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Americana Festival to Celebrate A Star-Spangled Fourth



Musical entertainment, kids activities, a parade and fireworks are all part of the 41st annual festival.

The Americana Festival will celebrate Independence Day with the theme "A Star-Spangled Fourth." As the largest one-day event of its kind in the state, the 41st annual festival is expected to attract more than 75,000 visitors to our area on July 4 in downtown Centerville. The day starts with a 5K run at 7:30 a.m., followed by the parade along Franklin Street at 10 a.m. More than 300 exhibitors and food vendors will line North Main Street for the popular street fair and car show. Displays start at Franklin Street, near Town Hall, and extend north to the Centerville-Washington Park District Activity Center, where carnival-style games

and inflatable elements offer entertainment for kids. Along the way are vendors and staged and strolling entertainers. The festival day culminates at Centerville High School with entertainment at 8:30 p.m. followed by a fireworks extravaganza at 10 p.m. For the first time, on-the-track seating will be available at the Grand Finale and Fireworks Show. (See full schedule on page 6.)

Pre-festival events include a youth talent contest, scholarship contest and newly-revamped Miss Americana Pageant. Event details are at americanafestival.org. If you would like to volunteer or be a sponsor, call the Americana office, 433-5898.

Council sets agenda for 2014

Centerville City Council met in February to set its agenda for the year. During the day-long retreat, Council discussed several City issues and concerns, and set the following topics for further review:

► **Pre-sale Inspection of Homes:** to protect home buyers, renters and neighborhood property values, prior to the sale or rental of any property, an exterior inspection of the home would be performed to ensure it met standards set forth by the City.

► **Stormwater Utility fee:** to provide funds for maintaining Centerville's stormwater system, including cleaning or replacing catch basins, storm sewers, ditches, and capital improvement projects. *Agenda continued on page 5.*

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Enjoy a fun-filled summer
in Centerville

Student “Mayor” recounts Council experience

By Alexander Africk

Government, especially for a teenage high school senior, is a rather distant and foreboding concept. Other than for identification/licensing and the occasional traffic ticket, students in high school rarely interact with the government. This is a sad truth, yet Centerville High School has a unique way of fixing this problem. On April 29th, I had the pleasure of participating in the Youth in Government Day program hosted by social studies teachers at the high school. A committee of teachers assigns students to shadow various members and professionals of Centerville city government and school administration. During the program, I worked with Mayor Kingseed, and I had the opportunity to learn about his position, daily responsibilities as mayor, and how local government interacts with its citizens. After brief meetings with our various counterparts, we were asked to simulate a local government council meeting. As the acting “mayor,” it was my responsibility to lead this mock council meeting, maintain order and respect within the Council Chambers, and allow all those with opinions to be heard. This, my friends, was no easy task, and I certainly came away from this situation with a newfound respect for public officials. Not only did I have to maintain the flow of the mock council hearing, but also all the while I had to keep in mind the entire scenario was being recorded and could be accessed by the general public for the next several years. So if you go online, watch the video, and take note that I seem slightly nervous, you now know why. However, with some prompting from the present council members, my peers and I were able to successfully, if not rather awkwardly, wade through a mock meeting. I found this to be a highly rewarding experience, and I learned to better understand local government at its finest. I would like to thank all those professionals who took time out of their day to hang out with a bunch of kids, sharing with us their love and appreciation for what they do to make our lives a little better. I feel Youth in Government Day changed many of our previous perspectives towards government, and if my goals in business don't pan out, I could definitely see myself pursuing a career path in government.

Alex Africk is a senior at Centerville High School



Alexander Africk

Welcome to these businesses new to Centerville

Cell Phone Repair 175 E. Alex-Bell Rd., Suite 280

Synergy Family Therapy Specialists 1700-B Thomas Paine Blvd.

Subway 4449 Feedwire Rd.

Jimmy John's 6226 Far Hills Ave.

Orient Learning Academy 1075 Centerville Station Rd.

Ellie Home Care 157 W. Franklin St.

NETx Computers 101 E. Alex-Bell Rd., Suite 162

Centerville celebrates 28 years as Tree City USA

In recognition of its commitment to community forestry, the Arbor Day Foundation honored the City of Centerville as a Tree City USA. This is the 28th consecutive year for Centerville to receive this national distinction.



Centerville third grade students join Mayor Kingseed for the Arbor Day tree planting.

Centerville met the four standards to become a Tree City USA Community: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the US Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

The City of Centerville and the City Beautiful Commission celebrated Arbor Day with a ceremonial tree planting in April at the Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park. Third grade students from the Centerville area's nine elementary schools joined Centerville Council to plant nine cherry trees in support of Operation 1,000 Cherry Tree campaign, formed after the 2011 tsunami in Japan.

Committee keeps Centerville a pretty city

Next time you visit downtown Centerville, enjoy the gorgeous flower beds at the Four Corners, the northeast corner of Main and Franklin streets. The City Beautiful Commission is responsible for the planting, care and maintenance of this area. The Commission also assisted Public Works in a redesign of the West Franklin Street median planting bed. New rose and barberry bushes as well as several grasses now complement the bed in addition to annual flowers traditionally planted.

New this year is a change in dates for the Summer Landscape Awards. Given the long, harsh winter, the Commission wanted to allow residents an extra month to establish their landscapes before judging began. Awards for 2014 will be made in July, August and September to both residential and non-residential landscapes. Residents are encouraged to nominate a landscape—both residential and non-residential. All nominated properties are reviewed by a CBC member, and one in each of the seven areas of Centerville are awarded with a summer landscape designation. Nominations may be made by calling 433-7151 or emailing publicworks@centervilleohio.gov.

