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Construction projects underway throughout Centerville



Costco, under construction on Wilmington Pike, is set to open in November.

Businesses continue to build and invest in our City. The first tenant of Cornerstone of Centerville is under construction. Costco, a membership warehouse club, is making its first entry into the Dayton area with a 154,000 square foot building that will also feature a fuel center on Feedwire Road. With an anticipated opening on November 1, the store is expected to bring hundreds of jobs and be a catalyst for additional development in the area. Oberer Development is developing the 154 acre property located on Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road. *Projects continued on page 3.*

City Council to host neighborhood meetings

In its ongoing effort to keep Centerville residents involved in their community, Centerville City Council is sponsoring a series of Neighborhood Meetings over the next year. The meetings will serve as a forum for residents to ask questions or voice concerns about issues specific to their neighborhood. All residents, homeowners, renters and landlords are encouraged to attend. City Council and staff will be present to provide information and answer questions.

The first meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Mon., Oct. 6 in the Grand Room at Bethany Village, 6443 Bethany Village Drive, for residents living north of I-675 and east of St. Route 48 and include Red Coach, Stone Lake, Southbrook Manor, Rahnwood Estates, Camelot, Mt. Vernon Estates, Fox Run, Oak Creek, Henderson Meadows, Village South, Red Coach South, Hidden Hills, Villager Apartments, Bethany Lutheran Village, Carriage Trace and Piper Landing neighborhoods. No registration is needed.

According to Mayor Mark Kingseed, Neighborhood Meetings offer another way for Council to meet with residents and provide information about Centerville programs and services. "We want to show our residents that local government is accessible and that their City is here to assist all citizens with questions or concerns." For more information, call Centerville Municipal Offices, 433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov.

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With gratitude and honor,
the City of Centerville proudly
salutes all those who have
protected and served.

Dead trees cause safety concerns

Over the past few years, wet springs, drought and disease—specifically emerald ash borer—have caused trees throughout the City to decay and die, looking not only unsightly, but also creating a dangerous situation as limbs may fall, injuring persons or property. The City has been aggressive in combatting emerald ash borer (EAB), in both treating afflicted trees and removing them. Public Works has removed more than 700 of the 1,169 ash trees from Stubbs Park, while The Golf Club at Yankee Trace maintenance crews have removed more than 300 ash trees with another 300 to be taken out over the next few years. The ash trees are being replaced with a variety of trees including cherry, maple, oak, sweetgum, elm and locust. More than 260 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. However, it is expected that all ash trees will eventually succumb to the disease. The City will continue to monitor and remove ash trees, along with any other trees that are dead, as needed.

For personal and property safety, property owners are also responsible to remove dead trees and trim low-hanging branches. Centerville Property Maintenance Code Section 302.16 requires all trees which are dead, afflicted with decay, disease or otherwise considered dangerous to persons or property be removed or appropriately treated. If a dead tree falls on your house, your insurance company may not pay the claim. Municipal Code Section 1028 requires owners to trim trees to a clear height of 13½ feet between the lowest branches and the street. For more information, contact City Offices, 433-7151.

Light up
YOUR HOME FOR THE
Holidays

Start untangling your Christmas lights! The City Beautiful Commission sponsors a Holiday Lighting contest each year to recognize those homes

showcasing spectacular lighting, display and other festive decorations that enhance the property. Judging takes place December 1–10. To nominate a display, call 433-7151.

Welcome to these businesses new to Centerville

Boosalis Bakery (Cross Pointe Ctr.) 175 E. Alex-Bell, Suite 280

Dayton International School 235 W. Franklin Street

Centerville Desmo and Powersports 96-C Westpark Road

Boricua Fitness 122 Westpark Road

Nova Creative 168 W. Franklin Street

Genardi Psychotherapy 4-B W. Franklin Street

Soroca Imports 86 Compark Road

Kidz Watch (Cross Pointe Ctr.) 101 E. Alex-Bell, Suite 110

Public Works Director appointed

Centerville City Manager Greg Horn announced in July the appointment of K. Douglas Spitler to the position of Public Works Director. Spitler, a licensed Professional Engineer, has served as Centerville's City Engineer since 2005. His new duties include supervising the Engineering, Refuse, Streets, Horticulture and Vehicle Maintenance departments. He will continue to serve as City Engineer until that position is filled and is managing several construction projects including the Feedwire Road improvement in anticipation of the Cornerstone development, the Gateway enhancement near St. Rt. 48 and Loop Road and the Woodbourne Library access road near Far Hills Avenue and N. Village Drive.

Prior to his employment with Centerville, he worked for the cities of Eaton and Dayton. He holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from The Ohio State University. Spitler was hired to fill the position left vacant by Rob James, who accepted a position with the city of Dublin.



Doug Spitler

Three city employees retire

Centerville city employees said farewell to three employees who have recently retired.

Police Officer Rob Markham retired in June, following 24 years of service to the Centerville community. Throughout his career, Officer Markham has held a number of positions including patrol officer, evidence technician and physical fitness instructor. He worked with students at the middle school level as D.A.R.E. officer and served as school resource officer.

Barb Lundgren was hired as accounts payable part-time clerk in 1997, and was responsible for paying and recording all bills for the Municipal Offices, Yankee Trace, Benham's Grove, Police and Public Works departments. During her tenure, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace grew significantly and the City added new police and public works facilities.

Virginia Greer, building attendant for the City Offices, retired in early September. She worked in the City Building on W. Spring Valley Road since 2005, performing custodial, maintenance and other duties. For the past two years, she has also cleaned the Police building on a weekly basis.

We appreciate their service and dedication to the citizens of Centerville.



Officer Rob Markham



Barb Lundgren



Virginia Greer

City residents receive maximum value for their dollars

Centerville has lowest tax rate in area

Uncertain economic times force all of us to take a hard look at our finances and how we spend our money. Centerville residents can be assured that their Council is looking out for their best interests—just as it has been for more than 40 years.

In a recent survey of surrounding cities, Centerville not only had the lowest income tax rate at 1.75%, but the annual budget also allows for sidewalk, curb, gutter, and street lighting to be upgraded and improved at no additional cost to the property owner.

As many communities increase income tax rates, Centerville's rate remains at 1.75%, the same level which became effective in 1981, upon voter approval. The actual income tax collections are much less than 1.75%, as the City receives only about fifty percent of residents' income tax; the other fifty percent is credited and paid to other communities.

Centerville offers low taxes, quality services and outstanding fiscal management; in short, residents are getting a lot of bang for their buck. For more information visit centervilleohio.gov, Quick Links, Financial Report/Summary.

INCOME TAX RATE FOR MONT. CO. MUNICIPALITIES

Oakwood	2.50%
Moraine	2.50%
Dayton	2.25%
Kettering	2.25%
Miamisburg	2.25%
Trotwood	2.25%
West Carrollton	2.25%
Huber Heights	2.00%
Vandalia	2.00%
Centerville	1.75%

33RD CONSECUTIVE YEAR WITH NO INCREASE IN RATE

Brookville	1.75%
Englewood	1.75%
Clayton	1.50%
Riverside*	1.50%
Germantown*	1.25%
Farmersville*	1.00%
New Lebanon*	1.00%
Union	1.00%

*Municipalities that do not offer full reciprocity.

