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Centerville blooming with new business

Colorful flowers and buds on branches are sure signs of spring. So is construction—which is in full bloom in Centerville, where businesses continue to grow and build in every corner of our City.

On the southwestern edge of the City, Randall Residence, a lifestyle community, is close to breaking ground at Sheehan, Social Row and Paragon roads. Planned for the southern part of the 65 acres, the senior living component will have a similar look to the homes at Yankee Trace. The 35-acre campus will feature a 175,000 sq. ft. assisted living, independent living, and memory support center and 21 four-unit patio homes. The northern portion is set to feature single-family homes.

The vacated building that once housed Showcase Cinemas on Loop Road was demolished by Mills Development. Plans for this almost 15-acre site are in development. *Business continued on page 3.*

New Council members start term



Council members Brooks Compton, JoAnne Rau and John Palcher took the oath of office during the December 2013 Council meeting.

John Palcher

John Palcher says he is delighted to be a member of Centerville City Council. Elected to his first term last November, over his career, Palcher has held a variety of business and management positions as well as years of volunteer experience. A native of Kansas and graduate of Pittsburg State University, after a stint in the U.S. Army *Palcher continued on page 3.*

As a result of the November 2013 election, JoAnne Rau and John Palcher along with incumbent Brooks Compton were elected to four-year terms on Centerville Council. Compton, in his 24th year of service to Centerville, was elected Deputy Mayor during the January Council meeting. Rau and Palcher are first-time Council members. (See stories below.) Council meetings are held at 7:30 p.m., the third Monday of each month and open to the public. Call 433-7151 for more information.

JoAnne Rau

When she started attending Council meetings in 2010, JoAnne Rau had no idea that three years later she'd be elected to serve the citizens of Centerville. As a DP&L employee, Rau had been asked to participate in its Ambassador program, serving as a contact between her city and her company. She began *Rau continued on page 3.*

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City Planner retires following three decades of service

Steve Feverston has helped guide Centerville through many growing pains. Over the past 34 years, the Centerville City Planner has met with developers, business owners and homeowners to review plans, make recommendations and assist with the design of buildings, landscaping and selection of other materials to create and maintain the overall "look and feel" of Centerville.

A native of Centerville, Feverston has a great love for his community and its history. Over his career, he's worked on projects as diverse as the Asahel Wright House, Miami Valley Hospital South, scores of new neighborhoods, the Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park, Yankee Trace, and the renovation of Benham's Grove, including the parking lot design.

The revitalization of downtown Centerville is another source of pride. Saying some of the best successes of his career are located there, Feverston cites the blending of historic buildings with new shops to create a charming, lively destination area. That look doesn't just happen—it takes years of strategic planning, committed developers and consistent use of the Unified Development Ordinance, the guide for planning and development in Centerville. Graeter's, City Barbeque and Esther Price are just a few of the businesses that capture that balance.

Feverston says two pieces of Centerville City Council legislation have made a difference in the Centerville community: Park Land Dedication, obligating developers to set aside land for community parks, and the Landmark Ordinance, encouraging homeowners to be good stewards of the historic stone houses.

As a student at the University of Cincinnati in 1979, he secured a co-op position with Centerville's Planning Department. He later accepted a job with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, still making his home in Centerville. When a planner position opened with the City in 1981, Feverston was hired. He was named City Planner in 1996.

Feverston and his wife Diane have three children: David, employed in IT at Lion Apparel; Tim, a graduate student in music at the University of Tennessee; and Kelsey, a junior studying Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati. He plans to stay active with the historical society and travel. Already on tap are a cruise to Hawaii and a hiking trip along the Appalachian Trail.



Steve Feverston

Cole retires from City

Mark Cole, Public Works equipment operator, has retired from Centerville with 30 years of service. Cole's responsibilities included plowing snow, planting flowers, mowing grass and repairing street signs. Upon retirement, he immediately moved to Salt Lake City, UT, to be closer to his family. Over the years, his children have moved from the Dayton area to Utah to attend college. Cole says he worked with a great group of guys, but "being with my family is most important." He plans to enjoy retirement by playing golf and taking in the beautiful Utah scenery. An avid cyclist, he's also training for long-distance races.



Mark Cole

EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED *for service*

The City of Centerville honored 27 employees for their years of service during the annual Employee Recognition Luncheon. Police Chief Bruce Robertson was recognized for 35 years of service, and Public Works Group Leader Bill Pennington received a 30-year award. Police Capt. Mark Casey along with Public Works' employees Scott Matthews, group leader, and Steve Kelley, equipment operator, were recognized with 25-year awards. "The City is pleased and honored to have employees who have dedicated their careers to serving the residents of Centerville," says City Manager Greg Horn. "We appreciate the efforts and talents all of our employees bring to their respective positions." Other honorees included:



Police Chief Bruce Robertson was recognized for his 35 years of service by the City of Centerville at its employee recognition program.



Public Works Group Leader Bill Pennington received a 30-year award for his service to the City of Centerville.

15 Years of Service

Justin Cron, Yankee Trace
Larry Sewell, Public Works
Lt. Matt Brown, Police Department

Ten Years of Service

Kathy Weis, Yankee Trace
Andy Hardacre, Police Department
Sandy Gilbert, Finance Department

Five Years of Service

Michele Donoher, Benham's Grove
Nathan Cahall, City Manager's Office
Mark Yandrick, Planning Department
Jill Circele, Yankee Trace
James Bohman, Yankee Trace
Patricia Pierce, Yankee Trace
Lary Rhoten, Yankee Trace
Ben Ankeney, Public Works
Marc Byrd, Public Works
Joe Presutti, Public Works
Jeremy Schul, Public Works
Carin Andrews, Police Department
Jeff Kaercher, Police Department
Jared Rhoten, Police Department
Josh Ratliff, Police Department
Ryan Turner, Police Department

Online tool available for tax payments

The City offers a free, online tax preparation tool. The secure system, available at centervilleohio.gov, assists residents to prepare the Centerville income tax form, download information about tax payments made during the year and calculate the tax liability or refund. Print the completed form, attach W2's and any applicable federal schedules, and mail or bring it to the Tax Office.

The Tax Office is open for assistance 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, or by calling 433-7151. There is no charge and no appointment needed. 2013 income tax returns and the first quarter 2014 estimated tax payments are due April 15. You may drop your tax return and/or any payment in the box in the rear parking lot of the Municipal Building, 100 W. Spring Valley Road.

Mayor to host annual Interfaith Breakfast

Centerville Mayor Mark Kingseed hosts the annual Interfaith Breakfast with area religious leaders at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 15 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, 10000 Yankee Street. Kingseed says the event provides an opportunity to discuss ways local government and local faith-based organizations can work together to meet community needs. All churches and other faith-based organizations in the City of Centerville and Washington Township have been invited. For more information call Centerville Municipal Offices, 433-7151.



Artist's rendering of Randall Residence, which is set to break ground soon.

(Businesses continued from page 1) Centerville Council's expansion of the CRA was cited as a key factor for triggering the redevelopment.

The Shops of North Village, at the corner of North Village Drive and Far Hills, will feature three food-service operations; sandwich shop, coffee shop and frozen dessert shop, all under one roof. Trees along North Village Drive were removed because of emerald ash borer infestation and new landscaping will be added. Look for a summer grand opening. 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 Avenue. 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.

Dewey's Pizza, slated for downtown, withdrew building plans after the comprehensive development plan, including parking and emergency access, could not be agreed upon with neighboring property owners.

Recently opened Dunkin Donuts, on the southeast corner of E. Spring Valley Road and S. Main Street, offers signature coffee and sweet treats and a drive-thru service.



Dunkin Donuts gets ready to open.

(Palcher continued from page 1) including a year at Thule Air Base in Greenland—Palcher's career took him to positions with Roadway Express, Texas Instruments and Dayco. A corporate position with Dayco led to a move to Dayton in 1984, where he stayed until retirement in 1996. Later that year he accepted a position with Goshen Rubber, commuting each day until fully retiring in 1999.

Retirement hasn't slowed down Palcher. He's been on the board of the University of Dayton Lifelong Learning Institute for the past nine years, and says with pride that the program serves more than 2,300 area seniors. A member of the Kettering-Centerville Kiwanis Club, Palcher is the liaison for the Key Club at a Dayton Regional STEM School and attends the high school's monthly meetings.

Palcher's wife of 18 years, Aurelia, retired as vice-president of administration from St. Elizabeth Hospital, recently retired from a second career at St. Leonard Faith Community. The two live in Yankee Trace. A resident of Centerville since 2003, Palcher has two children: son Joe lives in Cincinnati, and daughter Jennifer and her family reside in Atlanta.

Palcher credits Jim Singer, former Council member, for encouraging him last summer to enter the race. He and Aurelia campaigned door to door for six weeks, walking through every neighborhood in Centerville. Not only did he meet a lot of citizens, but Palcher says he also managed to lose 13 pounds.

He's eager to get to work and says he brings corporate, strategic and financial planning experience to Council. "I look forward to continuing Centerville's legacy of offering citizens excellent services while still providing good fiscal management."

(Rau continued from page 1) going to monthly Council meetings and learned a lot about Centerville. She soon became more interested in the City's operations, development projects and activities.

Later that year, Rau applied for a position on the Council-appointed Board of Architectural Review, making decisions and reviewing policies for downtown Centerville. Broadening that interest, in 2011, she applied for and was appointed to the Planning Commission, continuing to serve the Centerville community by insuring that development plans and property decisions met the requirements of the Unified Development Ordinance.

Last spring, Rau decided to run for a seat on Centerville Council. She wanted to help keep Centerville the wonderful community she and her family have enjoyed. She and her campaign team, including her husband of 31 years, Steve, her sister-in-law Pat, and three neighbors, canvassed Centerville, knocking on almost 5,000 doors and talking with many residents. Her neighborhood visits paid off, and she was elected in November 2013 to a four-year term.