PROTECT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD'S PROPERTY VALUES

Fence

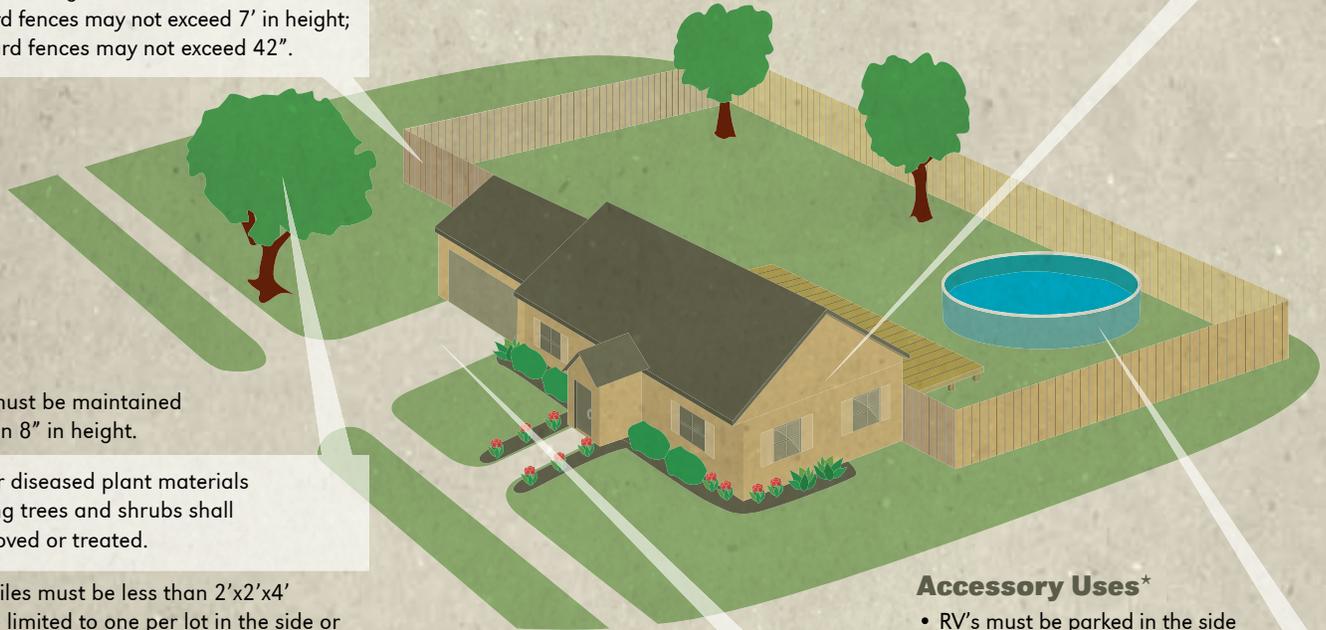
- Fences require a permit and must be maintained in good condition. Side and rear yard fences may not exceed 7' in height; front yard fences may not exceed 42".

Yard

- Grass must be maintained less than 8" in height.
- Dead or diseased plant materials including trees and shrubs shall be removed or treated.
- Brush piles must be less than 2'x2'x4' and are limited to one per lot in the side or rear yard only.
- Firewood may be stacked neatly in rear or side yards and is limited to six cords.
- Items designed for indoor use including furniture, equipment, and other miscellaneous items cannot be stored outside for more than 15 days.
- Trash cans cannot be stored in the front yard; store in side and rear yards only, or indoors. Screening is recommended.

Principal Structure

- House numbers are required and must be a minimum of 4".
- Exterior building surfaces must be structurally sound, adequately sealed, and in good repair.



Parking

- Driveways must have a hard-paved surface and be in good condition; gravel is not permitted.
- Cars shall not be parked in grass anywhere on the property.
- RVs may be temporarily parked in the driveway for three days in any 7-day period.

Accessory Uses*

- RV's must be parked in the side yard on a hard-paved surface and be screened from neighboring views.
- Swimming pools greater than 24" in depth require a 5' fence with a self-latching gate.
- Sheds require a permit, must be 5' off the property line and maintained in good condition.
- Decks and patios require a permit and shall be attached or contiguous to the house.

Your home is your castle, treat it that way

Our city is filled with unique and charming neighborhoods with homes varying from starter to executive, making Centerville a desirable place to live. The City of Centerville helps maintain those neighborhoods by utilizing a Property Maintenance Code and Unified Development Ordinance that set acceptable standards for property owners and assure neighbors that all residents are expected to keep their property up to those standards. Take a few minutes to inspect the exterior of your home. Report property concerns by calling 428-4712. You may report anonymously.

City offers resource assistance

The City of Centerville maintains several resource lists for residents needing assistance maintaining the exterior of their homes. Elderly or disabled residents may call City Offices for contact information for seasonal assistance including lawn mowing, leaf raking, snow removal and yard maintenance. Mayor Kingseed has established a partnership with local church volunteer groups to assist with outside home repair and yard clean up. For resource information, call 433-7151.

**Other requirements apply. Call the Planning Office.*



Call 8-1-1 before you dig.

For more information, contact:

Code Enforcement Office

428-4712

Municipal Building rear entrance
100 W. Spring Valley Road

Building Inspection Office

428-4786

Municipal Building rear entrance
100 W. Spring Valley Road

Planning Office

433-7151

Municipal Building
100 W. Spring Valley Road

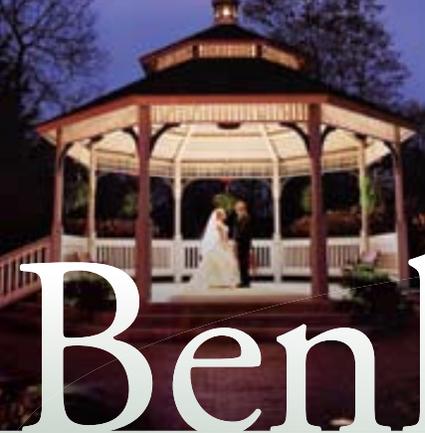
Engineering and Public Works

428-4782

Public Works Center
7970 S. Suburban Road



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166 N. MAIN STREET

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Benham's Grove

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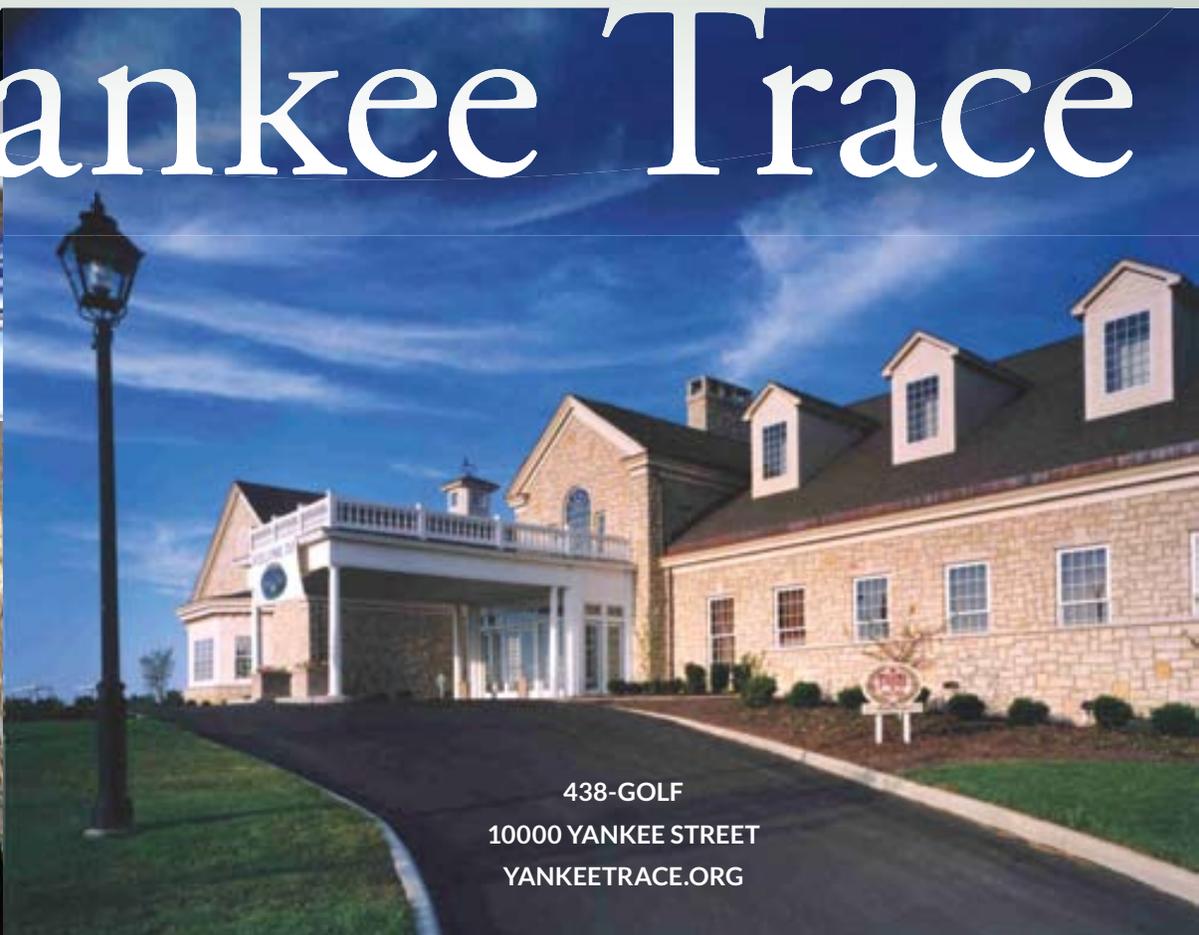
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Yankee Trace