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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 the next several months 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.

Charles Simms Development has platted the last phase of home sites at Yankee Trace. The Cottages at the Highlands feature patio homes, and many sites have golf or wooded lot views. When these sites are sold, this 20-year building project will be complete. Yankee Trace is home to more than 900 families.

The Health and Rehab Center at St. Leonard is in the process of a \$500,000 renovation that includes an expanded dining room, new lobby and other upgrades. The center is open during construction, and the renovation project is scheduled to be completed by October 2014.

Centerville considering Mayor's Court

Based on present plans, beginning in March of next year, Centerville may offer a Mayor's Court to hear cases involving violations of local ordinances, traffic laws and minor misdemeanors. These services had been provided by the Kettering Municipal Court. A 2012 feasibility study showed that hosting a mayor's court would save Centerville tax dollars and be more convenient for its residents. Defendants will still have the ability to appeal decisions from Mayor's Court to a Municipal Court and request jury trials at a Municipal Court. Centerville will hold court sessions at 155 W. Spring Valley Road.

Kettering Municipal Court will still hear cases such as felonies, domestic violence, assault and protection orders, as well as defendant appeals from Centerville Mayor's Court and defendant requests for jury trials. Last year, the Centerville Police Department sent more than 3,600 violations to the Kettering Court. Of those, 64 percent of the cases waived the option for a court appearance.

Council is still reviewing the numbers and staffing needed, but based on preliminary forecasts, Centerville expects to hire a full-time clerk of courts and a part-time assistant in addition to contractual employees such as a prosecutor and bailiff. Even with those expenses, Finance Director Dr. Steven Hinshaw estimates the annual cost savings will be \$100,000.

Several other area communities host mayor's courts including West Carrollton, Springboro and Moraine. Final decisions on going forward will be made in the next few months.



Members of the City Beautiful Commission at the Volunteer Salute.

City volunteers recognized for service

Municipal volunteers were honored in May at the City's annual Volunteer Salute held at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. The event recognizes more than 300 volunteers serving on 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, and those serving as CIVIC Municipal volunteers, working with staff in the Police, Public Works, Benham's Grove, Yankee Trace and City offices.

Mayor Kingseed presented the Mayor's Award for Community Service to Jan Prettyman, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the City. Centerville offers several volunteer opportunities through the CIVIC Citizens InVolved in Centerville Municipal Volunteer program and on Council-appointed Boards and Commissions. Call 433-7151 for more information.



Piper Landing Condos, 1605 Piper Lane, received the July Community Pride Award.

This landscaping on Penridge Drive received a July beautification award.

Landscaping awards announced

Homeowners throughout Centerville keep their landscaping lush and green. This year, because of the late spring, the City Beautiful Commission decided to award summer landscape honors July through September rather than the traditional June through August. Commission members are looking for landscapes that have that little something extra: curb appeal with a well-maintained structure and hardscape, neatly trimmed grass, bushes, trees, healthy plant material, and possibly, but not necessarily, a lovely display of flowers. The Commission reviews all nominations from the public. August and September winners will be announced in the next issue.

JULY

AWARD-WINNING LANDSCAPES

Anna Banda

6833 Penridge Drive

Kim Weimer

6005 Oak Hill Lane

Judy and Dennis Graf

1203 Deer Run Road

Pamela and Marshall

Goodfellow

40 Peach Grove Avenue

Pam Brumfield

498 Cedarleaf Drive

Kim and Lou Heckman

9761 Rose Arbor Drive

Leslie and Ronald Newcomb

1123 Waters Edge Drive

Community Pride winner:

Piper Landing

Condominium Complex

1605 Piper Lane

Leaf collection to begin soon

The City's leaf collection service begins October 6 when Public Works crews pick up leaves that residents have raked to the curb. The City is divided into seven collection areas, and leaves are scheduled to be collected four times from each area.

This program is provided to all residents who live adjacent to a public roadway within Centerville and is a separate service from waste collection. Funding for the leaf collection program comes from the Public Works Streets' Operating Budget.

After collection, leaves are transported to one of several private vendors where they are turned into compost material, which is natural recycling. Crews will be out in full force during leaf pickup along with three refuse trucks with leaf loaders and two vac trucks with leaf boxes. See page 5 for the collection schedule and map.

Residents should use the following guidelines:

- Do not bag leaves. Bags won't be picked up by the leaf collection crews. Bagged leaves will only be collected as a special pickup and charged accordingly.
- Do not rake ANYTHING except leaves to the curb for pickup. Branches, sticks, grass and other yard waste clog machinery and throw the crews off schedule. Leaf piles containing branches, grass, etc. will not be collected.
- Rake leaves into a row at the curb or edge of pavement, not into the street where they block traffic and storm water flow. Leaves are not collected from private streets or other non-public areas.
- Rake leaves to the curb at least two days before crews are scheduled—check the map. Depending on weather, equipment problems and volume of leaves, crews may be running two days early or two days late.
- All areas are serviced FOUR times. Every effort will be made to come back and collect leaves from your street on the scheduled day.
- Leaves raked for collection after the last scheduled day will be collected from the curb areas only on a special pickup basis and charged accordingly.
- Children should NEVER play in piles of leaves raked along the roadway. Crews cannot see your child—and neither can motorists.

Call the Public Works Center, 428-4782, or email publicworks@centervilleohio.gov for more information.

