police Department Honor Guard and the Washington Township Fire Department Honor Guard. Following the dedication ceremony by Centerville Mayor Mark Kingseed, the keynote address was given by David Shortt, curator and founder of the Veterans Memorial

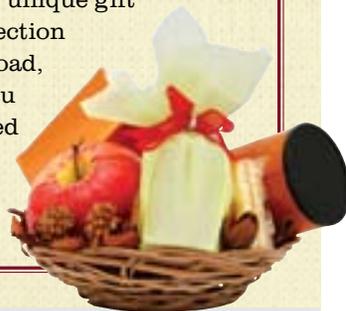
Museum in Germantown, Ohio. Others taking part in the event included the Centerville Community Band, Centerville Community Chorus, Cub Scout Pack 148 from Cline Elementary School, Maria Claiborne from Incarnation School, John Holland and Richard Meier. The Memorial is located at Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road.



Mayor Kingseed dedicates the new memorial during the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11 at Stubbs Park.

## Pick up seasonal items at Farmers Market

Bring your holiday shopping list to the final Winter Farmers Market Thursday, Dec. 19. Market hours are 2-5 p.m. Vendors will have just what you need for holiday meal preparations including unique gift baskets. Located near the intersection of St. Rt. 48 and Spring Valley Road, there's plenty of free parking. You may pre-order fresh, locally raised turkey and other meats from the vendors' list available at [centervillefarmersmarket.com](http://centervillefarmersmarket.com).



## Art at the Trace returns February 8

Celebrate the arts at the ninth annual Art at the Trace, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, February 8, at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, 10000 Yankee Street. Sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission, local artists offer a selection of work on display and available for purchase. The evening also features an elegant buffet of hors d'oeuvres and live music. Go to [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) after the first of the year for further details.

## Recycle gift boxes and trees

During the holiday season, waste collection and recyclables tend to be heavier than normal. Recycle as much as possible—gift boxes, wrapping paper and cardboard packaging are all recyclable. Remember you can put out an unlimited amount of recyclable material for collection. Your recycling container should be clearly marked and placed on the opposite side of the drive from your refuse container. This helps the driver readily identify refuse from recyclables. Christmas trees will be collected through January 9. Place your tree at the curb. City crews will collect them in a separate truck. Christmas trees are chipped and turned into mulch for use on City properties. For more information on recycling visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov), for questions about waste collection, contact Public Works, 428-4782 or [publicworks@centervilleohio.gov](mailto:publicworks@centervilleohio.gov).





These homes received August City Beautiful awards. A complete list of August winners is below. City Beautiful Commission recognized all of the Summer Landscape award winners at a reception in their honor during the September City Council meeting. Each homeowner received an engraved decorative stone.

## RESIDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING LANDSCAPING

During the summer, City Beautiful Commission members, a City of Centerville volunteer board, drive local streets looking for homes showcasing outstanding front yard appearances. Criteria include landscaping, decorating and exterior maintenance. These homeowners were recognized for August:

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| <b>John Gruenwald</b><br>6670 Leeds Circle                  | <b>Joe Willhoite</b><br>225 Linden Drive                  |
| <b>Linda Macke</b><br>6410 Hidden Hills Drive               | <b>Marc and Judy Tebben</b><br>9171 Stephanie Street      |
| <b>Roger and Ann Wurtzbacher</b><br>7410 Forest Creek Drive | <b>Andrew and Kristy Harmon</b><br>1258 Waters Edge Drive |
| <b>Arnold and Teresa Nickell</b><br>116 Gershwin Drive      |   |



Members of the City Beautiful Commission prepare for the landscape winners' reception held during the September Council meeting.

## Awesome annuals program set for February

Discover the beauty of annuals and get tips from an expert at the City Beautiful seminar Awesome Annuals, 10 a.m. Saturday, February 8 at Centerville High School Central Theater. Presented by Pam Bennett, the State Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator for Ohio, the event is free and open to the public. Ms. Bennett also writes a weekly column for the Dayton Daily News.

The City Beautiful Commission, a city volunteer board, is open to any Centerville resident interested in keeping Centerville beautiful. Applications may be downloaded at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) or call 433-7151.

## Friends of Benham's Grove membership available

Become a member of the Friends of Benham's Grove. The mission of this volunteer organization is to promote and preserve the gardens and grounds of Benham's Grove and to develop special projects which will further the purposes of this community gathering place. Friends of Benham's Grove most recent contribution was the partial funding of the newly constructed brick plaza.