A graduate of Ohio State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, Rau earned a master's degree in Environmental Engineering Management from the University of Cincinnati.

Originally from Akron, Rau moved to the Dayton area to accept a position with The Mound and was later employed for 14 years at Delphi. She's been with DP&L since 2006, and serves as Director of Environmental and Safety Management.

She and Steve, Centerville residents since 1986, have three children: Lynn, an interior designer in Oregon; Katie, who works with autistic children in Washington; and Matt, who is working on a PhD in mechanical engineering at Purdue University.

Rau says she's looking forward to serving the citizens of Centerville. "I like listening and learning so that I can fully understand the issues," she says. "Then I can make the best decision for the betterment of our community."

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS... *don't wing it*

Severe weather can hit our community during any season. Make sure your family is prepared for an emergency situation. Review your plan, practice tornado and fire drills and refresh the supplies in your emergency kit. Follow the READY Plan as outlined on the FEMA website Ready.gov:

- 1 Be Informed**
- 2 Make a Plan**
- 3 Get a Kit**

Centerville offers an Emergency Preparation Guide, available at centervilleohio.gov, under Quick Links, or by calling 433-7151. As part of an ongoing effort to be prepared for emergency situations, Centerville and Washington Township staffs train annually and review emergency operations procedures. Each month, the Fire Department sounds alarms in Centerville and Washington Township. Sirens are sounded to give warning that those outside should seek immediate shelter. The sirens are not meant to warn those who are already inside. As newer homes have been designed for better insulation and typically

include several-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

It is also recommended that you remain inside your home and stay away from windows and doors. There are 13 strategically-located sirens throughout the Centerville and Washington Township area to provide coverage for those who are outdoors. In case of a citywide emergency, residents are encouraged to listen to WCWT 107.3 FM for information.

HOME IMPROVEMENT GUIDE

Check to ensure you have all permits before starting work

As the weather turns to spring, folks are eager to make improvements to their homes and properties. Whether it's an annual cleaning or more substantial improvements, spring is a great time to take stock of the interior and exterior of your home.

Use the guide on the left to help determine whether your work will require a permit. Note the list is not all-inclusive. The permit triggers an inspection to ensure your work is done properly and in accordance with current City standards. Property owners are encouraged to hire contractors who are familiar with City requirements. Contractors working in the public right of way are required to be bonded. Electrical, gas piping, HVAC and plumbing contractors are required to be state licensed and registered with the City. All contractors must provide proof of insurance.

As projects are planned keep in mind that anything you place in the public right of way—a pet fence, an irrigation system or landscaping—may be subject to removal when a public improvement project comes along. If in doubt—check it out!

For more information, contact:

Building Inspection Office:

428-4786
Municipal Building rear entrance,
100 W. Spring Valley Road

Planning Office:

428-4760
Municipal Building,
100 W. Spring Valley Road

Engineering/Public Works:

428-4782
Public Works Center,
7970 S. Suburban Road

Montgomery Co. Water Services:

781-2500

Call Ohio Utility Protection Services (OUPS) at 811 to have utility lines located BEFORE starting your project. This is for your safety and it's the law!

*Architectural Preservation District
**Montgomery County Water Services

RESIDENTIAL PROJECT	DEPARTMENT REVIEW REQUIRED	TYPE OF PERMIT REQUIRED
ADDITION TO HOUSE (including decks)	Building, Planning	Zoning, Building, Elec., HVAC, Plumbing
APPLIANCE REPLACEMENT (hard-wired)	Building	Electrical
DETACHED STRUCTURES (smaller than 200 sq. ft.)	Planning	Zoning
DETACHED STRUCTURES (larger than 200 sq. ft.)	Building, Planning	Building, Zoning
DRIVEWAY APPROACH (new or replacement)	Public Works	Right of Way
ELECTRICAL PANELS, CIRCUIT OR REPAIRS	Building	Electrical
FENCES	Planning	Zoning
FIREPLACES (wood, gas, insert)	Building	Building
GARAGE OR GARAGE CONVERSION	Building, Planning	Building, Zoning
GAS LINES (new or replacement)	Building, Public Works	Gas Piping, Right of Way
HEATING OR AIR CONDITIONING REPLACEMENT	Building	HVAC
KITCHEN/BATH REMODEL (with wall modification)	Building	Building, Electrical, Plumbing
KITCHEN/BATH REMODEL (cabinets only)	No	None
LANDSCAPING/DRAINAGE/IRRIGATION SYSTEM	Planning, Public Works	Zoning, Right of Way
OUTDOOR BARBEQUES (permanently installed)	Building	Electrical, Gas Piping
PAINTING (required for APD* only)	Planning	None
PORTABLE SPA	Building, Planning	Electrical, Zoning
RE-ROOF (required for APD* only)	Planning	Zoning
RETAINING WALLS LARGER THAN 4 FT.	Building, Planning	Building, Zoning
ROOF RE-PITCH	Building, Planning (in APD*)	Building, Zoning
SANITARY SEWER OUTSIDE (new or replacement)	Public Works, MCWS**	Plumbing, Right of Way
SIDEWALK—PUBLIC (new or replacement)	Public Works	Right of Way
SOLAR PANELS	Building, Planning	Building, Zoning, Misc.
SUMP PUMP	Building	Plumbing
SUMP PUMP OUTLET PIPE (if in right of way)	Public Works	Right of Way
SWIMMING POOL (above- or in-ground)	Building, Planning	Electrical, Zoning
WATER HEATER	Building	Plumbing
WATER LINES INSIDE (new or replacement)	Building	Plumbing
WATER LINES OUTSIDE (new or replacement)	Public Works, MCWS**	Plumbing, Right of Way
WATER SOFTENER	Building	Plumbing

Centerville coordinates garage sale

Register your sale through April 18

Whether you're looking for some great bargains or want to declutter your house, add the City of Centerville's annual Citywide Garage Sale to your calendar. Set for Thursday, May 1 through Saturday, May 3, the sales take place 8 a.m.–5 p.m. each day in neighborhoods throughout Centerville. The City will provide one sign and advertising in a local newspaper for each participating address. A list of all addresses along with a brief description of items for sale will be available on the City's website.



Residents must register at centervilleohio.gov or use the form on page 20 of this publication and return it to City Municipal Office, 100 W. Spring Valley Road. Fax registrations to 428-4763. Registration deadline is 9 a.m., Friday, April 18.

Following the garage sale is the City's annual bulk item pickup, May 5–8, free for all Centerville waste collection customers. All items should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular waste collection day. For more information call 433-7151 or email information@centervilleohio.gov.

Free bulk item pickup May 5–8

Following the Citywide Garage Sale, Clean Sweep Week is May 5–8. Centerville waste collection customers may put out unlimited refuse for pickup at no extra charge. All items need to be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day. No hazardous items—paint, oil, propane—concrete, rock, dirt, tree stumps, root balls, or vehicle parts including tires will be collected. Items such as carpet, wood and countertops must be cut or broken down to four-foot lengths so they can fit in trucks. Bundled brush will be collected. It must be bound and no larger than 10-inch bundles that are less than four feet in length. Mattresses must be sealed in plastic. Bags are available for \$3 at the Public Works Center or purchased at local home improvement stores. Contact Public Works, 428-4782 or publicworks@centervilleohio.gov for more information.

During Clean Sweep Week 2013, our crews collected over 430 tons of refuse including couches, tables, toys, carpet, and miscellaneous trash. The entire Refuse/Recycling and Street division staffs work this annual event. Several different trucks will be out collecting items so everything you put out might not get collected by the first truck.

In Memoriam: Jim Singer



Jim Singer

Jim Singer passed away February 8 at Kettering Medical Center. He was 80. Mr. Singer was the longest serving council member in the Miami Valley when his term ended Dec. 31, 2013. He had more than 36 years of continuous service on Centerville City Council when he decided not to seek reelection last November. Singer had said recently that he was pleased with Council's many accomplishments during his tenure, including the development of Yankee Trace and Benham's Grove. Mr. Singer served Council as deputy mayor, finance chair and storm water drainage task force chair. He also represented Centerville on the Miami Valley Communications Council board. "Jim Singer gave a lifetime of selfless service to the Centerville community," said City Manager Greg Horn. "Our community is better off today because of his efforts."

Mr. Singer is survived by his wife of 52 years, Willa, and his daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Melody Singer and Dr. Edgar Santillan.

Centerville first 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 N. Main streets. Voss Auto Network maintains the stations.

Township Trustees to close Hithergreen Center

Hithergreen Center will be forced to move its operations. The senior center at 5900 Hithergreen Drive, owned and maintained by Washington Township, is 50 years old and reportedly in need of major improvements. Washington Township has offered Rec West, on Centerville Miamisburg Road, as a new site. No decision about the move had been made at press time. Hithergreen Center is funded in large part by the City of Centerville and Washington Township as well as member dues, donations, fundraisers and program fees.