Local veterans to be honored November 11

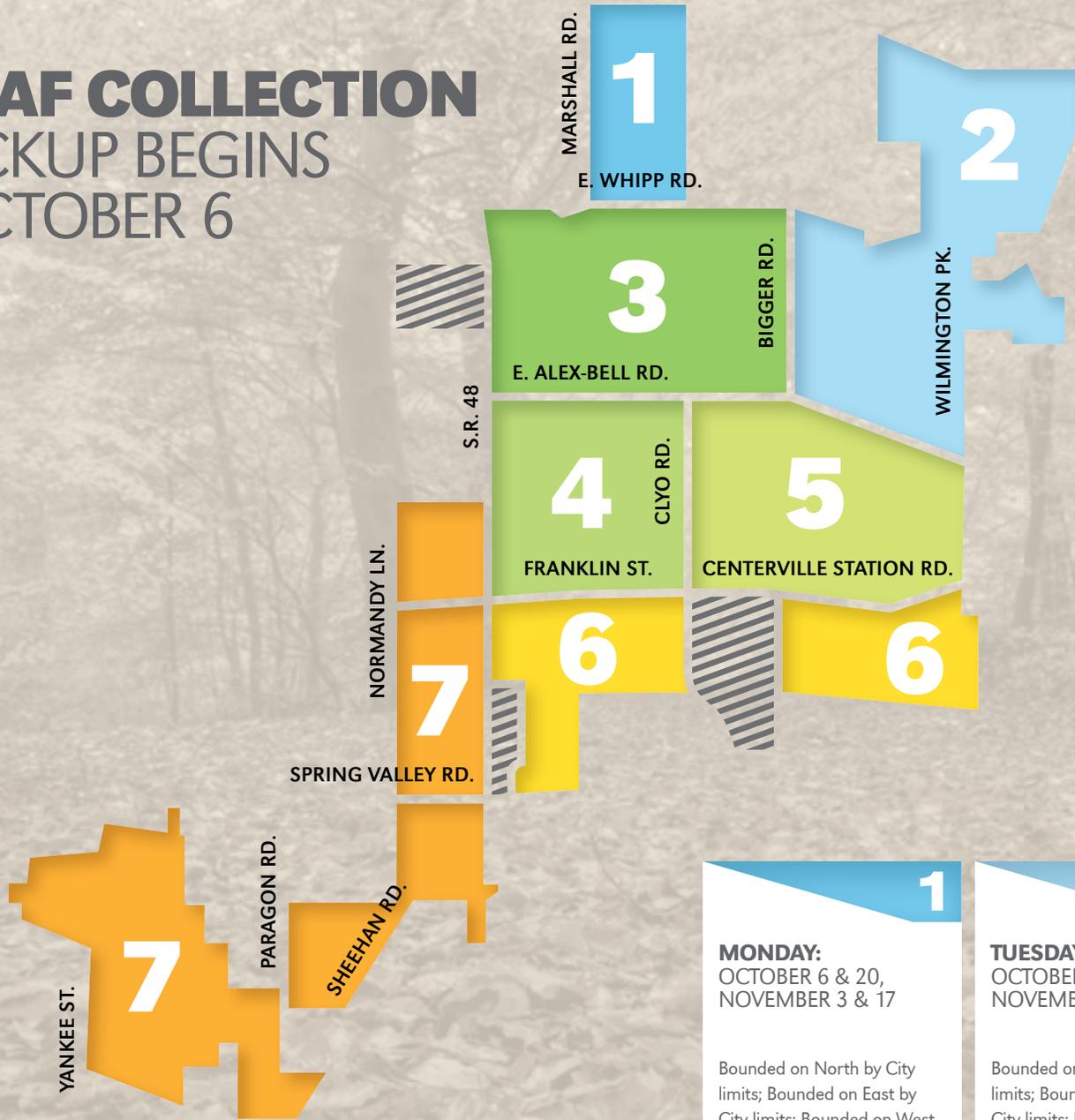
In commemoration of Veterans Day, the City of Centerville and Centerville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9550 are saluting the men and women who have helped protect, preserve and maintain our freedom. A ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m., Tuesday, November 11, at the Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road.

The service will include color guard presentations from Centerville VFW Post 9550 and the Washington Township Fire and Centerville Police departments' honor guards. In addition, there will be musical performances along with a presentation from Cub Scout Pack 148. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Centerville Police Building, 155 W. Spring Valley Road.

Last year during the ceremony, the enhancement to the Veterans Memorial, which includes five bronze medallions in tribute to the branches of our U.S. Armed Forces, was dedicated. Leading to the Memorial is the Veterans Memorial Walkway, made of bricks inscribed with the names of those who have served our country. Bricks are available for purchase. Call 433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov for more information.



LEAF COLLECTION PICKUP BEGINS OCTOBER 6



THURSDAY, OCT. 16 & 30; NOVEMBER 13
Pickup missed areas and make schedule adjustments

 PRIVATE DRIVE
NO COLLECTION

1

MONDAY:
OCTOBER 6 & 20,
NOVEMBER 3 & 17

Bounded on North by City limits; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by Marshall Rd.; Bounded on South by Whipp Rd.

2

TUESDAY:
OCTOBER 7 & 21,
NOVEMBER 4 & 18

Bounded on North by City limits; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by City limits and Bigger Rd.; Bounded on South by Alex-Bell Rd.

3

WEDNESDAY:
OCTOBER 8 & 22,
NOVEMBER 5 & 19

Bounded on North by Whipp Rd. and Hewitt Ave.; Bounded on East by Bigger Rd.; Bounded on West by S.R. 48; Bounded on South by Alex-Bell Rd.

4

THURSDAY:
OCTOBER 9 & 23,
NOVEMBER 6 & 20

Bounded on North by Alex-Bell Rd.; Bounded on East by Cloy Rd.; Bounded on West by S.R. 48; Bounded on South by Franklin St.

5

MONDAY:
OCTOBER 13 & 27,
NOVEMBER 10 & 24

Bounded on North by Alex-Bell Rd.; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by Cloy Rd.; Bounded on South by Centerville Station Rd.

6

TUESDAY:
OCTOBER 14 & 28,
NOVEMBER 11 & 25

Bounded on North by E. Franklin St. and Centerville Station Rd.; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by Main St.; Bounded on South by Spring Valley Rd. and City limits.

7

WEDNESDAY:
OCT. 15 & 29, NOV. 12
MONDAY:
DECEMBER 1

Bounded on North by City limits; Bounded on East by Main St.; Bounded on West by City limits; Bounded on South by Sheehan Rd. and City limits; includes Yankee Trace residential areas.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is Oct. 11

Montgomery County Environmental Services, in cooperation with the City of Centerville, is sponsoring a free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, 8 a.m.–2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 at the Public Works Center, 7970 S. Suburban Drive.

Items accepted include herbicides, pesticides, insecticides, mercury, flammable liquids, fire extinguishers, household propane cylinders, household cleaners, pool chemicals, paints, solvents, batteries and light bulbs of all types. Explosives or radioactive wastes are not accepted.

The event is open to Montgomery County residents and proof of residency is required. Call 433-7151 or visit mcswd.org for information.



Judy and Charles Goodwin are the 2014 Centerville-Washington Foundation Founders Award recipients.

Foundation to recognize couple with award

Charles and Judy Goodwin—whose years of public service focus on young people—will receive this year's Community Founders Award from the Centerville-Washington Foundation on October 22 at a reception at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. They are the ninth recipients of this annual award, which was initiated to recognize outstanding service to Centerville and Washington Township.

Dr. Goodwin is a surgeon at Dayton Children's and has held many leadership positions over 29 years with the Boy Scouts of America. He began as a den leader in 1984 and has served as Scoutmaster for Troop 236 for 26 years, during which 229 boys achieved Eagle Scout. He will be a staff member for a world Jamboree in Japan in 2015.

Mrs. Goodwin was a Girl Scout Leader for her daughter's troop and is a 15-year member of the board of the Centerville Education Foundation, where she currently serves as secretary. Throughout their four children's elementary and middle school years, she was involved as a library and PTO volunteer, later serving on the Centerville High School Curriculum Advisory Committee.

Founded in 1998, the Centerville-Washington Foundation's grant programs have helped children, seniors and at-risk populations, as well as provided support to local arts and humanities, conservation and environment, education, health and social service organizations. For more information, contact Bob Daley, 433-0811, or visit centervillewashingtonfoundation.org.