Membership is available for individuals, families, businesses and organizations at three levels: \$25 Daisy, \$50 Violet or \$100 Tulip. Membership forms are available at Benham's Grove, 166 N. Main Street and [benhamsgrove.com](http://benhamsgrove.com). Newly elected officers include President Sherry Leighty, Vice President Sandi Rachal, Recording Secretary Jan Prettyman, Treasurer Linda Brewster and Corresponding Secretary Patricia Fleissner. Call 433-1913 for more information.

## Heart of Centerville accepting members



The Heart of Centerville is a group of local businesses working together to do great things. Members include a variety of shops and businesses that believe in supporting and giving back to the local community. Heart of Centerville members remind shoppers that by supporting local businesses, you help ensure that your monies and tax dollars stay here, where they will do the most good for community. Visit [heartofcenterville.com](http://heartofcenterville.com) for more information.



**YANKEE TRACE RESTAURANT HOURS**

**THROUGH DECEMBER 31**

**LUNCH**  
 MONDAY – FRIDAY: 11 AM–2 PM  
 SUNDAY BRUNCH: 10 AM–2 PM  
 COUNTER SERVICE AVAILABLE AFTER 2 PM  
 AS WEATHER PERMITS.

**JANUARY 1 THROUGH APRIL 1**

**LUNCH**  
 TUESDAY – FRIDAY: 11 AM–2 PM  
 SUNDAY BRUNCH: 10 AM–2 PM

**DINNER**  
 FRIDAY FISH FRY: 5–9 PM, STARTING JANUARY 10

## Historical Society sets programs for 2014

The Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society offers the following programs for the first quarter of 2014. All programs are free and held at Hithergreen Center, 5900 Hithergreen Drive, Refreshments are served at 6:30 p.m., and the programs begin at 7 p.m. Call the society, 433-0123, for more information.

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**Heritage Gardens at the Governor's Residence**  
*Presented by: Hope Taft*

FEB  
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**George Washington, The Man**  
*Presented by: Sally Beals*

MAR  
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**Life as a Union or Confederate Soldier**  
*Presented by Larry Maple*



## Affordable Care Act assistance offered

In January 2014, millions of Americans will be required by the Affordable Care Act to have personal health insurance. Learn more about the healthcare marketplace, the enrollment process and receive personal application assistance at two different events hosted by Washington-Centerville Public Library. The workshops, presented by certified application counselors from the Community Health Center of Greater Dayton, are free and open to the public and require no reservation to attend.

- **Tuesday, Dec 10, 5–8:30 p.m., presentation at 6 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, Jan. 22, 5–8:30 p.m., presentation at 6 p.m.**

Both events are at the Centerville Library, 111 W. Spring Valley Road. Contact the library, 433-8091.



\*To receive personal enrollment assistance at the workshop, bring the following documents: personal email address, social security numbers of all members in the household, income verification for all household members (paystubs or tax information from last year), and current insurance card (if any) including amount of monthly insurance premiums.



The Centerville Washington Township Americana Festival is looking for volunteers to help plan the daylong event held July 4, 2014. A hometown tradition, the festival welcomes more than 75,000 people to our community. This year the Festival has a special need for food concessions, but volunteers are welcome in all areas. Contact the Americana Festival at 433-5898 or [info@americanafestival.org](mailto:info@americanafestival.org) for more information.

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| ★ <b>Arts &amp; Crafts</b>    | ★ <b>Marketing</b>              |
| ★ <b>Auto Show</b>            | ★ <b>Miss Americana Pageant</b> |
| ★ <b>Radio Communications</b> | ★ <b>Office Administration</b>  |
| ★ <b>Entertainment</b>        | ★ <b>Parade</b>                 |
| ★ <b>Food Concessions</b>     | ★ <b>Publicity/Photographer</b> |
| ★ <b>Information Systems</b>  | ★ <b>Spirit of Americana</b>    |
| ★ <b>Logistics</b>            | <b>decorating contest</b>       |

## Park District offers luminary walk

Celebrate the season with an illuminated stroll across the Hole's Creek bridge to the chimneys, fire circle, meadow and woods of Grant Park, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Friday, December 13 at Grant Park, Normandy Entrance. Refreshments, music and crafts for kids are all on tap. The Centerville-Washington Park District requests pre-registration for this event by calling 433-5155 or visiting [cwpd.org](http://cwpd.org).

## Arts Commission looking for sponsors

*Free concerts welcome thousands to park*

Thousands of community members spend Sunday evenings at the summer concerts at Stubbs Park. The City of Centerville and the Centerville Arts Commission will again provide a great lineup of free concerts this summer at the park's amphitheater. The Arts Commission is offering businesses the opportunity to provide sponsorship support for this series.

Talented musicians and performing artists have entertained audiences for over 20 years and each concert season has attracted an average of 15,000 attendees. The 2014 schedule will have a great mix of oldies, classical, big band, country, Motown and rock. Businesses interested in sponsoring the series should contact the City of Centerville, 433-7151, or download a sponsorship application at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov).