YANKEE TRACE WEDDING PHOTOS ABOVE
COURTESY OF MARK GARBER PHOTOGRAPHY



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Centerville welcomes German visitors



Citizens from Centerville's Sister City of Bad Zwischenahn, Germany spent time in May visiting the Centerville community. Coordinated by Centerville's Sister City Committee, the visit was part of an exchange that happens every six years between the two cities. The Germans were given a whirlwind tour of our community during their four-day visit. Stops included tourist spots like Carillon Park and the U.S. Air Force Museum and Centerville favorites Marion's Piazza, Esther Price candy and Graeter's ice cream. They also managed to picnic at Benham's Grove, where Germans and Americans enjoyed square dancing. There was also a presentation of a Bad Zwischenahn police uniform to Centerville Police Chief Bruce Robertson. The Sister City Committee, a Centerville volunteer board, is accepting applications. Call 433-7151 for more information.

(Agenda continued from page 1)

- ▶ **Mayor's Court:** to provide court services in Centerville that would hear cases involving violations of local ordinances and state traffic laws.
- ▶ **Community Wellness:** to offer exercise and wellness programs and activities to citizens through special City events and partnerships with local entities.
- ▶ **Business Task Force:** to provide business owners and managers an opportunity to meet with City Officials to discuss concerns.
- ▶ **Neighborhood Meetings:** to provide residents an opportunity to meet with City Council and Department Heads to discuss concerns.

Look for more on these topics in upcoming issues of Town Crier.

Centerville Farmers Market returns for seventh season

Bring your shopping list to the Farmers Market each Thursday now through the end of October.

Located near the intersection of St. Rt. 48 and Spring Valley Road, market hours are 2:30-6:30 p.m.

Pick up local products like fresh vegetables and fruits, organic meats including beef, pork, chicken, turkey and lamb, farm fresh eggs, bedding plants, garden plants, fresh cut flowers, fresh-baked bread, artisan breads, honey, salsa, soaps, dog biscuits, spices & oils, syrup, nuts and much more!

Sign up to receive emails about the market at centervillefarmersmarket.com and visit the Facebook page for photos of seasonal offerings.



Friends of Benham's Grove provide support and expertise

Benham's Grove, 166 N. Main Street, is situated on land that was originally part of a 50-acre farm owned by Aaron Nutt, a founder of Centerville, and later given to his son in 1813. Joseph A. Benham, a prominent Centerville merchant, acquired the property at auction in 1844, and the Victorian-era style farmhouse was built in 1885. In 1937, Edward Schmieding, a sales manager with NCR, purchased the farm. The Schmiedings and their heirs, the Gerbers, occupied the property for 54 years, making it their center for business entertaining and family gatherings. In 1991, the City of Centerville purchased the 8.6 acre property from the Gerber family for historic preservation and community use.

The Friends of Benham's Grove was established in 1995 to promote and preserve the gardens and grounds of Benham's Grove and to develop special projects that further the cause of the facility and the organization.

Over the years, the Friends of Benham's Grove has provided financial support to the community gathering place by funding all or part of many major improvements that enhance the Grove's buildings and grounds such as the Rotary Gazebo and the new tent plaza. The Friends have initiated and completed projects such as the pergola, the celebration garden and the Barn plaza. Many Friends board members are certified Master Gardeners who have provided assistance and expertise on tree plantings and beautification of the grounds. In 2012, when the City marked the 20th



Friends of Benham's Grove Board officers include Jan Prettyman, recording secretary; Cate Renner, treasurer; Sandi Rachal, vice president; and Sherry Leighty, president.

anniversary of Benham's Grove, the Friends were integral in sponsoring several special events and assisting in the year-long celebration.

The Friends of Benham's Grove is led by a Board of Directors. President Sherry Leighty intends to "Grow the Grove" through applied and educational programs, membership picnics and other special events. Local gardening aficionados, Mary Higgins and Cate Renner, will share their enthusiasm and knowledge of gardening with the "Fabulous Fall" container planting program scheduled in September.

Membership to this volunteer organization is open to individuals, families, businesses and other organizations at the following levels: \$25 Daisy, \$50 Violet and \$100 Tulip. For information, contact Membership Chair Cassie Screngi, cassie.screngi@gmail.com or Benham's Grove, 433-1913. Visit benhamsgrove.com for additional information.

Americana Festival

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE 21:

Miss Americana Pageant: 5 p.m.
Centerville High School

JULY 1:

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

JULY 3:

Centerville VFW Flag Ceremony and Centerville Arts Commission's **Americana Holiday Concert, 7 p.m.** Features the Centerville Community Band and the Centerville Community Chorus; Stubbs Park, W. Spring Valley Rd.

JULY 4:

5K Run: 7:30 a.m.
Centerville High School Stadium, E. Franklin St.

Americana Parade: 10 a.m.

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

Town Hall Theatre: Live family entertainment on stage.

Celebrate our country's independence with a variety of activities for the entire family!



Street Fair: 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

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

Entertainment: 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

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

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

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

Children's Activities: 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

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

Walton House Museum: 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

89 W. Franklin St. – Experience the life of a Centerville resident in the mid-1800's.

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

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

The Grand Finale: Starts at 8:30 p.m.