Make it a goal to increase the amount of recycling items you put out each week. Many household items are made from recycled materials and many more items are now able to be recycled. Place your items in a container and label it with the orange recycling sticker available at the Public Works Center and Municipal building. Rinse all containers and remove caps and lids from recyclable items. There's no additional charge for recycling, and it's just a little more effort to have two containers.

Centerville trucks will pickup these items for recycling:

- ▶ Glass bottles and jars
- ▶ Plastics: containers with the recycle logo and the number 1, 2 or 6 on the bottom
- ▶ Gable-top cartons, drink and juice boxes
- ▶ Newspapers and magazines
- ▶ Cardboard



For a complete list, visit centervilleohio.gov or call 428-4782.



TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

OCTOBER
31

Look for ghosts and goblins to come knocking at your door trick-or-treating 6–8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31. The Centerville Police Department reminds youngsters and parents of the following precautions:

DO:

- ▶ Carry a flashlight
- ▶ Go in groups with at least one adult
- ▶ Go to houses with the lights on
- ▶ Make sure shoes fit and costumes are short enough to prevent tripping
- ▶ Use common sense. If something feels wrong, it probably is.
- ▶ Dress for the weather. October brings cooler weather and sometimes windy and rainy conditions.

DON'T:

- ▶ Wear masks or any costume that would interfere with vision or walking
- ▶ Go into a home of someone you do not know
- ▶ Eat any candy or other items until it has been checked over by an adult

As always, it is the parents' decision as to whether children should participate in the activity.

Some home maintenance reminders: have a clear path for visitors, trim low hanging branches, and move flowerpots or anything else that might cause someone to trip or fall.

Children may stop at any Centerville Police cruiser or Washington Township Fire truck for a special treat, courtesy of the Centerville Lions Club. Most area communities have agreed to hold the event on Oct. 31 for the next several years. For more information call Centerville City Offices, 433-7151.

City compiling list of groups to rake leaves and shovel snow for homebound

The City of Centerville is again compiling a list of individuals, groups, and organizations willing to volunteer to assist elderly and disabled Centerville residents with leaf and snow removal. The list will be maintained by City staff and available to residents. The City will also maintain a list of individuals and companies that perform those services for a fee. "We know there are many older or disabled residents who are unable to rake leaves or shovel their walks," says Greg Horn, 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 information from the City, it is their responsibility to contact someone from the list and make the necessary arrangements.

To volunteer, list a business or receive the resource list, call City Offices, 433-7151.



Hithergreen Center's Wellness Festival will feature over 30 exhibitors.

Hithergreen Center's Wellness Festival is open to the public

Living a healthy lifestyle requires education, screenings and smart choices. Hithergreen Center provides the first two on a regular basis so that the third comes naturally. Below are upcoming health and wellness programs offered at Hithergreen Center, 5900 Hithergreen Drive. Visit hithergreen.org or call 435-2415 for more information or to register.

- ▶ Free health screenings for those ages 60 and older: 9 a.m.–noon, Sept. 16
- ▶ Free hearing screenings: 1–4 p.m., Sept. 19
Appointment required.
- ▶ Wellness Festival, 10 a.m.–noon, Oct. 1
Over 30 exhibitors will provide health screenings, information, giveaways and more. Walk-ins welcome, appointments required for flu shots.

Friends of Benham's Grove to present container garden workshop

Benham's Grove is blossoming more beautifully than ever because of the hard work and financial support of the Friends of Benham's Grove. Members Mary Higgins and Cate Renner designed and planted numerous gardens including the large, stunning container gardens. Drought-tolerant flowers were used this summer to minimize environmental impact and for cost efficiency.

Learn from these experts! Mary and Cate will share how and what to plant in your own outdoor autumn garden containers at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Fabulous Fall Plant In, held at the Barn. You'll meet current members, enjoy light refreshments and learn what is on tap for this treasured Centerville landscape. There's no charge for this event. Please reply by September 15 to board member Sue Pirie, 433-6123.

Summer projects funded by the Friends of Benham's Grove include the flagstone repairs at the pergola. The major project of repairing 34 wooden benches is underway. Costs for these repairs will total more than \$4,000.

Help "Grow the Grove." Become a member of this all-volunteer organization at one of the following levels: \$25 Daisy, \$50 Violet and \$100 Tulip. For more information and membership forms, call Benham's Grove, 433-1913, or send your membership check and contact information directly to Friends of Benham's Grove, 166 North Main Street, Centerville, Ohio 45459.



Benham's Grove is perfect choice for fall events

Fall is the perfect time to host an event at Benham's Grove. While summer is coming to an end, good weather typically continues through October, and the grounds of Benham's Grove are vibrant with fall colors. With three charming facilities and a gazebo, the community gathering place offers many options. The large tent over the brick plaza is permanent and may be rented for an additional fee. For more information or to schedule a tour, call 433-1913 or visit benhamsgrove.com.

Photo courtesy of Williams Photography

Award-winning photos to be on exhibit

People's Choice voting open Sept. 10-16

The Centerville Arts Commission and the Washington-Centerville Public Library teamed up in August for their sixth annual Beyond Point & Shoot digital photo contest. Photographs could be entered in one of five subject categories: People; Place or Travel; Local Landmark (within Centerville or Washington Township); Nature; and Black & White or Artistic; in two age groups: Youth (13 to 17) and Adult (18 and older).

Photographers Jerry Huffman, Gary Kunze, and Ed Ponikwia judged the submitted photos on the following criteria: use of lighting, use of color or contrast, visual impact, and use of exposure/focus. In addition, the public will have a chance to vote on their favorite photo Sept. 10-16 during the People's Choice contest on the Library's website wclibrary.info/photocontest.

A winner's reception will be held 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 26 at the Centerville Police Department Art Gallery, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Awards will be given at 3 p.m. The photos will then be exhibited at the gallery through December 31.

Gary Kunze of Creation Source Images will prepare each of the photos as prizes for the first place winners. The winning photo in each category, including People's Choice, will be framed and displayed on the walls of the gallery. The second place photo in each category will be matted and placed in the gallery's display case. 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.

¡Viva! Mexico

Celebrate the culture of our southern neighbor as we kick off National Hispanic Heritage Month!

This year's Cultural Day is set for 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Centerville Library. "A Day in Mexico" will feature music, dancing, food, an art exhibit, activities and more for the entire family. Truly a collaborative event, "A Day in Mexico" is co-sponsored by the Washington-Centerville Public Library, the Centerville Arts Commission, the Centerville-Washington Diversity Council, Friends of WCPL and the St. Leonard Franciscan Living Community, with help and assistance from several groups in the local Mexican community.

Yankee Trace Restaurant serves up delicious dishes

Whether it's lunch, brunch, or a Friday night fish fry, Yankee Trace restaurant offers delicious fare for your family with a variety of entrees, sides and desserts served in a friendly atmosphere. And, with Thanksgiving just a couple of months away, your family dinner plans are only a reservation away. For more information, call 438-3585 or visit yankeetrace.org.