# Winning photos on exhibit

More than 20 photographs were recognized with awards in the sixth annual Beyond Point & Shoot digital photo contest, sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission and the Washington-Centerville Public Library. Photographers Jerry Huffman, Gary Kunze and Ed Ponikwia judged more than 340 submitted photos. More than 850 people took part in the online judging for People's Choice.

## People's Choice

Winner: Michael Stahl, Balloon Glow

## Adult

Local Landmark Winner: Lew Hann, Reflection Lake at Sunset  
 Local Landmark Runner Up: Susan Willin-Mulay, Winter Reflections  
 People Winner: Ajay Jindal, Grand Jump  
 People Runner Up: Rachel Mirrow, Winter  
 Places Winner: Michael Stahl, Balloon Glow  
 Places Runner Up (TIE): Ajay Jindal, Light my Fire & David Braughler, Cincinnati Skyline from Roebling Bridge  
 Nature Winner: Dean Pingrey, Dragon Eyes  
 Nature Runner Up: Phillip Reed, Fall Leaves  
 Black/White/Artistic Winner: Mike Pistone, Shadow of the Dunes  
 Black/White/Artistic Runner Up: Bill Franz, Dayton Fire

## Youth

Local Landmark Winner: Ryan Braughler, The Silos  
 Local Landmark Runner Up: Lexie Sauer, Centerville Visitor  
 People Winner: Megan Kujawa, Touching the sun  
 People Runner Up: Madeline Stewart, Radiance  
 Places Winner: Ryan Braughler, The Old Lighthouse  
 Places Runner Up: Lexie Sauer, Antelope Canyon  
 Nature Winner: Andrew Blankenship, Drenched Sunshine  
 Nature Runner Up: Lexie Sauer, Dragonfly  
 Black/White/Artistic Winner: Ryan Braughler, It's a Small World  
 Black/White/Artistic Runner Up: Tyler King, Life is Good



Clockwise from top left: Youth Local Landmark Winner: Ryan Braughler, The Silos; People's Choice Winner: Michael Stahl, Balloon Glow; Adult People Winner: Ajay Jindal, Grand Jump

View all the winning photos at:  
[wclibrary.info/photocontest/winners\\_2013](http://wclibrary.info/photocontest/winners_2013)

The winning photographs are on exhibit in the Art Gallery at the Centerville Police Department through December 31. Located at 155 W. Spring Valley Road, the Art Gallery is open 24-hours a day and exhibits may be viewed anytime day or night. All exhibits are free and open to the public.

## Centerville-Washington Foundation funds two projects for veterans

Recognizing the men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, the Centerville-Washington Foundation has awarded two grants to honor veterans. One is a \$2,000 grant to the Veterans Memorial Enhancement project in Stubbs Park. The second is a \$500 grant to the Therapeutic Riding Institute's Horses Assisting Heroes Program.

The Veterans Memorial project features five bronze medallions, each depicting a scene of service and sacrifice. It was recently dedicated during the Centerville Veterans Day ceremony on November 11. At TRI, funds will assist a new program designed to enhance the lives of wounded veterans or those suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) through the benefits of horsemanship and interactions with fellow veterans.

Two other grants made to community organizations include \$700 to the Centerville-Washington Park District to support outreach programs for Centerville schools, and \$300 to Hannah's Treasure Chest to enrich the lives of needy children in the community.

The Centerville-Washington Foundation exists to be a community partner for corporate and individual charitable giving, functioning in the formation and preservation of charitable donations, providing services to donors and non-profit organizations and serving as a source of funds for community groups. For more information contact Bob Daley, 433-0811.

## Start the new year with a Hithergreen membership

Enriching the lives of older adults is what Hithergreen Center is all about. To achieve that goal, each year the center partners with more than 200 community organizations that provide services, donate products and sponsor events. Top on the list of partners is Sinclair College for Lifelong Learning, one of the largest programs of its kind in Ohio. Sinclair courses offered at Hithergreen include aerobics, dance, history, music appreciation and painting. The classes are free to any Hithergreen member age 60 and older.

Hithergreen membership is a bargain at \$60 for residents of Centerville and Washington Township and \$90 for non-residents. After dues are paid, almost all offerings—from educational programs to fitness sessions to social activities—are low or no cost.



A painting class at Hithergreen Center

And, thanks to Centerville City road crews that keep our streets clear of snow and ice, the winter months are no longer a time when you have to hibernate in your home. Put on a heavy jacket, turn up the car heater and head over to Hithergreen Center, 5900 Hithergreen Drive. What you find there may just warm your heart and brighten your spirits. For more information visit [Hithergreen.org](http://Hithergreen.org) or call 435-2415.