Welcome to these businesses
new to Centerville

Baker and Associates Technology 60-B Compark Road
Nonnie Wallers 101 E. Alex-Bell Road, Suite 134



Dunkin Donuts 9010 Dayton-Lebanon Pike
Ignite Yoga 65-B W. Franklin St.
The Envelope LTD 60 N. Main St.
Mauro Photography 58 N. Main St.
Jumps Peanuts 147 Westpark Road

BENHAM'S GROVE 2014 RENTAL RATES

FACILITY/SEATING CAPACITY	WEEKDAY RATES (6 HR. BLOCK)	EACH ADDL. HOUR	WEEKEND & HOLIDAYS	EACH ADDL. HOUR
ENTIRE COMPLEX 200 GUESTS				
<i>Non-Peak: Nov 15-Mar 31; Peak: Apr 1-Nov 14</i>				
Non-Peak:	\$600	\$110	\$1,400	\$235
Peak:	\$950	\$135	\$1,900	\$300
GERBER HOUSE 70/120 GUESTS				
<i>Add as dressing room - \$100</i>				
Non-Peak:	\$425	\$60	\$850	\$130
Peak:	\$550	\$75	\$1,250	\$175
EAST MEETING ROOM - 20 GUESTS	\$150	\$30	N/A	N/A
BARN 80 GUESTS				
Non-Peak:	\$350	\$50	\$675	\$130
Peak:	\$450	\$50	\$800	\$150
COTTAGE 24 GUESTS	\$175	\$30	\$350	\$55
<i>Add as dressing room - \$100</i>				
GAZEBO	<i>Limited availability with rental of one or more facilities.</i>			
BRICK PLAZA	<i>\$1200 for each client renting the Complex who uses the brick plaza, tent is provided.</i>			
April 16-Nov 14				
For Ceremony (Rain Plan)	\$300			

Entire complex rental required for Saturdays April 1 through November 14 and for guest count of 120 or more. Rental fees include the use of the selected facility. Arrangements for catering and special decorations are the responsibility of the renter. Centerville residents and businesses receive a 20% discount off the facility rental fee. Additional hours are charged at the regular rate. Special weekday Business Rates are available for two-hour, four-hour and all day meetings and seminars. Groups who carry the 501(c)(3) classification are eligible for a 10% discount. Groups needing a place to gather on short notice during a bereavement period are eligible for a 15% discount. Benham's Grove is owned and operated by the City of Centerville. For more information call Benham's Grove, 433-1913 or visit benhamsgrove.com.

Meet your neighbors at Community A'Fair

Discover all that our community has to offer at the third annual Community A'Fair, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, March 22 at Centerville High School. This free event brings together almost 100 exhibits, prizes, food and friends.

Sponsored by the Heart of Centerville Alliance, the downtown merchants association, the event provides opportunities to visit local businesses, community organizations and other non-profits all in one location—the CHS gym. There'll be lots of giveaways, too. For more information visit heartofcenterville.com.



Officer Ed Skinner greets citizens at last year's event.

FRIENDS OF BENHAM'S GROVE MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE

The Friends of Benham's Grove is a volunteer organization whose mission is to promote and preserve the gardens and grounds of the community gathering place and to develop special projects which will further its purposes. Led by a Board of Directors, newly elected Friends of Benham's Grove President Sherry Leighty intends to "Grow the Grove" through applied and educational programs, membership picnics and much more. Local gardening aficionados Mary Higgins and Cate Renner will share their enthusiasm and knowledge of gardening with members throughout the year.

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. For more information, contact Membership Chair Cassie Screngi, cassie.screngi@gmail.com or call Benham's Grove, 433-1913. Membership registration may also be sent to Friends of Benham's Grove, 166 North Main Street, Centerville, Ohio 45459.

BENHAM'S GROVE IS PERFECT CHOICE FOR EVENTS

Party planning is underway at Benham's Grove. The community gathering place at 166 N. Main Street is the perfect spot for weddings, receptions, meetings and company picnics as well as birthday, anniversary and family parties. For more information or to schedule a tour of Benham's Grove, call 433-1913 or visit benhamsgrove.com.

Remember our Country's Heroes — Memorial Day Ceremony is May 26 —

The City of Centerville's annual Memorial Day ceremony is 9 a.m., Monday, May 26 at the Veterans Memorial in Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. In case of rain, the event will move to the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road.

The program includes the Centerville VFW Post 9550 Color Guard, the Washington Township Fire Department and Centerville Police Department honor guards and remarks from Centerville Mayor Mark Kingseed.

The keynote speaker had not been announced by press time. For more information call 433-7151.

Centerville resident and WWII veteran Bob Thobaben at the Veterans Memorial in Stubbs Park.



April is National Volunteer Month

A community of volunteers, more than 300 citizens serve Centerville on Council-appointed Boards and Commissions and as CIVIC Municipal Volunteers. Boards and Commissions include 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. CIVIC (Citizens InVolved In Centerville) Municipal Volunteers give their time to Benham's Grove, Building Inspection, Engineering, Public Works, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, Police Department, and the City Clerk, Zoning and City Manager's offices.

Among their many duties, our volunteers...

- ▶ Celebrate Centerville's 27 consecutive years of Tree City USA distinction from the National Arbor Day Foundation by planting nine trees each year
- ▶ Organize exhibits in the Police Department Art Gallery
- ▶ Recognize over 35 homes, businesses and entrance ways for landscaping and lighting displays
- ▶ Plant and maintain the Four Corners garden in downtown
- ▶ Honor businesses for architectural preservation
- ▶ Coordinate special events like Art at the Trace
- ▶ Host Sister City guests from Bad Zwischenahn, Germany
- ▶ Provide customer service, maintenance and clerical support
- ▶ Offer services to Yankee Trace guests and keep the course in top condition
- ▶ Arrange bands for concerts and coordinate fine arts performances
- ▶ Offer gardening seminars and workshops
- ▶ Photograph City and community events
- ▶ Greet visitors, direct traffic and staff booths for City events and festivals
- ▶ Maintain the look of the downtown
- ▶ Review plans and development
- ▶ Welcome more than 15,000 visitors to Stubbs Park for the Summer Concert Series
- ▶ Provide service and share expertise

We appreciate your service. Thank you.

Life-saving awards presented



Centerville Police Officer Jared Rhoten and civilian Jacqueline Horne received Centerville Police Department Life-Saving awards during a recent Council meeting for their heroic efforts in administering CPR and AED to a motorist in need.

A volunteer for all seasons

John Koonts is an original. The friendly, former guidance counselor was one of the first volunteers at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. For the past 19 years, he's spent nearly 2,000 hours repairing divots, maintaining greens and "dropping sand" at the city-owned facility.

Immediately upon retirement in 1995 from Fairmont High School, Koonts applied for a volunteer position. Yankee Trace was a perfect fit for his love of golf and desire to give back to his community.

Originally from New Lexington, Ohio, Koonts and Jerry McGee, who would later go on to have a successful career in the PGA, golfed on the same high school team. A three-sport athlete in high school, after graduation Koonts headed to the



John Koonts in his favorite golfing garb.

University of Dayton to study education. Then as part of his Army ROTC commitment, in 1963, Koonts was stationed for two years as a medical supply officer at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Upon his return, Koonts pursued a master's degree in guidance and counseling at Ohio University. Koonts was so inspired by his educational experience and professors that he endowed a scholarship for guidance counseling majors. Still a Bobcat, he shows his pride by attending every home basketball and football game.

Over his 28 years at Fairmont High School (East for most of that time), Koonts taught thousands of students, most of whom he remembers by name, class year and their personal stories.

A man with a variety of interests, he followed his dad into basketball officiating, calling games for 25 years. Another trade he learned from his father is chair caning. Koonts, who has been caning for 45 years, taught the art for more than 20 years through adult schools in Kettering.

He and his wife of 29 years, Pat, also a retired teacher, volunteer together picking up donated food each week from grocery stores and delivering it to food pantries. In 2007, they began another venture: driving WWII veterans to Washington, D.C., as part of the Honor Flight RV convoy. The Koontses made the trip twice a year in their own RV, transporting four veterans each time. Recently that program was put on hold. For Koonts, those trips were very rewarding. The two enjoy following their grandson Ryan, a member of the West Carrollton High School band, and are enrolled in the current Centerville Citizens Police Academy.

Council's brush with art



Showing off one of their two pieces that were raffled at Art at the Trace are Centerville Council members Brooks Compton, Belinda Kenley, John Beals and Paul Gresham. Local artist Mike Elsass, second from right, taught the Council members how to paint on steel as part of his class, "brush before the brain."

Library serves up spring programming



Unwind in a casual atmosphere to discuss debut literary fiction with other book lovers! "Uncorked" book discussion meets 7-9 p.m., the first Monday of every month at Rumbleseat Wine on St. Rt. 48. On April 7, "Ghana Must Go" by Taiye Selasi will be discussed. Future book titles can be found on the library's website at wclibrary.info/bookdiscussion/.

This spring's Tuesday Evening Scholar Series, produced by the Library and hosted by Hithergreen Center, delves into major issues facing people across the world. Starting on March 4 and scheduled through April, the different evenings will focus on global population and water supplies, world health, energy, climate and more. To learn more, visit wclibrary.info.

Be a good steward of the environment

The City encourages residents to recycle as much as possible. Orange stickers for your recycling container of choice are available at the Municipal Offices, 100 West Spring Valley Road; the Public Works Center, 7970 S. Suburban Road;

or by calling Public Works, 428-4782. Your old items may have useful life for others. McMRF, Montgomery County Material Re-use Facility, accepts wood furniture, paint, cabinets, appliances, lumber and more. Go to mcoho.org/services/swd/mcmrf.html or call 496-6639 for details.

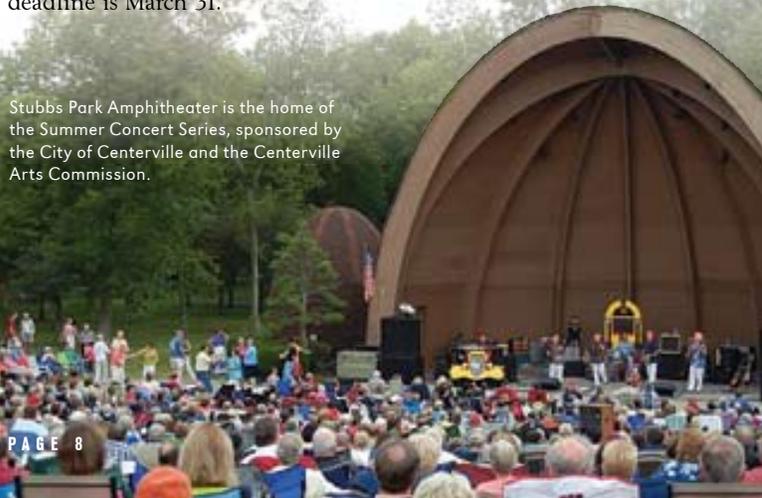
Summer concerts kick off in June

Arts Commission seeking sponsors

Get your lawn chairs and blankets ready for a summer of musical entertainment. Sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission, almost 15,000 people attended last year's free concert series at Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. Look for a great mix of oldies, big band, country, Motown, and rock. Popular favorites such as Phil Dirt & the Dozers; Ticket to Ride, a Beatles Tribute; and Soul Pocket are part of the lineup. We'll have the complete schedule in the next Town Crier.