Entertainment and Fireworks, Centerville High School Stadium
Entertainment starts at 8:30 p.m. with the band, Curious Animals
Fireworks: 10 p.m.

Enjoy music synchronized to the fireworks on Fly 92.9.

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

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

For more information about the Festival or to register for events call 433-5898 or go to AmericanaFestival.org.

Library celebrates 40 years of Summer Reading Club

First offered in 1974, the Library's Summer Reading Club is June 2-July 26. This year's programs' themes are all about science: "Spark a Reaction" for teens, "Reading Matters" for adults and "Experiment With a Good Book" for children and infants.

In addition to encouraging summer reading, each club offers chances to win prizes along with more than 40 special events, including Totally Teen Tuesdays, Cooking Matters for adults, magic programs for kids and more. Participation is free. For registration information, visit wclibrary.info/src/ or stop by the library.

Heart of Centerville plans third Friday events

Downtown Centerville is the destination for shoppers looking for great buys and a lovely evening stroll. The Heart of Centerville business alliance is again offering Third Friday After Hours, when Heart of Centerville businesses and shops stay open late to serve up special buys. Each month, the Heart of Centerville partners with a local organization or charity to raise funds and awareness. For more information, visit heartofcenterville.com.

THIRD FRIDAY EVENTS, OFFERED 6-9 P.M.

JUNE 20 Health & Wellness; Relax, Rewind

JULY 18 Jazz in July

AUG 15 Fashion Fabulous; Sidewalk Sale



Kalamán Golf Tournament registration available

Annual event supports scholarship fund

The 17th annual Officer John P. Kalamán Memorial Golf Tournament is Monday, September 8, at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. All proceeds raised during the four-player scramble go to the John P. Kalamán Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors and college students. The scholarship fund was established in 1998 in memory of Centerville Police Officer John Kalamán who was killed while attending to an accident scene. The tournament begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start. A silent auction follows at 4:30 p.m., with a pig roast at 5 p.m. The \$125 entry fee includes green fees, cart, range balls, prizes, box lunch and pig roast. If golf doesn't fit your schedule, come for the pig roast, open to the public at \$35 per person. Registration forms are available at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road and The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, 10000 Yankee Street. For more information, or to support the event through sponsorship call 428-4776.

Historical Society's camps go back in time

Travel back to the 1800's with the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society with hands-on workshops for adults and children. Registration forms available at the Walton House, the Asahel Wright House, the Aaron Nutt Cottage, and local libraries and businesses. For more information, contact Amy Goldman, Education Coordinator, 291-2223, or amycwth@sbcglobal.net.

- For students entering grades 3-5** Workshops are 9 a.m.–noon.
- Make-It-Take-It Workshops: Pioneer Cornhusk Dolls (July 16)** Create a one-of-a-kind doll made from cornhusks and take it home to enjoy!
- A Summer Day of Work and Play (July 23 and 24)** keeps kids busy churning butter, making tin lanterns and playing games.
- School Days—The Old Time Way (July 30 and 31)** The School Museum is the perfect setting for students to become pupils in a one-room schoolhouse complete with slates and ink quill pens.
- Wood Crafts** (Call for date and details). Take home a wood project using tools from the 1800's time period.



For adults

- Cemeteries-Backyard Textbooks:** Explore local cemeteries and learn ways to share info with your children and grandchildren.
- Walking Tours:** Learn about the history and architecture of the buildings in downtown Centerville.
- Make-It-Take-It Crafts:** Create a Victorian Era or cornhusk decorative art piece. Bring a friend and enjoy!

Advanced registration required for all classes. For more information contact Amy Goldman at 291-2223 or amycwth@sbcglobal.net

Historical Society membership drive underway

The Centerville-Washington Township community is rich in history. The Historical Society has two stone house museums: Walton House Museum (1830), 89 W. Franklin St., and Asahel Wright Museum (1806) at 26 N. Main Street. Both are open noon–4 p.m., Tuesday–Friday. The Society's research center, housed in the Nutt Cottage, 78 N. Main St., features a research room along with local genealogy records. In addition, the Historical Society provides children's and adult programming and has published over 20 books over the past 48 years on local history. The latest book is the newly edited "A Sense of Place." Memberships start at \$25. For information visit centervilleohio.gov/cwthistory, call 433-0123, or visit any society location.

Organization spotlight: Centerville VFW Post 9550



By Gus Vitali, Post Commander

The Centerville Memorial Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is always looking for a few good men and women. Did you know that this September will mark our 30th year as a Post? Centerville has a VFW Post? Absolutely, but it may not be apparent since we don't own real estate or run a bar/restaurant.

The fundamental difference between our organization and other veterans organizations, and one in which we take great pride, is our eligibility qualifications. VFW welcomes all who meet our eligibility criteria. If you have received a campaign medal for overseas service; have served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in Korea; or have ever received hostile fire or imminent danger pay, then you're eligible to join our ranks.

We choose to meet in public spaces and to embrace the community which has adopted us. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Centerville Public Works Building on South Suburban Drive. We hold five social events each year at regular intervals, both formal and informal.

Why join? Because our strength comes from you. Simply put, the VFW strives to do good things for deserving people—our veterans, their families and their communities. From local grassroots ideas to national influence, we work every day to make a difference. It's our strength as an organization. And, with each individual membership, we only grow stronger.

The VFW offers a wide range of assistance programs aimed at helping veterans of every generation. Whether that means providing free, professional help filing or appealing a VA claim, offering scholarships for post-secondary education or providing emergency financial relief when times get tough, the VFW is there for America's veterans.

The VFW is one of the most respected voices on Capitol Hill, and we'll never stop fighting for veterans' rights and benefits. Locally as a Post, we choose to work in our community and support local programs that benefit our neighbors and friends with programs such as the Dayton VA Hospital, Chapter 3 of the Blue Star Mothers, Boy and Girl Scouting, educational and safety programs for local schools, and Ohio Special Olympics.

We are no different than any other service organization that exists—we were started by the Greatest Generation, but they are passing on and it is time for the younger generations to take up the mantle of service to others that they started.

We are always honored to have new members: contact us at vfwpost9550@gmail.com, or Gus Vitali, Commander, 414-2812; Gene Gregory, Senior Vice Commander, 886-2808; Richard Loterbauer, Quartermaster, 434-3989; or Fred Rojas, Adjutant, 825-7015.

Hithergreen members to entertain

It's not called "Spectacular!" for nothing. Hithergreen Center goes all out every summer to entertain the community with an afternoon of performances by its talented members. This year's event starts at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 19 at the Center, 5900 Hithergreen Drive. With a move to

Rec West on the horizon, the theme is "Together, Wherever We Go." Singing, ringing, strumming and tapping are the highlights of the concert. Hearty refreshments will be served thanks to the generous sponsorship of Otterbein Skilled Nursing & Rehab Neighborhoods. Reservations are requested. Call 435-2415 by July 14.



HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOT

ONLINE PHOTO CONTEST OPENS IN AUGUST

The Centerville Arts Commission and the Washington-Centerville Public Library have teamed up again to host the “Beyond Point & Shoot” photography contest. Last year, more than 300 photos were submitted in the online contest, which is limited to residents of Montgomery, Greene, Warren, Preble, Miami and Darke counties. Entries may be submitted between August 1 and August 28 at wclibrary.info/photocontest/. Complete contest details can be found on the website.

Two optional workshops at Centerville Library on Saturday August 2 will help aspiring photographers learn tricks of the trade:

- ▶ **The Basics of Point & Shoot**, 10 a.m.–noon
- ▶ **Beyond Point & Shoot**, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Save the date...

Learn about Mexican customs, traditions and culture at “A Day in Mexico”, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Sat., Sept. 13 at the Centerville Library, 111 W. Spring Valley Road. Sponsored by the Centerville Arts Commission, Washington-Centerville Public Library, and Centerville-Washington Diversity Council, the event also received a donation from the Friends of the Library.



Art exhibit schedule slated

The Centerville Arts Commission is pleased to announce the exhibit schedule for Art Gallery at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. The Centerville Art Gallery is staffed 24-hours per day and exhibits may be viewed anytime, day or night. All exhibits are free and open to the public.

- ▶ **June:** Gregory Degroat: Painting
- ▶ **July:** Kathy Gross: Pen & Ink
- ▶ **August:** Suzanne Ley: Painting
- ▶ **September:** Virginia Hess: Painting, Pen & Ink, Sculpture, Woodworking
- ▶ **October:** Brendan Higgins: Painting
- ▶ **Nov/December:** Digital Photography Contest Winners

If you are an artist or would like to recommend an artist for the 2015 Art Gallery, contact the Centerville Arts Commission, 433-7151.

Cool events set for summer at YANKEE TRACE

Kick off your summer at the restaurant at Yankee Trace, 10000 Yankee Street. Eat inside our comfortable dining room or outside on our patio with its unbeatable view! Featuring lunch daily 11 a.m.–3 p.m. and special dining events; for more information call 438-3585 or visit yankeetrace.org. Reservations are accepted for all of the events below:

Jazz on the Green – every Wednesday evening

Yankee Trace hosts local jazz musicians on the patio every Wednesday evening. The combination of golf course views, smooth music and delicious food and drinks will keep you coming back. Jazz on the Green is offered 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays through August 27. Performers include Paul Caver, Brian Cashwell and Deron Bell.

Neighborhood Dining Nights

Restaurant is open for dinner June 12, July 10 and August 14

We’re serving a delicious special just for you—our neighbors! Join us on the second Thursday of each month, 5-8 p.m., and enjoy salmon stuffed with spinach and roasted red peppers, topped with herb butter and served with house rice and our vegetable of the day, for \$16.95. Add a dinner salad for \$2. Quench your thirst with \$1 draft beer specials. Our regular dinner menu is also available during these special events.

Friday Night Special Dining Hours

Join us every Friday this summer for Special Dining Hours, 5-9 p.m. in the Dining Room and on the Patio for fresh fish specials and all your favorites from our regular menu.

Pen and ink artist featured in July at Artwallery

Local pen and ink artist Kathy Gross will exhibit her drawings at the Centerville Art Gallery at the Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road, during the month of July. She is marking the



Pen and ink rendition of the Gerber House by artist Kathy Gross.

occasion with the release of a limited-edition print of the Gerber House at Benham’s Grove. Each 11”x14” print will be signed and numbered by the artist.

Gross has been drawing homes and businesses in Centerville and its surrounding communities for 17 years. A regular exhibitor at the Americana Festival and other local shows, she has wanted to capture in pen and ink the charm that is the Gerber House for a long time.

Born and raised in England, Gross has been drawing since she was a child. She delights in highlighting the smallest details which give character to a building. She has drawn and released prints of many local landmarks including the Wright Brothers’ planes and properties, the Dayton Art Institute, Victoria Theater, and signature buildings at the University of Dayton, Wright State and Miami University.

An artist reception is set for 5:30–8:30 p.m. Friday, July 18 at the Centerville Gallery. A variety of original drawings, prints, and note cards will be available. Her Benham’s Grove prints and cards may be ordered at kgrossink@gmail.com.



Bands Pictured (Clockwise from Top): The Termites, Soul Pocket, Phil Dirt & The Dozers, Dulahan

2014 Summer Concert Series

The 2014 Summer Concert Series, presented by the Centerville Arts Commission, kicks off June 8 at Stubbs Park Amphitheater, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. Concerts begin at 7 p.m., except where otherwise noted. The amphitheater offers lawn seating only, so bring your blanket or chairs. All concerts are free and open to the public. The September 17 concert will be held at Benham's Grove, 166 N. Main Street. Concessions are provided by Centerville Pizza & BBQ. Look for the complete schedule at centervilleohio.gov.

June 8

Ticket to Ride invites you "across the universe" on a "magical mystery tour" exploring the Beatles "revolution" in popular music and culture. 2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the Beatles invasion!

June 15

After 30 years of entertaining, the 17-piece Kim Kelly Orchestra has a loyal following of big band & jazz enthusiasts.

June 22

The Termites are a fun Dayton-based classic rock 'n' roll band.

June 29

Cincinnati's favorite party band, Soul Pocket brings a high energy mix of Soul, Motown, R&B, Rock and Funk.

July 3 (Thursday)

Kick off the patriotic holiday with our annual Americana Concert, courtesy of the Centerville Community Band and Chorus with a special cannon performance by the Fifth Ohio Light Artillery.

July 6

The Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra celebrates its 25th anniversary. This pops style concert will feature light classics, patriotic favorites, a bit of Broadway, and a sneak preview of the upcoming gala season.

July 13

Dance to the music of Corky's Old Time Rock and Roll playing a variety of '50s, '60s and '70s.

July 19 (Saturday)

The 15-member Tom Daugherty Orchestra recreates the sound and look of the Glenn Miller Orchestra with the original music arrangements. Dancing is encouraged at the 4th annual Dance Night.

July 20

Berachah Valley is a predominately female harmony bluegrass band, known for intricate, powerful, trio harmonies and outstanding musicians.

July 27

With the entire group hailing from the great state of Ohio, The Voices of Ohio is an exciting and dynamic adult performing arts ensemble.

August 3

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

August 10

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

August 17

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

September 14 (4-7 p.m.)

GuitarFest features professional guitarists from the southwest Ohio region performing many guitar styles, including jazz, rock, classical, folk and fingerstyle.

September 17 (Benham's Grove)

Centerville Community Band performs a special concert for the whole family sure to excite the kid in all of us, at the City's community gathering place.