# The Golf Club at Yankee Trace

Named "Best Golf Course in Dayton" by the Dayton Daily News and Dayton Business Journal, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace is open 7 days a week year-round, weather permitting. Don't let the weather stop you from keeping your swing in shape. We offer reduced green fees during the winter months, and the clubhouse practice facility includes an indoor hitting area for complete game improvement opportunities.

Stop by the Golf Shop, 10000 Yankee Street or call 438-4653 for information about memberships, leagues, outings, rates or golf lessons.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

2014 Annual Memberships introduced December 1, 2013.

## GOLF SHOP OFF SEASON HOURS:

Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. every day excluding Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



Visit [yankeetrace.org](http://yankeetrace.org) for the latest news and happenings at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace.

## Swing in the New Year with these specials and great gift ideas:

### Yankee Player Development Program (YPD) - \$399

- Unlimited Range Balls January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014
- Unlimited access to the south-end of the driving range (grass area is seasonal)
- Unlimited access to the 11,000 square foot practice putting green
- Unlimited access to the indoor golf academy during inclement weather
- Member's Only access to the north-end of the driving range (seasonal)
- Member's Only access to the short game performance area (seasonal)
- Eligible for exclusive YPD green fee rates at selected times
- 10% discount on all non-sale merchandise items
- USGA handicap service at Member's Only price

### Golf Leagues - \$20 - \$30

9-Hole Leagues are being reserved for the 2014 golf season on a first-come basis. Flexible payment options and guaranteed tee times for as few as eight players. Gather your co-workers and friends and tee 'em up at Yankee Trace each week. Three-course rotation.

### Yankee "Club 55" Membership Card - \$35

Instant senior discounts on golf throughout the year. Includes 18-Holes, Electric Golf Car, Warm-up Practice Balls and Complimentary Coffee with every round. New for 2014: savings on 9-Hole rounds and complimentary Nike golf glove.

### Golf Outings - Great Prices and Exceptional Service

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace is the perfect venue to host a golf tournament or outing. We specialize in fundraisers, corporate events and traveling groups. All of your guests will receive 18 or 9 holes of championship golf, practice balls, prize fund and attention to detail for a successful and memorable event. **2014 Special: Reserve a first time outing for as few as 16 golfers and receive a complimentary sleeve of Nike golf balls for each participant.**

### Yankee Indoor Practice Facility

Open for Off-Season Practice December - March  
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Everyday  
\$7 per Day / \$45 per Month / \$85 for the Entire Off-Season

### Yankee Putting Championship - Friday, December 20

Indoor Putting Contest and Holiday Dinner. Bring the Entire Family  
\$30 per person or \$100 for a foursome  
5 p.m. Start, 9 Unique Holes, Dinner and Awards.  
Registration Deadline: Thursday, December 12

### 2014 Ten Weekday Rounds of Golf Gift Card - \$350

\$150 savings off Regular Fees  
Includes 18-Holes, Golf Car and Practice Balls  
Valid Monday-Thursdays excluding Holidays

### 2014 Ten Prime Time Rounds of Golf Gift Card - \$450

\$150 savings off Regular Fees  
Includes 18-Holes, Golf Car and Practice Balls  
Valid Anytime Friday, Saturday & Sunday

### Golf Instruction Holiday Packages

Off-Season Tune Up: 4 thirty-minute lessons - \$120  
Off-Season Work Out: 8 thirty-minute lessons - \$200  
Lessons Available December through April

### Yankee Trace Gift Cards

Purchase for any Dollar Amount in the Golf Shop or online at [yankeetrace.org](http://yankeetrace.org). Gift Cards may be redeemed for Golf, Merchandise, Lessons, Memberships, Practice Balls and Food and Beverages.

### Merchandise Sale

Valid through December 24  
All In-stock Golf Clubs, Fine Men's & Women's Golf Apparel and Golf Accessories will be Marked Down for Great Savings. FREE Gift Wrapping while you wait

## Santa Claus

BRUNCH

Join us for Brunch and a visit with Santa

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday: December 8 and 15

Santa Claus visits 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Reservations strongly recommended  
Adults: \$18.95 / 12 and under: \$8.95  
5 and under: FREE



# Stubbs Park playground gets recycled mulch

The largest playground at Stubbs Park has undergone some improvements. In September, the City installed drainage tile around the playground area and put in recycled rubber mulch to provide better protection from a fall. The rubber mulch, made from old tires, was provided by a grant from the Montgomery County Solid Waste District. About 7000 used car tires were diverted from landfills to make the mulch. In concert with providing a safer playground, this project also supports the City's goal to increase and encourage recycling in Centerville. Stubbs Park is located on W. Spring Valley Road.