The Arts Commission has 15 entertaining concerts scheduled and is offering businesses the opportunity to provide sponsorship support for the series. Sponsorships help the Commission keep the arts vibrant, alive and accessible and are offered at five levels: platinum, gold, silver, bronze, and patron. For sponsorship information, contact Kristen Gopman, 433-7151 or visit centervilleohio.gov. Sponsorship deadline is March 31.

Stubbs Park Amphitheater is the home of the Summer Concert Series, sponsored by the City of Centerville and the Centerville Arts Commission.



YANKEE TRACE RESTAURANT

offers lunch, dinner & special events

Whether it's lunch, brunch, or a Friday night fish fry, Yankee Trace restaurant offers delicious fare for your family offering a variety of entrees, sides and desserts served in a warm and inviting atmosphere. And, with two special event buffets, your upcoming holiday meals just got planned. Visit yankeetrace.org or call 438-3585 for more information.

Lunch: Tuesday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sunday Brunch: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

(excluding holidays below)

\$18.95 adults, \$8.95 children

Friday Night Fish Fry: (through April 18)

\$13.45 adults, \$3.75 children

Easter Buffet, Sunday, April 20

Mother's Day Buffet, Sunday, May 11

Enjoy a buffet feast including roast leg of lamb (Easter only), baked Virginia ham, roast sirloin of beef, Seafood Newburg, vegetables, potato, salads, desserts and more. Three seatings available: 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 4 p.m. Prices are \$25.95 for adults, \$12.95 for ages 12 and under. Kids five and under eat free. Reservations required, call 438-3585.

Americana Festival

looking for volunteers and sponsors

The Centerville-Washington Township Americana Festival is one of the highlights of the summer for those in the Miami Valley and beyond. Set for July 4 in downtown Centerville, it's Ohio's largest one-day festival and one of the very best Independence Day celebrations in the Midwest. But did you know that it's all made possible through the financial support of sponsors and the work of volunteers? The Americana Committee is made up of individuals throughout the community working together to put on this incredible event. The committee is looking for both corporate and private sponsors, as well as new volunteers to help with all aspects of the event. If you or your business are interested in contributing time or financial support to this hometown tradition, contact the Americana Office at americanafestival@sbcbglobal.net or call 433-5898. For festival information, visit americanafestival.org.

...As lovely as a tree

Centerville's annual tree planting to celebrate Arbor Day is 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 16 at the Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. Third grade students from Centerville area elementary schools will join Centerville Council to plant nine cherry trees in support of the Operation 1,000 Cherry Tree campaign, formed after the 2011 tsunami in Japan. This event commemorates Centerville's recognition as a Tree City USA, a designation the City has earned for 27 consecutive years. The public is invited.

Third graders from area schools help Mayor Mark Kingseed plant trees at Benham's Grove during Arbor Day 2013.



Hithergreen Center tees up for golf outing

Practice makes perfect, whether you're driving a ball down the fairway or holding an outing for golfers to give it their best shot. Hithergreen Center puts this adage to the test on Monday, May 19 during the sixth annual Golf Outing at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace.

Proceeds for the four-player scramble go toward the operation of Hithergreen, which provides older adults in our community with a wealth of programs to help them live longer, happier and healthier lives. The goal is to raise \$20,000.

The entry fee of \$100 includes greens fee and cart, goody bags and prizes, continental breakfast and lunch buffet, plus a silent auction of golf, entertainment and restaurant packages. You can support the Center as a player or a sponsor. Various levels of sponsorship are available. To register or sponsor the event call Kara Ware, 435-2415.



Paul Heintz and John Beals are ready to tee off at the Hithergreen outing.

Farmers Market

OPENS IN

MAY

Bring your shopping list to the Farmers Market, near the intersection of State Route 48 and Spring Valley Road. Beginning May 15, area farmers arrive each Thursday with fresh vegetables, fruit, bread,

herbs, organic meat and eggs, jams, jellies, farmstead cheese, cut flowers, bedding plants, honey and more. All produce is locally grown; some is certified organic. Sign up to receive emails about the market at centervillefarmersmarket.com and visit the Facebook page for updates.

SPEAKER SERIES

Highlights Historical People and Places

The Centerville Washington Township Historical Society offers a program each month at Hithergreen Center, 5900 Hithergreen Drive, with a reception at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m. The programs are free and open to the public. Bring a friend or make new friends and enjoy a lively evening of history. No reservations needed.

MARCH 18, 2014

Life as a Union or Confederate Infantry Man
Presented by Larry Marple, a longtime reenactor, who previously presented Theodore Roosevelt for the society.

APRIL 15, 2014

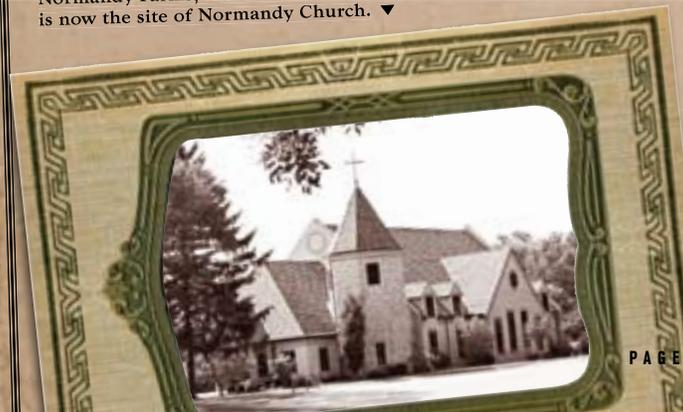
All You Wanted to Know About Normandy Farms
Presented by Jerry Strange, past president and longtime society member and member of Normandy Church.

MAY 20, 2014

First Mothers

Presented by Debe Dockins, Community Outreach and Development Coordinator at the Washington-Centerville Public Library.

Normandy Farms, the former home of Richard H. Grant, Sr., is now the site of Normandy Church. ▼



NEW MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2014

YANKEE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

includes unlimited access to the dual-ended driving range, comprehensive short game area (including three putting greens, pitching and chipping stations, fairway and green-side bunkers) and indoor netted range for year-round practice for a one-time fee. In addition, all YPD members qualify for greatly reduced greens fees and/or cart fees during selected times and other specials. Call the Golf Shop for fees and additional details. Limited memberships offered.

CLUB 55 MEMBERSHIP

available to adults ages 55 and over. Annual membership fee is only \$35 and benefits include \$30 greens fees Monday through Thursday anytime, and \$32 greens fees Fridays anytime and Saturday and Sundays after 12 p.m. Other perks include complimentary range balls and coffee with every round. 2014 Bonus: FREE golf glove for every member.

ANNUAL MIDDAY MEMBERSHIP

offers unlimited golf seven days a week between the hours of 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. for a one-time low price. Benefits include 14-day advance reservations, complimentary bag storage, complimentary locker, complimentary USGA handicap service and merchandise discounts throughout the year.

VOLUNTEER AT YANKEE TRACE

Yankee Trace is consistently named a top course in the region. 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 2014 season. Call 438-GOLF for program details.

yankee trace

LEAGUES AND LESSONS

Men's League: 9-Holes, Four 9-week sessions. Includes 9-holes, prize fund, optional skins game, emailed results each week and end-of-the-season awards banquet. Play days are Tuesday and Thursday. First two sessions begin mid-April.

Senior Men's League: 18-Holes, ages 55+. Weekly Tuesday morning game. Fee includes 18-holes, prize fund, emailed results, optional Skins Game and end of the season banquet. Begins in May.

Women's League: Three options: 1) 9-Hole Tuesday morning league, 2) 18-Hole Wednesday morning league, 3) 9-Hole Wednesday evening league. Each league is pay as you go format. Tee times may be reserved one week in advance. Fees include golf, prize fund, emailed results, awards banquet and more.

Couples' Leagues: Each month, Friday evenings: two playing partners of any skill level compete in a fun format followed by an awards ceremony and dinner. Begins in May.

Don't miss out on great golf this year—join a league at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. We offer the most comprehensive schedule of league play in the Miami Valley. We also host company or private leagues. For more information, contact Steven Marino, head golf professional, 438-GOLF or golf@yankeetrace.org, or visit yankeetrace.org for available dates and prices.

Summer Youth Leagues: for players ages 10-17 of all skill levels: offers playing experience with an introduction to competitive golf, including on-course golf matches for middle school junior golfers getting ready for high school golf.

Youth Players Camp*: for ages 11-16: geared toward the intermediate and advanced golfer. These comprehensive classes combine practice sessions with on-course instruction. The fee includes video analysis, Nike golf balls, daily prizes and more.

Youth Camps*: ideal for ages 6-12: includes five days of instruction and ends with an on-course tournament. Each junior receives complimentary Nike golf shoes, glove, sleeve of golf balls and more.

*Camps offered in June and July.

Public Works ready for construction season

The Public Works Department is gearing up for the construction season. Projects on tap include the annual street program and concrete sidewalk repair program, providing repair and resurfacing work on various local streets.

Plans are underway for improvements to Feedwire Road. The project is set for construction over the summer. A portion of the funding for the construction will be provided by the Ohio Public Works Commission. Improvements are being made in anticipation of traffic growth stemming from the Cornerstone development include widening the roadway and installing curb, storm sewer and sidewalk. The project spans the area from Wilmington Pike eastward to the I-675 overpass.