YANKEE TRACE RESTAURANT HOURS

SEPTEMBER 1 – DECEMBER 31

MONDAY – SATURDAY: 11 AM–2 PM

SUNDAY BRUNCH: 10 AM–2 PM

COUNTER SERVICE ONLY AFTER 2 PM

EVERY FRIDAY: 5–9 PM

FISH FRY AND FULL DINNER SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 12 – NOVEMBER 21

Enjoy all you can eat beer-battered Haddock along with French fries and Yankee Trace's famous coleslaw for \$14.99. Full menu also available.

Reservations recommended, call 438-3585.

THANKSGIVING BUFFET: THURSDAY, NOV. 27

Two seatings: 11:30 am and 2 pm

\$25.95 for adults, \$12.95 for children 6-12, children five and under eat free. Reservations required, call 438-3585.

Centerville supports green efforts with charging stations

Centerville's two public "level two" electric-vehicle charging stations are helping drivers save on gas. Convenient for electric vehicles, the stations are located at the Centerville Municipal Building, 100 W. Spring Valley Road and in the downtown public parking area, off of W. Franklin Street. Although 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. Debit cards are not accepted. Each charging unit can accommodate one vehicle, and customers can choose the length of charge time. The stations are available 24 hours a day.



ANNUAL EVENTS SET TO KICK OFF HOLIDAY SEASON

Holiday Walk, Tree Lighting set for Nov. 23

Let the holidays begin! Downtown Centerville welcomes the season with the Hometown Holiday Walk, 1–5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 23, sponsored by the Heart of Centerville merchants and the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society. In support of Hannah's Treasure Chest, this year's theme, Home for the Holidays, celebrates our community's giving spirit. Participants have the opportunity to win a gift basket valued at more than \$1,000. Step back in time with visits to the Historical Society's Asahel Wright House, School Museum and Walton House Museum. Other events include children's activities, animal attractions, horse and carriage rides, visits with Santa, shopping, special discounts, choral performances, food trucks and more. Hop aboard to get to your next destination and sing some Christmas carols.

Centerville's Tree Lighting Ceremony follows at 5:30 p.m., at Benham's Grove, 166 N. Main Street. Enjoy the sounds of the season with musical entertainment from the Normandy Elementary School and the Centerville Community Band along with a visit from Santa Claus.

Both of these community events are free. For more information, call the Historical Society, 291-2223, the City of Centerville, 433-7151, or visit heartofcenterville.com, centervilleohio.gov or respective Facebook pages.



Buy fresh, keep it local

Abundance of delicious foods at Farmers Market

Bring your shopping list to the Farmers Market, 2:30–6:30 p.m., each Thursday through the end of October. Located near the intersection of St. Rt. 48 and Spring Valley Road, pick up local products like fresh vegetables and fruits, organic meats including beef, pork, chicken, turkey and lamb, farm fresh eggs, kettle corn, mushrooms, nuts, fall produce and decor, bedding plants, fresh-cut flowers, fresh-baked bread, honey, soaps, dog treats and more. Sign up to receive emails about the market at centervillefarmersmarket.com and visit the Facebook page for updates.



Americana Festival sets attendance records

The 2014 Americana Festival was one for the record books. Estimates were as high as 100,000 visitors to downtown Centerville, enjoying the 5K run, parade, street fair, car show and other activities. The fireworks show later that evening welcomed thousands more to the high school and surrounding areas.

Centerville received national attention when FOX News chose the event and our city to highlight with televised segments throughout the day. The parade featured a special appearance by Gov. John Kasich.

Get involved in Ohio's largest one-day festival and join a great team of volunteers by contacting the Americana Festival Office, 433-5898 or email americanafestival@sbcglobal.net.

Historical Society to host tasting event

The Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society is giving folks a chance to sample from our community's best restaurants at A Sense of Taste, 5–9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 at Benham's Grove, 166 N. Main Street. Tickets are \$25 in advance. Along with a cash bar and entertainment, local restaurants including Archer's, Bellbrook Chocolates, Bill's Donuts, City Barbeque, Earth Fare, Esther Price, LaRosa's, Meadowlark, Melting Pot, St. Leonard Station and others will serve up delicious dishes for sampling. For more information, call the society, 433-0123.

Diversity through dance

Join the Centerville Washington Diversity Council as they partner with the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company for Voices and Stories: Step Up—Dancing our Way to Inclusion, 7 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Centerville High School Central Theater. The program will use dance to explore diversity, cultural awareness and inclusion as they relate to bullying, racism, sexism, body image, flash judgments and first impressions. Incorporating poetry, spoken word, music and modern dance, this performance and discussion will illustrate the impact stereotyping has on society and the importance of acceptance through inclusion. Free and open to the public. No ticket required.



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Gift cards may be redeemed for golf lessons, green fees, golf merchandise and food and beverages and make for the perfect gift for any occasion. Stop by the Golf Shop or save time and order a Yankee Trace gift card online at yankeetrace.org.



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Seasonal rates

Green fees are seasonal, for current rates visit yankeetrace.org. Centerville residents receive ten percent off green fees, just show your ID (certain restrictions apply.) When you book online at yankeetrace.org, you can save five percent off fees—and book up to ten days in advance. The savings really add up! Reservations may be made seven days in advance by calling the golf shop, 438-GOLF.

Volunteer at Yankee Trace

Yankee Trace is consistently named a top course in the region by local newspapers. This achievement is in large part because of the dedication of our volunteer staff. This unique program includes greeters, player assistants, shuttle drivers and on-course beautification. Benefits include complimentary golf, range balls and merchandise discounts. Applications are now available for the 2015 season. Call 438-GOLF for program details.

Fall golf instruction special

4 Lessons for \$140 – If your game didn't meet your expectations, don't be discouraged. This fall, we're offering private golf lessons at off-season prices from a PGA or LPGA Golf Professional. Lessons are given outdoors, weather permitting, and during inclement weather, in the indoor driving range. Video analysis is provided at no additional cost. Junior specials are also available throughout the fall and winter, call 438-GOLF (4653) to schedule your game improvement lesson. This offer expires November 30, 2014. Great gift idea!



Fall into some great golf

Tournament series is fun and affordable

Fall is the perfect time for great golf! Take part in this series. You can sign up as a single, twosome, threesome or foursome.