## Annual programs wrap up, improvements made

City crews were busy completing several annual projects before winter. The asphalt repair and resurfacing program along with the concrete program have concluded, with 14 streets or portions thereof receiving repair work on curb and drainage structures and then being asphalt resurfaced. Another six streets received concrete repair work in preparation of future resurfacing work. Plans are already underway for the 2014 program.

In addition to the street program, several major annual maintenance projects were completed including traffic signal street

One of three wooden footbridges replaced by the Public Works Department at Stubbs Park.

light pole painting, APD brick walk repair work, and parking lot sealing and striping at various City facilities.

At Stubbs Park, three wooden footbridges were replaced and select sections of the gravel pathways were paved to improve access for handicapped patrons. Community Development Block Grant funding was secured for this project.

## KEEP DRAINAGE DITCHES CLEAR

Many Centerville neighborhoods have open drainage ways that play an important role in the storm water drainage system. Some ditches are unimproved, meaning they are naturally occurring creeks, streams or swales that carry storm water flowing from surrounding land—just as it did before the land was developed. In other locations there are improved drainage ditches, constructed at the time the land was developed, to carry storm water run-off from the surrounding land. Whether there is an unimproved or improved drainage ditch in your neighborhood, there are laws to protect it and maintenance responsibility for it.

In 2010 the City updated its policy for 'the care and maintenance of drainage ways', to define maintenance responsibilities. Essentially, private property owners who have a drainage way on their property are responsible to inspect and maintain it. This includes mowing, weeding, monitoring that nothing is dumped in the ditch and removing brush or other

vegetation and obstructions including fallen limbs. The City will participate in the major maintenance of drainage ways if they are improved and in an easement. Major maintenance generally includes removal of silt, repair or reconstruction of concrete channel, re-shaping a channel, repair or replacement of a headwall, and any channel stabilization work such as installation of rip rap to alleviate severe erosion concerns.

If you have a drainage way across or along your property, check it regularly, as you are responsible for its care and maintenance. If you have installed a fence to separate the drainage way from the rest of your yard, make sure you have access for maintenance purposes. In periods of heavy rain, these drainage ways will carry heavy storm water flows. If they are not maintained properly, you may experience flooding on your property or cause problems for a neighbor. The City's Property Maintenance Code and Municipal Code outline specific requirements and potential penalties for failure to comply. Contact Public Works Department, 428-4782 or [publicworks@centervilleohio.gov](mailto:publicworks@centervilleohio.gov) for more information.

## Citizens offered behind the scenes look at Police Department

Learn more about your local Police Department and its operations by participating in the Centerville Police Department's Citizens Police Academy. Applications are now available for the winter class. This 12-week program runs 6:30–9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, January 8 through March 26, 2014.

Participants will hear from several Centerville Police Officers as they discuss topics including: Laws of Arrest, Use of Force Continuum, Firearms, Polygraph, Domestic Violence, Drug Enforcement, Professional Standards, Internal Affairs, Traffic Collision Investigation, OVI Enforcement, Crime Scene Investigations, and S.W.A.T. Each student will have the opportunity to experience firing a weapon and participate in hands-on evidence collection scenarios. Students are given a rare opportunity to ride with a Centerville Officer to learn about their responsibilities in our community. Applications are available in the Police Department lobby at 155 W. Spring Valley Road, or at [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov), click Police tab. For more information, contact Officer John Davis, 433-7661.

## Internet and social media should be used wisely

More people are falling victim to internet scams. In large part, the majority of these scams involve fraud or financial crimes, and typically adults. However, there is an alarming trend of predators targeting children via the internet. Be proactive and monitor your children's use of the internet and social media:

- Be familiar with the operation of these devices. (phone, iPad, iPod, tablets)
- Know which apps your children are using and how they are using them. (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Tumblr, Kik, etc.)
- Set parental controls on computers and smartphones.
- Protect user names and passwords. Parents should have full access to all accounts.
- Review search history and social media use on a regular basis.
- Disable the location services on smartphones.

Most importantly talk to your children about the dangers of misusing social media. Help them understand that once information is sent—it can never be deleted and is a permanent record that can be found and exploited.