Use caution when digging

Call 811 for utility line locations

April is Safe Digging Month. Protecting buried utility lines benefits everyone and is a safety consideration. Digging into a live electric or gas line and working around buried utilities can be dangerous. Call 811 for utility locations before digging—it's the law. Ohio Utility Protection Service (OUPS) is a free service. After you call and provide the location of your work, OUPS will contact utility companies to visit your property to mark their underground lines. Then you'll know where to dig to avoid hitting a buried utility line. If work is planned in your yard, ask specifically for buried lines to be located. Locations are needed when planting a shrub or tree, setting posts to build a deck, or sinking swing set supports. For more information visit www.oups.org.

Stray cats strut on streets

Help our community proactively control cat overpopulation. Centerville's Municipal Code states that animals are not permitted to run at large. According to the Humane Society of Greater Dayton, one female cat and her offspring can be responsible for the birth of 4,200 kittens over a seven-year period. Stray, free-roaming outdoor cats can be a nuisance in neighborhoods. Help control roaming cats in Centerville by not leaving cat food outside unattended—it will attract other animals. Keep your cat indoors if it hasn't been spayed/neutered. To safely catch a stray cat, use a live trap. Live traps are available at no charge from the Public Works Center, 7970 S. Suburban Road. There is a \$25 deposit for the trap.

Contact SICSA about their cat foster program or the Humane Society of Greater Dayton about their cat intake facility. Both organizations accept stray cats on a very limited basis and require a monetary donation, so call first. Contact SICSA, 294-6505, sicsa.org or HumaneSocietyDayton.org, 268-7387.



937.433.7151

HATS OFF TO PUBLIC WORKS

For more than 50 years, National Public Works Week has celebrated the contributions of the hard-working folks who take care of many of the amenities and services that make our community so special. May 18-24, 2014 has been designated National Public Works Week by the American Public Works Association. This year's theme, "Building for Today, Planning for Tomorrow", represents the classic idea of stewardship embodied by the profession of public works and the professionals that practice it. Focusing on the communities; "building" points out the day to day aspect of public works that is quality of life, while "planning" references the sustainable practices that ensure that quality of life for future generations.

Public Works employees plow snow and salt roadways so safer travel will be restored. They collect refuse and recyclables year-round in all types of weather. In Centerville, our Public Works staff takes care of over 110 miles of streets, 60 miles of sidewalk, over 3,000 storm drains, more than 3,600 traffic signs, 28 traffic signals, several hundred street lights, hundreds of acres of grass and landscaped areas and collects trash and recyclable from over 6,000 customers. Centerville's Public Works crew also includes mechanics who maintain and repair over 100 different vehicles and pieces of equipment needed to do our work. PW staff also works special events at Stubbs Park, during the Americana Festival and other various holidays. They help keep our city clean, safe and in tip-top condition.

Commission looking for *pretty yards*



It's not too early to start thinking about City Beautiful Commission's summer landscape award program. If you know of a beautifully landscaped yard, nominate it for consideration. Members of the Commission canvas the City looking for those oh-so lovely landscapes and view each nominated front yard. Awards are given in June, July and August. Nominate a contender by calling 428-4282 or emailing publicworks@centervilleohio.gov.

The City Beautiful Commission, a city volunteer board, is looking for members. The Commission is open to any Centerville resident interested in keeping Centerville beautiful. Applications may be downloaded at centervilleohio.gov or call 433-7151.



Theft from motor vehicles and homes continues to be a crime trend throughout the Miami Valley. The Centerville Police Department is stepping up efforts to remind citizens that leaving doors and vehicles unlocked can create a crime of opportunity that can often be prevented. Immediately report any unusual person, vehicle or activity in your neighborhood as it is occurring—don't wait.

- ❑ Lock your vehicle.
- ❑ Remove or hide your valuables.
- ❑ Remove your garage opener from vehicles left outside.
- ❑ Completely close home and vehicle windows and sunroofs.
- ❑ Park in a busy, well lit area, and away from larger vehicles, fences, signs or foliage that may hide your vehicle.
- ❑ Keep your garage door closed. Police often investigate complaints about golf clubs, gardening tools and beer being stolen from the garage.
- ❑ Secure side doors and windows leading into your garage.
- ❑ Lock the door leading from your garage into your home.
- ❑ Park locked vehicles near the garage door and close to illumination.
- ❑ Take car keys with you—don't leave them in the ignition.
- ❑ Return bicycles, tools and other items to the garage. Don't leave them in the yard.

ROUND UP FOR THE bicycle rodeo

The Centerville Police Department and Centerville Noon Optimists have again partnered with Miami Valley Hospital South to host the Bicycle Rodeo 9 a.m.–noon, Saturday, May 31 at MVHS.

- ★ Test cycling skills
- ★ Check bicycle helmet fit
- ★ Register bicycles against theft
- ★ Inspect bike maintenance
- ★ Meet McGruff the Crime Dog
- ★ Receive a new bicycle helmet if needed
- ★ Participate in health and safety activities, giveaways and more

Children taking part in skills testing must bring a safe operational bicycle and wear a bicycle helmet. Prizes—including several bicycles—will be given away throughout the morning. Call 433-7661 for further information.

Scholarships available to local students

Two local scholarship programs are targeted specifically at Centerville and Washington Township students. The John P. Kalaman Scholarship Fund, established in 1998 in memory of Centerville Police Officer John Kalaman, offers three scholarships totaling \$22,500. To date, more than \$191,000 has been awarded to 41 local students.

Kalaman scholarships are available to two students planning to attend a four-year institution, community or technical college, or trade school, as well as to high school seniors planning to major in criminal justice, criminology, social work, psychology, political science, education, government service or forensics. An additional scholarship is available for employees and dependents of full-time or retired Centerville Police Department employees.

Kalaman scholarship applications are available at daytonfoundation.org, click Scholarship Connect, or call 225-9955. Application deadline is March 21.

The Americana Festival scholarships, ranging in value from \$400 to \$1,600, offer scholarships for middle, high school and college students, and one community service scholarship for either high school or college students.

Americana scholarships recognize students for academic excellence and commitment to their community. High school seniors and college students up to age 21 must complete a personal interview, demonstrate involvement in community service and write a 500-word essay. Middle School students in grades six through eight must write a 250-word essay.

Americana application deadline is 5 p.m., April 9. Registration forms are at americanafestival.org or the Americana Festival Office, Town Hall Theatre, 27 N. Main Street.

Give the Gift of Life

Kalaman Memorial Blood Drive is April 28

In 1998, Centerville Police Officer John P. Kalaman was killed in the line of duty. Unable to honor his request to be an organ donor, his parents began hosting a blood drive on John's birthday. Since that first drive 16 years ago, more than 3800 units of blood, equating to over 10,000 life-saving units, have been donated in John's memory. The Officer John P. Kalaman Memorial Blood Drive will be held 9 a.m.–5 p.m., April 28, at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh 110 lbs. A picture ID or blood donor card is also required. Schedule your appointment online at donortime.com or contact Paula Kalaman, 293-3373. Walk-ins are welcome.

CSI Camp offered this summer

Retrieve and analyze evidence, gather fingerprints, collect simulated blood and use digital mug shots to help solve a "crime." These are just a few of the activities offered by the Centerville Police Department's Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) camp offered 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. on two dates: June 20 and July 11, at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Students just completing 6th, 7th or 8th grades are eligible to register for this free one-day class.

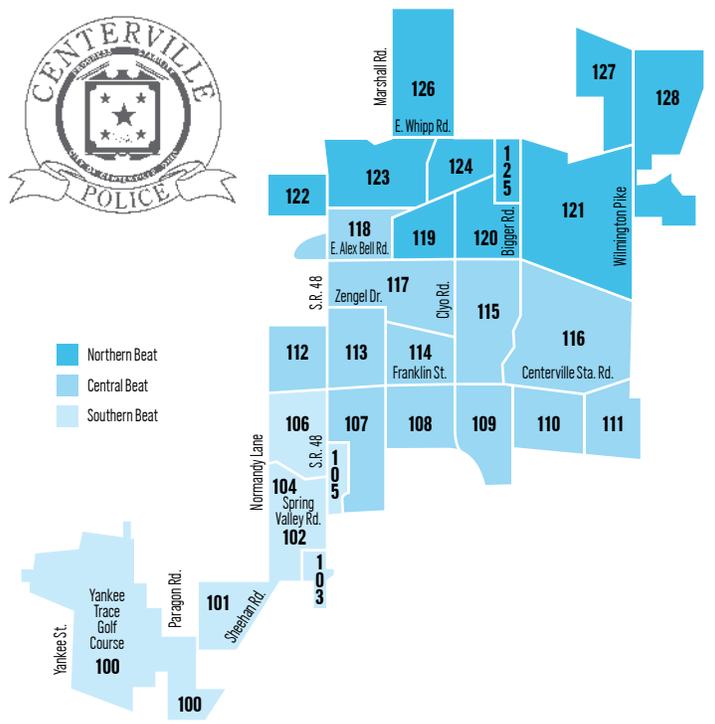
Registration forms are available in the Police Department lobby and will be distributed by email through Centerville Schools. Early registration is encouraged as class size is limited.

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Residential & Business Crime Statistics

Statistic Totals: November 2013-January 2014



PUT A LID ON IT BIKE HELMETS SAVE LIVES

Estimates indicate that 80-90% of children DO NOT wear bike helmets... do yours? In Centerville, cyclists under the age of 18 are required to wear a helmet, it's the law. The Ohio chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics has provided the Centerville Police Department with more than 200 helmets to give away. Helmets can significantly reduce the risk of head injury. Parents who set the example and wear helmets increase the likelihood of their children wearing their helmets. So next time you go on a bike ride... put a lid on it.

November 18, 2013

Following an invocation by Pastor Chad Current, Living Hope Church, Council accepted the resignations of Kay Wick and Sue Butler from the Arts Commission. Mayor Kingseed thanked them both for their volunteer service.

Mayor Kingseed administered the oath of office to the following new board members: Edward Ross, Architectural Preservation District; Kevin Von Handorf, Planning Commission; and Robert Lentz, Stormwater Drainage Task Force.