Monday Morning Scramble: Sept. 15, \$40

Four-person Scramble, 8 a.m. Shotgun Start
18 holes, golf car, practice balls, scrambled eggs and bacon, plus a raffle. Optional skins game. Registration deadline: Sept. 10

Yankee Cup: Sept. 25, \$50

Similar format as the Ryder Cup. Holes #1-6 (Shamble), Holes #7-12 (Best Ball), Holes #13-18 (Scramble)
Two-person teams, 1 p.m. Shotgun Start
18 holes, golf car, practice balls, Chef's Select Dinner and awards. Optional skins game. Registration deadline: Sept. 22

Yankee Chili Open: Oct. 24, \$45

Brave the chilly temperature and warm up after golf with our delicious Chili Dinner.
Four-person Scramble, 1 p.m. Shotgun Start
18 holes, golf car, practice balls, drink ticket, dinner and awards. Optional skins game. Registration deadline: Oct. 20

Yankee Turkey Shoot: Nov. 21, \$45

Two-person Scramble, 12 p.m. Shotgun Start
18 holes, golf car, practice balls, drink ticket, Chef's Select Dinner and awards. Optional skins game. Registration deadline: Nov. 17

Keep mailboxes maintained

As you work in your yard, take a close look at your mailbox. The U.S. Postal Service has guidelines on proper placement of a mailbox at the curb or edge of the street. Proper installation helps the mail carrier readily access your mailbox and ensures that it is located out of the way of passing vehicles, especially snow plow blades. Mail carriers may not deliver mail to a box they are unable to access due to height, snow, leaves, a parked car or any other obstruction. For more information and a detailed mailbox sketch from the postal service, visit centervilleohio.gov.

Street program underway

The annual street program is well underway with much of the asphalt paving work completed by press time. A second project that includes concrete repair work to replace deteriorated curb sections, catch basins and broken sidewalk panels is also underway in preparation of future asphalt resurfacing on these streets. Residents along the newly repaired streets are asked to help care for the newly planted grass and, in the future, avoid planting trees too close to the sidewalk as roots grow and can create trip hazards.

Improvements on Feedwire Road have started with a project completion date of late November. This is a jointly-funded project with dollars from the Ohio Public Works Commission, Greene County and local funds. This project complements the Cornerstone of Centerville development project at Wilmington and Feedwire roads. The first phase of public roadways within the development are also under construction.

The next phase of the Gateway Enhancement at the I-675 and St. Rt. 48 interchange has begun. Stone columns, decorative fencing and landscaping are being added to the St. Rt. 48 frontage of the Bob Ross dealership. The project is funded by a federal grant with the local funding match being paid by Bob Ross Motors. No city dollars are being used for this project.

Some streets in need of repair are being temporarily patched or postponed so that appropriate repairs are completed in coordination with other entities such as DP&L, Vectren and Montgomery County before resurfacing. Beginning next year, Montgomery County Water Services will work with Centerville to repair curb, sidewalk and storm sewer, resurface roads and replace water lines on Lakeview, Cherry and Martha drives along with N. Main Street. ODOT is scheduled to resurface N. Main Street in 2016.

Questions regarding these projects may be directed to Public Works, 428-4782.



Solar trash container installed at bus stop

A BigBelly Solar trash compactor was recently installed at an RTA bus stop on Clyo Road near Wilmington Pike. This unit was selected as the bus stop experiences significant use and a traditional refuse container filled up quickly. The Big Belly uses solar power to compact trash and when full, sends an electronic message to the Public Works office.

The Big Belly container and a bench were installed as part of an amenity grant project where benches and trash containers were installed at five high-traffic RTA bus stops in Centerville. RTA offers the grant

funding with the understanding that the local jurisdiction will purchase, install, and maintain the amenities. The benches and containers match others previously installed at other RTA stops around Centerville.

Help reduce stormwater pollution

Stormwater is an environmental concern. Ohio EPA requirements state that Ohio's surface waters—creeks, streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes—are to be kept free of pollutants. As rain falls or snow melts, the water soaks into the ground or drains to storm sewer systems. Storm systems can be a closed system of pipes and catch basins or an open drainage system of swales, creeks, streams, ponds or rivers. As the water flows over land, it can also collect pollutants like lawn chemicals, pet waste, trash, litter, road grit and motor oil. This water—sometimes with pollutants—then drains downstream to the next water body. Below are ways you can help reduce stormwater pollution:

- Limit the use of lawn chemicals.
- Collect pet waste so it doesn't get carried to a storm system.
- Eliminate direct discharges of water from downspouts or your sump pump into the street. It's better to allow this water to be naturally filtered over your lawn. Or,
- Use a rain barrel to collect your downspout water to use at a later time on your lawn or garden.
- Examine your landscape. Is there a place where water collects or readily drains? Consider using a filter strip with native grasses or plants that are suitable for filtering pollutants and passing the water. Search "bio-swale" online for more information.
- Wash your vehicle at a car wash where the dirty water drains to the sanitary sewer system, not into the street where it will enter the storm sewer system. If you must wash your car at home, use a minimal amount of a low-phosphorus detergent.
- NEVER dump anything except clean water into a storm system. This includes grass clippings, yard debris, paint and oil. It is illegal and violators can be fined.

Questions regarding Ohio EPA regulations, individual drainage concerns, or to report illegal dumping may be directed to Public Works, publicworks@centervilleohio.gov or 428-4782.

Centerville's 24-hour dispatch center provides time and safety advantages

When calling 911 for help, it's reassuring to know the person on the other end of the line is calm, helpful and knows what questions to ask. The Centerville Police Communications Center is staffed with well-trained, knowledgeable dispatchers 24 hours a day. Located within the Centerville Police Building, 155 W. Spring Valley Road, the center is known as a Primary Safety Answering Point (PSAP), as it answers all incoming calls made from Centerville locations for police, fire and medical response. According to Centerville Police Chief Bruce Robertson, calls for fire and medical assistance are transferred to the Washington Township Fire Department in less than 30 seconds. This local facility offers 911 callers response-time and safety advantages as dispatchers are very familiar with Centerville geography including the locations of all streets, schools and businesses.

The Centerville Police Department recently welcomed two new records/communications specialists. Both employees have been assigned to work dispatch, answering emergency and non-emergency calls to the communications center. Before handling the lines on their own, dispatchers go through 13 weeks of training with a training officer, and then take part in on-going training.



New dispatchers Lori Robbins (top) and Elizabeth Schneider help keep Centerville safe.

Working together to keep our community safe

Centerville City Schools administration, principals and staff work with Centerville Police and its School Resource Officers to ensure our schools are secure and that all safety requirements are followed. Centerville Police Officers visit all schools within the City each day. The Police Department provides safety and security training to all public and private schools along with daycares and preschools in Centerville.

Officer Jim Stephenson has been named the School Resource Officer for Centerville elementary and middle schools. He will serve three years in this position and joins Officer Ed Skinner, the resource officer assigned to Centerville High School.



Officer Jim Stephenson talks with students at Cline Elementary School.

New cruisers to hit the road

Centerville Police are rolling out new cruisers. Over the next few months, four cruisers will be replaced by four Ford Explorers. Nationally, more police departments are using sport utility vehicles because of the additional cargo space, fuel efficiency and better performance. Cruisers typically last about five years, as they are on the road for 16 hours—or more—each day. These specially-equipped cruisers will be put on the road when a current cruiser is retired. In a typical year, the City budgets for three to five police vehicles to be replaced.



The new cruisers are Ford Explorer SUVs specially equipped for Police Officers. This one is still being readied for the road.