## As winter weather approaches, the Centerville Police Department recommends motorists keep the following safety kit in your car:

- Blanket
- Small shovel
- Jumper cables
- Flares
- Boots
- Ice scraper
- Small bag of sand
- First aid kit
- Flashlight with fresh batteries

### Before you leave for your destination...

- ✓ Check tires (tread/inflation) ✓ Check maintenance and keep your vehicle in good running condition ✓ Keep fuel tank full
- ✓ Know where to tune the radio or TV for road safety information

# ICE AND SNOW... TAKE IT SLOW

Take it slow and easy when driving on snowy roads. Centerville and neighboring communities will have crews working to keep roads clear and safe. Motorists can help, too. Here are some tips provided by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

### Know Before You Go

- ✦ Know the latest driving conditions. Visit [Buckeyetraffic.org](http://Buckeyetraffic.org) or sign up for ODOT Twitter updates for the Dayton area.
- ✦ Clear snow and ice from your vehicle's windows, lights and signals.
- ✦ Make sure tires, wiper blades, lights and other vehicle functions are working properly.
- ✦ Give yourself extra time to get to your destination.

### Take it Slow

- ✦ Watch for black ice. Roads that seem dry may actually be slippery and dangerous. Use caution when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady areas... all can be hot spots for black ice.
- ✦ Reduce speeds and increase distance between vehicles. Remember a four-wheel drive vehicle can still slide on icy roads.
- ✦ Brake early, brake slowly, brake correctly and never slam on the brakes.
- ✦ Don't use cruise control and avoid abrupt steering maneuvers.

### Don't Crowd the Plow

- ✦ Snow plows travel well below the posted speed limit. Be patient and give them room to work. Try not to pass the plow. Watch for sudden stops or turns.
- ✦ Watch out for blind spots. The plow driver's field of vision is limited. If you can't see the plow's side mirrors, the driver can't see you. Stay two to three car lengths behind the plow.
- ✦ Beware of snow clouds. Snow plows often create clouds as they clear the roads, often reducing your ability to see.

## Be *shovel-smart* when it comes to snow

Falling snow leads to shoveling walks and driveways. Take aim at potential injuries by following these steps:

- ▶ Shovel early when the snow is lighter.
- ▶ Push snow instead of lifting it. If you have to lift, use your legs, not your back.
- ▶ Drink plenty of water.
- ▶ Take breaks, pace yourself.
- ▶ Dress in layers, keep head and hands covered.
- ▶ Know the warning signs of a heart attack: chest pain, arm pain, dizziness, fainting, nausea or shortness of breath.

If you have a history of heart problems, consult your doctor before any physical exertion including snow shoveling.

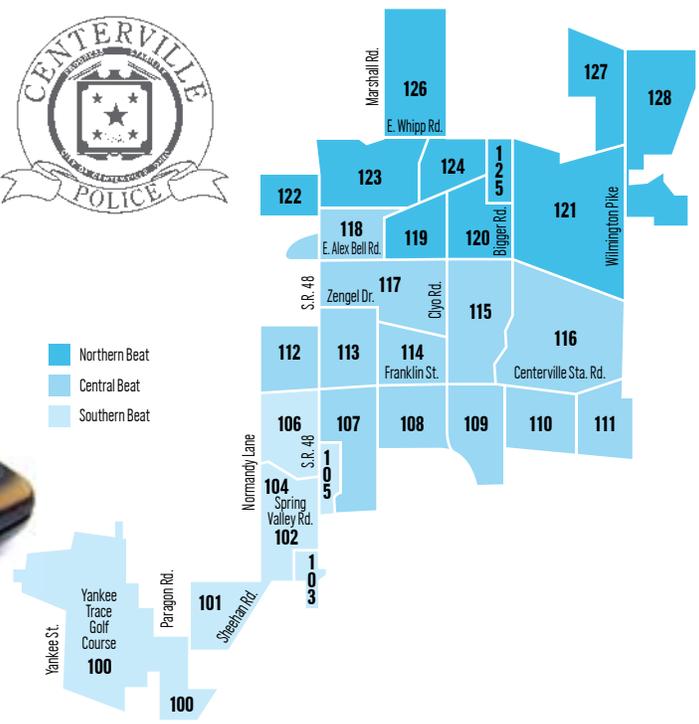
The City of Centerville maintains a resource list of volunteers and others willing to shovel snow for residents. Call 433-7151 to either add your name to the service or to receive the list.

AREA	ROBBERIES			RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES			BREAKING & ENTERING			THEFT OF/FROM VEHICLES			OTHER PROPERTY THEFTS			CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/DAMAGE		
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TOTALS	0	0	0	2	2	6	3	1	1	10	8	12	18	25	19	7	20	25

	RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS BURGLARIES					
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MONDAY-THURSDAY	1	1	2	1	1	1
FRIDAY-SUNDAY	1	1	3	2	-	-
UNDETERMINED	-	-	1	-	-	-
6 AM-6 PM	-	-	2	-	-	-
6 PM-6 AM	2	1	1	2	1	1
UNDETERMINED	-	1	3	1	-	-
FORCED	1	1	4	1	-	-
SHATTERED	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNLOCKED	1	-	-	1	1	-
KEY	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRIED	-	-	-	-	-	-
CUT LOCK	-	-	-	1	-	-
UNDETERMINED	-	1	2	-	-	1
OPEN	-	-	-	-	-	-
ATTEMPT	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOOR	1	2	3	1	1	-
WINDOW	-	-	1	-	-	-
GARAGE	1	-	1	1	-	-
UNDETERMINED	-	-	1	-	-	1
OTHER	-	-	-	1	-	-

## Residential & Business Crime Statistics

Statistic Totals: August-October 2013



## Be safety smart

Theft from motor vehicles continues to be a crime trend throughout the Miami Valley. This is a crime of opportunity and can often be prevented.