Jonathan Daniels, Jack Jacobs and Logan Rura, all Scouts from Troop 516 Southminster Presbyterian Church, were recognized for achieving Eagle rank, the highest level in Boy Scouts.

Following the Public Hearing, Council passed the Final Development Plan, Amendment 1 for the Cornerstone Development, 5300 Wilmington Pike.

Board/Commission Appointments:

- Robert Muzechuk was appointed to the Planning Commission
- Norman Plair was reappointed Chair of the Personnel Appeals Board

December 16, 2013

Mayor Kingseed welcomed Pastor Jon Gibson, Living Hope Church, to give the invocation.

Council accepted the resignations of JoAnne Rau from the Planning Commission and Robert Vines from the Sister City Committee. Ms. Rau resigned because she was elected to Centerville Council. Mayor Kingseed thanked them for their service.

Council thanked and recognized Jim Singer and Doug Cline, both longtime Council members who are retiring from service. New Council members JoAnne Rau and John Palcher and returning Councilman Brooks Compton were given the oath of office by Mayor Kingseed. *See story, page 1.*

Other recognitions included a presentation of the Life Saving Award to Centerville Police Officer Jared Rhoten and civilian Jacqueline Horne for their efforts in administering CPR and AED to save the life of a man, and acknowledgement of the Epiphany Lutheran Church youth group and director Erin Haligowski for the Rake and Run program, clearing leaves for residents.

In housekeeping measures, Council:

- Approved the 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Program
- Appointed Cindy Monter Clay as Chair, and Mary Pizza as Vice Chair, of the Sister City Committee

January 27, 2014

Following an invocation by President Rick Valencia, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day-Saints, Mayor Kingseed administered the oath of office to Board of Architectural Review member Christopher Von Handorf.

Council appointments to committees, liaisons and representations were approved.

Council designated January 23, 2014 as Steven A. Feverston Day in the City of Centerville. Mr. Feverston recently retired after more than 34 years of service. *See story, page 2.*

City Manager Greg Horn along with Dr. Steven Hinshaw, finance director, presented the City's 2014 revenue projections and expense appropriations. *See the Annual Report beginning on page 15.*

In housekeeping measures, Council:

- Passed a Resolution opposing the passage of Amended Substitute House Bill 5 by the Ohio General Assembly encouraging the adoption of Tax Uniformity revisions recommended by the Ohio Municipal League.
- Reappointed the following:
 - ▶ John Lohbeck, Robert Perkins and James Wasson to the Property Review Commission
 - ▶ Louis Bordonaro to the School District Personnel Appeals Board
 - ▶ Suzanne Holloway to the Sister City Committee
 - ▶ Gina Tollefson to the Board of Tax Appeals

Council approved the application to create a Community Entertainment District for Cornerstone of Centerville North.



Eagle Scout Jonathan Daniels, accompanied by his parents, is congratulated on achieving Boy Scouts highest rank by Mayor Mark Kingseed.

2013 HOLIDAY LIGHTING AWARDS

Those recognized for their outstanding outdoor displays:

- Residential winners:**
- Alicia and Scott Manley
999 Fawn Lea Court
 - Chris and Crystal Meyer
6900 Penridge
 - Eric Heigel
9207 Shawhan Drive
 - Stephen and Cathleen Worley
5520 Red Coach Road
 - Jacob Gibson and Whitney Sharp
1713 Heritage Lake Drive
 - Joan and Paul Brammer
8299 Station House Road
 - Business Pride Award winner:**
Charles and Kimberly Baerman
252 West Salon & Medspa
55 Gulfwood Court
252 W. Franklin St.

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.

2013 Annual Report

From City Manager Greg Horn

While the U.S. economy continued its slow ascent, and the Ohio legislature's funding cuts played out, 2013 was a fairly stable year for the City of Centerville. For more than 100 years, cities, townships and villages received Inheritance or Estate Tax revenues. That practice ended in 2012. Centerville's 2012 revenue from this tax exceeded \$2.2 million. The Local Government Fund, which the State shared with cities for more than 75 years, has been cut by 50 percent, and we're waiting to see whether the next State Budget eliminates the remaining portion, which would result in another \$300,000 annual loss. The Tangible Personal Property tax was recently phased out more expeditiously than the legislature had planned, resulting in another \$100,000+ loss to our City.

Along with other municipalities around Ohio, we are lobbying the legislature to revise currently proposed House Bill 5, which has been labeled as a tax "uniformity" measure. The proposal is laden with tax loopholes and tax avoidance measures that will benefit specific corporations and taxpayer groups. If adopted, it could cost our community close to \$700,000 per year. Centerville, along with other local communities, is willing to support "true tax uniformity" and tax simplicity, but it must be revenue neutral. Ohio municipalities can no longer take these drastic revenue cuts. The consequence is that these cuts will require local governments to raise fees and taxes, or continue deep service cuts.

That being said, the City of Centerville, thanks to longstanding conservative financial practices and its diversified business base, fared better in 2013 than many local municipalities. City Council has no current plans to raise taxes.

As we deal with on-going state budget cuts, Council continues to

make difficult staffing and funding decisions. Today the City operates with 34 fewer employees than it did just 14 years ago. Funding for many community organizations that the City traditionally supported has been reduced. We have challenges ahead with vacant buildings like Kroger and Steinmart, however, we have also seen positive growth with the recent sale of Showcase Cinemas complex. The new development along State Route 48 at North Village and other new business openings are also underway. We begin 2014 with renewed momentum. Our municipal income tax revenue has started to improve and we experienced 5.5% growth in 2013. Yankee Trace continues to be on the region's best public golf course list. Our Finance Department received two national awards for clarity in financial reporting, and our Planning Department continues to fine-tune the Unified Development Ordinance adopted as part of our comprehensive plan. Cornerstone development, on the property known as the Dille farm, appears to be gaining energy. Centerville proposes to utilize tax increment financing to help develop the associated public infrastructure for the project. Oberer Development Company has announced Costco as its first planned tenant. From specialty shops to restaurants to large companies, our diverse business base continues to bring growth and vitality to Centerville.

To ensure you are receiving the best value for your money, we'll continue to work smarter, consolidate where it makes sense and remain true to conservative spending principles.

I conclude by also thanking all of our residents who volunteer so much of their time to help keep Centerville the truly great place to live and work that it is today.

City continues green initiatives

City Council's Go Green Committee formed in 2009 to promote environmental awareness and encourage citizens to protect the environment. The committee continues to lead the way for more green efforts. Centerville was named one of the first Dayton Regional Green 3 members by the Montgomery County Task Force. All five of the City's public facilities—Municipal Offices, Public Works Center, Police Department, The Golf Club at Yankee Trace and Benham's Grove—have obtained DRG3 certification.

Last year, City Council passed a resolution resolving to support Montgomery County's Dayton Regional Green mission to promote green government, business and personal practices to ensure the environmental sustainability of our region and enhance the quality of life for our citizens.

Centerville has become more involved in green efforts and sustainability by

- Being honored for the 27th year by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA
- Celebrating Arbor Day by planting nine trees each year
- Being one of the first communities in the area to offer curbside recycling services, since 1989
- Installing two public electric vehicle charging stations—one conveniently located downtown Centerville and the other located behind the Municipal Offices, convenient to shopping
- Using recycled paper and other products, and environment-friendly products at each of our City sites
- Collecting about 1,400 tons of materials for recycling each year and encouraging customers to put out unlimited recyclables for pick up—at no charge. Almost 80 percent of waste collection customers regularly participate in recycling efforts
- Incorporating green features when building our Public Works Center
- Recycling paper and other products
- Upgrading lighting, thermostats, heating and insulation
- Adding recycling containers along the Americana Festival route, the 27-holes at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace and Stubbs Park during concert season
- Offering recycling containers at Benham's Grove and The Golf Club at Yankee Trace for all events
- Establishing the Creating Community Connections Committee to promote bike trail connectivity
- Becoming an Energy Star Partner
- Offering our City newsletter online and by email instead of a paper copy and printing the newsletter on certified recycled paper
- Practicing natural recycling by collecting brush, Christmas trees and other materials and offering free brush drop off at the Public Works Center. These materials are then ground and the mulch is used for city-maintained landscaped areas.

Communication efforts

Centerville strives to offer interaction and communication between our citizens and local government officials. In addition to community and City-sponsored events where Council and City staff are in attendance, Centerville offers the following communication efforts:

Publications, available via U.S. mail or online delivery:

- Town Crier, City's quarterly newsletter, distributed to every home
- Commerce News, distributed to Centerville's 700 businesses

MVCC Programming, available on Time Warner Channel 5 and AT&T U-Verse 99 as well as City website and Facebook page:

- Council Meetings
- "Centerville Business Today": hosted by Mayor Kingseed (monthly)
- "Centerville Reports Today": features City news, events and businesses (weekly)
- "Let's Talk Centerville": features City news, events and businesses (monthly)
- "Centerville Datebook": 5-minute calendar of Centerville events (monthly)
- "Centerville Reports On-Location": features special events and topics

Website www.centervilleohio.gov

- Updated daily with latest news and information, Council meetings, MVCC programming

Social Media

- Facebook and Twitter: updated daily with latest news
- Mobile app

Emergency Messaging

- Code Red: message sent via phone call from City
- WCWT 107.3 FM: high school radio station

Community events

In addition to our regular services, throughout the year Centerville offered or partnered with other entities on special events and activities that continued to make your City a great place to live and work including:

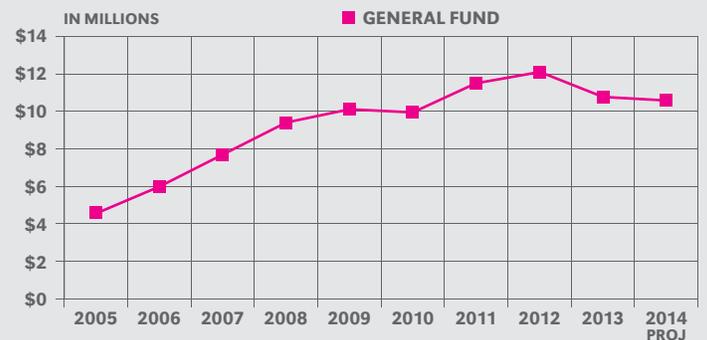
- Citizens Police Academy
- Art at the Trace
- Business Breakfast
- Community A'Fair
- Arbor Day Ceremony
- Youth in Government Day
- Citywide Garage Sale
- Free Bulk Item Pickup
- Architectural Preservation Awards
- Interfaith Breakfast
- Gardening Seminars
- Americana Festival participation
- Diversity Council participation
- Bicycle Rodeo
- Free Brush Drop-off
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- Jazz on the Green
- Youth CSI Camps
- Farmers Market
- Summer Concert Series
- Volunteer appreciation events
- Police Department Open House
- Kalamon Memorial Golf Outing
- Leaf Collection Season
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Veterans Memorial Dedication
- Tree Lighting Ceremony

ENDING FUND BALANCE: ALL FUNDS

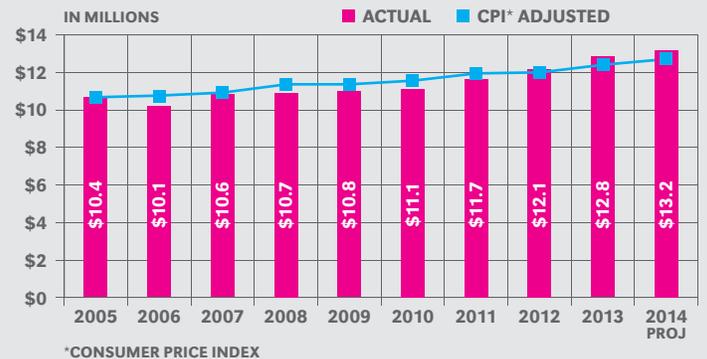


ENDING FUND BALANCE: GENERAL FUND

LOSS OF \$2 MILLION ESTATE TAX 2013



INCOME TAX REVENUE



PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR SOUTH SUBURBAN CITIES



2013... A look back

- Longtime Council members Jim Singer, 36 years of service, and Doug Cline, 15 years of service, retired from City Council.
- JoAnne Rau, John Palcher and incumbent Brooks Compton were elected to serve four-year terms on Centerville Council.
- Former mayor Shirley Heintz passed away in October.
- The municipal earnings tax rate of 1.75 percent remained the same since 1981.
- At 2.35 mills, Centerville's municipal tax rate remained one of the lowest in the Dayton area.
- Centerville ended 2013 with a cash balance of \$18,038,783.
- After several years of planning and fundraising, the new enhancement to the Veterans Memorial was dedicated on Veterans Day.
- Benham's Grove improvements included replacing the iconic 700 foot fence and adding a tent over the plaza. This community gathering place also hosted Americana Festival events and the Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony.
- Stubbs Park received a new playground, and recycled mulch was added to the largest playground.
- Public Works continued the free brush drop-off program on Wednesday and every third Saturday at its facility on S. Suburban Road.
- Catch basins were rebuilt by City crews. Following in-house instruction sessions and managed by a city engineer, six employees removed and reconstructed more than 25 catch basins.
- Hundreds of trees throughout the City were removed because of Emerald Ash Borer infestation. These trees are being replaced with other species.

Business News

- The City welcomed over 40 new businesses.
- Cornerstone of Centerville named Costco Warehouse as its first prospective tenant on Wilmington and Feedwire.
- At the owner's request, Centerville annexed a 14-acre parcel on Paragon Road in Washington Township.
- Mayor Mark Kingseed continued working with businesses, hosting the annual Business Breakfast, and "Centerville Business Today," a monthly government access television program featuring local businesses and owners.
- North Main Street experienced a renaissance.
 - The Shops of North Village, featuring sandwich, coffee and frozen desserts shops under one roof, set a Spring 2014 opening.
 - A new McDonald's opened on N. Main Street.
 - The Woodbourne connector, a 2014 Library project, was announced.
- Dunkin Donuts purchased newly annexed property on S. Main and Spring Valley for a new shop.
- The Randall Residence, a lifestyle community on Social, Sheehan and Paragon roads, announced plans to break ground in early 2014.

Awards

- The Centerville Police Department met 100 percent of other than mandatory standards for accreditation from CALEA, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, making it the eighth time the department achieved this certification. The department continued to be a leader in community relations

with programs such as Citizens Police Academy, Youth CSI Camp and National Night Out Against Crime.

- Police Sergeant Scott Owsley received the Kalaman Officer of the Year Award.
- Police Officer Jared Rhoten received the Life-Saving Award for his efforts in which he (assisted by Officer Jeff Kaercher) administered CPR, saving the life of the victim.
- The Town Crier, received a national first place award for Best City Newsletter for population 0–83,000 from the City County Communications Association (3CMA).
- The Board of Architectural Review and City staff presented the Preservation Award to Routsong Funeral Home.
- For the fifth consecutive year, Centerville earned the Pinnacle Award from Miami Valley Risk Management Association for achieving 100 percent rating for safety investigation, safety training, orientation programs for new hires and the volunteer program. The Police Department received the Best Practices in Law Enforcement award for 100 percent compliance.
- The Bureau of Workers Compensation Drug Free Safety Program presented Centerville with the 100% Compliance Award, saving the City 7% on BWC costs (over \$10,000).
- Centerville received the Miami Valley Communications Council/Municipal Training Academy Exceptional Commitment to Employee Training and Safety Award. Centerville was honored for having the highest training participation rate across the seventeen training programs offered by MVCC/MTA.
- Centerville received two awards from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The "Annual Financial Report: Summary" was recognized for the fourth time with the Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting award. Fewer than 0.6% of government agencies in Ohio earn this award. For the 13th year, the City earned the Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting. Fewer than five percent of government agencies in Ohio earned this award.

Centerville continues to invest in infrastructure

Our staff works to receive federal and state funds to help cover the costs of improvements. Six projects are currently underway in various stages of design.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) projects:

- ▶ Feedwire Road Improvement from Wilmington Pike to the I-675 overpass (construction to begin this year). Grant amount: \$736,990
- ▶ Resurfacing and water main replacement on Lakeview Drive, Cherry Drive and Martha Avenue (Joint project with Montgomery County, construction to begin this year). Grant amount: \$73,480 (Centerville portion only)

Federal projects:

- ▶ Wilmington Pike/I-675 Short-term Improvements, include funding for an Interchange Modification Study (IMS), adding turn lanes and minor widening under the I-675 bridge. Grant amount: \$672,738
- ▶ Centerville Gateway Enhancement Phase II, continuing the entrance area into the City near Loop Road and State Route 48. Grant amount: \$121,792
- ▶ Wilmington Pike Traffic Signal Upgrade project includes upgrading communication between 11 traffic signals and rebuilding or upgrading equipment at individual intersections as needed to improve operations and safety. Grant amount: \$1,320,000
- ▶ Yankee Street improvements between Social Row and Winding Green Way. Grant amount: \$2,072,000 (Centerville and Mont. Co. combined total)

2013 Financial Overview

Centerville received more than 60 percent of its income from three sources—taxes (income, property and estate taxes), Yankee Trace fees and waste collection fees. Total revenue (excluding internal transfers) for 2013 was \$25,035,867.

Income tax revenue, the largest single source of revenue for the city, was up 5.5% from 2012. Income tax revenue was generated from employee withholdings, taxes on the earnings of Centerville businesses and taxes paid by individuals.

Our municipal property tax rate remained at 2.35 mills, the second lowest in Montgomery County. The Centerville municipal government realized less than 3 cents from every property tax dollar collected. Of the balance, 56 cents supported the school district; 22 cents were allocated to Montgomery County and the remainder was allocated to the park district, the public library and Washington Township. Most Centerville residents pay more property taxes for libraries or parks than for police and roads. 2013 expenditures (excluding internal transfers) totaled \$28,600,095.

Looking Ahead To 2014

On January 27, 2014, Centerville City Council unanimously adopted the 2014 Municipal Budget. Total projected resources are \$58,437,608 which includes a 2013 carry-over of \$18,038,783. Expenditures for 2014 are budgeted at \$40,853,302 leaving a projected year-end balance of \$17,584,306. These figures include \$9.1 million related to public improvements for the potential Cornerstone development.

In 2014, Centerville plans to invest \$11,503,420 in capital improvements throughout the City, of which \$7,492,908 (or 65%) is being funded from other sources, such as grants. Projects include \$9,432,010 for street and sidewalk repairs and \$1,402,510 for police, street and refuse vehicles and equipment.

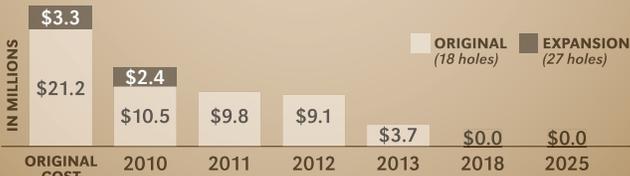
YANKEE TRACE A \$266 MILLION DEVELOPMENT

Yankee Trace has been a huge asset to the community. The Property Tax revenue generates millions of dollars annually.