Special thanks to Platinum Sponsor, Bethany Village and Graceworks at Home. This year's Gold Sponsors are Centerville Storage Inns and Day Air Credit Union.





Relax at Dayton's #1 public course

Take a mini-vacation at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. Voted "Best golf course in Dayton" by Dayton Daily News and the Dayton Business Journal, Yankee Trace is the perfect place to golf, practice and dine. Call the Golf Shop, 438-GOLF, or visit yankeetrace.org for rates and additional information.

Sizzlin' Summer specials and programs

Take advantage of these specials, served up for summer:

- 1** Receive 10% off regular green fees as a Centerville resident (ID required). Book your tee time online at yankeetrace.org/teetimes/ and save an additional 5%.
- 2** Sign-up for Get Golf Ready, an informative lesson series in a fun group format. Only \$99 for 4 one-hour sessions plus 1 one-hour on-course conference.
- 3** Say "Thanks, Dad" with quality merchandise at the finest golf shop in Dayton, June 10-16. All men's apparel is 25% off. Select golf clubs/bags are 20% off.
- 4** Take the gang to Family Golf Night. Every Monday evening after 6 p.m., June-August, each family member gets 9-holes, golf car, practice balls and Yankee Jumbo Dog Combo for only \$15 each.
- 5** Golf with your Girl. Take Your Daughter to the Course Week, July 7-13. Girls ages 6-17 play FREE anytime with paying adult for the entire week.
- 6** Play with your partner. Weekend Couples League. Two playing partners, 9-holes, cart, practice balls, Chef's Select Buffet and awards, \$32 per person. Dates are June 14, July 11, August 8 and September 12.
- 7** Mix it up with different rotations. Yankee Early Birds: Try one of our new 18-hole rotations in the morning at an introductory rate and receive a complimentary sleeve of Titleist Pro V1 golf balls. See coupon on page 16.
- 8** Get happy! Yankee Happy Golf: 18-holes from noon to 2 p.m. Includes golf car, warm-up practice balls, Yankee Jumbo Dog, chips, beverage and complimentary gift. See coupon on page 16.
- 9** Yankee 2X4: Two golfers by 4 p.m. Includes golf car. See coupon on page 16.

Youth programs

OFFERED FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS



YOUTH CAMPS (AGES 6-11):

Each camper gets four days of instruction plus end-of-the-week golf tournament, Nike golf shoes, Nike golf glove and sleeve of Nike golf balls. Limited spots available, sign up early. Youth Summer Camp I: June 9-13 and Youth Summer Camp II: July 7-11

YOUTH PLAYER'S CAMPS (AGES 11-17):

For beginner, intermediate or advanced junior golfers, includes professional instruction and on-course playing time. June 16-20

YOUTH LEAGUES (AGES 10-17):

For juniors looking to get ready for high school golf or improve their overall game, these leagues run four consecutive Tuesdays. Youth League I: June 10-July 1, and Youth League II: July 8-29

Street program underway

This year's street resurfacing program is underway.

Streets included in the 2014 resurfacing program:

- ▶ Edgebrook Court
- ▶ Edgebrook Drive
- ▶ Fireside Drive
- ▶ Cloverbrook Park Drive
- ▶ North Village Drive
(St. Rt. 48 to South Village)
- ▶ Pelway Drive
- ▶ Brooklawn Court

Planned work varies on each street and may include curb replacement, storm structure repair, pavement base repair, milling and asphalt resurfacing; however, most of the planned concrete work was completed last year in anticipation of the resurfacing this year. This project should be completed by early August.

A second project that includes concrete items is being planned. While the street list is not finalized, work may include any of the following: concrete street panel replacement, sidewalk, storm, curb and driveways. The final portion of the concrete program includes sidewalk repair work in the Nestle Creek and Cheltenham neighborhoods—area bounded by Wilmington Pike, Alex-Bell Road, Bigger Road and Clyo Road. Residents are asked to work with and around the contractor as the improvements are done.

Last winter's harsh conditions created more pavement deterioration than a typical winter. If you see something suspect within a street, notify Public Works, 428-4782 or email publicworks@centervilleohio.gov.



Rain barrels offer alternative to downspouts

Do you have a downspout or sump outlet pipe that creates a wet spot in your yard? The City occasionally gets calls from residents asking to direct a drain pipe to the curb and outlet in the street. This is not permitted as it provides the potential for standing water in the street that can ice up in the winter and lay stagnant in the summer. As an option to draining your downspout or sump outlet to your yard, consider installing a rain barrel. Rain barrels allow water to be captured, stored and used for watering gardens and flower pots. Local home improvement stores carry rain barrels and several online companies carry kits to make your own rain barrel. Rain barrels work like this—a downspout is connected to the top of the barrel and water is collected and stored for future use. Water can then be gathered to water flowers, etc. via a spigot on the lower section of the barrel. A garden hose can be connected to the spigot if a threaded connection is provided. A small overflow opening is provided near the top of the rain barrel to handle super heavy storm events. Also the rain barrel must be disconnected in the winter months and stored away from freezing temperatures. If you have questions about the storm system or any other public improvement in your neighborhood, contact Public Works, 428-4782 or email publicworks@centervilleohio.gov.

Watch out for orange barrels, construction season underway

In addition to the annual street program projects, Public Works has a busy line-up this season. The construction of the Feedwire Road Improvements will be underway over the spring and summer. This project includes widening the roadway from Wilmington Pike eastward to the I-675 overpass. Curb, sidewalk, storm sewer and raised medians will provide improved access to the existing and planned developments along the corridor. Ohio Public Works Commission Funding and a grant from Greater Dayton RTA have been awarded to Centerville for the project.

The Enhancement project at I-675 and St. Rt. 48 adjacent to the Ross Mercedes frontage will soon be underway. Improvements include landscaping and extending the stone pillars and black ornamental fencing northward from the I-675 southbound off-ramp to Loop Road. Federal funding through Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) supporting aesthetic enhancement projects was received for this work. The local match funding required by the grant is being paid by Ross Mercedes.

Wilmington Pike improvements are also planned. Work includes

roadway widening on the east side of the road from just south of Feedwire Road northward to the first planned access drive to the Cornerstone development. This first phase of improvements is anticipated to be under construction later this year. Funding for this work is local dollars via tax increment financing (TIF).

The long-awaited library access drive at Woodbourne Library will become a reality this year. Library patrons have long struggled making a left turn to travel southbound on Far Hills Avenue after exiting the library. The planned rear access will allow patrons to travel south behind the library and North China restaurant to North Village Drive and turn left onto Far Hills at the traffic signal. This improvement is a joint effort of the Library Board, Washington Township and the City of Centerville.