- ▶ Lock your vehicle.
- ▶ Remove or hide your valuables.
- ▶ Remove your garage opener from vehicles left outside.
- ▶ Report immediately any unusual person, vehicle or activity in your neighborhood as it is occurring.

**Remember: See Something, Say Something**



**August 5, 2013**

**Special Meeting**

Council approved with conditions the Final Development Plan for Voss Chevrolet, Inc., 290 Loop Road.

Council upheld the decision of the Planning Commission regarding fence placement for All About Kids Daycare at 1300 Social Row Road.

**August 19, 2013**

Deputy Mayor Brooks Compton welcomed Pastor Chad Current, Living Hope Church, to present the invocation.

Council appointed John Beals as Chairman of the Storm Water Drainage Task Force. This position opened as Council member Jim Singer will not be seeking reelection. Deputy Mayor Compton thanked Mr. Singer, who has served as chair since the task force formed in 1989, for his service and leadership.

Jan Prettyman, chair of the City Beautiful Commission, recognized the Cheltenham HOA for its two entrances at Penridge and East Alex Bell Road, and at Briggs Road and Wilmington Pike, and the Woods Apartments management staff for the entrance at Meeting House Road at Bigger Road, with Community Pride awards. Residential winners of the August Summer Landscape awards were recognized. See list of honorees on page 7.



Cheltenham HOA members Konnie Marshall, Corinne Smith, and Cathy and Cal Frank accept a Community Pride Award from Deputy Mayor Compton (center) and Jan Prettyman (far right).

Following the public hearing for an ordinance repealing Chapter 836 "Peddlers and Solicitors", Council voted to postpone a vote on the proposed ordinance.

Council voted for an ordinance for the issuance and sale of bonds for the purpose of paying costs for The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. This will lower the overall debt at Yankee Trace and decrease the payoff by six years, so that it will be debt-free by 2019.

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**September 16, 2013**

Former Mayor Shirley Heintz was recognized for her service to the Centerville community. Council proclaimed September 16, 2013 Shirley Heintz Day in the City of Centerville and named the banquet room at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace Clubhouse for her.

*Editor's Note: Mrs. Heintz passed away October 28.*



Former Mayor Shirley Heintz receives the plaque that will be hung at Yankee Trace in her honor.

**Presentations:**

Patty Kraft, member of the City Beautiful Commission, recognized the winners of the Summer Landscape awards. The Commission hosted a winners' reception immediately following the presentation.

Greg Darling, the Castle director, presented information about the programs and services offered by the facility on N. Main Street.

Council designated September 17–23 as Constitution Week in the City of Centerville.

Deputy Mayor Brooks Compton announced the Mayor's Committee to Study Intergovernmental Relations has been accepted and will be reviewed at the December 2 work session.

**Appointments:**

Belinda Kenley and John Beals were appointed to the Tax Incentive Review Council, Greene County and the Tax Incentive Review Council, Montgomery County. Brooks Compton was named alternate.

Sherry Leighty and Tom Wheeler were reappointed as members of the City Beautiful Commission.

**October 21, 2013**

Council accepted the resignations of Jeff Gammell from the Planning Commission and Greg Stout from the Community Reinvestment Area committee. Mayor Kingseed thanked both citizens for their service.

Dr. Tom Henderson presented information regarding the School Levy.

**Board/Commission Appointments:**

- Robert Lentz as a member of the Stormwater Drainage Task Force.
- Ed Ross as a member of the Board of Architectural Review.
- Kevin Von Handorf as a member of the Planning Commission.
- Patty Kraft was reappointed as a member of the City Beautiful Commission.

The Preliminary Development Plan, Amendment Number 1, for Cornerstone Developers, Ltd., 5300 Wilmington Pike (known as the Dille property) was approved.

The Preliminary Plan for Centerville Development Group, LLC. for the property bounded by Sheehan Road, Social Row Road and Paragon Road was approved.



During the September meeting, recipients of the Summer Landscape Awards were recognized, including these residents, who received the award for the month of June.