Centerville Schools	\$4,497,648
Montgomery County	\$1,587,405
Washington Township	\$684,708
Sinclair Community College	\$298,104
Washington-Centerville Library	\$279,473
Centerville-Washington Park District	\$267,362
City of Centerville	\$218,920
Total	\$7,833,620

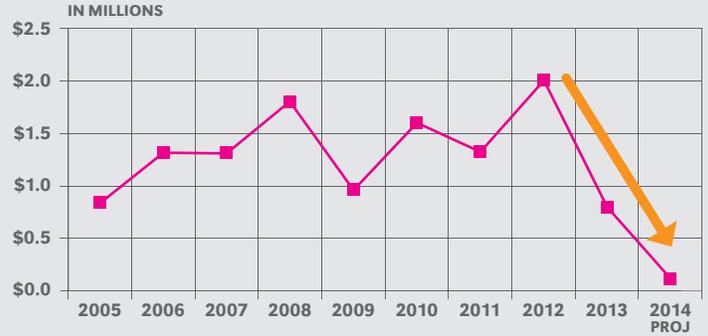
YANKEE TRACE DEBT REDUCED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Yankee Trace Outstanding Debt

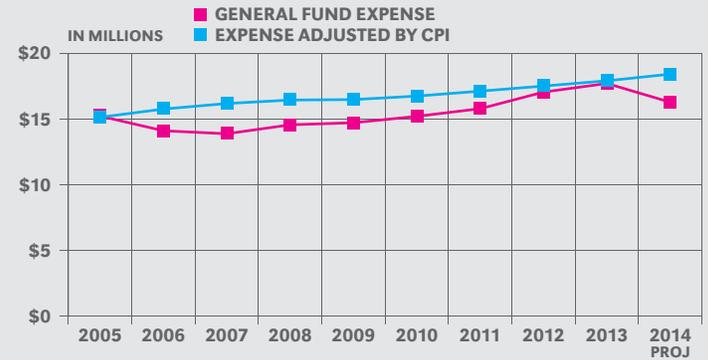


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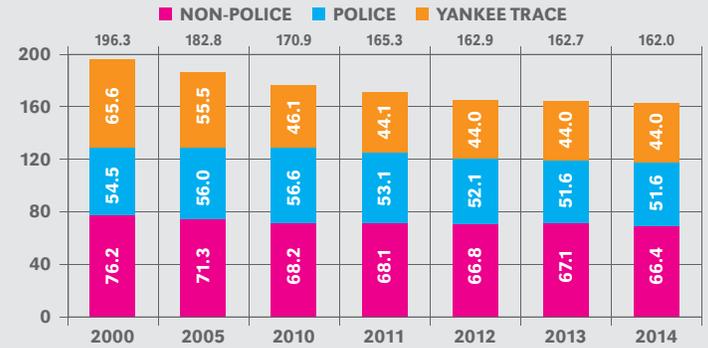
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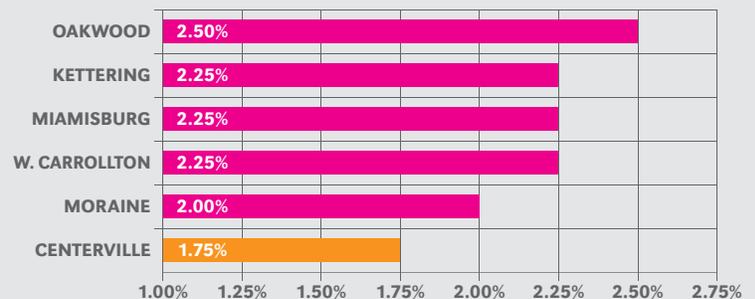
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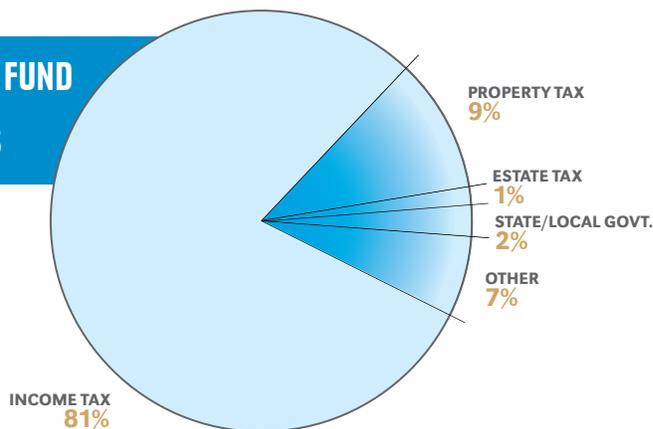
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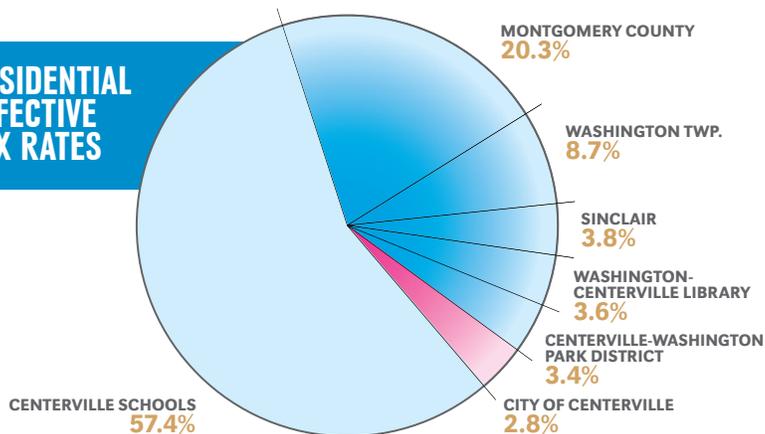
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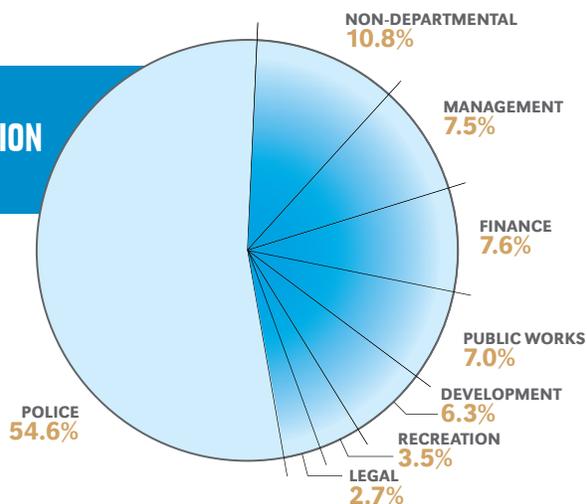
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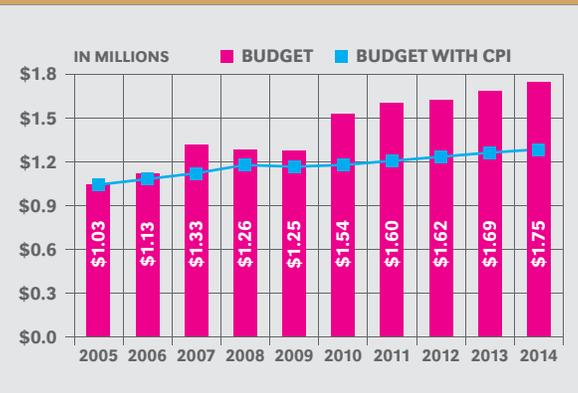
EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION BY DEPARTMENT (GENERAL FUND)



ASSESSMENTS: SIDEWALK/CURB

CENTERVILLE DOES NOT CHARGE ASSESSMENTS			
	SIDEWALK	CURB/GUTTER	STREET LIGHT
CENTERVILLE	NO	NO	NO
OAKWOOD	YES	NO	YES
KETTERING	YES	YES	YES
MIAMISBURG	YES	YES	NO
MORaine	NO	NO	NO
WEST CARROLLTON	YES	YES	YES

STREETS: REPAIR PROGRAM



STREETS: MAJOR PROGRAMS

CORNERSTONE DEVELOPMENT	\$5,048,632
STREET AND SIDEWALK REPAIR	\$1,747,718
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECTS	\$1,725,456
NORTH VILLAGE DRIVE ACCESS ROAD	\$426,007
STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	\$95,000
TOTAL	\$9,042,813
FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	(\$7,266,088)
NET COST TO CITY	\$1,776,725

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS	\$9,432,010
TRAFFIC CONTROL	\$108,500
LAND ACQUISITION	\$25,000
BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS	\$535,400
VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	\$1,402,510
TOTAL	\$11,503,420
FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	(\$7,492,908)
NET COST TO CITY	\$4,010,512

Threats to local income tax

Centerville and all other Ohio cities and villages face serious threats to revenue sources.

- ▶ “Uniformity” HB5: a red herring for decreasing business taxes under the guise of uniformity, which could be a loss of \$700,000 to the City.
- ▶ Centralized collection in Columbus: reduces capability at the local level to collect taxes on a timely basis, pursue uncollected taxes and ensure all taxpayers are paying the correct amounts. This could be an additional loss of up to \$1 million to the City. In addition, the State legislature voted in 2012 to eliminate 83% of state revenue from three sources:
 - ▶ Additional Tangible personal property tax (TPPT) and electric utility deregulation reimbursements were eliminated July 1, 2012.
 - ▶ Estate tax was eliminated January 1, 2013.
 - ▶ Local government funds were reduced 50% July 1, 2013.



Yankee Trace development is wrapping up. The Cottages at the Highlands are the final phase of homesites. Yankee Trace is home to over 900 families.



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City Offices closed Memorial Day

Centerville City offices will be closed Monday, May 26, in commemoration of Memorial Day. Waste collection will be delayed one day that week.

City looking for summer help

The City of Centerville is hiring seasonal employees (part-time and full-time shifts available) for a variety of positions at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, Public Works and Benham's Grove. Visit centervilleohio.gov under Employment for details. Applications are available in person or online. Submit application to Human Resources, 100 W. Spring Valley Road, Centerville, OH 45458, or email to personnel@centervilleohio.gov. The City of Centerville is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

City of Centerville

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Public Meetings at the Municipal Building

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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CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION

REGISTER BY 9 A.M., APRIL 18

Garage Sale: May 1-3, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

- The City will advertise your sale and provide you with one sign for FREE. (Sign must remain on your property.)
- Return form to: City of Centerville, 100 W. Spring Valley Road, Centerville, Ohio 45458 or fax to 428-4763.
- Register online at centervilleohio.gov. Call 433-7151 or email information@centervilleohio.gov for more information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Neighborhood: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Items for Sale: (No more than 100 characters) _____

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CENTERVILLE