Be prepared for severe weather... don't wing it

The City of Centerville reminds citizens to be prepared for an emergency situation. September has been designated as National Preparedness Month (NPM). Sponsored by the Ready Campaign, NPM is a nationwide effort designed to increase awareness as well as encourage individuals, families, businesses and communities to take action and prepare for emergencies. One of NPM's key messages is: be prepared in the event an emergency causes you to be self-reliant for three days without utilities and electricity, water service, access to a supermarket or local services, or maybe even without response from police, fire or rescue.

Preparing can start with

**FOUR
IMPORTANT
STEPS:**

- 1 Be informed about emergencies that could happen in our community, and identify local sources of information that will be helpful before, during and after an emergency
- 2 Make a plan for what to do in an emergency
- 3 Build an emergency supply kit
- 4 Get involved



By taking these four steps—in particular having an emergency supply kit both at home and in the car—citizens can be prepared for hazards such as power outages and icy roads. Each kit should include basic necessities such as water, food and first-aid supplies. Emergency preparedness information is available on the City website, www.centervilleohio.gov and at www.ready.gov.

"Our community has experienced several weather-related events over the past few years," said City Manager Greg Horn. "Residents are very aware that a power outage, even in the most temperate weather, can bring a host of challenges."

Sirens alert those who are outdoors to seek shelter

As part of an ongoing effort to be prepared for emergency situations, Centerville and Washington Township staffs train annually and review emergency operations procedures. To test weather sirens, the Fire Department sounds alarms at noon on the first Monday of each month in Centerville and Washington Township. Sirens are sounded to give warning that those who are outdoors should seek immediate shelter. There are 13 strategically-located sirens throughout the Centerville and Washington Township area to provide coverage for those who are outdoors. The sirens are not meant to alert those who are already indoors.

Newer homes have been designed for better insulation and typically include multi-paned windows to keep sound out. The Fire Department recommends several ways for you to be notified of weather-related news—at any time—while inside your home:

Use a weather monitor or radio

Download an emergency weather app on your cell phone

Watch the news/listen to the radio for weather updates

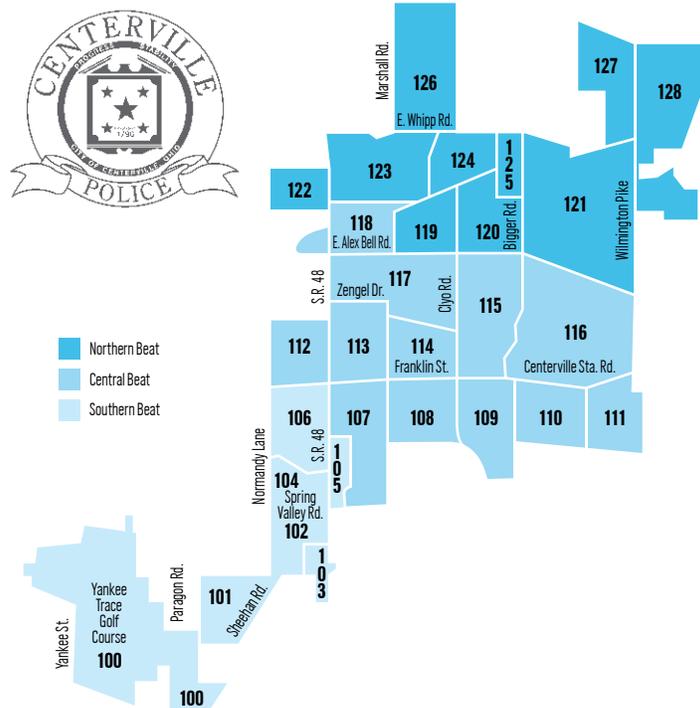
When you are alerted of severe weather approaching, remain inside your home and stay away from windows and doors. In case of a citywide emergency, residents are encouraged to listen to WCWT 107.3 FM for information.

AREA	ROBBERIES			RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES			BREAKING & ENTERING			THEFT OF/FROM VEHICLES			OTHER PROPERTY THEFTS			CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/DAMAGE		
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101	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	
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TOTALS	0	1	0	5	6	3	28	2	4	2	13	9	22	16	21	5	13	6

RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS BURGLARIES						
	RESIDENTIAL			BUSINESS		
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MONDAY-THURSDAY	5	2	1	28	-	-
FRIDAY-SUNDAY	-	4	1	-	2	2
UNDETERMINED	-	-	1	-	-	2
6 AM-6 PM	5	2	1	-	-	-
6 PM-6 AM	-	3	1	28	2	2
UNDETERMINED	-	1	1	-	-	2
FORCED	4	3	1	-	-	2
SHATTERED	-	1	-	-	2	-
UNLOCKED	-	2	1	-	-	2
KEY	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRIED	1	-	-	-	-	-
CUT LOCK	-	-	-	28	-	-
UNDETERMINED	-	-	1	-	-	-
OPEN	-	-	-	-	-	-
ATTEMPT	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOOR	5	4	-	28	-	4
WINDOW	-	2	2	-	2	-
GARAGE	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDETERMINED	-	-	1	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-

Residential & Business Crime Statistics

Statistic Totals: May-July 2014



The Police Department's Honor Guard, including Det. Tyler Wilson, Officer Tracy Sommers, Sgt. Jim Shanesy and Officer John Davis, participated in the Montgomery County Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony. Other Honor Guard members not pictured are Officers Jim Stephenson and Faupo Laufo.

May 12, 2014

Special Council Meeting

A public hearing was held for the Preliminary Development Plan for 700 East Alex-Bell Road. The development was approved by 5-2 with conditions.

May 19, 2014

Council accepted the resignation of Joanie Haverstick from the Arts Commission. Mayor Kingseed thanked Ms. Haverstick for her volunteer efforts.

Greg Cook, from the Ohio auditor's office, presented Finance Director Dr. Steven Hinshaw with the Auditor of State Award with Distinction.

Steve Wenstrup, Americana Festival, Inc. chairman of the board, presented information about the 2014 festival and thanked the City for its donation.

Ellie Halter, Troop 30916, was congratulated for earning the Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouts.

Winners of the Farmers Market Poster Contest were announced. Coordinated by the Centerville Arts Commission, Overall Winner was Mallory Stewart, whose design was selected to appear on promotional materials. Tower Heights Middle School winners included Chris Wang, first place; Grace Brown, second place; and Nathan Buitendorp, third place. Watts Middle School winners included Nadah Ramadan, first place; Lori Rakes, second place; and Abby Angott, third place. Art teachers Ashleigh Cornell and Janet Currin helped facilitate the contest.



Mayor Kingseed congratulates the winners of the Farmers Market poster contest.

Dave Blum was reappointed to the Board of Tax Appeals. Bill Etson was reappointed to the Planning Commission.

A public hearing was held to repeal the "Peddlers and Solicitors" code and enact the new chapter, "Peddlers, Vendors, Canvassers, and Charitable Solicitations."