**Serve your community**

The City has openings on the following Council-appointed boards and commissions: Board of Architectural Review, City Beautiful Commission, Property Review Commission, Arts Commission and Sister City Committee. For application information, contact Debbie James, 433-7151 or [djames@centervilleohio.gov](mailto:djames@centervilleohio.gov) or visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov), click Departments, then Volunteer Opportunities.



During the September Council meeting, Council members Brooks Compton, Doug Cline, John Beals, Belinda Kenley, Mayor Mark Kingseed and Paul Gresham thank former mayor Shirley Heintz (center) for her many contributions to the Centerville community.

## Mayor's Message

from Mark Kingseed

- Is there anything more we can do to cut expenses by using technology to improve efficiency, cooperating with other local governments or by taking other measures;
- What are the best ways (policies, expenditures, investments) to preserve and enhance property values in our neighborhoods, especially in the parts of town with older housing stock;
- How best may we protect our City revenue sources from the continuing efforts of the state legislature to decrease local government funding under the guise of "tax reform";
  - How can we improve interaction and communication between citizens and their local government—can and should we do more in terms of outreach efforts;
- The average age of Centerville residents has gone up significantly in recent years—what can or should we do to make Centerville an attractive place for younger adults;
- Is there more we can do to encourage joint economic development efforts with surrounding jurisdictions;
- Do we have the right mix of business incentives, sign and zoning regulations—is the City being appropriately "business friendly".

As we enter another Holiday season, it is time again to take stock, be thankful for what has already occurred and lay plans for the coming year. That is particularly important for your City government, given that we will have new perspectives on City Council next year, and we will be saying goodbye to two leaders who have served our City for many years.

Councilmen Jim Singer (36 years of service) and Doug Cline (15 years of service) decided not to run for reelection in 2013. Both Jim and Doug have accomplished much during their tenure on Council—both will be sorely missed. These gentlemen have devoted many thousands of hours developing policies which helped this City grow in a responsible and fiscally conservative manner. I will personally miss their guidance and advice.

Centerville is fortunate that in addition to Deputy Mayor Brooks Compton, who recently won an impressive reelection victory, there were four other highly-qualified candidates who put their names forward in the November Council election. Kim Birdseye and Joy Brush both ran positive campaigns and even though they did not win, I want to find a way to harness their enthusiasm and ideas next year. In addition, I congratulate both JoAnne Rau and John Palcher who won the open seats, and look forward to working with them over the next four years. Getting new blood and new perspectives is very important for any organization and is especially so for a body such as City Council, whose entire purpose is to represent the people of our City. I know all the successful candidates learned a lot in terms of what people were concerned about while they were campaigning—we will take that input into account when we discuss how best to proceed in 2014 and beyond.

Council will be conducting its annual one-day retreat in January—we basically lock ourselves in a room and don't come out until we have hammered out a general strategy on how to focus our efforts and which issues we intend to prioritize. As always, there is a lot on our plate:

- How best to continue sustainable economic growth so we can increase City tax revenues at a rate at least equal to the rise of inflation—this allows us to continue our proud 31-year record of not asking for an income tax rate increase;

As you can see, there are always many issues to discuss. Our goal is to make sure the City strives to maintain its record of providing top-notch services to our residents and protecting citizens' property values without having to raise the income tax rate to do so. This task is becoming more and more difficult as time goes by, but for the foreseeable future, I am confident we can continue to succeed. We will tackle 2014 together and I know we will master the upcoming challenges just as we have weathered whatever we have faced in the past.

I want to conclude by saying a special word about former mayor Shirley Heintz. Shirley served as Mayor from January 1984 until December 1995. Shirley was a great Mayor, and an even better friend and mentor to me when I first came on Council in 1990. She passed away in October after a very brave fight against cancer. She faced the disease with dignity, grace, calmness and courage. She was an extraordinary person.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season. Thank you for the opportunity to serve each of you.

*Mark Kingseed*



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## City offices and waste collection schedule set for holiday season

### CITY OFFICES

City offices will close in observance of the following upcoming holidays: December 24, 25 and January 1. Offices will also close January 20 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The regular City Council meeting, normally scheduled for the third Monday of each month, will be postponed until January 27.

City Offices will be open Presidents' Day, February 17. Waste collection will be on the regular schedule. Call 433-7151 or visit [centervilleohio.gov](http://centervilleohio.gov) for more information.

### WASTE COLLECTION

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, refuse and recycling collection schedules will be adjusted the weeks of December 23 and 30 as follows: If your regular collection day is Monday or Tuesday, collection will be on schedule. Wednesday and Thursday collections will be delayed one day—Wednesday routes will be collected Thursday, and Thursday routes collected Friday. In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 20, collection will be delayed one day. Please have your items at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day. Call 428-4782 with questions.

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