Several other projects that started over the winter and are wrapping up include drainage improvement at the north end of the Iron Horse Trail and reconstruction of a large drainage structure off of King Arthur Drive. Iron Horse Trail users had been challenged by standing water on the Trail following periods of extended rain as there is a low spot or sag along the Trail. A storm sewer was installed to collect this water and carry it away from the sag. The King Arthur improvement involved rebuilding a local storm sewer junction box in a rear yard that had failed. Final restoration work for both improvements should be completed soon.



Police Open House to showcase services

Bring the family to the Centerville Police Department, 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 2 for games, activities, prizes, contests and interactive booths. Visitors can also tour the facility during this open house event at the Police Building, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. With a focus on children's safety, the event celebrates National Night Out Against Crime.



**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
AGAINST CRIME**



Members of the Citizens Police Academy Class 24 at their graduation ceremony.

Citizens Police Academy accepting applications

25th academy class starts in September

Here's your chance to learn what goes on behind the scenes at the Centerville Police Department. The fall Citizens Police Academy begins September 3 and runs through November 19. Classes are Wednesday evenings, 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Centerville Police Department training room.

The 12-week course gives citizens the opportunity to learn more about the various functions of the department. Officers present information on topics such as laws of arrest, search and seizure, use of force continuum, firearms, asp & taser, criminal and drug investigations, OVI and crash investigations and crime scene investigations. Participants also go on the firing range and ride along with an officer. The class is free to the public. Registration forms are available in the lobby or online at centervilleohio.gov under the Police tab. For more information, call Community Relations Officer John Davis, 433-7661.

Use caution when passing work vehicles

City vehicles are out in the streets working on projects every day. Many times motorists want to pass the refuse truck, snow plow truck, street sweeper or tractor. Motorists are asked to take extra care when passing any type of work vehicle with warning lights and markings. Additionally they may be working in tandem with another vehicle and you, the passing motorist, don't want to get trapped in between the work vehicles. The work vehicle driver is concentrating on the task at hand including positioning the vehicle to reach the work site—collect trash, mow, plow, sweep the street, etc. The driver may also have a tailgunner. A tailgunner is the person on the back of a refuse truck who hops off at stops to dump the trash or recycling container. Safety is our number one priority, and the assistance of the traveling public plays a huge role in helping everyone stay safe. A good rule of thumb is to stay far enough back so you can see the work vehicle's side mirrors, that way you are visible to the driver. To ensure passing safety, wait for a signal that it is safe to pass from the driver.

Centerville officers recognized

Centerville Police Officer Nadia Dexter is the 2014 recipient of the John P. Kalaman Respect for Law Award from the Noon Optimist Club in Centerville. Named in memory of Centerville Police Officer John Kalaman, Officer Dexter began her career with the Centerville Police Department in 2008, following eight years of service in the U.S. Army, which included a tour as a military police officer during Operation Desert Storm. After graduating from the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy, she was assigned to road patrol. She later served as a detective and became certified to conduct child forensic interviews, a skill she has used investigating crimes against children. Last year, Officer Dexter was accepted to attend the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center, and after a ten-week training program, she began an internship to become a certified polygraph operator. Officer Dexter currently conducts pre-employment and criminal polygraphs for agencies throughout the area.



Officer Nadia Dexter

Fluent in Spanish, she uses those skills to assist the Centerville Police Department as well as federal, state and local police agencies in the area. Officer Dexter is assigned to the road patrol division.



Officer John Davis

Centerville Police Officer John Davis was named the Ohio Crime Prevention Association Practitioner of the Year. Award nominations were reviewed by a panel comprising individuals involved in state-wide crime prevention and policing activities.

Officer Davis, a member of the Centerville Police Department since 1992, was appointed Community Relations Officer in 2012. He is responsible for crime prevention, crime analysis, public information and serves as property room manager. He has coordinated several community programs such as Citizens Police Academy, Noon Optimist Bicycle Rodeo, Youth CSI Camps, National Night Out/Police Open House, prescription drug take-back, the Kalaman Memorial Golf Outing and is currently promoting the "Lock it, Don't Leave it" campaign. His regional involvement includes serving as a member of the International POP (Problem-oriented Policing) conference committee and the National Night Out kick-off team and as treasurer for the Miami Valley Crime Prevention Association.

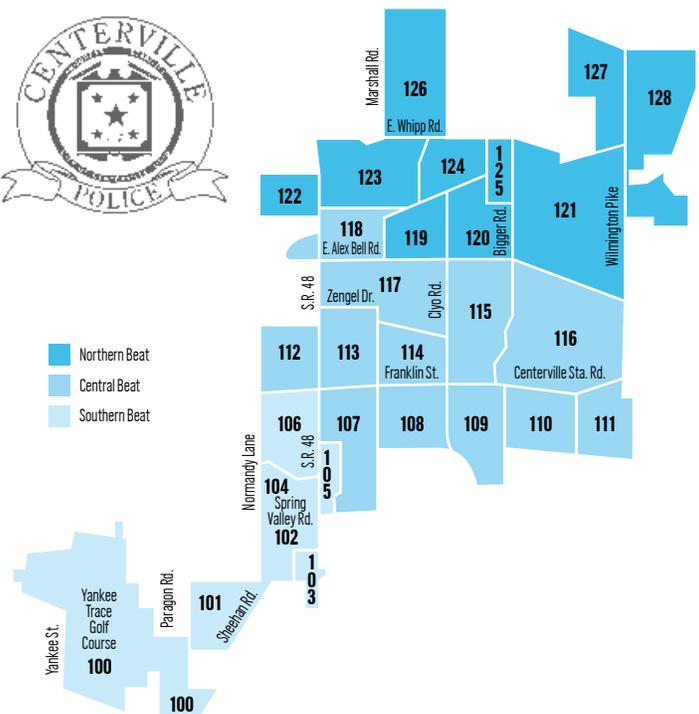
In addition, Davis is certified as an advanced Crime Prevention Specialist through the Ohio Crime Prevention Association. During his 22 years with the Centerville Police Department, Davis has served as evidence technician; detective; motorcycle officer; ASP, Taser and Defensive Tactics instructor; and is a member of the honor guard.

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| UNDETERMINED | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
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Residential & Business Crime Statistics

Statistic Totals: February-April 2014



SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

Each day your Centerville Police Department strives to provide Exceptional Police Service to our community. This can only be accomplished with your help. If you see something—or someone—in your neighborhood out of place, report the activity to our dispatchers. Call 9-1-1 for crimes in progress, or 433-7661, the non-emergency number, to file a report.



February 17, 2014

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

Council designated the Month of March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in the City of Centerville.

Board/Commission Appointments:

- Dan Carfagno was reappointed as a member of the Property Review Commission.
- Robert Kenley was reappointed as a member of the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council.
- Ginny Strausburg was reappointed as chair to the Arts Commission.

March 17, 2014

Mayor Kingseed welcomed Bishop Max Molgard, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to present the invocation.

Presentations:

Chandni Chandiramam, Girl Scout Troop 30916, and

Tirzah Weiss, Girl Scout Troop 32410, were each recognized for achieving Girl Scout's highest honor, the Gold Award.