Serve your community

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

June 2, 2014

Special Council Meeting

A public hearing was held for Ordinance 05-14, Amending Ordinance 7-13, for the creation of Tax Increment Financing for compensation to the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Local School District and Greene County Vocational School District, and for the execution of a Related Tax Incentive Agreement. The Council voted 6-0 in favor of amending the ordinance.

June 16, 2014

Mayor Kingseed welcomed Dr. Stephen Swisher, senior pastor, Centerville United Methodist Church, to present the invocation.

Jan Prettyman, 2014 Mayor's Award for Community Service recipient, received a proclamation from Gov. John Kasich, presented by Sandra Brasington, southwestern Ohio liaison to the Governor's Office.

Dr. and Mrs. David Ellinger, 107 E. Franklin Street, received the 2014 Board of Architectural Review Preservation Award.

Council proclaimed June as Scleroderma Awareness Month in the City of Centerville and heard presentations from Demeshia Trice and Wilma Will, from the Dayton Area support group.



Wilma Will and Demeshia Trice accept a proclamation from Mayor Kingseed.

A public hearing was held to establish a Municipal Mayor's Court.

July 21, 2014

Mayor Kingseed welcomed Pastor Mark Simpson, MorningStar Baptist Church, to present the invocation.

Mayor Kingseed administered the oath of office to Don Stewart as a member of the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council and as a member of the Board of Tax Appeals.

Jonathan Mashburn and Megan Laughter, members of MorningStar Baptist Church, along with Gail Wise, outreach director, and Dr. Mark Simpson, pastor, were recognized for their cleanup efforts assisting elderly residents and for the City.



Don Stewart takes the oath of office.

Jan Prettyman, City Beautiful Commission chair, recognized the Residential and Community Pride winners for the month of July. (See list on page 4.)

Council made the following appointments: Cindy Monter Clay was reappointed to the Sister City Committee. Marilou Enslein was reappointed to the City Beautiful Commission.



Mayor's Message from Mark Kingseed



Mayor Kingseed thanked MorningStar Baptist Church members Pastor Mark Simpson, Gail Wise, Megan Laughter and Jonathan Mashburn for their outreach programs to assist the elderly.

I frequently address specific initiatives your government has undertaken ("What we do") in my Mayor's Messages column, but I think it is useful to step back from time to time and discuss the overall strategy City Council is following ("Why we are doing it"). Let's start with our overall goal: To maintain and hopefully enhance the quality of life and property values in Centerville.

We also need to focus on the most dangerous long-term threat to the City—the possibility of slow stagnation and eventual downward pressure on living standards and property values as housing stock gets older and new development/investment dollars move farther out into the outer-ring suburbs.

Achieving this goal and avoiding the threat, guides your City Council in its decisions on development, policies, taxes, expenditures and virtually everything we do.

The bottom line, from your government's point of view, is that to achieve the goal and avoid the long-term threat, we need to take steps now to maintain governmental services, encourage responsible growth and new development in the City and simultaneously adopt, and proactively enforce, tough property maintenance standards to protect the housing stock.

A lot of different items go into the overall quality of life, but the list certainly includes the highest level of governmental services: police protection, clean streets, road maintenance, trash collection, and the general look and feel of a community.

We are proud of the services the City provides. Our police department is second to none; the City crews plowing streets, picking up refuse, and repairing and maintaining our streets do a magnificent job. This level of service is a key part of the quality of life which we all enjoy. Maintaining the very highest level of governmental services is vital. If the street repair program were seriously cut back, or if crime rose because the police service was neglected, everyone in the City would be affected.

Since we don't want to raise local income taxes, and because the costs of providing services always goes up over time, we strive to encourage private economic growth, so that new tax revenues will help us keep pace with the rate of inflation. That is why we:

- encourage private property owners to join the City through the voluntary annexation process,
- support quality development and redevelopment of business and residential property consistent with our tight zoning and development controls; and
- are always ready to enter into joint economic development efforts with our neighbors should they have desire to do so.

There is always controversy when new development abuts existing neighborhoods, and of course, it is impossible to make any decision which everyone will approve. But, the City has a very good record of ensuring that new residential or business developments do not have serious negative impacts on neighboring communities. Our standards are rigorous and they are rigorously enforced.

The tax dollars generated through reasonable growth allows us to maintain City services without having to go to our residents to seek an increase in the local income tax rate. The Centerville income tax rate has been at 1.75% since 1981, and we are doing everything we can to keep it at that level. If we cease to grow, eventually your government will have to come back to you to seek a significant increase in the local income tax rate—I personally hope that day will never come.

While we need to grow, we also need to be proactive in enforcing property maintenance standards. We have the tools in place. Our rental inspection ordinance is very effective at ensuring that single-family units which are converted into rentals are maintained at the same level as existing homes. We have passed laws giving the City more authority to deal with abandoned properties and are considering a pre-sale inspection program as well. We are reviewing whether to adopt a Mayor's Court in Centerville, which would give us greater local control over the interpretation and enforcement of property maintenance standards. While all of us on Council are very reluctant to impose government controls on private decision making, we do think it is essential that the property standards be maintained at a high level.

In conclusion, your City government knows that your investment in your home is key to your economic well-being, and we want to do what we can to support you. We are trying to keep your income taxes flat, preserve your property values and keep Centerville a prosperous and growing community for decades to come.

Mark Kingseed



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City offices holiday schedule

City offices and waste collection will maintain a regular schedule on Columbus Day, Oct. 13 and Veteran's Day, Nov. 11. City offices will be closed Nov. 27 and 28 in observance of Thanksgiving. Waste collection for the Thursday, Nov. 27 route will occur on Friday, Nov. 28.

City of Centerville

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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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City Council 7:30 p.m., third Monday monthly
 Board of Architectural Review ...7:30 p.m., first Tuesday monthly
 City Planning Commission7:30 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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September–November City Calendar

September

- 14** Guitar Fest, 4-7 p.m., Stubbs Park
- 15** City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 17** Centerville Community Band, 7 p.m., Benham's Grove

October

- 6** Neighborhood Meeting, 7 p.m., Bethany Lutheran Village, for residents north of I-675 and east of St. Rt. 48
- 6** Leaf Collection begins, runs eight weeks
- 11** Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Public Works Center
- 20** City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 31** Trick or Treat Night, 6-8 p.m.

November

- 11** Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 a.m., Stubbs Park
- 23** Hometown Holiday Walk, 1-5 p.m., downtown Centerville
- 23** Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5:30 p.m., Benham's Grove

Weekly

Brush drop-off, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday, Public Works Center
 Farmers Market, 2:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday

Monthly

Brush drop-off: 9-noon, 3rd Saturday of each month, Public Works Center

For more information, visit centervilleohio.gov or call 433-7151.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING
IN CENTERVILLE**



YANKEE GOLF SHOP SALE



TOWN CRIER

- All 2014 golf clubs - **25% off**
- All 2014 demo golf clubs - **50% off**
- All 2014 golf bags - **25% off**
- All 2014 golf shoes - **20% off**
- All men's and women's polos - **30% off**

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