In recognition of her Girl Scout achievements, Tirzah Weiss received a certificate from Council.



Eagle Scout Bradley Anderson, accompanied by his parents, is congratulated on achieving Boy Scouts' highest rank by Mayor Mark Kingseed.

Eagle Scouts Bradley Anderson, Conan Jennings and Trevor Rambacher from Boy Scout Troop 516 were recognized for their scouting achievements.

Serve your community

The City has openings on the following Council-appointed boards and commissions: City Beautiful Commission, Arts 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.

Council proclaimed April 2014 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Centerville.

April 16, 2014 was proclaimed as Arbor Day in the City of Centerville.

Board/Commission Appointments:

- Charlie Graham was reappointed as a member of the Board of Architectural Review.
- Yvonne Jacobson was reappointed as a member of the City Beautiful Commission.
- Richard Morrison was reappointed as a member of the Property Review Commission.
- Debbie Schmidt was reappointed as a member of the City Beautiful Commission.

April 21, 2014

Following an invocation by Mayor Kingseed, Carol Kennard, director of the Centerville-Washington Park District, presented information about the upcoming levy.

Presentations:

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



Centerville High School students taking part in Youth In Government Day were introduced at the April Council meeting. The program gives students the opportunity to meet with City officials, discuss responsibilities and participate in a mock council meeting. See story on page 2.

May 5-8, 2014 was proclaimed as Clean Sweep Week in the City of Centerville.

A Public Hearing for the Preliminary Development Plan for CESO, Inc. and Ryan Homes at 700 E. Alex-Bell Road was held. Following the hearing, Council moved to table the vote until a special meeting to be held May 12.

Board/Commission Appointments:

- Marlene Orendorf was appointed as Temporary Chair of the Arts Commission for a period of three months.
- Frank Holloway was reappointed as a member of the Board of Architectural Review.



Mayor's Message from Mark Kingseed



As part of their municipal tour, third grade students and teachers from Spring Valley Academy met with Mayor Kingseed. The tour also included department presentations and a mock council meeting.

Your city government has been very busy as we lead into the summer. City staff and City Council are working diligently on a number of economic development projects which we hope will create long-term economic benefits for our community.

I've reported periodically on the Cornerstone of Centerville project on the former Dille property which was annexed into the City several years ago. The project itself has been delayed for a period of time due to legal challenges brought by Sugarcreek Township. Those legal issues have apparently been completely resolved given the recent favorable ruling from the Ohio Supreme Court, which supported Centerville's position.

As this issue of the Town Crier goes to press, the City and the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School Board have just reached a tentative agreement on how to divide property tax dollars arising from the development of the property. We think that the agreement with the School Board is fair and reasonable, and with that issue now out of the way, we are confident the development can proceed. The developer has already announced that Costco plans to break ground in the Cornerstone project this year. Once the project gets moving, it will produce jobs and services that will benefit the entire community.

The new housing development between Paragon and Sheehan roads, approved by City Council last year, should break ground soon as well. This project created quite a bit of controversy when it was first proposed, but after a compromise engineered by City Council, it now looks like the project will go forward smoothly. This development will provide housing for hundreds of new city residents and should have a positive economic impact for our area.

Another big project which may proceed in the next 12 months is the redevelopment of the former Centerville Cinemas adjacent to Cross Pointe Shopping Center. The old theater has been demolished and the new owner, Mills Development, is considering how to develop the property. We look forward to working with the developer to help this property get back into productive use.

The proposed housing development on vacant land in the Zengel Plat has also stirred controversy. Council approved this development with conditions on May 12. We are greatly appreciative of all the residents who took the time to express their opinions. Obviously, our duty on Council is to balance the legal rights of everyone involved—the residents, the owner, and the developer. We need to examine the zoning rules, the existing density, and make sure that we are fairly and equitably applying the same standards identically to everyone. I'm proud of the serious and detailed consideration which Council has given this project and am confident that our decision was a fair compromise

which was in the best interests of the community.

I am very optimistic that the economic growth referenced above demonstrates that the City is on a sustainable path. We have taken some big hits due to state budget cuts, but we are continually working to keep our costs in line and our taxes as low as possible. As I mentioned in my State of the City speech several months ago, we see no need to increase the local income tax of 1.75 percent, which has been in place since 1983. We do need to consider establishing a Storm Water Utility fee, which would be a small annual set amount per household. We have not made any final decisions in that regard and will not be doing so until we thoroughly explore the situation through public meetings and opportunities for public input. All money raised through the Storm Water Utility fee would be used solely to fund road repairs, catch basins and storm water drainage improvements in Centerville.

Lastly, I want to encourage our residents to take full advantage of all the summer fun opportunities which exist in the City. Whether it is the free public concerts on Sunday evenings at Stubbs Park, the business/social events in downtown Centerville on the weekends, the Americana Festival or just enjoying the dining and shopping opportunities offered by Centerville merchants, there's a lot to do over the summer months. Get out and enjoy yourself!

Mark Kingseed

Long time volunteer honored

Jan Prettyman was honored with the Mayor's Award for Community Service at the City of Centerville Volunteer Salute, an annual event recognizing those volunteers serving on council-appointed boards and commissions and as CIVIC Municipal Volunteers.

Mrs. Prettyman volunteers in the Police and Public Works departments and City Manager's office. She is a board member of the Friends of Benham's Grove and Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association as well as the chair of the City Beautiful Commission. Congratulating her on the award is Mayor Kingseed, her daughter Janice Harris, son Stephen Dunbar and her sister, Eileen Schmidt.



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City offices holiday schedule

Centerville City offices will close Friday, July 4 for Independence Day. Waste collection will remain on schedule. City offices will close Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day. Waste collection will run one day behind regular schedule that week.

City of Centerville

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

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Public Meetings at the Municipal Building

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

Public Meetings at the Public Works Center

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

Public Meetings at the Police Department

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

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**CHECK OUT
WHAT'S HAPPENING
IN CENTERVILLE**

TOWN CRIER

YANKEE EARLY BIRD GOLF

**18 Holes of Golf, Legend to Vintage,
Monday–Thursday before 9:30 a.m.**

*Includes Golf, Electric Golf Car and
Sleeve of Titleist Pro V1s*

\$35



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TOWN CRIER

YANKEE HAPPY GOLF

18 Holes of Golf, Noon to 2 p.m.

*Includes Golf, Electric Golf Car, Warm-Up Basket
of Practice Balls, Yankee Jumbo Dog, Chips and
Choice of Beverage, Complimentary Gift*

Monday–Thursday

\$35

Friday–Sunday

\$40



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TOWN CRIER

YANKEE 2x4

Two Golfers, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Includes 18 Holes of Golf and Electric Golf Car

Monday–Thursday

\$30*

Friday–Sunday

\$35*

*Price per person



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